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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND AREAS OF COMPETENCE

AOS: Philosophy of Cognitive Science; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophical Psychology.

AOC: Social Philosophy; American Pragmatism.

EMPLOYMENT

- **Postdoctoral Researcher. Purdue University**, Department of Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts. — 2022–

- **Visiting Researcher. Ruhr University Bochum**, Research and Training Group 'Situated Cognition'/Institute for Philosophy II. — 2021

- **Postdoctoral Researcher. University of Bologna**, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies. — 2018–2020

- **Professional Translator** (from French to Italian). **Ombre Corte**, Verona. — 2014–2015

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Philosophy (*Passed with no corrections*). University of Bologna**, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies.
  Dissertation: The Problem of Representation Between Extended and Enactive Approaches to Cognition. — 2014–2018

- **Visiting Ph.D. student. University of Memphis**, Department of Philosophy. — 2016

- **Master's degree in Philosophy (*Summa cum laude*). State University of Milan**, Department of Philosophy. — 2011–2014

- **Erasmus student. Université Paris IV-Sorbonne**, Department of Philosophy. — 2011–2012

- **Bachelor's degree in Philosophy (*Summa cum laude*). State University of Milan**, Department of Philosophy. — 2008–2011

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles and chapters

1. (2024). Norm-induced forgetting: When social norms induce us to forget. *Philosophical psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2024.2352549.

2. (2024). Not so blue to be sad: Affective affordances and expressive properties in affective regulation. *Topoi*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-024-10037-8. (with Marta Benenti)

3. (2023). Enactive memory. In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies* (L. Bietti & M. Pogacar, eds.). Cham: Palgrave MacMillan.

4. (2021). Are forgotten memories literal experiences of absences? Episodic forgetting and metacognitive feelings. *Acta Scientiarum. Human and Social Sciences, 43*(3), 1–15.

5. (2021). An exploration into enactive forms of forgetting. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, 20*(4), 703–722.

6. (2020). When affective relation weighs more than the mug handle: Investigating affective affordances. *Frontiers in Psychology, 11*, 1928. (with Claudia Scorolli)

7. (2020). La proposition expressiviste de Steiner et l'énactivisme. Divergences et convergences. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, 12*(1), 1–10.

8. (2019). The threshold of representations. Integrating semiotics and the cognitive Sciences. *VS, 128*(1): 157–174.

9. (2018). Une rencontre entre la philosophie et la sémiotique de Peirce, l'énactivisme et l'esprit étendu. *Interrogations, 27.*

10. (2015). La nozione di 'mente estesa' tra scienze cognitive, semiotica e pragmatismo. Alcune riflessioni a partire dal tema del linguaggio. *Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language,* Special Issue: 139–151.

Commentaries and reviews

11. (2023). From phenomenology to traces: Inferring memory mechanisms. *Constructivist Foundations,* 19(1): 70–72. (With Sarah Robins)

12. (2023). Book review of A. Sant'Anna, C. J., McCarroll, K. Michaelian (eds.) *Current Controversies in Philosophy of Memory*. London/New York: Routledge. *Memory Studies, 16*(4), 1020–1023.

Book translation

13. (2018). Gilles Deleuze, Il Potere. Corso su Michel Foucault (1985- 1986)/2. Verona: Ombre Corte (2018). (Translation from French to Italian; with Marta Benenti)

Other pieces and public-facing philosophy

14. (2024). The art of memory: Interview with Becky Moon. *The Memory Palace blog*. (Blog post)

15. (2023). Interview with Shaun Gallagher. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, 15*(2). (With Guido Baggio and Shaun Gallagher)

16. (2017). The Pragmatist Attitude. Habits, Practices, and Gestures in a Pluralistic Landscape. *In Circolo, 4,* 1–9. (Conference report)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- A paper on the role of memories and emotions in the process of forgiveness. (With Chris McCarroll)
- A paper on the influence of social norms on memory failures.
- A paper on the nature of memory traces and cued retrieval. (With Sarah Robins)
- A handbook chapter on memory failures. (With Sarah Robins, Under contract with Oxford University Press)
- A critical review paper on philosophical and psychological research on forgetting.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, COLLOQUIA, SEMINARS, AND COMMENTS

(†=invited)

