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## EMPLOYMENT

CUNY Graduate Center, Assistant Professor, 2018—present  
City College of New York, CUNY, Assistant Professor, 2014—present  
Central European University (Summer Seminar on *Ontology and Metaontology*), Summer 2017  
Duke University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2013—2014

## EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin — Ph.D., Philosophy, 2013  
Lewis and Clark College — B.A. with Honors in Philosophy, 2007

## RESEARCH AREAS

Specialization — Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Social Ontology  
Competence — Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Mind

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Should We Use Racial and Gender Generics?**

forthcoming, *Thought*

### **What We Can Do**

forthcoming, *Philosophical Studies*

### **Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups**

forthcoming, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

### **Minimal Cooperation and Group Roles**

forthcoming, *Minimal Cooperation and Shared Agency* (A. Fiebich (Ed.), Springer)

### **Social Groups and Social Creationism**

2018, *Collectivity: Ontology, Ethics, and Social Justice* (K. Hess, T. Isaacs, and V. Ignieski (Eds.), Rowman & Littlefield)

## **Social Identity, Indexicality, and the Appropriation of Slurs**

2017, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*

## **Plural and Collective Noun Phrases**

2017, *Routledge Handbook of Collective Intentionality*, (M. Jankovic and K. Ludwig (Eds.), Routledge)

## **Can Semantics Guide Ontology?**

2016, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

## **The Metaphysics of Social Groups**

2015, *Philosophy Compass*

## **What are Groups?**

2013, *Philosophical Studies*

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

### **Review of Ron Mallon's *The Construction of Human Kinds***

2017, *Ethics*

### **Review of Deborah Tollefsen's *Groups as Agents***

2016, *Journal of Social Ontology*

## **OTHER PAPERS**

**Group Nouns, Social Groups: Metaphysics in Semantics** (under review)

**Social Ontology** (with R. Mason) (commissioned for *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, R. Bliss and J. Miller (Eds.)) (under review)

**Essentializing Inferences** (under review)

**Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression? An Answer from Social Metaphysics** (under revision)

**No Easy Answers to Identity Questions** (with V. Flocke) (under revision)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

\* denotes refereed

### **Essentializing Inferences**

Taipei Meaning and Reality in Social Context Conference, 1/2019

\*Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP), 11/2018

University of Minnesota Feminist Philosophy and Formal Logic Workshop, 04/2018

## **Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression? An Answer from Social Metaphysics**

\*Social Ontology 2018 (The 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference), 8/2018  
Barcelona Conference on Race and Gender (GRSelona4), 6/2018  
Nassau Community College, 3/2018  
CCNY Rifkind Seminar, 2/2018  
USC California Metaphysics Conference, 1/2018

## **Minimal Cooperation and Group Roles**

University of San Francisco, 9/2017

## **What *We* Can Do**

The Nova Scotia Meaning Workshop, 07/2017  
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 04/2017

## **Social Groups and Group Nouns**

MIT Colloquium, 10/2017  
CUNY Graduate Center Colloquium, 09/2016  
Junior Metaphysics Workshop, 04/2015

## **Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups**

\*Critical Social Ontology Workshop, 06/2017  
Canadian Philosophical Association, 05/2017  
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference—Metaphysics on the Mountain, 03/2017

## **Varieties of Social Structures**

Oxford University Structure in Metaphysics Conference, 05/2016  
Early Career Women in Metaphysics Workshop, 04/2016

## **Social Position and the Reclamation of Slurs**

IUC-Dubrovnik Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, 09/2016  
Dartmouth Mind and Language Workshop, 08/2016

## **No Easy Answers to Ontological Category Questions (with V. Flocke)**

Columbia University Seminar on Metametaphysics, 11/2016  
\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 05/2016

## **Collective Nouns: Polysemy and Predication**

Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, 11/2014  
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 10/2014  
Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP), 09/2014

## **Group Persons and Normative Individualism**

\*Collective Intentionality IX, 09/2014

### **Groups and Social Creationism**

\*The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2016  
Ohio State University Social Ontology Conference, 02/2016  
Notre Dame University, 02/2016  
Lewis and Clark College, 11/2015  
CUNY Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, 11/2015

### **Reduction, Fundamentality, and Groups**

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 06/2014

### **The Ontological Commitments of Natural Language are Indeterminate**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 01/2014 (under title “Natural Language and Ontology”)  
Triangle Area Philosophy Conference, 08/2013 (under title “Natural Language and Ontology”)  
\*Mathematising Science: Limits and Perspectives Conference, 05/2013  
University of Edinburgh, 02/2013 (under title: “Natural Language, Ontology and Indeterminacy”)  
Gottingen University, 07/2011 (under title “Plurals and Ontological Commitment”)  
\*Arché Ordinary Language, Philosophy and Linguistics Conference, 06/2011

### **The Shifty Behavior of Collective Nouns**

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 10/2012  
\*Collective Intentionality VIII, 08/2012

### **What are Groups?**

Duke University, 01/2013  
\*The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2012

### **What the Externalist Cannot Say About Slow Switching Case**

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 05/2011  
\*Brandeis Graduate Philosophy Conference, 04/2011  
\*University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference, 04/2010  
Fourth Philosophy Conference UT-Austin/UNAM, 10/2009 (under title “Externalism, Memory, and Linguistic and Mental Contents”)

