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Research interests

AOS Philosophy of language, epistemology, experimental philosophy

AOC Philosophy of mind, philosophical logic, metaphysics

Currently, I am working on a project which aims to unify the concept of **acceptance** as it is used in epistemology (especially in the ethics of belief debate and in philosophy of science and mathematics) and philosophy of language (especially in Stalnakerian pragmatics).

Education

- 2020 – 2025 **University of Warsaw** – Doctoral School of Humanities
Doctor of Philosophy, *cum laude*
Advisor: Professor Tadeusz Ciecierski.
Thesis: *Moore's Paradox in Language and Thought: Towards a Unified Strategy of Explanation*
External reviewers:
Alex Byrne, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mark McCullagh, University of Guelph
Krzysztof Poślajko, Jagiellonian University
- 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..*

Employment

- November 2025 – now **Jagiellonian University in Kraków** – Institute of Philosophy
Assistant Professor, Principal Investigator in the NCN SONATINA grant *Varieties of acceptance: towards a unified account of acceptance in epistemology and philosophy of language*.
- March 2025 – November 2025 **Jagiellonian University in Kraków** – Institute of Philosophy
researcher in NCN OPUS Grant *Polysemy of singular terms*, PI: Professor Katarzyna Kijania-Placek

Grants

- November 2025 – Present **SONATINA 9 Grant “Varieties of acceptance: towards a unified account of acceptance in epistemology and philosophy of language”**
Funded by National Science Center, 696 642 PLN (ca. 200 000 USD).
Principal Investigator.
- January 2022 – January 2025 **PRELUDIUM 20 Grant “Moore’s Paradox in language and thought: towards a unified strategy of explanation”**
Funded by National Science Center, 103 150 PLN (ca. 24000 USD).
Principal Investigator.

Awards and scholarships

- 2024 **“Polityka” Science Awards**, finalist (“Polityka” Weekly Journal Foundation)
5000 PLN (ca. 1300 USD)
- 2024 **START Stipend for Young Scholars** (Foundation for Polish Science)
30000 PLN (ca. 7800 USD)
- 2023 **Fulbright Junior Research Award** (Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission)
21485 USD
- 2019 **Scholarship of the Minister of Science and Higher Education** for outstanding scientific achievements (Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education)
17000 PLN (ca. 4000 USD)
- 2019 **Scholarship of the University of Warsaw Chancellor** for outstanding scientific achievements (University of Warsaw)
7000 PLN (ca. 1600 USD)

Research visits

- February 2027 – **University of California, Berkeley**
 June 2027 *Visiting Researcher, research under supervision of Seth Yalcin*
- April 2025 – **Institut Jean Nicod & Collège de France, Paris**
 June 2025 *France Excellence SSHN scholarship, research under supervision of François Recanati*
- October 2024 – **COGITO Epistemology Research Center, University of Glasgow**
 November 2024 *Foundation for Polish Science START travel scholarship, research under supervision of Christoph Kelp*
- September 2023 – **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
 – February 2024 *Fulbright Junior Researcher, research under supervision of Alex Byrne*
- January 2023 – **University of Turin**
 June 2023 *Erasmus+ Doctoral Scholarship, research under supervision of Jan Sprenger*

Articles

- 2026 **Knowing That One Believes Without Knowing That One Knows**
 Tarnowski, M.
Episteme, FirstView. <https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2026.10108>
- 2026 **Constitutive Norms of Assertion and the Common Ground, or how and why do we play the assertion game?**
 Tarnowski, M.
Review of Philosophy and Psychology, OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-026-00801-7>
- 2025 **Moore's Paradox and Doxastic Innocence.**
 Tarnowski, M.
Erkenntnis, OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-025-00983-z>
- 2025 **Knowing what one likes: epistemicist solution to faultless disagreement**
 Tarnowski, M.
Acta Analytica, 40. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-024-00593-4>
- 2023 **My religion preaches 'p', but I don't believe that p: Moore's Paradox in religious assertions**
 Tarnowski, M.
Religious Studies, FirstView. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034412523000938>

