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Employment **Florida State University, Department of Philosophy**
Dean's Postdoctoral Scholar, 2025–present

Education **University of Southern California**
Ph.D., Philosophy, 2025
Dissertation: *Colonialism and Self-Respect*
Committee: Jon Quong (chair), John Hawthorne, Marcela Prieto Rudolph, Mark Schroeder, and Anna Stilz

Northeastern University
[Summer Training Program to Expand the AI and Data Ethics Research Community](#)
(Intensive 9-Week Summer School) Participant, 2024

University of Chicago
M.A., Humanities (Concentration: Linguistics), 2021

Reed College
B.A., Philosophy, 2017

Academic Interests **Areas of Specialization**
Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence
AI Ethics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Law

- Papers**
1. [“Colonial Injustice and Self-Respect”](#)
Philosophers' Imprint, forthcoming
 2. [“Self-Respect and Justice”](#)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 2026
 3. [“Graded Genericity”](#)
Philosophical Studies, 2025 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)
 4. [“What's Positive and Negative About Generics: A Constrained Indexical Approach”](#)
Philosophical Studies, 2022 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)
 5. [“A Functional Naturalism”](#)
Synthese, 2021

6. “Unable to Do the Impossible”
Mind, 2020
7. “The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics”
Philosophical Studies, 2020
8. “Can Hume Deny Reid’s Dilemma?”
Hume Studies, 2017

Under Review

- A paper on contractualism and just war theory (R&R, political philosophy)
- A paper on self-determination and justice (R&R, political philosophy)
- A paper on anticolonial just war theory (political philosophy)
- A paper on colonialism’s definition (political philosophy and metaphysics)
- A paper on free will and disagreement (metaphysics and philosophy of language)

Talks

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talk invited

Self-Determination and Self-Respect

- ∇Hanyang University Department of Policy Studies Colloquium, 05/28/2026
- Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, 02/07/2026
- Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, 05/16/2025
- UIUC Graduate Conference in Philosophy, 03/07/2025

The Moral Exploitation of Data Workers (with Conny Knieling)

- ∇Seoul National University Institute of Philosophy Colloquium, 05/26/2026
- University of New Orleans AI and Philosophy Conference, 04/16/2026
- USC AI Ethics and Data Ethics: Philosophy and Pedagogy Conference, 03/07/2026
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society New Orleans Meeting, 11/13/2025
- ∇FSU Scientific Computing Artificial Intelligence Seminar, 10/17/2025
- ∇Carnegie Mellon University Fairness, Ethics, Accountability, Transparency Workshop, 10/06/2025

Data Colonialism: The Rise of the Landless Empire

- FSU Philosophy Department Brown Bag Talk, 04/10/2026
- International Social Ontology Society Conference, 08/05/2025

Killing, Dying, and Decolonizing

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society New Orleans Meeting, 11/13/2025

Empire Strikes Differently: A Tale of Two Wrongs (with Philip Li)

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society London Meeting, 07/18/2025

The Colonizer Within: Negotiating Solidarity in Asian America

- APA Pacific Division Asian & Asian American American Philosophers & Philosophies Panel on Colonialism, Liberalism, and Anti-Asian Racism, 04/18/2025

Data Violence and Moral Exploitation (with Conny Knieling)

- The New School for Social Research Graduate Conference on Violence, 03/21/2025

Self-Respect and Justice

RoME Congress Poster Session, 08/09/2024

Grounding the Wrong of Colonialism in Self-Respect

APA Pacific Division Colloquium, 03/21/2024

APA Central Division Diversity Institute Alumni Panel, 02/25/2023

Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/13/2022

USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/28/2022

RoME Congress, 08/12/2022

A Contractualist Defense of Limited Moral Equality of Combatants

APA Central Division Colloquium, 02/24/2024

USC Speculative Society Meeting, 02/18/2021

What to Believe and Consider About ‘Believe’ and ‘Consider’

Brazilian Linguistics Association Linguistweets Conference, 12/05/2021

▽Tokyo Forum of Analytic Philosophy, 11/24/2021

USC Meaning Lab Meeting, 11/05/2021

University of Chicago Graduate Student New Voices Conference, 03/05/2021

Gricean Secrets

Brazilian Linguistics Association Linguistweets Conference, 12/05/2020

European Linguistics Colloquium, 11/27/2020

Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/21/2020

Web Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (WeSSLI) Virtual Student Session, 07/12/2020

