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## Research areas

AOS: Epistemology, philosophy of language  
AOC: Mind, metaphysics, value theory

## Employment

2019-2020 Philosophy Futures Postdoctoral Lecturer, New York University

## Education

2013-2019 PhD - Philosophy, New York University  
Dissertation: *Knowledge by Constraint*  
Committee: Cian Dorr, Jane Friedman, James Pryor (advisor)

2012-2013 MSc - Symbolic Systems, Stanford University  
Thesis: *Empty Names and Unreal Objects*  
Supervisors: Alexis Burgess, Mark Crimmins, Kenneth Taylor (primary)

2009-2012 BSc - Symbolic Systems, Stanford University

## Papers & talks

### PUBLICATIONS

to appear [Indicative Conditionals Without Iterative Epistemology](#), *Noûs*  
to appear [Lying and Knowing](#), *Synthese*  
to appear [Embedded Attitudes](#) (with Kyle Blumberg), *Journal of Semantics*  
2018 [Ultra-Liberal Attitude Reports](#) (with Kyle Blumberg), *Philosophical Studies* 175 (8): 2043-2062  
2013 [Teaching Philosophy Through Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#) (with Jacob Nebel, Ryan Davis, and Peter van Elswyk), *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (3): 271-289

### UNDER REVIEW

[Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals](#) (*R&R*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*)  
[Thinking, Guessing, and Believing](#)  
[Strange Knowledge](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

Feb 2020 TBD (Jowett Society, Oxford)  
Apr 2019 'Indicative Conditionals Without Iterative Epistemology' (Philosophy of language working group, Rutgers)  
Apr 2019 'Thinking, Guessing, and Believing' (Metaphysics, language, logic, and epistemology group, Princeton)  
Sep 2018 'Thinking, Guessing, and Believing' (Presentation for foundational topics in semantics seminar, w/ Prof. Philippe Schlenker, NYU)

- Oct 2017 'Knowledge by Constraint' / 'Embedded Attitudes' (Presentation for foundational topics in semantics seminar, w/ Prof. Philippe Schlenker, NYU)
- Feb 2017 'Knowledge by Constraint' (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)

#### COMMENTS

- Apr 2019 Weng Kin San's 'KK, Knowledge, Knowability' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
- Feb 2019 Justin Khoo's 'Coordinating *Ifs*' (Central APA)
- Mar 2018 Carolina Flores' 'Lies and Narcissistic Assertions' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
- Mar 2016 Adam Marushak's 'The Semantics of Epistemic Reasons and Epistemic Modals' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
- Mar 2015 Una Stojnić's 'One's Modus Ponens...' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)

## Teaching

#### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

- Fall 2019 Life and Death (NYU)
- Summer 2019 Epistemology (NYU)
- Summer 2018 Philosophy of Language (NYU)
- Summer 2017 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)
- Summer 2016 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)

#### TA

- Spring 2017 Epistemology (Professor Miriam Schoenfield, NYU)
- Fall 2016 Philosophy of Mind (Professor Una Stojnić, NYU)
- Spring 2016 Political Philosophy (Professor Samuel Scheffler, NYU)
- Fall 2015 Epistemology (Professor Jane Friedman, NYU)
- Spring 2013 Introduction to Symbolic Systems (Professor Noah Goodman, Stanford)
- Spring 2012 Introduction to Cognition and the Brain (Professor Lera Boroditsky, Stanford)
- Winter 2012 Programming Methodology (Professor Keith Schwarz, Stanford)

#### MISCELLANEA

- 2018 NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, *Disability Zone* certified
- 2018 NYU Student Center for the LGBTQ Community, *Safe Zone* certified
- 2012-2013 Victory Briefs Debate Institute, philosophy curriculum director
- 2009-2015 Victory Briefs Debate Institute, instructor
- 2009-2012 Palo Alto High School Lincoln-Douglas debate team, head coach

## Academic service

- Present Referee for *Mind*, *Synthese*
- 2017 - present New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, organizer
- Winter 2019 Epistemic Modality and Quantification - Eastern APA, chair
- Spring 2018 NYU Mind and Language Seminar w/ Professors Cian Dorr and James Pryor, course assistant
- 2017-2018 NYU Colloquium Committee
- Spring 2017 NYU Mind and Language Seminar w/ Professors Stephen Schiffer and Crispin Wright, course assistant
- 2015 NYU Prospective Visit, organizer
- 2014-2015 NYU Social Committee
- 2012-2013 Stanford Symbolic Systems, advising fellow

## Honors & awards

2018-2019 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Philosophy (NYU)  
2013-2018 MacCracken Fellowship (NYU)  
2012 Phi Beta Kappa (Stanford)  
2009 Booth Prize, finalist (Stanford)

## References

James Pryor (Professor of Philosophy, NYU)  
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Jane Friedman (Assistant Professor of Philosophy, NYU)  
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