### **Collective Belief Ascriptions—Against the Specification Principle**

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Colloquium Series, 10/2010

### **Quantifiers, Context and Semantic ‘Completing’ Strategies**

University of Texas at Austin MLK Conference, 01/2008

## **COMMENTARIES**

### **On Ashley Atkins’s “Partial Events: On the Legacy of the Imperfective Paradox”**

Iceland Meaning Workshop, 8/2018

**On Samia Hesni’s “Deviant Assertion: When Relying on Accommodation is Preferable”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 4/2018

**Distinctions Between Groups: On Brian Epstein’s *The Ant Trap***

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (symposium on Epstein’s *The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences*), 04/2017

**On Kevin Klement’s “Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence”**

Metaphysics in Higher Order Languages Workshop, 04/2017

**On Marion Boulicault’s “The Contingency of Logical Necessity”**

SWIP-Analytic, 04/2017

**On James Miller’s “The Nature of Words”**

Junior Metaphysics Workshop, 03/2016

**On Matthew Baddorf’s “Phenomenal Consciousness, Collective Mentality and Collective Moral Responsibility”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2015

**On Juan Colomina’s “Problematizing Prohibitionism”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2014

**On Bradley Rettler’s “A Truthmaker View of Ontological Commitments”**

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, 03/2012

**On Matt Teichman’s “Casting Slurs”**

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, 04/2011

**On Ivan Hu’s “Supervenience and Anomalous Monism”**

University of Texas at Austin MLK Conference, 01/2009

**AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

Faculty Fellowship Publishing Program (3 credit hours of course release), 2019

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3500), 2018-2019

CUNY Mellon Faculty Diversity Career Enhancement Initiative Fellow

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3450), 2017-2018

William Stewart Travel Award, 2017, 2018

Office of the Provost International Travel Grant, 2016, 2018, CCNY  
Dean of Arts and Humanities Research Award (\$5,000), 2015-2016, CCNY  
Dean of Arts and Humanities Travel Grant, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, CCNY  
Office of the Provost Domestic Travel Grant, 2015, CCNY  
Cogburn Essay Prize, 2013, University of Texas at Austin

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICES**

### **Memberships**

American Philosophical Association, Society for Exact Philosophy,  
International Social Ontology Society

### **Referee**

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Hypatia, W.W. Norton & Company Publishing, The Journal of Social Ontology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind, Philosophy Compass, Philosophical Quarterly, Routledge Philosophy, Synthese*

### **Service to CUNY**

CUNY Graduate Program Placement Director, 2018-present  
CCNY Undergraduate Philosophy Advisor, 2015-2018  
Head of City College Philosophy Honors Program, 2017-2018  
Developer, City College Philosophy Honors Program, 2017  
CCNY Faculty Council Member, 2016-present  
Member of CCNY Philosophy Day Organizing Committee, 2017  
Philosophy Department Representative, CCNY Undergraduate Open House, Fall 2017  
Panelist for *Free Speech in the Wake of Charlottesville*, CCNY, Fall 2017  
Philosophy Department Representative, General Advisors Meeting, Spring 2017  
Humanities & Arts Representative, Macaulay Honors College Recruitment, Spring 2017  
Major/Minor Email Outreach Campaign, 2016, 2017  
Major/Minor Recruitment Informational Session, Fall 2017  
Member of the Search Committee for Dean of Humanities and The Arts, City College of New York, 2016  
Philosophy Department Executive Committee Member, 2015-2016  
Organizer, PhD Preparation meeting for Undergraduate Students, 2015, 2016  
Faculty Advisor for the CCNY Philosophy Club, 2014-2015

### **Service to the Profession**

Director of SWIP-Analytic, 2017-2019  
SALT (SALT29) Referee, 2019  
Co-Organizer of the New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 2017-present  
Job Candidate Mentorship Program for Women in Philosophy Mentor, 2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017-2018

Panelist on Minorities & Philosophy (MAP) Panel on Activism and Philosophy, 2018  
 Session and Panel Organizer, Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, May 2017  
 Junior Metaphysics Workshop Steering Committee Member, 2015-2016  
 Co-Organizer, University of Texas—Austin Graduate Colloquia Series 2009-2012  
 Organizing Committee Member, University of Texas—Austin Graduate Conference, 2009-2012  
 Referee, University of Texas—Austin Graduate Conference, 2009-2012

### **Advising and Mentoring**

Dissertation Committee Member: Sonia Kasyanenko (NYU, Linguistics, 2015-2018, PhD awarded 12/2018); Daniel Shabasson (CUNY, Philosophy, 2016-2018)  
 City College Fellowship Pre-PhD Program Mentor: Anton Pavlov (2017-2018); Gage Williams (2015-2017); Rebecca Wellington (2015-2016)  
 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Olivia Calamia (2018-present); Caley Pigliucci (2018-present)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** (at CCNY unless otherwise specified)

Philosophy of Language	Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019
Dissertation Seminar (CUNY Graduate Center)	Spring 2019
Feminist Philosophy	Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018
Social Ontology	Spring 2018
Logic Seminar (CUNY Graduate Center)	Fall 2017
Honors Rational Animal	Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Metaphysics and Epistemology	Fall 2016
Independent Study: Intersectionality	Fall 2015
Independent Study: History of Analytic	Fall 2015
Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2015
Independent Study: Social Metaphysics	Spring 2015
Introduction to Logic	Summer 2016, Spring 2018
Seminar: Collections and Collectivity (Duke)	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Language (Duke)	Spring 2014
Appearance and Reality (Duke)	Fall 2013
Introduction to Logic (Duke)	Fall 2013
Introduction to Logic (University of Texas)	Summer 2012