USC Speculative Society Meeting, 07/10/2020

The Measure of Freedom (with Isaiah Lin and Shohei Takasaki)

Florida State University Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Graduate Conference, 02/08/2020

Generics in Proportion (with Junhyo Lee)

California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference, 11/09/2019

USC Meaning Lab Meeting, 10/30/2019

Minimal Meinongianism

Houston Community College Philosophy Conference, 10/19/2019

Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, 10/18/2019

USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/11/2019

The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics

APA Central Division Colloquium, 02/21/2019

USC Speculative Society Meeting, 11/28/2018

Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, 10/13/2018

Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 05/09/2018

Unable to Do the Impossible

Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 02/17/2018

Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 11/22/2017

On Habituals and Dispositions (with Troy Cross)

Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) Workshop, 08/19/2016

- Comments**
- Ahmet Aktas’s “The Affective Challenges to Deliberative Democracy: Motivation Problem, Affective Affordances, and Civic Empowerment,” Central APA Division Meeting, 02/20/2026
 - Tomasz Wysocki’s “The Peculiar Context-Dependence of Disposition Ascriptions,” Eastern APA Division Meeting, 01/07/2026
 - Patrick McKee’s “Experience Machines and Experiencing Machines,” Central APA Division Meeting, 02/20/2025
 - Henry Weiss’s “Race as a Symptom of Injustice,” RoME Congress, 08/10/2024
 - Elvira Basevich’s “The Idea of the Circumstances of Justice,” Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, 10/13/2023
 - Eliran Haziza’s “Moore’s Paradox and Uncancellable Implicatures,” Pacific APA Division Meeting, 04/16/2022
 - Mack Sullivan’s “Metaphysics mit Schlag,” Central APA Division Meeting, 02/24/2022
 - Seungil Lee’s “Bundle Theory and Weak Discernibility,” Pacific APA Division Meeting, 04/09/2021
 - Ben White’s “A(nother) Problem for Dualist Accounts of Mental Causation,” Central APA Division Meeting, 02/26/2020
 - Kelly Gaus’s “Conventions and Counterlogicals: Here There Be C-Monsters,” Eastern APA Division Meeting, 01/11/2020
 - Byron Simmons’s “Should an Ontological Pluralist be a Quantificational Pluralist?,” Creighton Club Meeting, 09/07/2019

- Funding**
- USC Arnold Endowed Fellowship; \$40,000 (stipend); 2024–2025
 - USC Graduate School Research & Travel Award; \$500, 2024
 - APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend (×3); \$300–\$400; 2019–2024
 - USC Gold Family Graduate Fellowship; \$5,000; 2023
 - USC Provost Fellowship in the Humanities; \$6,000/year; 2017–2022
 - USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant; \$5,000; 2019
 - APA Diversity Institute Alumni Fund; \$500; 2019
 - Reed College Ruby-Lankford Grant for Research in the Humanities; \$9,100 (split with Troy Cross); 2016
 - FSU Undergraduate Research Assistantship in Humanities; \$1,000; 2013

- Teaching**
- As Instructor**
 - Introduction to Political Philosophy, FSU, Spring 2026
 - Philosophy of Human Rights, FSU, Spring 2026
 - Introduction to Philosophy, FSU, Fall 2025
 - Philosophy of Law, FSU, Fall 2025

Ethics in the 21st Century: Business, Politics & Technology (×2); USC; Summers 2023 and 2025 (co-instructed in 2025 with Shu Wang)
Reasoning and Argument, USC, Spring 2024
Ethics, USC, Spring 2023

As Instructor at a Non-Credit Summer School or Other Short Program

AI Ethics: Data Privacy, Exploitation, and Colonialism, Yerevan Academy of Linguistics and Philosophy (YALP), Summer 2026
Introduction to Philosophy, USC Prison Education Project, Fall 2024
Feminist Views on Agency and Autonomy, YALP, Summer 2023
Philosophy, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Santa Cruz location, Summer 2022
Mathematical Proofs, CTY, Remote, Summer 2021
Logic for Philosophy, YALP, Summer 2019