1. (Upcoming, 2024). 'When memory goes wrong: The role of social norms in memory failure'. Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Université Grenoble Alpes.
2. (Upcoming, 20204). Commentator in the symposium on Felipe De Brigard's book *Memory and Remembering* (2023, Cambridge University Press). Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4, University of Geneva. †
3. (Upcoming, 20204). 'Forgiving unbound: Manipulating memory and emotion through the material world'. Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4, University of Geneva. (With Chris McCarroll).
4. (Upcoming, 2024). 'Memory cues as window to memory content. A critique of trace minimalism'. Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4, University of Geneva. (With Sarah Robins).
5. (Upcoming, 2024). 'Memory cues as window to memory content. A critique of trace minimalism'. Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Purdue University. (With Sarah Robins).
6. (Upcoming, 2024). Affective affordances, emotion regulation, and aesthetics. 'Habits and affordances' workshop. Roma Tre University. (With Marta Benenti). †
7. (2024). 'Enactive memory'. The International Memory Reading Group. Online. †
8. (2024). 'Memory failures in real life: How social norms mess up out memories' Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati.
9. (2023). 'How social norms mess up our memories'. Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium, Ruhr University Bochum & Université Grenoble Alpes, Online. †
10. (2023). 'Norm-induced forgetting'. 'Experiences of Loss' hybrid workshop. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. †
11. (2023). 'Norms as memory scaffolds. The case of norms-induced forgetting'. Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh.
12. (2023). 'I see you're not there….or maybe I don't. Explaining memory absences'. St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association. †
13. (2023). 'Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction'. Internal Seminar, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes (With Anco Peeters). †

(Conference presentations, colloquia, seminars, and comments, continued)

14. (2022). Comments on Andrew Todd Ramirez's paper 'Awareness in Cognition and Perception'. Indiana Philosophical Association.

15. (2022). Panel discussion 'Are we smart enough to understand our brains?'. Neurizons 2022. Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Göttingen. †

16. (2022). 'Are affectively silent objects affective affordances? Expressive properties and emotion regulation'. Symposium on Affect and Technology, Midterm conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Science, University of Parma (With Marta Benenti).

17. (2022). 'Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction'. Online workshop 4E Cognition and Memory. Ruhr University Bochum & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (With Anco Peeters).†

18. (2022). 'Rappresentazioni mentali e dimenticanza episodica'. Workshop Rappresentazione tra Filosofia, Scienze Cognitive e Psicologia, University of Roma Tre. †

19. (2021). 'Enactive memory loss'. Philosophy of Language Seminar, Ruhr University Bochum. †

20. (2021). Conference commentary on N. Figuereido's talk 'Naturalized language: The intertwining between action and verbal language in linguistic enactivism'. 1rst South American Colloquium on Naturalism and Experimental Philosophy, Universidade de Caxias do Sul, Online. †

21. (2021). 'Are forgotten memories experiences of absences?'. Conference: Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2.5, Co-organized by the Université Grenoble Alpes, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Jagiellonian University through the Philosophy of Memory Organization, Online.

22. (2021). 'Affording affectivity: affective affordances between perception and memory'. Interdisciplinary Reading Club: Recent Debates on Animal Cognition & Child Development – RTG Situated Cognition, Ruhr University Bochum & Osnabrück University, Online. †

23. (2021). 'Do you see just the mug handle? Let's take a look at affective affordances too!' (with Claudia Scorolli). 8th MindBrainBody Symposium, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Online (With Claudia Scorolli).

24. (2020). 'Untangling forgetting. An enactive proposal'. Bochum-Grenoble Memory Virtual Colloquium, Ruhr University Bochum & Université Grenoble Alpes, Online. †

25. (2020). 'Ricordare la dimenticanza. Una proposta enattivista'. Annual Conference of the Pragma Association, Online. †

26. (2020). (Canceled due to the COVID Pandemic.) 'Creativity, memory, and emotion-regulation. An enactive approach'. Conference: Creativity and Improvisation in Thought, Practice, and Mind, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

27. (2020). (Canceled due to the COVID Pandemic). 'Representation-hunger. A pragmatist conceptual analysis'. Conference: Cognitive Science meets the Humanities, Italian Association of Cognitive Science (AISC) Midterm Conference, University of Parma.

28. (2020). 'The philosophy of forgetting. An enactive approach'. Internal Seminar, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes.

29. (2019). 'Enactive-distributed forgetting. An exploration into cognitive and affective aspects of memory loss'. Conference: Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Université Grenoble Alpes.

(Conference presentations, colloquia, seminars, and comments, continued)

30. (2019). 'Semiotic artifacts for extended cognition'. Conference: Embodied creativity: the role of performativity, University of Bologna. †

31. (2019). 'Diagrams for extended cognition'. Workshop: The philosophy of notation: operational iconicity and observational advantages in diagrams, University of Bologna.

32. (2018). 'Affordances for extended affectivity'. Workshop: Investigating the mind: Pain, emotions and affective disorders, Ruhr University Bochum.

