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## EDUCATION

PhD            Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2014  
MA            Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2007  
BA            Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2005

## EMPLOYMENT

2019-present    Postdoc, University of Southern Denmark, Department for the Study of Culture  
Project: *Scientific Testimony in a Diverse Society*  
2018-present    Ethics in the News Analyst for *The Prindle Post*  
2016-2019       Lecturer, University of Toronto at Scarborough, Department of Philosophy  
2014-2016       Assistant Professor-Limited Term, Dalhousie University, Department of Philosophy

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Early Analytic

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming    “Beyond Politics: Additional Factors Underlying Skepticism of the COVID-19 Vaccine.”  
*History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*.  
Forthcoming    “Group Epistemology and Structural Factors in Online Group Polarization.” *Episteme*.  
Forthcoming    “Pragmatic Encroachment and Political Ignorance.” In Hannon, Michael and Jeroen de  
Ridder (eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology*.  
Forthcoming    “[Group Understanding](#).” *Synthese*.  
2020            “[Environmental Luck and the Structure of Understanding](#).” *Episteme* 17(1): 73-87.

- 2020 [“Moral Understanding and Cooperative Testimony.”](#) *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50(1): 18-33.
- 2019 [“Developing a Model of Groupstrapping: A Response to Baumgaertner and Nguyen.”](#) *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 8 (8): 32-39.
- 2018 [“Epistemically Pernicious Groups and the Groupstrapping Problem.”](#) *Social Epistemology* 33(1): 61-73.
- 2017 [“Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense.”](#) Co-authored with Diana Heney. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* (IX-2): 1-25.
- 2017 [“Testifying Understanding.”](#) *Episteme* 14(1): 103-127.
- 2017 [“Rascals, Triflers, and Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion.”](#) Co-authored with Diana Heney. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 25(2): 287-308.
- 2016 [“Pragmatic Encroachment and Epistemically Responsible Action.”](#) *Synthese* 193(9): 2721-2745.
- 2016 [“Peirce on Speech Acts and Taking Responsibility.”](#) *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 52(1): 21-46.
- 2015 [“Assertion, Practical Reasoning, and Epistemic Separabilism.”](#) *Philosophical Studies* 172(7): 1907-1927.
- 2014 [“The Reliability of Epistemic Intuitions.”](#) Co-authored with Jennifer Nagel. In Machery, Edouard (ed.). *Current Controversies in Experimental Philosophy*. Routledge: 109-127.
- 2012 [“Levi’s Challenge and Peirce’s Theory/Practice Distinction.”](#) *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 48(1): 51-70.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2011 [“Review of \*Knowledge in an Uncertain World\*.”](#) *Analysis* 71(1): 189-191.

### **Public Philosophy**

- 2021 [“The antidote to fake news is to nourish our epistemic wellbeing.”](#) *Psyche*.
- 2020 [“Dangerous Beliefs”.](#) *Institute for Art and Ideas*.
- 2018-present [Over 60 short articles on ethical and epistemic issues in the news.](#) *Prindle Post*.

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

#### **Papers Presented**

- upcoming “Group Testimony in Online and Offline Environments.” Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape. Virtual conference.

- upcoming “The Limits of Testimony.” European Epistemology Network Conference 2020 (postponed). Glasgow, Scotland.
- upcoming “I’m Not Actually Perfectly Delighted To See You: Peirce On Shared Responsibility For Assertion.” 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy (postponed). Vienna, Austria.
- 2020 “Endorsement as Online Group Assertion.” Social (Distance) Epistemology Series. Online. May 8, 2020.
- 2020 “The Limits of Testimony.” Danish Philosophical Society. Odense, Denmark, March 6-7, 2020.
- 2020 “Deliberation and Polarization in Anonymous and Pseudonymous Groups.” LanCog Workshop on Group Epistemology. Lisbon, Portugal, February 21, 2020.
- 2020 “Groups as experts: Modeling belief formation in anti-consensus groups.” Post-Truth: Perspectives, Strategies, Prospects. Leuven, Belgium, January 16-17, 2020.
- 2019 “Scientific Testimony and the Politicization of Expertise.” Second Annual Political Epistemology Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 13-14, 2019.
- 2019 “Group Testimony and Group Polarization”. Workshop on Polarization, Knowledge, and Rationality. Copenhagen, Denmark, December 12-13, 2019.
- 2019 “Christine Ladd-Franklin and the Pragmatist Conception of the Proposition.” Tilburg-Groningen Workshop on Women in the History of Analytic Philosophy. Tilburg, Netherlands, October 27, 2019.
- 2019 “I Am Not Actually Perfectly Delighted To See You: Peirce On Assertion And Shared Responsibility.” Workshop: Assertion and Proof. Lecce, Italy, September 12-14.
- 2019 “Deference and Cooperative Testimony.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Symposium Session. Vancouver, BC, April 17-20.
- 2019 “Gettier and Metaphilosophy: Intuitions and Empirical Approaches in Epistemology.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division AAPT/APA Teaching Hub. New York, January 7-10.
- 2018 “Moral Knowledge and the Limits of Testimony.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Montreal, June 4-7.
- 2017 “Figure It Out For Yourself: Moral Knowledge and the Limits of Testimony.” Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. September 13-15.
- 2017 “How Can I Convince You That You Should Care About Other People?” Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. September 13-15.
- 2017 “Groupstrapping.” Network on Epistemology and Society/Social Epistemology Research Group. La Cristalera, Spain. August 28-September 1.
- 2017 “Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Toronto, ON, May 28-31.
- 2017 “The Other Value Problem for Knowledge.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Kansas City, MO, March 1-4.
- 2017 “Peirce, Ladd-Franklin, and the Development of the Proposition.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Baltimore, MD, January 4-7.

