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Employment

Cornell University, Sage School of Philosophy
Postdoctoral Associate, August 2026–present

Florida State University, Department of Philosophy
Dean's Postdoctoral Scholar, August 2025–July 2026

Education

University of Southern California
Ph.D., Philosophy, 2025
Dissertation: *Colonialism and Self-Respect*
Committee: Jon Quong (chair), John Hawthorne, Marcela Prieto Rudolphy, Mark Schroeder, and Anna Stilz

Northeastern University
Training Program to Expand the AI and Data Ethics Research Community (Intensive 9-Week Summer School) Participant, 2024

University of Chicago
M.A., Humanities (Concentration: Linguistics), 2021

Reed College
B.A., Philosophy, 2017

Academic Areas

Areas of Specialization
Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence
AI Ethics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Law

Papers

1. "A Contractualist Defense of Limited Moral Equality of Combatants"
   Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, 2026

2. "Colonial Injustice and Self-Respect"
   Philosophers' Imprint, 2026

3. "Self-Respect and Justice"
   Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 2026

4. "Graded Genericity"
   Philosophical Studies, 2025 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)

5. "What's Positive and Negative About Generics: A Constrained Indexical Approach"
   Philosophical Studies, 2022 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)

6. "A Functional Naturalism"
   Synthese, 2021

7. "Unable to Do the Impossible"
   Mind, 2020

8. "The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics"
   Philosophical Studies, 2020

9. "Can Hume Deny Reid's Dilemma?"
   Hume Studies, 2017

Under Review

A paper on self-determination and justice (R&R, political philosophy)
A paper on anticolonial just war theory (political philosophy)
A paper on colonialism's definition (political philosophy and metaphysics)
A paper on free will and disagreement (metaphysics and philosophy of language)

Talks

'∇' indicates talk invited

Self-Determination and Self-Respect
Northwest Philosophy Conference, 10/31/2026
∇Cornell University Sage School of Philosophy Colloquium, 08/28/2026
∇Hanyang University Department of Policy Studies Colloquium, 05/28/2026
Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, 02/07/2026
Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, 05/16/2025
UIUC Graduate Conference in Philosophy, 03/07/2025

The Moral Exploitation of Data Workers (with Conny Knieling)
Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, 10/02/2026
International Social Ontology Conference, 07/22/2026
∇Forging Successful AI Applications for European Economy and Society (FORSEE) Public Lecture at the American University of Armenia, 07/09/2026
∇Seoul National University Institute of Philosophy Colloquium, 05/26/2026
University of New Orleans AI and Philosophy Conference, 04/16/2026
USC AI Ethics and Data Ethics: Philosophy and Pedagogy Conference, 03/07/2026
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society New Orleans Meeting, 11/13/2025
∇FSU Scientific Computing Artifical Intelligence Seminar, 10/17/2025
∇Carnegie Mellon University AI Fairness and Ethics Workshop, 10/06/2025

Data Colonialism: The Rise of the Landless Empire
∇FSU Philosophy Department Brown Bag Talk, 04/10/2026
International Social Ontology Society Conference, 08/05/2025

Killing, Dying, and Decolonizing
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society New Orleans Meeting, 11/13/2025

Empire Strikes Differently: A Tale of Two Wrongs (with Philip Li)
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society London Meeting, 07/18/2025

The Colonizer Within: Negotiating Solidarity in Asian America
$^{\nabla}$APA Pacific Division Asian & Asian American American Philosophers & Philosophies Panel on Colonialism, Liberalism, and Anti-Asian Racism, 04/18/2025

Data Violence and Moral Exploitation (with Conny Knieling)
The New School for Social Research Graduate Conference on Violence, 03/21/2025

Self-Respect and Justice
RoME Congress Poster Session, 08/09/2024

Grounding the Wrong of Colonialism in Self-Respect
APA Pacific Division Colloquium, 03/21/2024
APA Central Division Diversity Institute Alumni Panel, 02/25/2023
Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/13/2022
$^{\nabla}$USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/28/2022
RoME Congress, 08/12/2022