- 2023 **Davidsonian Metasemantics and Radical Interpretation**
Tarnowski, M.
Axiomathes (Global Philosophy) 33(2). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10516-023-09679-x>
- 2023 **Western Skeptic vs Indian Realist. Cross-Cultural Differences in Zebra Case Intuitions.**
Sekowski, K., Ziółkowski, A., Tarnowski, M.
Review of Philosophy and Psychology. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-021-00586-x>
- 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). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03917-2>
- 2022 **Knowledge by acquaintance and the transparency of introspection**
Tarnowski, M.
Przegląd Filozoficzny: Nowa Seria. In Polish. <https://doi.org/10.24425/pfns.2022.143864>
- 2022 **Words on Kripke's Puzzle**
Tarnowski, M., Głowacki, M.
Synthese, 200(4). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03769-w>
- 2022 **Proper Names as Demonstratives**
Tarnowski, M.
Argumenta, 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/202200.tar>
- 2022 **Proper Names as Demonstratives in Fiction**
Tarnowski, M.
Studia Semiotyczne, 36(1). <https://doi.org/10.26333/sts.xxxvi1.05>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.12775/SZHF.2021.011>

- 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. <https://doi.org/10.26913/avant.2021.03.02>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.26333/stsen.xxxi.04>
- 2020 **Pointing in One's Mind: Object-Dependent Thoughts and the Semantics of Complex Demonstratives**
Tarnowski, M.
Filozofia Nauki, 28(1). In Polish. <https://doi.org/10.14394/FILNAU.2020.004>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.26333/sts.xxxiii2.11>

Reviews:

- 2020 **What theory of action? On Michał Barcz's *Mechanics of Action***
Tarnowski, M.
Filozofia Nauki, 28(4). In Polish. <https://doi.org/10.14394/filnau.2020.0023>
- 2018 **Tradition: An Intellectual Museum or a Communication Structure? (Paweł Grad, *O pojęciu tradycji. Studium krytyczne kultury pamięci*)**
Tarnowski, M.
Civitas. Studia z filozofii polityki. In Polish. <https://doi.org/10.35757/CIV.2018.22.14>

Talks (selected)

- April 2026 "Acceptance, knowledge and conversational tone"
Negotiated Meanings, Norms, Cooperation, and Conflict in Linguistic Interaction, University of Szczecin

- November 2025 “The concept of *acceptance* in common ground pragmatics”
226th Meeting of Methodologico-Epistemological Izydora Dambaska Society, Jagiellonian University in Kraków (invited talk)
- July 2025 “The polysemy of *we*”
4th Annual Conference of the Philosophy of Language Association, University of Edinburgh (with Katarzyna Kijania-Placek)
also presented at: New Work on Reference, King’s College London, May 2025
- June 2025 “The Knobe Effect tripping over a rock? (Epistemic) Side-Effect Effect for unaware agents and inverse (Epistemic) Side-Effect Effect for non-human protagonists”
New – Experimental – Perspectives on Valence in Language Workshop, Université Paris-Sorbonne (with Adrian Ziółkowski)
also presented at: European Society of Philosophy and Psychology 2025 Conference, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, September 2025
- November 2024 “ $\neg K\neg K$ thesis and knowledge-first logic of belief”
Work in Progress Seminar, COGITO Epistemology Research Center, University of Glasgow (invited talk)
also presented at: Science & More Seminar, University of Turin, December 2024 (invited talk)
- August 2024 “Moorean non-assertoric speech acts”
7th Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference, Charles University in Prague
also presented at: 3rd Annual Conference of the Philosophy of Language Association, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September 2024
- August 2024 “Knowing that one believes without knowing that one knows”
2nd Analytic Philosophy Forum in Latvia, University of Latvia
also presented at: Seminar of Polish Semiotic Society, University of Warsaw, May 2024
- June 2024 “Knobe Effect is (probably) not what you think it is”
4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference, Jagiellonian University (with Adrian Ziółkowski)
- May 2023 “Moorean Lies”
PhiLang 2023, University of Łódź

- 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
 Comments by: Michael Potter, Cambridge
also presented at: SPLogic 2023, University of Campinas, February 2023; Science & More Seminar, University of Turin, March 2023 (invited talk); Work In Progress seminar, MIT, October 2023; APA Eastern, New York, January 2024
- 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”
6th Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference, University of Warsaw
also presented at: Nature of Belief, University of Warsaw, May 2023; COGITO Research Seminar, University of Bologna, June 2023 (invited talk)
- 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
 Comments by: Timothy Williamson, Oxford
- May 2021 “Proper Names and Demonstratives in Fiction”
PhiLang 2021 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
 Comments by: Stefano Predelli, Nottingham

