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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and cognitive science

Areas of Interest: Metaethics, metaphysics, social and political language, lying

Education

Columbia University Ph.D. in Philosophy Dissertation: “Linguistic Variation and Conventional Meaning”	2020 – 2025 (expected) New York, NY
University of Cambridge M.Phil. in History and Philosophy of Science, Distinction Dissertation: “Standing states, natural kinds, and the extended mind”	2018 – 2019 Cambridge, England
Williams College B.A. in Philosophy with Honors, Magna Cum Laude Thesis: “Phenomenal Intentionality and the Problem of Externalism”	2014 – 2018 Williamstown, MA

Publications

“Lying, hedging, and the norms of assertion,” *Synthese* 200 (2) (2022)

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- ‘Social Identity, Linguistic Injustice, and the Semantics of Variation’ (2x)
Identity and Difference: Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Fordham University, March 2023
15th Annual UAPA Graduate Conference, SUNY Albany, April 2023
- ‘Sociolinguistic Variation and Speaker Agency’
Agency and Intentions in Language 3, University of Goettingen and Harvey Mudd College (virtual poster presentation), March 2023
- ‘Functionalism, conscious availability, and the extended mind’
Kinds of Intelligence 2.0: Machine Minds, University of Cambridge, June 2019

Comments

- ‘Contested Metalinguistic Negotiations’ by Rachel Rudolph
American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2023
- ‘Lexical Negotiations’ by Ryan Miller
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, January 2022

Workshop Presentations

‘Linguistic Reform, Gradual Semantic Change, and Lexical Commitment’ (2x)

Words Workshop, University of Pittsburgh (virtual), October 2022

Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop, Columbia University, September 2022

‘Is the Universe Minimally Intelligible? Conceptual Transparency and Dual Carving’

Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop, Columbia University, October 2021

‘Lying, Hedging, and the Norms of Assertion’

Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop, Columbia University, March 2021

Teaching Assistant

Columbia University

Symbolic Logic (Achille Varzi) Spring 2023

Metaphysics (Achille Varzi) Fall 2022

Philosophy of Language (Melissa Fusco) Spring 2022

Introduction to Cognitive Science (John Morrison & Chris Baldassano) Fall 2021

Cognitive Science and Philosophy (John Morrison) Summer 2021

Williams College

Personal Identity (Bojana Mladenovic) Spring 2016

Service

Columbia University

Graduate Student Representative Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Chair, Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop Spring 2022 – present

Research Assistant for Prof. Katja Vogt Spring 2022

Organizer, 21st Annual Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference Spring 2021

Williams College

Student Representative to the Philosophy Department 2016 – 2018

Reviewer for: *Noûs* (2x)

Workshops and Summer Programs

Student, “Cognitive Phenomenology,” CEU Summer University, Budapest, Hungary, July 2019

Awards and Scholarships

Lina Kahn Prize (best graduate student paper in metaphysics)	Columbia University, April 2022
Sidney Morgenbesser Fellowship	Columbia University, March 2022
Dr. Herchel Smith Fellowship	Williams College, June 2018
Laszlo G. Versenyi Memorial Prize in Philosophy	Williams College, June 2018
Colin and Lilli Roche Student Research Fellowship	Williams College, Summer 2017

Graduate Coursework (full credit)

Semantics I	Chris Barker	New York University, Fall 2022
Independent Study: Meaning and Use	Karen Lewis	Columbia University, Fall 2022
Keeping Track of Conversations: Scoreboards, Semantics, and Psychology	Andy Egan, Elisabeth Camp, & Chris Barker	Rutgers University, Spring 2022
Hellenistic Philosophy	Katja Vogt	Columbia University, Spring 2022
Conditionals	Jessica Collins	Columbia University, Spring 2022
Conceptualizing the World	David Chalmers & Michael Strevens	New York University, Fall 2021
Moral Realism	Akeel Bilgrami	Columbia University, Fall 2021
Independent Study: Phenomenal Concepts	Jenann Ismael	Columbia University, Spring 2021
Feminist, Social, and Political Philosophy of Language	Karen Lewis	Columbia University, Spring 2021
Philosophies of War, Exile, and Peace in the 17 th Century	Aminah Hasan-Birdwell	Columbia University, Fall 2020
The Mind-Body Problem	Jenann Ismael	Columbia University, Fall 2020
The Value of Truth	Katja Vogt	Columbia University, Fall 2020

Graduate Coursework (registration credit/audited)

Diversity of Interpretation and Communicative Success	Una Stojnic, Ernie Lepore, Matthew Stone	Rutgers University, Spring 2023
Ordinary Language Philosophy	Karen Lewis & Wolfgang Mann	Columbia University, Spring 2023
Semantics and Rational Norms	Melissa Fusco	Columbia University, Fall 2022

Intentional Content and Music	Christopher Peacocke	Columbia University, Spring 2022
Practical Reason	Dhananjay Jagannathan	Columbia University, Spring 2022
The Metaphysics of Events	Achille Varzi	Columbia University, Fall 2021
Content and its Discontents	Melissa Fusco	Columbia University, Fall 2021
Moral Psychology	Patricia Kitcher & Francey Russell	Columbia University, Spring 2021
Freedom, Responsibility, and Determinism	Carol Rovane	Columbia University, Spring 2021
Nothingness: On What is Not	Achille Varzi & Graham Priest	Columbia University, Fall 2020
Proseminar in Philosophy	Achille Varzi	Columbia University, Fall 2020