A Contractualist Defense of Limited Moral Equality of Combatants
APA Central Division Colloquium, 02/24/2024
$^{\nabla}$USC Speculative Society Meeting, 02/18/2021

What to Believe and Consider About 'Believe' and 'Consider'
Brazilian Linguistics Association Linguistweets Conference, 12/05/2021
$^{\nabla}$Tokyo Forum of Analytic Philosophy, 11/24/2021
$^{\nabla}$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
Web Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (WeSSLLI) Virtual Student Session, 07/12/2020
$^{\nabla}$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
$^{\nabla}$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
$^{\nabla}$USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/11/2019

The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics
APA Central Division Colloquium, 02/21/2019
$^{\nabla}$USC Speculative Society Meeting, 11/28/2018
Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, 10/13/2018
$^{\nabla}$Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 05/09/2018

Unable to Do the Impossible
Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 02/17/2018
$^{\nabla}$Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 11/22/2017

On Habituals and Dispositions (with Troy Cross)
$^{\nabla}$Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) Workshop, 08/19/2016

Comments

Autumn Harris's "First-Person Authority, Gender, Circularity, and the Trans Inclusion Problem," Cornell-Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Workshop, 09/26/2026
Ahmet Aktas's "The Affective Challenges to Deliberative Democracy: Motivation Problem, Affective Affordances, and Civic Empowerment," Central APA Division Meeting, 02/20/2026
Tomasz Wysocki's "The Peculiar Context-Dependence of Disposition Ascriptions," Eastern APA Division Meeting, 01/07/2026
Patrick McKee's "Experience Machines and Experiencing Machines," Central APA Division Meeting, 02/20/2025
Henry Weiss's "Race as a Symptom of Injustice," RoME Congress, 08/10/2024
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's "Should an Ontological Pluralist be a Quantificational Pluralist?," Creighton Club Meeting, 09/07/2019

Funding

USC Arnold Endowed Fellowship; $40,000 (stipend); 2024–2025
USC Graduate School Research & Travel Award; $500, 2024
APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend (×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

Teaching

As Instructor

AI, Power, and Justice (mixed undergrad/grad seminar), Cornell, Spring 2027
Democracy and its Philosophical Challenges, Cornell, Spring 2027
Introduction to Political Philosophy, FSU, Spring 2026
Philosophy of Human Rights, FSU, Spring 2026
Introduction to Philosophy, FSU, Fall 2025
Philosophy of Law, FSU, Fall 2025
Ethics in the 21st Century: Business, Politics & Technology (×2); USC; Summers 2023 and 2025 (co-instructed in 2025 with Shu Wang)
Reasoning and Argument, USC, Spring 2024
Ethics, USC, Spring 2023

As Instructor at a Non-Credit Summer School or Other Short Program

AI Ethics: Data Privacy, Exploitation, and Colonialism, Yerevan Academy of Linguistics and Philosophy (YALP), Summer 2026
Introduction to Philosophy, USC Prison Education Project, Fall 2024
Feminist Views on Agency and Autonomy, YALP, Summer 2023
Philosophy, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Santa Cruz location, Summer 2022
Mathematical Proofs, CTY, Remote, Summer 2021
Logic for Philosophy, YALP, Summer 2019

As Guest Lecturer

Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice; USC; Fall 2023
Things and Stuff, YALP, Summer, 2018

As Teaching Assistant

Disagreement, Cornell (Department of Government), Fall 2026
Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice (×2); USC; Springs 2020 and 2022
Ethical Theory and Practice, USC, Spring 2019
Mathematical Logic (×2), CTY, Hong Kong location, Summers 2018 and 2019
Contemporary Moral and Social Issues, USC, Fall 2018
Logic: Principles of Reasoning (×2), CTY, Los Angeles location, Summer 2017

Graduate Coursework

'†' indicates course audited

Political Philosophy

Social Contract Theory and Utilitarianism, Sharon Lloyd, Spring 2022
Global Inequality, Martha Nussbaum and David Weisbach, Winter 2021
Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jon Quong, Spring 2020
†Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jon 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, Jon Quong, Fall 2021
What is Normativity, Stephen Finlay, Spring 2018
Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value, Jon 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, Jon 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