33. (2018). 'Emotions out there. Affect and the extended mind hypothesis'. 5th Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Tallinn University (with Marta Benenti),

34. (2017). 'The extended mind and the emotional life of objects' (with Marta Benenti). Workshop: Social cognition, emotion and joint action, Ruhr University Bochum.

35. (2017). 'Extended and enactivist approaches to cognition: Peircean interventions'. Conference: The Pragmatist attitude. Habits, practices, and gestures in a pluralistic landscape, University of Milan.†

36. (2017). '(En)acting salience. Meaningful action in context'. Conference: Performative dimensions in cognitive science, University of Messina. †

37. (2017). 'Non-representationalist approaches to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)

38. (2016). 'Mapping embodied cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)

39. (2016). 'A semiotic turn in cognitive science?'. Conference: 2nd Conference of the International Association for Cognitive Semiotics (IACS), Marie Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS), Lublin.

40. (2016). 'Extending artifacts'. Embodied Cognition Seminar, University of Memphis. (Internal)

41. (2016). 'Pragmatism and postclassical cognitive science. A philosophical encounter between Peircean pragmatism and enactivism'. Conference: 16thInternational Meeting on Pragmatism, PUC-São Paulo.

42. (2015). 'Pragmatism and enaction. For a Peircean account of cognition and the mind'. Second European Pragmatism Conference, EHESS-ENS, Paris.

43. (2015). Commentary on G. Maddalena's talk 'Intuition and indexicality. Looking for synthetic reasoning'. Monthly Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, State University of Milan. †

44. (2104). 'A pragmatic approach to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)

45. (2014). 'The role of material symbols in Clark's extended mind theory. A philosophical critique from Peirce's semiotics'. Workshop: The actuality of Peirce's thought, University of Lisbon.

46. (2014). 'La mente estesa e l'argomento del linguaggio: una prospettiva Peirceana'. Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Philosophy of Language, University of Bologna.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

• Travel Grant, Philosophy of Memory Organization	2024
• Travel Grant, Purdue University	2024
• Travel Grant, Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2023

(Fellowships and grants, continued)

• Visiting fellowship, Ruhr University Bochum Research School	2021
• Visiting fellowship, Ruhr University Bochum/RTG Situated Cognition	2021
• Postdoctoral fellowship, University of Bologna	2018–2020
• Conference participation grant, Université Grenoble Alpes	2019
• Conference participation grant, Ruhr University Bochum	2017
• Extra funding for international mobility, University of Bologna	2016
• Conference participation grant, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo	2015
• PhD fellowship, Italian Ministry of Higher Education/University of Bologna	2014–2017
• INPS fellowships for master students, National scholarship (Italy)	2012–2013
• Erasmus grant, University of Milan/Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne	2011–2012

AWARDS

- **Early career researcher prize (2019)**
  Université Grenoble Alpes/Centre for Philosophy of Memory

TEACHING, STUDENT SUPERVISION, AND MENTORING

A. Courses

- **Upper-level undergraduate course: Studies in Cognitive Science** — Upcoming, Fall 2024
  Purdue University. (New course design)

- **Undergraduate course: Philosophy of Memory** — 2024
  Purdue University (With Sarah Robins, New course design)

B. Invited lectures

- **PhD seminar: Philosophy of Cognitive Science** — 2023
  Purdue University
  Lecture: "Episodic memory and its functions"

- **Undergraduate course: Philosophy of Fun** — 2023
  Purdue University
  Lecture: "Embodied fun: ritual and dance"

- **PhD seminar: Philosophy of Mind** — 2023
  University of Memphis
  Lecture: "Representations in cognitive science"

- **Interdisciplinary Reading Club: Recent Debates on Animal Cognition & Child Development.** Elective course for Master and PhD students in Philosophy and Cognitive Science — 2021
  Ruhr University Bochum
  Lecture: "Affording affectivity: affective affordances between perception and memory"

(Teaching, student supervision, and mentoring)

- **Master in Semiotics and Philosophy of Language**   2018
  University of Bologna

  Lecture: "Introduction to the philosophy of cognitive science"

- **Master in Semiotics and Philosophy of Language**   2017
  University of Bologna
  Lecture: "Extended and embodied approaches to cognition"

- **Master in Semiotics and Philosophy of Language**   2016
  University of Bologna
  Lecture: "Introduction to the philosophy of embodied cognitive science"

- **Bachelor's course in Theoretical Philosophy**   2015
  State University of Milan
  Lecture: "Introduction to Gilles Deleuze"

- **Tutorial in Theoretical Philosophy**   2014
  State University of Milan
  Lecture: "Introduction to Charles Sanders Peirce"

C. Master thesis Supervision
- **Second Supervisor:** Master's thesis on neural and mental representations   2017
  University of Bologna

D. Ph.D. Mentoring
- **Informal Mentoring of students from underrepresented groups:**   2023–
  Research-oriented and professional mentoring of 1 Ph.D. student at Purdue
  University and 1 Ph.D. student at the Ruhr University Bochum.