As Guest Lecturer

Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice; USC; Fall 2023
Things and Stuff, YALP, Summer, 2018

As Teaching Assistant

Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice (×2); USC; Springs 2020 and 2022
Ethical Theory and Practice, USC, Spring 2019
Mathematical Logic (×2), CTY, Hong Kong location, Summers 2018 and 2019
Contemporary Moral and Social Issues, USC, Fall 2018
Logic: Principles of Reasoning (×2), CTY, Los Angeles location, Summer 2017

Graduate
Coursework
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course audited

Political Philosophy

Social Contract Theory and Utilitarianism, Sharon Lloyd, Spring 2022
Global Inequality, Martha Nussbaum and David Weisbach, Winter 2021
Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jon Quong, Spring 2020
†Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jon Quong, Fall 2019

Philosophy of Language

†Compositional Degree Semantics, Alexis Wellwood and Roumyana Pancheva, Fall 2021
†Vagueness, Ginger Schultheis, Winter 2021
†Conditionals, John Hawthorne and Barry Schein, Spring 2020
†Form and Meaning, Alexis Wellwood, Fall 2019
Toward a Realistic Theory of Meaning, Language Use, and Representation, Scott Soames, Spring 2019
†Grading Modality, Alexis Wellwood, Spring 2018
Ontology and Logical Form, Barry Schein and Alexis Wellwood, Fall 2018
Contemporary Philosophical Literature in Philosophy of Language, John Hawthorne and Scott Soames, Fall 2017

Metaphysics

Directed Research: Quantification and Existence, Gabriel Uzquiano, Spring 2019

Hume's *Treatise* and Contemporary Humean Metaphysics, James Van Cleve,
Spring 2018
Time Travel, Kadri Vihvelin, Fall 2017

Ethics

†Mental Ethics, Mark Schroeder, Fall 2022
Defensive Harm and Just War, Jon Quong, Fall 2021
What is Normativity, Stephen Finlay, Spring 2018
Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value, Jon Quong, Spring 2018

Feminist Philosophy

Directed Research: Feminist Philosophy, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
Themes in Feminist Philosophy, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2018

Logic

†Cardinality, Quantification, and Paradox, Gabriel Uzquiano, Spring 2018
†Fineness of Grain, Jeremy Goodman, Fall 2017
Modal Logic, Gabriel Uzquiano, Fall 2017

Linguistics

Alternative Sensitive Expressions Cross-linguistically, Itamar Francez, Spring 2021
Semantics & Pragmatics II, Chris Kennedy, Spring 2021
Semantics & Pragmatics I, Itamar Francez, Winter 2021
Syntactic Analysis II, Andrew Murphy, Winter 2021
Psycholinguistics, Ming Xiang, Fall 2020
Syntactic Analysis I, Erik Zyman, Fall 2020
Logic and the Theory of Meaning, Deniz Rudin, Fall 2019
†Generative Syntax, Stefan Keine, Fall 2018
Intensional Semantics, Barry Schein, Spring 2018

Pedagogy

Advanced Practicum in Disciplinary Instruction, Gabriel Uzquiano, Spring 2024
Advanced Teaching Seminar, Shieva Kleinschmidt, Fall 2021
Teaching Philosophy, Shieva Kleinschmidt and Mark Schroeder, Fall 2018

Miscellaneous

†Writing for Publication in Philosophy, Jon Quong, Spring 2021
Foundations of Interpretative Theory, Amos Browne and Hilary Strang, Fall 2020
Dissertation Seminar, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
Plato, Ralph Wedgwood, Spring 2019
Writing for Publication in Philosophy, Jeremy Goodman and John Hawthorne,
Spring 2019
Puzzles and Paradoxes, David Boonin, Summer 2016

Advising

FSU Honors in the Major Undergraduate Thesis Advising
Matteo Pankey, 2026

USC Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Undergraduate Mentoring

Jasmin Balasanian, 2024–2025

Margaret Mahoney, 2024–2025

Avery Sands, 2024–2025

Albert Marghitoiu, 2023–2024

Zoey Contractor, 2022–2023

Brandon Dillard, 2022–2023

Refereeing Ergo (×3), Grazer Philosophische Studien (×1), Inquiry (×3), Journal of Applied Philosophy (×1), Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (×2), Journal of Value Inquiry (×1), Linguistics and Philosophy (×1), NASSLLI Student Session (×3), Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (×1), Philosophical Studies (×4), Philosophy (×1), Qeios (×1), Synthese (×3), USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy (×23)