Teaching experience

- Fall 2026 **Lecturer, Logic A (University of Warsaw)**
Lectures, conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: English
- Fall 2025 **Lecturer, Analytic Philosophy (University of Warsaw)**
Lectures, conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: English
Average student rating: 4.7/5.
- Spring 2024 **Instructor, Philosophy of Language II for Cognitive Science (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: Polish
Average student rating: 4.9/5.
- Fall 2022 **Instructor, Philosophy of Language (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: English
Average student rating: 5/5.
- Fall 2021 **Instructor, Philosophy of Language (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: English
Average student rating: 5/5.
- Fall 2020 **Instructor, Logic and Metaphysics A (University of Warsaw)**
Conducting tutorials, preparing teaching materials, grading.
Language of instruction: English
Average student rating: 4.8/5.

Work experience

- 2016 – Present **Public speaking and debating trainer** – freelance, 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.
- March – May 2023 **Consultant** – Indeeep Studios
I consulted the design of ethical dilemmas and mechanics in an unreleased video game.

- 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 two innovative curriculums for teaching rhetoric and scientific method. 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.

Professional memberships

- 2021 – Present Centre for Philosophical Research (OBF)
Regular member.
- 2025 – Present European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP)
Regular member.
- 2023 – 2024 American Philosophical Association (APA)
International member, Eastern Division.

Service to the profession

Editorial work

- 2026 **Special issue** of *Studia Semiotyczne* on anti-realism in philosophy of mind (with Agata Machcewicz-Grad)
Editorial Introduction: <http://doi.org/10.26333/sts.xxxix1.01>

Organized conferences and workshops

- September 2022 3rd Context, Cognition and Communication Conference
University of Warsaw
- September 2018 XVIII Logic Workshop (Warsztaty Logiczne) in Jachranka
University of Warsaw Logic Group

Reviewer

Acta Analytica, Discover Artificial Intelligence, Erkenntnis, Frontiers in Psychology, Journal of Indian Philosophy, Organon F (x2), Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Semiotica, Studia Semiotyczne, Synthese (x3)

Popular work

- 2026 Member of the final committee of the 37th Polish Philosophy Olympiad
Polish Philosophical Society (PTF)
- 2024 Interview in a podcast *Coopernicus* on analytic philosophy, social epistemology, and semantic and epistemic paradoxes
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xPsJKx5N08>
- 2024 Invited host of the Film Philosophical Meeting;
Kino Muranów, film: *Upon Entry* (2022)
- 2023 Popular article introducing philosophy to prospective university students;
Edukacja: Można Inaczej
<https://moznainaczej.edu.pl/po-co-ci-te-studia-filozofia/>
- 2022 Educational video on approaching philosophy-related topics in debating;
Krakowskie Stowarzyszenie Mówców and *Zadebatuj.pl*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-2ayNUFp0w>
- 2021 – 2022 Tutor at *Akademia Badaczy* (Scholars' Academy), cycle of academic skills trainings for students of University of Gdańsk;
Instytut Debaty Publicznej
- 2021 Interview with Nursulu Sagimbayeva on philosophy of language, mind and epistemic paradoxes;
Medium
<https://medium.com/@nurs.sagimbayeva/maciej-tarnowski-on-language-and-mind-epistemic-paradoxes-and-how-to-approach-them>
- 2019 Translation of Andrei Platonov's *On the first socialist tragedy* from Russian to Polish;
Mały Format.
<http://malyformat.com/2019/12/o-pierwszej-socjalistycznej-tragedii>

Skills

Software

LaTeX, Microsoft Office package, Canva, Qualtrics, LimeSurvey, Prolific
Data analysis in R (beginner)

Languages

Polish (native), English (fluent), Russian (intermediate)

Other interests and achievements

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 the University of Warsaw at numerous international competitions, including the European Universities Debating Championships (2019-2022) and World Universities Debating Championships (2022), where I became **the Grand Finalist in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) category**. I regularly adjudicate debating tournaments and conduct workshops devoted to this topic.