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EMPLOYMENT 2021 – 2022 | **Fordham University** | Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow

EDUCATION Ph.D. **Fordham University** | Philosophy | 2016 – 2021
Dissertation – Trust: A Paradigm-Based Explanation
Committee – Chris Gowans (advisor), Nathan Ballantyne, Nick Smyth,
Laura Specker Sullivan, Jason D’Cruz (SUNY Albany)

M.A. **New School for Social Research** | Philosophy | 2011 – 2013

B.A. **Bard College** | Philosophy, Music | 2006 – 2010

TEACHING & RESEARCH AREAS **Areas of Specialty**
Normative Ethics | Applied Ethics (incl. technology ethics) | Social Epistemology

Areas of Competence
Metaethics | Feminist Philosophy | Social & Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS Journal Articles

2021 **Recognition Trust**
Philosophical Studies. doi: [10.1007/s11098-021-01626-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-021-01626-z)

2020 **Trust as a Test for Unethical Persuasive Design**
Philosophy & Technology. doi: [10.1007/s13347-020-00431-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-020-00431-6)

Can Novices Trust Themselves to Choose Trustworthy Experts? Reasons for (Reserved) Optimism.
Social Epistemology 34 (3): 227–240. doi: [10.1080/02691728.2019.1703056](https://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2019.1703056)
Reprinted in *Experts and Expertise in Social Epistemology*, eds. Maria Baghramian and Carlo Martini (New York: Taylor & Francis, forthcoming).

2019 **Recognition and Personhood: A Critique of Bernstein’s Account of the Wrongfulness of Torture.**
European Journal of Philosophy 27 (1): 211–226. doi: [10.1111/ejop.12370](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12370)

2014 **Imagination, Prophecy, and Morality: The Relevance and Limits of Spinoza's Theory of Political Myth.**

Telos 169 (Winter): 64–83. doi: [10.3817/1214169064](https://doi.org/10.3817/1214169064)

*This paper was published after winning a grad student essay competition

Reviews, Replies, and Responses

2020 **Finding the Snark Together: A Response to Watson and Hinton**

Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective 9 (6): 54–59.

<https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-58a>.

Public Philosophy

2021 **Can We Trust Artificial Intelligence?**

[Thinking Tech](#) (blog).

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2020 – 2021	Alumni Dissertation Fellowship	Fordham University
2020	Elizabeth Salmon Research Prize	Fordham Philosophy
2019 – 2020	Higher Education Leadership Fellowship	Fordham University
2019 – 2020	Senior Teaching Fellowship	Fordham University
2019	Summer Research Fellowship	Fordham University
Spring 2019	Graduate Student Support Grant	Fordham University
Spring 2018	Graduate Student Support Grant	Fordham University
Spring 2017	Professional Development Grant	Fordham University
2016 – 2021	GSAS Centennial Scholarship	Fordham University
2012	Graduate Student Essay Competition	Telos Press

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Trust, Reactive Attitudes, and Moral Responsibility

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference | Siena Heights University | April 2019

Trust in the World and the Virtues under Oppression

[1] The Edgington Lectures Workshop | Birkbeck College, London | June 2018

[2] Workshop on Virtue and Moral Reasoning under Oppressive Social Conditions | Concordia University, Montreal | February 2018

How to be a Pragmatist Constructivist

Long Island Philosophical Society (LIPS) Conference | Molloy College | April 2018

Doubting Our Ability to Assess the Trustworthiness of Experts

Fall Philosophy Department Symposium | Fordham University | October 2017

Recognition and Human Value: J.M. Bernstein's Account of the Harm of Torture

Rocky Mountain Graduate Philosophy Conference | U. Colorado, Boulder | April 2017

The Body, Violence, and the Undoing of Dignity

Body and Mind Graduate Conference | Fordham University | April 2015

Recognizing Moral Bodies

New Frontiers in Ethics Graduate Conference | University of Toronto | April 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Instructor of Record

Black Mirror and Human Nature	Fall 2021 (x3)
Philosophy of Human Nature	Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019 (EP)
Philosophical Ethics	Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

(EP)=Eloquentia Perfecta: honors-level seminars that emphasize written and oral skills

Pedagogical Training

Preparing Future Faculty Certificate	Fall 2020
Designing Equitable Assessments Workshop	Fall 2019
Digital Pedagogy Workshop	Fall 2018
Diversity & the Classroom Workshop	Fall 2018
Access & Universal Design Workshop	Spring 2018
Seminar in Philosophical Education	Spring 2017

SERVICE

Referee for 10 Journal Submissions

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (2021) | Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy (2021)
| Philosophical Studies (2021) | Philosophy & Technology (2020, 2021 x3) | Social
Epistemology (2020, 2021) | Synthese (2021)

Preparing Future Faculty Program Coordinator

Graduate School of Arts and Science | Fordham University | 2019 – 2020

Co-Organizer, Epistemology & Psychology Workshop

with Nathan Ballantyne | Fordham University | Summer 2019

Panelist, Talk & Teach

Minorities and Philosophy | Fordham Chapter | Fall 2018

Organizer, Professional Development Panel for Out-Ac Careers

Philosophy Department | Fordham University | Spring 2018

Organizer, Professional Development Panel for Academic Careers

Philosophy Department | Fordham University | Fall 2017

Speaker Series Representative

Fordham Philosophical Society | 2017 – 2018

LANGUAGES

German

Reading Proficiency

French

Reading Proficiency

GRADUATE
COURSEWORK
(* = *Audit*)

Ethics

Subjectivity and Objectivity in Morality	M. Fricker	CUNY
The Turn Toward Virtue	A. Crary	N SSR
Torture and Dignity	J. Bernstein	N SSR
Self-Cultivation Philosophies	C. Gowans	Fordham
Contemporary Metaethics	D. Heney	Fordham
*Confronting Moral Controversy	N. Smyth	Fordham
*Moral Genealogies	N. Smyth	Fordham

History of Philosophy

Aristotle's Major Works	D. Tress	Fordham
Plotinus	C. Arruzza	N SSR
Aquinas' Philosophy of God	B. Davies	Fordham
Medieval Views on Cognition and Certainty	G. Pini	Fordham
Spinoza's Ethics	C. Bottici	N SSR
Recognition and Intersubjectivity	M. Baur	Fordham
Heidegger's Being and Time and the Black Notebooks	B. Babich	Fordham
Bernard Williams	Z. Adams	N SSR

Phenomenology

Husserl's Phenomenology	J. Dodd	N SSR
Husserl and Kant	J. Dodd	N SSR
Philosophy of Merleau-Ponty	B. Flynn	N SSR
The Emotions	J. Drummond	Fordham

Mind/Epistemology

Mind and Language	A. Crary	N SSR
Recent Work in Epistemology	N. Ballantyne	Fordham

Social/Political

Myth and Politics	C. Bottici	N SSR
*Dimensions of Political Justice	J. Davenport	Fordham

REFERENCES

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