Other Service FSU MAP Chapter Co-organizer, 2025–2026
 FSU Werkmeister Conference Chair for Jed Lewinsohn’s “The Conceptual Priority of Debt: Against the Orthodoxy (and Heterodoxy) on Exchange and Money”
 Florida Philosophical Association Conference Chair for Micah Summers and Joseph Mascotti’s “Can There Be a Greatest Conceivable Being?” 2026
 CFCP Conference on Emerging Technologies as Social Goods Co-organizer, 2025
 CFCP Conference Chair for Joseph Larse’s “Valuing Internet Relationships,” 2025
 CFCP Conference Chair for Aleksandra Kornienko’s “Emotional Support without Emotions: can ChatGPT be a Good Therapist?” 2025
 Pacific APA Asian & Asian American Philosophers & Philosophies Committee Organizer of “Colonialism, Liberalism, and Anti-Asian Racism” Panel, 2025
 USC MAP Chapter Organizer, 2024–2025
 USC Mentored Teaching Fellowship Philosophy Department Panel Member (×2), 2023 and 2024
 USC Philosophy Graduate Student Treasurer (Finance Officer), 2022–2023
 USC Open House Graduate Student Panel Member (×2), 2022 and 2023
 USC-Shandong Conference Graduate Student Organizer, 2022
 USC-Shandong Conference Chair for Paul Garofolo’s “Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics,” 2022
 USC-Shandong Conference Chair for Anja Chivukula’s “Demystifying Conversational Relevance,” 2022
 USC Graduate Student Climate Committee Member, 2019
 USC Gathering Philosophers in Southern California Workshop Graduate Student Organizing Committee Chair, 2019
 Pacific APA Chair for John Bunke’s “Existence Made too Easy,” 2019
 USC Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member, 2019
 USC Gathering for Philosophers in Southern California Volunteer (Mentor and Panel Member), 2018
 Minnesota Philosophical Society Chair for Nicholas Tebben’s “Assertions and their Function,” 2018
 Pacific APA Chair for Nurbay Irmak’s “The Problem of Creation and Abstract Artifacts,” 2018

	Reed College MAP Chapter Cofounder and Co-organizer, 2016 Reed College Philosophical Society Signator (Organizer), 2016
Professional Development	Yale University Life Worth Living Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, 2025 AAPT Teaching & Learning in Philosophy Summer Seminar Participant, 2024 Metaphysical Mayhem Participant, 2023 USC Mentored Teaching Fellow, 2022–2023 North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI) Participant ($\times 2$); 2018 and 2022 Harvard-ThinkerAnalytix Argument Mapping Summer Seminar Participant, 2021 WeSSLLI Participant, 2020 APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Participant, 2020 USC Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute Participant, 2019 YALP Participant, 2018 Georgetown Active Materials Summer School Participant, 2017 CU-Boulder Summer Seminar in Philosophy Participant, 2016 University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth PIKSI Summer Program for Diversity in Logic Participant, 2016 Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy Participant, 2015
Other Writing	“From Bloody Hell to Landless Empire” Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (CFCP) Blog, 2024 “Alienation, Ambiguity, and Authenticity” APA Asian & Asian American Philosophers & Philosophies Newsletter, 2020 APA Member Interview Blog of the APA, 2019
Other Experience	CFCP Graduate Student Fellow, 2022–2025 Discussion Facilitator for USC Viterbi School of Engineering’s <i>Good Life</i> Luncheon Series, 2023–2025 Stanford University Code in Place Participant, 2024 Editor of Mark Bedau’s <i>Rudiments of Logic</i> Answerbook, 2017 Reed College Logic Homework Grader, 2016 Indexer for Randolph Clarke’s <i>Omissions: Agency, Metaphysics, and Responsibility</i> , 2013
Affiliations	American Philosophical Association, 2017–present American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 2024–present American Political Science Association, 2024–present Association for Political Theory, 2024–present International Social Ontology Society, 2025–present Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2025–present

References

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