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Research Interests

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of AI (esp. AI in science)

Areas of Competence

Social Philosophy (esp. social ontology and group agency), Philosophy of Law

Academic Employment

- **Assistant Professor** **Iowa City, IA**
University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy 2026-
Affiliated Faculty, *Law and Philosophy Initiative, College of Law*
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate: Philosophy of AI** **West Lafayette, IN**
Purdue University, Department of Philosophy 2025-2026

Education

- **Stanford University** **Stanford, CA**
Ph.D. in Philosophy 2019-2025
Dissertation: *Making Up Our Minds: Cooperation, Inquiry, and Intention*
Committee: Michael Bratman (co-chair), Krista Lawlor (co-chair), Antonia Peacocke, Jane Friedman
- **New York University** **New York, NY**
Visiting Graduate Student Fall 2023
- **Brandeis University** **Waltham, MA**
M.A. in Philosophy 2018
- **Johns Hopkins University** **Baltimore, MD**
B.A./M.A. in Philosophy (Departmental Honors) 2017

Papers

Publications

- "High Impact Evidence and the Road to Resilience" (*forthcoming*). *Journal of Philosophy*
- "Cooperation and Shared Inquiry" (in press). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- "Expert Judgment: Overlooked Epistemic Reasons" w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher (*forthcoming*). *The Epistemology of Experts* (eds.) Peter Brössel, Anna-Maria Asunta Eder, and Thomas Grundmann.
- "Zetetic Rights and Wrong(ings)" (2025). *Philosophical Quarterly*
- "Intentions and Inquiry" (2025). *Mind*, 134 (533), 85–106
- "Scientific Disagreements, Fast Science, and Higher-Order Evidence" w/ Dunja Šešelja (2023). *Philosophy of Science*, 90(4), 937–957

Under Review

- Paper on sharing inquiry with AI (R&R, *Synthese*)

- Paper on errors of shared inquiry (R&R, *Erkenntnis*)
- Paper on normative defeat
- Paper on AI scientific discovery w/ Eamon Duede
- Paper on the epistemic merits of deliberation in science w/ Eamon Duede
- Paper on the social structure of epistemically successful science w/ Eamon Duede
- Paper on AI interpretability w/ Eamon Duede (draft)
- Paper on the value of shared inquiry

In Preparation

- Paper on deception detection in AI w/ James Evans, Austin Kozlowski, and Eamon Duede
- Paper on the termination of shared action
- Paper on scaling up explanations of social phenomena by appeal to individual mental attitudes
- Paper on self-effacing features of social instrumentalist accounts of epistemic normativity
- Paper on the social and ethical costs of “collaborative workplaces”

Talks

*=refereed, †=invited

- **Why Share Inquiry?**
 - Interpersonal Philosophy Network (*Remote*)[†] 2026
- **The End of (Shared) Action**
 - Planning Workshop[†] (*Stanford University*) 2026
- **Explaining Scientific Success: Neither Institutional nor Individual, but Interpersonal** w/ Eamon Duede
 - Chicago Talks on Agency[†] (*University of Chicago*) 2026
- **Deception in Large Language Models: A Three-Level Framework for Detection and Steering** w/ James Evans, Austin Kozlowski, and Eamon Duede
 - Knowledge Lab (*University of Chicago*) 2026
- **Interpretability Needs Ecologically Sensitive Behavioral Analysis** w/ Eamon Duede
 - Cognition, Agency, and Intelligence Center Brownbag Workshop (*Purdue University*) 2025
- **Two Kinds of Error in Shared Inquiry**
 - ULaval Everything Agency Conference* (*Laval University*) 2025
- **The Costs of Collaboration**
 - Normative Business Ethics Workshop* (*Zicklin Center, University of Pennsylvania*) 2025
- **Expert Judgment: Overlooked Epistemic Reasons** (w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher)
 - Expert Judgment Lecture Series[†] (*Remote*) 2024
- **Evolving the (Epistemic) Community: Or Why We Need Conspiracy Theorists**
 - Social Epistemology Network 3* (*Cogito Epistemology Research Centre*) 2023
- **Scaling-Up Shared Action**
 - Social Ontology 2023* (*Stockholm University*) 2023
- **Towards Epistemically Responsible ‘Fact-checking’** (w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher)
 - The Nature and Normativity of Inquiry[†] (*UNED & Complutense University*) 2023
 - Inquiry Network[†] (*Remote*) 2022
- **Reasoning Together**
 - Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy* (*Bard College*) 2023
 - Social Ontology 2022* (declined due to illness) (*University of Vienna, Remote*) 2022
- **Zetetic Rights and Wrong(ings)**
 - APA Pacific Division Meeting—Symposium Session* (*San Francisco, CA*) 2023
- **The Ethics of Using AI in an EdTech Platform: Challenges and Paths Forward** (panelist w/ Dora Demszky & Drew Bent)
 - Ed-Tech Ethics Workshop (*Stanford University*) 2023
- **Shared Inquiry and Cooperation**
 - Uppsala Epistemology Workshop* (*Uppsala University*) 2022

