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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

[11] **Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups**

forthcoming, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

[10] **What *We* Can Do**

forthcoming, *Philosophical Studies*

[9] **Minimal Cooperation and Group Roles**

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

[8] **Social Ontology** (with R. Mason)

forthcoming, *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics* (R. Bliss and J. Miller (Eds.), Routledge)

[7] **Should We Use Racial and Gender Generics?**

2019, *Thought*

[6] **Social Groups and Social Creationism**

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

[5] Social Identity, Indexicality, and the Appropriation of Slurs

2017, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*

[4] Plural and Collective Noun Phrases

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

[3] Can Semantics Guide Ontology?

2016, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

[2] The Metaphysics of Social Groups

2015, *Philosophy Compass*

[1] What are Groups?

2013, *Philosophical Studies*

BOOK REVIEWS

[2] Review of Ron Mallon's *The Construction of Human Kinds*

2017, *Ethics*

[1] Review of Deborah Tollefsen's *Groups as Agents*

2016, *Journal of Social Ontology*

OTHER PAPERS

Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression? (under review)

Essentializing Inferences (under revision)

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

Essentializing Language and the Limitations of Ameliorative Projects (under revision)

Kindhood and Essentialism: Evidence from Language (with J. Knobe) (in progress)

Two Ways Not to Refer to a Kind (in progress)

Review of Asta's *Categories We Live By: The Construction of Sex, Gender, Race, & Other Social Categories* (commissioned for *Analysis Review*)

PRESENTATIONS

* denotes refereed

TBD

Colloquium at Vassar College, 04/2020

TBD

Colloquium at Rice University, 01/2020

TBD

Colloquium at Mount Holyoke, 11/2019

Essentializing Inferences

Lima Workshop on Philosophy of Mind and Language, 07/2019

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

Essentializing Language and the Prospects for Ameliorative Projects

*2019 Conference on Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism, 09/2019

Rutgers Feminist Philosophy Workshop, 4/2019

Zermatt Conceptual Engineering Workshop, 2/2019

Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression? An Answer from Social Metaphysics

*Social Ontology 2018 (The 11th 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, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Referee

Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Hypatia, W.W. Norton & Company Publishing, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, 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 Committee Member, 2019-present

CUNY Graduate Program Placement Director, 2018-2010

CCNY Undergraduate Philosophy Advisor, 2015-2018, 2019-present

Head of City College Philosophy Honors Program, 2017-2019

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

Co-Organizer of the New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 2017-present
Director of SWIP-Analytic, 2017-2019
Speaker at Night of Philosophy Event at Avenues High School, May 2019
SALT (SALT29) Referee, 2019
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: Nicolas Porot (CUNY, Philosophy, 2019); Sonia Kasyanenko (NYU, Linguistics, 2015-2018, PhD awarded 12/2018); Daniel Shabasson (CUNY, Philosophy, 2016-2018)

Prospectus Committee Member: David Neely (CUNY, Philosophy, 2019-present)

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 (2018-2019); Caley Pigliucci (2018-2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (at CCNY unless otherwise specified)

Essentializing Language Seminar (CUNY Graduate Center)	Fall 2019
Philosophy of Language	Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019
Feminist Philosophy	Fall 2015, Spring 2017,

Social Ontology	Fall 2018
Logic Seminar (CUNY Graduate Center)	Spring 2018
Honors Rational Animal	Fall 2017
	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