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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of language, social ontology, social epistemology

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of mind, metaphysics, logic

Employment	Lecturer in Philosophy Smith College	2026-27
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Education	Ph.D. in Philosophy Columbia University Dissertation: <i>The Semantics and Pragmatics of Stylistic Variation</i> Committee: Karen Lewis, Elisabeth Camp, Achille Varzi	2026
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	M.Phil. in History and Philosophy of Science University of Cambridge Distinction	2019
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	B.A. in Philosophy Williams College Honors, Magna Cum Laude	2018
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Publications (Peer Reviewed)	“Stylistic variation, convention, and linguistic prejudice” <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> (conditionally accepted) “Social meaning in language” <i>Philosophy Compass</i> (conditionally accepted) First author, co-authored with Elisabeth Camp and Ethan Nowak “Lying, hedging, and the norms of assertion” (2022) <i>Synthese</i> 200 (176): https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03644-8	
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Awards and Fellowships	Lead Teaching Fellowship (\$2000), Columbia University, 2023 Lina Kahn Prize (\$500, for the best graduate student metaphysics paper), Columbia University, 2022 Sidney Morgenbesser Fellowship (faculty nominated), Columbia University, 2022 Dr. Herchel Smith Fellowship (funded graduate study at the University of Cambridge), Williams College, 2018 Lazslo G. Versenyi Memorial Prize in Philosophy (\$1000, faculty nominated), Williams College, 2018 Colin and Lilli Roche Student Research Fellowship (\$2000), Williams College, 2017	
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Presentations**“Speakin’ With Style: The Pragmatics of Stylistic Variation”***Graduate/Faculty Workshop*, Columbia University, February 2026*Non-Paradigmatic Pragmatics Workshop*, Rutgers University, May 2025**“Social Identity, Linguistic Injustice, and Sociolinguistic Variation”***Language, Knowledge, and Deep Disagreement Conference*

Tilburg University, December 2024

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division

New York City, New York, January 2024

15th Annual UAlbany Philosophical Assoc. Graduate Conference

SUNY Albany, April 2023

Fordham Philosophy Society Graduate Student Conference

Fordham University, March 2023

Agency and Intentions in Language 3 (virtual poster presentation)

University of Göttingen and Harvey Mudd College, March 2023

“Linguistic Reform, Semantic Change, and Lexical Commitment”*Words Workshop (virtual)*, University of Pittsburgh, October 2022**“Functionalism, conscious availability, and the extended mind”***Kinds of Intelligence 2.0: Machine Minds*, University of Cambridge, June 2019**Invited
Comments****On “Making Sense of Variation in Concept Use” by Alnica Visser***American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division*

New York City, New York, January 2025

On “Scripts and Stereotypes” by Samia Hesni*Perspectives in Language Workshop*

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, October 2023

On “Contested Metalinguistic Negotiations” by Rachel Rudolph*American Philosophical Association, Central Division*

Boulder, Colorado, February 2023

On “Lexical Negotiations” by Ryan Miller*American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division*

Baltimore, Maryland, January 2022

**Summer
Workshops****Conceptual Engineering: Foundations and Applications,**

University of Warsaw, 2023

Cognitive Phenomenology, Central European University, 2019

Teaching Experience

As Lead Instructor (with full control of syllabus and course design)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic – Fall 2026 (Smith College)

Meaning and Truth – Fall 2026 (Smith College)

Modal Logic – Spring 2027 (Smith College)

Topics in Metaphysics: Existence, Persistence, and Identity – Spring 2027 (Smith College)

Topics in Philosophy of Language: Social Meaning – Spring 2027 (Smith College)

Metaphysics – Summer 2024, Summer 2025 (Columbia University)

As Teaching Assistant

(* = led discussion section) (all at Columbia University unless noted)

*Symbolic Logic (for Achille Varzi) – Spring 2026, Spring 2023

*Intro. to Philosophy of Language (for Karen Lewis) – Fall 2025

Intro. to Logic (for Chris Prodoehl) – Spring 2024

Philosophy of Mind (for Melissa Fusco) – Fall 2023

*Metaphysics (for Achille Varzi) – Fall 2022

Philosophy of Language (for Melissa Fusco) – Spring 2022

Intro. to Cognitive Science (for John Morrison & Chris Baldassano) – Fall 2021

Cognitive Science & Philosophy (for John Morrison) – Summer 2021

Personal Identity (for Bojana Mladenovic) – Fall 2016 (Williams College)

Service and Mentorship

Referee for *Noûs*

Lead Organizer, Philosophy of Language Reading Group

(*faculty sponsor: Karen Lewis*), Columbia University, 2024-25

Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia University, 2023-24

Lead Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop

Columbia University, 2022-24

Graduate Student Mentor

Minorities and Philosophy: Columbia University Chapter, 2024

Co-Organizer, Analyticity Reading Group

(*faculty sponsor: Justin Clarke-Doane*), Columbia University, 2023

Graduate Student Representative, Columbia University, 2022-23

Co-Organizer, 21st Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference, 2021

Undergraduate Student Representative, Williams College, 2016-18

References**Karen Lewis**

Associate Professor of Philosophy
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Elisabeth Camp

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Achille Varzi

John Dewey Professor of Philosophy
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