- **Ad-hoc Mentoring.** Research-oriented mentoring of 3 Ph.D. students in   2021
  Philosophy and Cognitive Science, as part of my fellowship sponsored by the
  DFG-Funded Research and Training Group Situated Cognition, Ruhr
  University Bochum and Osnabrück University

E. Committee member
- **Master's Thesis Defense.** Master's degree in Semiotics and Philosophy of   2017
  Language
  University of Bologna

- **Final Exams in Theoretical Philosophy.** Bachelor's degree in Philosophy   2015
  State University of Milan

F. Other teaching-oriented activities
- **Panelist: "Are we smart enough to understand our brains?"**   2022
  Invited speaker in a multidisciplinary panel on current topics in the
  philosophy of mind and cognitive science. Target audience: Master's and PhD
  Students in Neuroscience
  Max-Plank Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Göttingen

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

A. Organization of conferences and workshops

- Co-organizer of the 'Midwest Memory Mayhem. A One-day Integrative Workshop for Philosophers and Scientists of Memory', Purdue University. — 2024

- Co-organizer of the hybrid workshop 'Experiences of Loss: An Interdisciplinary Exploration', Vrije University Amsterdam. — 2023

- Co-organizer of the online workshop '4E Cognition and Memory', Ruhr University Bochum & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. — 2022

- Co-organizer of the conference 'Embodied creativity: the role of performativity', University of Bologna. — 2019

- Organizing committee member of the '14th Conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences', University of Bologna. — 2017

B. Organization of seminars, reading groups, and summer schools

- Co-organizer of the reading group 'Norms and moral psychology', Purdue University. — 2022

- Co-organizer of the online reading group 'Embodied memory', Ruhr University Bochum. — 2021–2022

- Co-organizer of the summer school 'Enactive cognition and narrative practices', University of Bologna. — 2019

- Co-organizer of the 'SERIC Research Seminar Series', University of Bologna. — 2018–2020

C. Peer-review and editorial service

- **Referee for academic journals:**

  Philosophical Psychology (x8)
  Synthese (x3)
  Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences (x2)
  Frontiers in Psychology (x2)
  Phenomenology and Mind (x2)
  European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy (x2)
  Memory Studies
  Acta Analytica
  Topoi
  Philosophy and the Mind Sciences
  Memory, Mind and Media
  Constructivist Foundations
  Estudios de Filosofia
  The Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind, and the Arts
  Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language
  VS: Quaderni di Studi Semiotici
  Noema
  RHV: An International Journal of Philosophy

(Peer-review and editorial service, continued)

- **Referee for conferences and workshops:**
  Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
  1st Conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences
  2nd Conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences
  4th Bochum Early Career Researchers Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind
  5th Bochum Early Career Researchers Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind
  CogSci 2024, Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society
  Purdue Undergraduate conference

- **Editor and editorial board member:**
  Book Reviews and Critical Notices Section Editor for *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*

  Review Editor and Member of the Editorial Board of *Frontiers in Psychology,* 'Cognitive Science' Section

- **Expert evaluator of third-party funded research:**
  MFP COFUND Doctoral Programme, Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action funded by the Horizon 2020 program at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (2020, 2021)

D. Outreach

- Co-founder and collaborator of the *The Memory Palace Blog,* dedicated to disseminating research on memory to philosophers and to the general public (With Sarah Robins, from Spring 2024).

- Newsletter content editor for *Associazione Pragma,* dedicated to disseminating research on Pragmatism and American Philosophy to philosophers and to the general public (2014–2016).

ONGOING SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS

• Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (Prof. Sarah Robins, Post-doc Mentor and Co-author).	USA
• Mind & Cognition Research Group, Purdue University.	USA
• Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Prof. Christopher McCarroll, Co-author).	Taiwan
• Department of Philosophy, Universidad de Murcia (Dr. Marta Benenti, Co-author).	Spain
• Co-founder and member of the Experiences of Loss Research Group, involving: Department of Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Prof. Sabrina Coninx); Department of Philosophy, Macquarie University (Dr. Regina Fabry); Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, McGill University (Dr. Peter Stilwell).	Netherlands Australia Canada

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native; **English:** fluent**; French:** professional competence; **Spanish:** intermediate; **Latin:** basic translations skills.