Advising

Honors in the Major Undergradute Thesis Advising
Sarah Gimbel, Cornell, Fall 2026–Spring 2027
Matteo Pankey, FSU, 2026 (officially in Spring 2026; unofficially in Fall 2026)

USC Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Undergraduate Mentoring
Jasmin Balasanian, 2024–2025
Margaret Mahoney, 2024–2025
Avery Sands, 2024–2025
Albert Marghitoiu, 2023–2024
Zoey Contractor, 2022–2023
Brandon Dillard, 2022–2023

Refereeing

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (×1), *Ergo* (×3), *Erkenntnis* (×1), *Grazer Philosophische Studien* (×1), *Inquiry* (×3), *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (×1), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (×3), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (×1), *Linguistics and Philosophy* (×2), NASSLLI Student Session (×3), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (×1), *Philosophical Exchange* (×2), *Philosophical Quarterly* (×1), *Philosophical Studies* (×4), *Philosophy* (×1), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (×1), *Qeios* (×1), *Synthese* (×3), USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy (×23)

Other Service

FSU MAP Chapter Co-organizer, 2025–2026
FSU Werkmeister Conference Chair for Jed Lewinsohn's "The Conceptual Priority of Debt: Against the Orthodoxy on Exchange and Money," 2026
Florida Philosophical Association Conference Chair for Micah Summers and Joseph Masotti's "Can There Be a Greatest Conceivable Being?" 2026
CFCP Conference on Emerging Technologies as Social Goods Co-organizer, 2025
CFCP Conference Chair for Joseph Larse's "Valuing Internet Relationships," 2025
CFCP Conference Chair for Aleksandra Kornienko's "Emotional Support without Emotions: can ChatGPT be a Good Therapist?" 2025
Pacific APA Asian & Asian American American Philosophers & Philosophies Committee Organizer of "Colonialism, Liberalism, and Anti-Asian Racism" Panel, 2025
USC MAP Chapter Organizer, 2024–2025
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 Chair for Paul Garofolo's "Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics," 2022
USC-Shandong Conference Chair for Anja Chivukula's "Demystifying Conversational Relevance," 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," 2019
USC Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member, 2019
USC Gathering for Philosophers in Southern California Volunteer (Mentor and Panel Member), 2018
Minnesota Philosophical Society Chair for Nicholas Tebben's "Assertions and their Function," 2018
Pacific APA Chair for Nurbay Irmak's "The Problem of Creation and Abstract Artifacts," 2018
Reed College MAP Chapter Cofounder and Co-organizer, 2016
Reed College Philosophical Society Signator (Organizer), 2016

Professional Development

International Social Ontology Society Summer School Participant, 2026
Yale University Life Worth Living Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, 2025
AAPT Teaching & Learning in Philosophy Summer Seminar Participant, 2024
Metaphysical Mayhem Participant, 2023
USC Mentored Teaching Fellow, 2022–2023
North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI) Participant (×2); 2018 and 2022
Harvard-ThinkerAnalytix Argument Mapping Summer Seminar Participant, 2021
WeSSLLI Participant, 2020
APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Participant, 2020
USC Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute Participant, 2019
YALP Participant, 2018
Georgetown Active Materials Summer School Participant, 2017
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

Other Writing

"From Bloody Hell to Landless Empire"
Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (CFCP) Blog, 2024

"Alienation, Ambiguity, and Authenticity"
APA Asian & Asian American Philosophers & Philosophies Newsletter, 2020

APA Member Interview
Blog of the APA, 2019

Other Experience

CFCP Graduate Student Fellow, 2022–2025
Discussion Facilitator for USC Viterbi School of Engineering's *Good Life* Luncheon Series, 2023–2025
Stanford University Code in Place Participant, 2024
Editor of Mark Bedau's *Rudiments of Logic* Answerbook, 2017
Reed College Logic Homework Grader, 2016
Indexer for Randolph Clarke's *Omissions*, 2013

Affiliations

American Philosophical Association, 2017–present
American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 2024–present
American Political Science Association, 2024–present
Association for Political Theory, 2024–present
International Social Ontology Society, 2025–present
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2025–present

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