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## Education **University of Southern California**

Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy (Expected 2025)  
Dissertation: *Colonialism and Self-Respect*  
Committee: Jonathan Quong (chair), John Hawthorne, Marcela Prieto, Mark Schroeder, Anna Stilz

## **University of Chicago**

M.A., Humanities (Concentration: Linguistics), 2021  
Thesis Advisor: Chris Kennedy

## **USC Center for Excellence in Teaching**

Certificate of Completion, Future Faculty Teaching Institute, 2019

## **Reed College**

B.A., Philosophy, 2017  
Thesis Advisor: Troy Cross

## Academic **Areas of Specialization**

Interests Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

## **Areas of Competence**

Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Logic

## Papers

“What’s Positive and Negative About Generics: A Constrained Indexical Approach”  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2022 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)

“A Functional Naturalism”  
*Synthese*, 2021

“Unable to Do the Impossible”  
*Mind*, 2020

“The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics”  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2020

“Can Hume Deny Reid’s Dilemma?”  
*Hume Studies*, 2017

## Talks

**Grounding the Wrong of Colonialism in Self-Respect**

APA Pacific Division Colloquium, 03/21/2024

*'\*' indicates* APA Central Division Diversity Institute Alumni Panel, 02/25/2023

*talk not* Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/13/2022

*peer-reviewed* \*USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/28/2022

Rocky Mountains Ethics (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

WeSSLLI 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** 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' "Should an Ontological Pluralist be a Quantificational Pluralist?," Creighton Club Meeting, 09/07/2019

**Teaching** **University of Southern California**  
 Instructor–Reasoning and Argument, Spring 2024  
 Instructor–Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Business, Politics & Technology (USC Pre-College Program), Summer 2023  
 Instructor–Ethics, Spring 2023  
 Guest Lecturer–Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice, Fall 2023  
 Teaching Assistant–Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice (×2), Springs 2020 and 2022  
 Teaching Assistant–Ethical Theory and Practice, Spring 2019  
 Teaching Assistant–Contemporary Moral and Social Issues, Fall 2018

**John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth**  
 Instructor–Philosophy, Santa Cruz, Summer 2022  
 Instructor–Mathematical Proofs, CTY LIVE (Remote), Summer 2021  
 Teaching Assistant–Mathematical Logic (×2), Hong Kong, Summers 2018 and 2019  
 Teaching Assistant–Logic: Principles of Reasoning (×2), Los Angeles, Summer 2017

**Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy**  
 Instructor–Feminist Views on Agency and Autonomy, Summer 2023  
 Instructor–Logic for Philosophy, Summer 2019  
 Guest Lecturer–Things and Stuff, Summer 2018

**Service** 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 Session Chair for Paul Garofolo's "Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics," 11/19/2022  
 USC-Shandong Conference Session Chair for Anja Chivukula's "Demystifying Conversational Relevance," 11/18/2022  
 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," 04/20/2019  
 USC Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member, 2019  
 USC Gathering for Philosophers in Southern California Volunteer (Mentor and Panel Member), 2018  
 Minnesota Philosophical Society Session Chair for Nicholas Tebben's "Assertions and their Function," 10/13/2018  
 Pacific APA Session Chair for Nurbay Irmak's "The Problem of Creation and Abstract Artifacts," 03/28/2018  
 Reed College Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter Cofounder and Co-organizer, 2016  
 Reed College Philosophical Society Signator (Organizer), 2016

**Advising**      **USC MAP Undergraduate Mentoring Program**

Albert Marghitoiu, 2023-2024  
 Zoey Contractor, 2022-2023  
 Brandon Dillard, 2022-2023

**Refereeing**      Ergo (×1), Grazer Philosophische Studien (×1), Journal of Applied Philosophy (×1), Inquiry (×3), NASSLLI Student Session (×3), Philosophical Studies (×3), Qeios (× 1), Synthese (×3), USC-UCLA Graduate Conference (×19)

**Other**      ["Alienation, Ambiguity, and Authenticity"](#)

**Writing**      APA Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies Newsletter, 2020

[APA Member Interview](#)

Blog of the APA, 2019

**Other**      Discussion Facilitator for USC Viterbi School of Engineering Ethos Project *Good*  
**Experience**      *Life* Luncheon Series, 2023-2024

Metaphysical Mayhem Graduate Student Workshop Participant, 2023  
 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (CFCP) Fellow, 2022-2023  
 USC Mentored Teaching Fellow, 2022-2023  
 NASSLLI Participant, 2018 and 2022  
 Harvard-ThinkerAnalytix Argument Mapping Summer Seminar Participant, 2021  
 WeSSLLI Participant, 2020  
 APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Participant, 2020  
 YALP Participant, 2018  
 Georgetown Active Materials Summer School Participant, 2017  
 Editor of Mark Bedau's *Rudiments of Logic* Answerbook, 2017  
 Reed College Logic Homework Grader, 2016  
 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  
 Indexer for Randolph Clarke's *Omissions: Agency, Metaphysics, and Responsibility*, 2013  
 Northeastern University Summer Training Program to Expand AI and Data Ethics Research Community Participant, 2024

- Affiliations** American Philosophical Association (2017–present)  
Phi Beta Kappa, Florida State University Chapter (2014–present)
- Funding** APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend ( $\times 3$ ); \$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  
Florida State University Undergraduate Research Assistantship in Humanities; \$1,000; 2013
- Graduate Coursework** **Political Philosophy**  
‘†’ indicates course audited  
Social Contract Theory and Utilitarianism, Sharon Lloyd, Spring 2022  
Global Inequality, Martha Nussbaum and David Weisbach, Winter 2021  
Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jonathan Quong, Spring 2020  
†Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jonathan 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, Jonathan Quong, Fall 2021  
What is Normativity?, Stephen Finlay, Spring 2018  
Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value, Jonathan 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, Jonathan 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

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