- 2016 “Rascals, Triflers, and Scientists: C.S. Peirce and the Centrality of Assertion.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Washington, D.C. January 6-9.
- 2015 “Know-How and Self-Certification.” Canadian Society for Epistemology, Montreal, QC. November 6-7.
- 2015 “Easy Understanding and Epistemic Value.” Atlantic Region Philosopher’s Association St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB. October 30-31.
- 2015 “Testifying Understanding.” Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association. Coventry, United Kingdom. July 10-12.
- 2015 “Saying as Doing: Toward a Pragmatist View of Speech Acts.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division. St. Louis, MO. February 18-21.
- 2014 “Peirce on Illocutionary Acts, Assertion, and Commitments.” Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress. Lowell, MA. July 16-19.
- 2014 “Counterexamples and the Asymmetry Problem.” Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association. Cambridge, United Kingdom. July 11-13.
- 2014 “Commonality in Norms of Assertion and Other Speech Acts.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Brock University, St. Catharines, ON. May 27-30.
- 2014 “Peirce on Speech Acts and Taking Responsibility.” Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. Montreal, QC. May 23-25.
- 2012 “A Pragmatic Role for Epistemic Intuitions.” Truth, Morality and Democracy: Themes from the Work of Cheryl Misak. University of St. Andrew’s, Scotland. December 8-9.
- 2012 “Epistemic Norms and Excuses.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Waterloo, ON. May 27-30.
- 2012 “Commonality in Assertion and Practical Reasoning.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. April 4-7.
- 2012 “Assertion and Intentional Fouls.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Chicago, IL. February 15-18.
- 2011 “Epistemic Norms and Excuses.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Washington, DC. December 27-30.
- 2011 “P-Dependency and the Normative Significance of Being Gettiered.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Fredericton, NB. May 27-30.
- 2010 “I’ll Bet You Don’t Know that P: Extreme Bets and Pragmatic Encroachment.” Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. University of Calgary, Alberta. October 29-31.
- 2010 “Epistemologists Acting Inappropriately: Demarcating the Knowledge Norm of Practical Reasoning” York University Philosophy Graduate Students Association Conference. York University, Toronto. April 29-30.
- 2010 “Demarcating the Knowledge Norms.” 1st Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference. Northwestern University. April 16-18.
- 2009 “Reference Change in the Causal Theory: Rethinking the Baptismal Process.” Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Carleton University, Ottawa. May 27-30.
- 2008 “Luck, Modality, and Practical Interests.” Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. University of Alberta. October 28-30.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus**

The Socrates Project (Fall 2018/Winter 2019)  
Introduction to Metaphysics (Winter 2017, Winter 2019)  
Theory of Knowledge – The Ethics of Belief (Winter 2018)  
Theories of Mind (Fall 2016, Winter 2018)  
Belief, Knowledge and Truth (Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)  
Topics in the Philosophy of Mind – Knowing Minds (Fall 2017)  
Topics in Theory of Knowledge – Social Epistemology (Fall 2016)

### **Dalhousie University**

How to Win an Argument (Winter 2015, Winter 2016)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014/Winter 2015, Fall 2015/Winter 2016)  
The Value of Knowledge (Graduate Seminar) (Fall 2014, Winter 2016)  
Epistemology (Fall 2015)  
History of Philosophy - The Empiricists (Winter 2015)

### **University of Toronto, St. George Campus**

Knowledge and Reality (Spring 2013)  
Modern Symbolic Logic (Spring 2011, Summer 2012)

### **Athabasca University**

Basic Critical Thinking (2007-2008)  
Critical Thinking (2007-2008)

## **AWARDS**

### **University of Toronto**

2013	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (15,000)
2011-12	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (20,000)
2009	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (15,000)

### **University of Alberta**

2006	J. Gordin Kaplan Graduate Student Award (500)
2006	Government of Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship (2000)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2011-2014	University of Toronto at Mississauga Perception Lab Conducted experiments as part of Jennifer Nagel and Raymond Mar's research project concerning judgments of Gettier cases.
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## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

### **Student Supervision**

2018-2019 Julio Contreras Oliveros, Major Research Paper as part of the *Socrates Project*  
Title: “Efficiency and Business Ethics: The Benefits of Maximizing Quality of Life”

### **Peer Review**

*American Philosophical Quarterly; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Dialectica; Episteme; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Philosophical Quarterly; Res Philosophica; Social Epistemology; Synthese; Theoria.*

### **Professional Activities**

Co-organizer for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science Session at the Danish Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (March 2020)

Ethics in the News Analyst for *Prindle Post* (July 2018 – Present)

Ethics Writing Retreat at DePauw University and the Prindle Institute (April 2019)

Young Philosophers Lecture Series (September 2017)

Fordham Summer Seminar on Understanding (June 2016)

Organizer for the 3rd Formal Epistemology Festival (April 2010)

### **Departmental Service**

Faculty Liaison for UTSC Philosophy Student’s Association (2016-2019)

Organizer for University of Toronto Philosophy Graduate Forum (2009 –2014)

Tutor for University of Alberta *Aboriginal Students Association* (2007-2008)

### **Additional Certifications**

2021 Instructional Design Certificate, University of Maryland

2013 Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation at the University of Toronto

2011 Research Ethics in Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Toronto

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association (since 2008); Canadian Philosophical Association (since 2006); Canadian Society for Epistemology (since 2015); Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (since 2014)

## REFERENCES

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