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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Cognitive Science · Philosophy of Mind · Philosophy of Language

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Logic · Epistemology · Philosophy of Science

## EDUCATION

**University of Connecticut**

**Expected May 2030**

PhD in Philosophy

- Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science
- Graduate Certificate in Logic

**University of Barcelona**

**September 2025**

MA in Cognitive Science and Language (Philosophy Track)

*Thesis:* Re-Evaluating Rationality in Emotional Action

*Advisor:* David Pineda Oliva

**Complutense University of Madrid**

**June 2023**

BA in Philosophy

*Thesis:* How Do We Get Jokes? A Neo-Gricean Explanation of Verbal Humor

*Advisor:* Saleta De Salvador Agra

**Complutense University of Madrid**

**June 2023**

BA in Political Sciences

*Thesis:* Rhetoric in Donald Trump's Political Communication. The Use of Personal Deixis and Argumentative Fallacies in the US 2016 Presidential Campaign

*Advisor:* Luis Antonio Martínez Gómez

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), Catalan (intermediate)

## PUBLICATIONS

2023. “Neuropedagogía del lenguaje. Trastornos del lenguaje y prácticas docentes” (Language Neuropedagogy. Language Disorders and Teaching Practices), in *De la Neuroeducación a la Neurodidáctica*. (Ed.) Martínez Sánchez et al. Editorial Octaedro. pp. 300-310.

## PRESENTATIONS

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. “Re-Evaluating Rationality in Emotional Action”. Universidade Federal do ABC & Universidade de São Paulo. São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil.

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. “Is Accent Neutralization Oppressive? Cultural Imperialism and Linguistic Identity”. University of Connecticut, Philosophy Department – Prospectives’ Day. Storrs, CT – USA.

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. “Re-Evaluating Rationality in Emotional Action”. University of Connecticut, Philosophy Department – Brown Bag. Storrs, CT – USA.

May 2023. “Metafísica para niños. Sobre la posibilidad de implantación de contenido filosófico en el tercer ciclo de educación primaria” (Metaphysics for kids. About the possibility of introducing philosophical content in elementary school's third cycle). Autonomous University of Madrid. Madrid, Spain.

November 2022. “Filosofía y Humor: un cadáver exquisito sobre *Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life* (1983)” (Philosophy and Humor: an Exquisite Corpse about *Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life* [1983]). Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Institute of Philosophy. Madrid, Spain.

February 2021. “Enfoques de análisis sociopolítico para la inclusión de las personas con discapacidad” (Socio-political analysis approaches for the inclusion of people with disabilities). University of Granada. Granada, Spain.

## TRANSLATIONS

Translator. English to Spanish. Selections from *Studies in the Way of Words*, by H. P. Grice. Unpublished teaching materials (for instructional use at the University of Barcelona).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Graduate Assistant*

Fall 2025 - Now

University of Connecticut, Philosophy Department

- PHIL 1109 Global Existentialism (Fall 2025 – Prof. Lewis Gordon)
- PHIL 1104 Social Ethics (Spring 2026 – Prof. Charlotte Duffee)

*Teaching Assistant*

Spring 2024

Wesleyan University, Philosophy Department

- PHIL 202 Philosophical Classics II: Early Modern Philosophy from Descartes Through Kant (Prof. Steven Horst)

Wesleyan University, Romance Languages and Literature Department

- SPAN 111 Intermediate Spanish I (Prof. Ana Perez-Girones)
- SPAN 112 Intermediate Spanish II (Prof. Octavio Flores-Cuadra)
- SPAN 113 Intermediate-Advanced Spanish (Prof. Louise Neary)
- SPAN 221 Introduction to Hispanic Literatures and Advanced Practice in Spanish (Prof. Olga Sendra Ferrer)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

**Research Grant**, University of Barcelona. Awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education. Funds a Research Project to translate H. P. Grice's *Studies in the Way of Words* to Spanish. 2024-2025.

**Full-Tuition Scholarship**, University of Barcelona (Master in Cognitive Science and Language). Awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education. 2024-2025.

**Full-Tuition Scholarship**, Wesleyan University (non-degree seeking student). Awarded by Wesleyan University. 2023-2024.

**Mobility Scholarship**, University of Granada. Awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education (SICUE Program). 2020-2021.

**Full-Tuition Scholarship**, Complutense University of Madrid (Bachelor in Philosophy and Bachelor in Political Sciences). Awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education. 2018-2023.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

**Research Group**. UCONN Logic Group. Member. Fall 2025 - Now.

**Research Group**. Expression, Communication, and Origins of Meaning (ECOM) Research Group. Member. Fall 2025 - Now.

**Philosophical Association**. Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (SEFA). Member. Fall 2025 – Now.

**Reading Group**. UCONN Mind & Language Reading Group. Organizer. Spring 2026 - Now.

**Graduate Conference**. 2026 Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Connecticut). Organizer, Reviewer & Respondent. April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Graduate Conference**. Kinds of Agency Graduate Conference (University of Connecticut). Reviewer. February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**Academic Competition**. Eighth Annual Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl. Judge. January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Academic Competition**. Northeastern Ethics Bowl 2025. Judge. November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Seminar**. Wittgenstein Seminar (Complutense University of Madrid). Organizer. Spring 2023.

**Research Project**. Philosophy and Humor. Saleta De Salvador (PI). Fall 2022 & Spring 2023.