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Research interests

- AOS** Philosophy of language, epistemology, experimental philosophy
- AOC** Philosophy of mind, philosophical logic, social ontology, metaphysics

Currently, I am working on my PhD thesis on the explanation of **Moore's Paradox** and other epistemic paradoxes and their connection with speech act theory, transparency accounts of self-knowledge and philosophical logic.

Education

- 2020 – Present **University of Warsaw** – Doctoral School of Humanities
PhD in Philosophy
Advisor: Professor Tadeusz Ciecierski.
- 2018 – 2020 **University of Warsaw** – College of Interdisciplinary Individual Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences
MA in Philosophy, *cum laude*
Advisor: Professor Tadeusz Ciecierski.
Thesis: Proper Names as Demonstratives.
- 2015 – 2018 **University of Warsaw** – College of Interdisciplinary Individual Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences
BA in Philosophy
Advisor: Joanna Komorowska-Mach, PhD.
Thesis: Belief Ascription and Rationality. Discussion and criticism of arguments for the Psychological Principle of Non-Contradiction..

Awards and scholarships

- 2023 Fulbright Junior Research Award (Fulbright Foundation)
Awarded 5-month scholarship for a research visit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2023 Erasmus+ Scholarship (University of Warsaw)
Awarded 5-month scholarship for a study visit at the University of Turin, Italy

- 2019 Scholarship of the Minister of Science and Higher Education for outstanding scientific achievements (Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education)
17000 PLN (4000 USD)
- 2019 Scholarship of the University of Warsaw Chancellor for outstanding scientific achievements (University of Warsaw)
7000 PLN (1600 USD)
- 2019 Research Grant for the project "What are words? Philosophical Foundations of Linguistics" (College of Interdisciplinary Individual Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences)
3000 PLN (700 USD)

Publications

- 2023 **Davidsonian Metasemantics and Radical Interpretation**
Tarnowski, M.
Global Philosophy, 33.
- 2022 **The Group Knobe Effect revisited: epistemic and doxastic side-effect effects in intuitive judgments concerning group agents**
Tarnowski, M., Ziółkowski, A., Tałasiewicz, M.
Synthese, 200(6).
- 2022 **Words on Kripke's Puzzle**
Tarnowski, M., Głowacki, M.
Synthese, 200(4).
- 2022 **Proper Names as Demonstratives**
Tarnowski, M.
Argumenta, 8(1).
- 2022 **Proper Names as Demonstratives in Fiction**
Tarnowski, M.
Studia Semiotyczne, 36(1).
- 2021 **Western Skeptic vs Indian Realist. Cross-Cultural Differences in Zebra Case Intuitions.**
Sekowski, K., Ziółkowski, A., Tarnowski, M.
Review of Philosophy and Psychology.

- 2021 **Do societies dream of a fair pasture? Interpretation of Jean Jacques Rousseau's "Social Contract"**
Tarnowski, M.
Studies in the History of Philosophy, 12(2). In Polish
- 2021 **How to Describe Irrationality? Irrational Belief Systems and Interpretation-ism in Philosophy of Mind**
Tarnowski, M.
Avant. Trends in Interdisciplinary Studies, 12(3). In Polish
- 2020 **Is Having Contradictory Beliefs Possible? Discussion and Critique of Arguments for the Psychological Principle of Non-Contradiction**
Tarnowski, M.
Studia Semiotyczne - English Supplement, 31. English translation of the 2019 article
- 2020 **Pointing in One's Mind: Object-Dependent Thoughts and the Semantics of Complex Demonstratives**
Tarnowski, M.
Filozofia Nauki, 28(1). In Polish
- 2019 **Is Having Contradictory Beliefs Possible? Discussion and Critique of Arguments for the Psychological Principle of Non-Contradiction**
Tarnowski, M.
Studia Semiotyczne, 33(2). In Polish

Research experience

- January 2022 – Present **PRELUDIUM 20 Grant "Moore's Paradox in language and thought: towards a unified strategy of explanation"**
Funded by National Science Center, 103 150 PLN (24000 USD).
Principal Investigator.

Teaching experience

- Fall 2022 **Instructor, Philosophy of Language (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Average student rating: 5/5.
- Fall 2021 **Instructor, Philosophy of Language (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Average student rating: 5/5.

Fall 2020 **Instructor, Logic and Metaphysics A (University of Warsaw)**

Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.

Average student rating: 4.8/5.

Work experience

2018 – Present **Public speaking and debating trainer** – Fundacja Nowy Głos, Fundacja Polska Debatuje, Centrum Edukacji Obywatelskiej

I carried out more than 70 workshops and lessons related to argumentation and public speaking for audiences from elementary school level to university students and teachers. I also organized debating competitions, managing general organizational tasks as well as adjudication and equity teams.

September 2016 – August 2022 **High school philosophy and rhetoric teacher** – I SLO "Bednarska", WLH im. Jacka Kuronia

I taught philosophy and argumentation to high school students. I co-designed the innovative curriculum for teaching rhetoric. Many of my students achieved success in the Philosophy Olympiad and debating competitions.

April 2016 – September 2017 **Science communicator** – Copernicus Science Center

I carried out workshops and science demonstrations for the visitors of Copernicus Science Center.

Talks (selected)

January 2023 "No doxastically innocent explanation of Moore's Paradox"

16th Annual Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic, University of Cambridge

also presented at: SPLogic 2023, University of Campinas, February 2023; Science+More Research Seminar, University of Turin, March 2023 (invited talk)

November 2022 "My religion says 'p', but I don't believe that p"

3rd World Congress on Logic and Religion, Banaras Hindu University

September 2022 "My philosophical position implies 'p, but I don't believe that p'"

Sixth Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference, University of Warsaw

January 2022 "The Group Knobe Effect Revisited. Epistemic and Doxastic Side-Effect Effects in Intuitive Judgments Concerning Group Agents"

Agency and Intentions in Language 2 Interdisciplinary Workshop, Harvey Mudd College

- November 2021 “Careless assertions, Moore’s Paradox and the KK principle”
25th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford
- May 2021 “Proper Names and Demonstratives in Fiction”
PhiLang 2019 Conference, University of Łódź
- November 2019 ”What are names? On the metaphysics of words and identity puzzles”
Propositions, Reference and Meaning 2019 Conference, University of Bratislava
also presented at the Seminar of Polish Semiotic Society, University of Warsaw, January 2020 (invited talk)
- September 2019 ”Identity of Words”
Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 11 Conference, University of Warsaw
- January 2019 ”(Ir)Rationality and Belief Ascription: Towards a New Model of Interpretation Theory”
Philosophy in Progress 2019 Conference, University of Nottingham

Professional memberships

- 2021 – Present Centre for Philosophical Research (OBF)
Regular member; part of the organizing committee of the 3rd Context, Cognition and Communication Conference.
- 2023 – Present American Philosophical Association (APA)
International member, Eastern Division.

Skills

Software

LaTeX, Microsoft Office package, Canva

Languages

English (fluent), Russian (advanced)

Other interests

Apart from my interest in philosophy, I am also devoted to **competitive debating**. In 2020, I won the Polish National British Parliamentary Debating Championship. I also represented University of Warsaw at numerous international competitions, including European Universities Debating Championships (2019-2022) and World Universities Debating Championships, where I became **the finalist in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) category**. Since 2019 till 2021 I was also a part of the board of University of Warsaw Debate Club.

I also enjoy chess, trekking and hitchhiking.