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Research Interests

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of 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-
- **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 (expected)
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

- "Cooperation and Shared Inquiry" (forthcoming). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- "Expert Judgment: Overlooked Epistemic Reasons" w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher (forthcoming). *The Epistemology of Experts* (eds.) Peter Brössel, Anna-Maria Astuna-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 unpossessed evidence
- Paper on AI scientific discovery w/ Eamon Duede
- Paper on two errors in shared inquiry
- Paper on normative defeat
- Paper on the epistemic merits of deliberation in science w/ Eamon Duede

In Preparation.....

- Paper on the value of shared inquiry (draft available upon request)
- Paper on AI interpretability w/ Eamon Duede (draft)
- Paper on the social structure of epistemically successful science w/ Eamon Duede (draft available upon request)
- 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”
- Paper on deception detection in AI w/ James Evans, Austin Kozlowski, and Eamon Duede

Talks

*=refereed, †=invited

- **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 Cooperation**
 - 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.....

- **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.....

- **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.....

- 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.

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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