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## Areas of specialization & competence

AOS Epistemology, language  
AOC Mind, action, metaphysics

## Employment

2022- **Johns Hopkins University** - Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
2020-2022 **Princeton University** - Louis Skolnick Postdoctoral Research Associate  
2019-2020 **New York University** - Philosophy Futures Postdoctoral Lecturer

## Education

2013-2019 **New York University** - Ph.D. (Philosophy)  
Dissertation: *Knowledge by Constraint*  
Committee: James Pryor (Chair), Cian Dorr, Jane Friedman  
2009-2013 **Stanford University** - BSc., MSc. (Symbolic Systems)

## Papers & talks

### PUBLICATIONS

forthcoming [Fictional Reality](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *The Philosophical Review*  
forthcoming [Trying without Fail](#) (w/ Harvey Lederman), *Philosophical Studies*  
2023 [Thinking and Being Sure](#) (w/ Jeremy Goodman), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 106 (3): 634-654  
2022 [Thinking, Guessing, and Believing](#), *Philosophers' Imprint* 22 (6): 1-25  
2021 [Knowledge by Constraint](#), *Philosophical Perspectives* 35 (1): 275-302  
2021 [Indicative Conditionals Without Iterative Epistemology](#), *Noûs* 55 (3): 560-580  
2021 [Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals](#), *Linguistics and Philosophy* 44, 737-771  
2021 [Lying and Knowing](#), *Synthese* 198, 5351-5371  
2019 [Embedded Attitudes](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Journal of Semantics* 36 (3): 377-406  
2018 [Ultra-Liberal Attitude Reports](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Philosophical Studies* 175 (8): 2043-2062  
2013 [Teaching Philosophy Through Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#) (w/ Jacob Nebel, Ryan Davis, and Peter van Elswyk), *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (3): 271-289

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Jan 2025 Norms of Belief (Symposium on "Full belief", Eastern APA)  
Apr 2024 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, USC)  
Mar 2024 Trying without Fail (Centre for Human Abilities, Berlin)  
Oct 2023 Fictional Reality (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)  
Feb 2023 Wanting at Will (Department lecture, Franklin and Marshall College)  
Jan 2023 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy)  
May 2022 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Princeton)

- April 2022 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, MIT)
- Oct 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Current projects series, Diaonia Institute of Philosophy)
- Feb 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Jowett Society, Oxford)
- Feb 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Department colloquium, University College London)
- Feb 2017 Knowledge by Constraint (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)

#### COMMENTS

- Mar 2024 Tomasz Zyglewicz's 'Believe as an Evidential' (Pacific APA)
- Jan 2024 Caleb Fowell's 'The Varieties of Infelicity' (Eastern APA)
- Jan 2021 Richard Booth's 'Independent Alternatives: Ross's Puzzle and Free Choice' (Eastern APA)
- Apr 2019 Weng Kin San's 'KK, Knowledge, Knowability' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
- Feb 2019 Justin Khoo's 'Coordinating *If*s' (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

#### GRADUATE

- Spring 2025 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Semantic Shiftiness (JHU)
- Spring 2025 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
- Fall 2024 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
- Spring 2024 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
- Fall 2023 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Indeterminacy (JHU)
- Fall 2023 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
- Spring 2023 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Propositional Attitudes (JHU)
- Spring 2022 Philosophy of Action (Co-taught w/ Harvey Lederman, Princeton)

#### UNDERGRADUATE

- Fall 2022 Theory of Knowledge (JHU)
- Fall 2022 Life and Death (JHU)
- Fall 2021 Theory of Knowledge (Princeton)
- Fall 2020 Philosophy of Language (Princeton)
- Spring 2020 Logic (NYU)
- 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)

## Academic service

- 2022 - 2025 Placement Director
- 2022 Workshop on Action, Intention, and Language, co-organizer
- 2017 - 2022 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, organizer
- 2019 Epistemic Modality and Quantification - Eastern APA, chair
- Referee for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *Synthese*, *Thought*