- Testimony Workshop[†] (*Stanford, CA*) 2022
 - Young Career Epistemologists Workshop* (*Remote*) 2021
 - Social Ontology 2021* (*UC San Diego, Remote*) 2021
 - **Scientific Disagreements, Fast Science and Higher-Order Evidence** (w/ Dunja Šešelja)
 - Philosophical Perspectives on COVID-19* (*University of Johannesburg, Remote*) 2021
- Comments and Other Participation**.....
- **Intentions and AI Workshop**
 - Early-Career Scholar* (*Chapman University*) 2025
 - **Chicago Talks on Agency**
 - Commentator-at-large[†] (*University of Chicago*) 2025
 - **Inquiry Workshop**
 - Commentator-at-large[†] (*Brown University*) 2024
 - **Logins: Inquiry and Reasons**
 - APA Pacific Division Meeting[†] (*Portland, OR*) 2024
 - **Bhargava: Social Media, Off-Duty Laudatory Conduct, and Employment**
 - Blame and Forgiveness at Work[†] (*Saint Mary's College*) 2024
 - **Šešelja and Fleisher: Collective Epistemic Responsibility**
 - The Nature of Inquiry Conference* (*Agnes Scott College*) 2020

Teaching

As Primary Instructor

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- **University of Iowa**
 - Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2026)
 - Socializing Social Epistemology, graduate seminar (Fall 2026)
- **Stanford University**
 - Striving and the Nature of Belief w/ Michael Bratman (Winter 2025)
 - Collective Epistemology and Shared Inquiry w/ Michael Bratman (Spring 2024)
 - Thinking Together: Deliberation, Collaboration, and Instagram? (Winter 2022)
- **Brandeis University**
 - Critical Reading and Writing: English Language Programs (2017-2018)

As Teaching Assistant

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- **Stanford University**
 - Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Spring 2025, Taylor Madigan)
 - Philosophy of Action (Fall 2022, Michael Bratman)
 - Mind, Matter, and Meaning (Spring 2022, Jared Warren)
 - Philosophy of Law (Fall 2021, Michael Bratman)
 - Contemporary Moral Problems (Spring 2021, Todd Karhu)
 - Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020, Hyoung-Sung Kim)
- **Harvard Summer School**
 - Introduction to Philosophy, (Summer 2018, Andreas Teuber)
- **Brandeis University**
 - Neuroethics, (Fall 2018, Brendan Cline)
 - Philosophy of Law, (Spring 2018, Andreas Teuber)
 - Aesthetics, (Spring 2018, Andreas Teuber)
 - Introduction to Philosophy, (Fall 2018, Andreas Teuber)

Service & Experience

To the Profession

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- Reviewer (* indicates multiple times): *Australasian Journal of Philosophy**, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Episteme**, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Management*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Synthese**, *Thought*

- Editorial Assistant: *Responsibility & The Demands of Morality: Collected Papers of Stephen J. White*, (eds.) Kyla Ebbels-Duggan and Berislav Marušić

University of Iowa.....

- Prospectus Committee Member: Casey Scott, Mansour Golpour
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (2026)

Stanford University.....

- Conference Organization:
 - *Bratmania: A Conference in Honor of Michael Bratman's Work & Mentorship*, (2024)
 - *Subjects, Power, and Knowledge: Critical Perspectives on the Philosophy of Helen Longino* (2024)
- Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Stanford Philosophy Directed Reading Program (2021–2023)
- Co-Founder (2023) *Calliope*: Stanford Philosophy Writing Workshop
- Research Assistant, Deliberative Democracy Lab (2022–2023)
- Co-Organizer, Stanford University EdTech Ethics Workshop (2022–2023)
- Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Stanford Working Action Group (2021–2023)
- Ethics & Society Review Panelist, Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (2022)
- Advisory Board Member, Stanford University Ethics, Society, and Technology Hub (2020–2023)
- Writing in the Major Fellow, “Deliberative Democracy and its Critics” Professor James Fishkin (Spring 2021)
- Faculty-Student Representative, Philosophy Department (2021–2022)
- Co-President, Hume Society (2020–2021)
- Research Assistant, Professor Michael Bratman (2019)

Brandeis University.....

- Faculty-Student Representative, Philosophy Department (2018)
- Research Assistant, Professor Berislav Marušić (2018)
- Organizer, Graduate Student Speaker Series (2018)
- Organizer, Summer Writing Workshop (Summer 2018)
- Founder & Organizer, Epistemology Reading Group
 - *Ernest Sosa: Virtue Epistemology: Apt Belief and Reflective Knowledge* (Fall 2018)
 - *Susanna Rinard: Pragmatism, Credal Imprecision, and Skepticism* (Spring 2018)
 - *Self-Knowledge* (Fall 2017)

Awards and Honors

Stanford University.....

- Ric Weiland Graduate Fellow in the Humanities & Sciences (2022-2024)
- McCoy Ethics in Society Center Graduate Fellow (2021-2022)

Brandeis University.....

- \$10,000 Merit Scholarship (2017)

Johns Hopkins University.....

- Dean's Undergraduate Research Award (2016)
- JHU Research Day, Invited by Professor Nandi Theunissen (2015)

Language

English: Native Proficiency · Hungarian: Native Proficiency · French: Intermediate Reading and Writing

References

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