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## Research Interests

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### Areas of Specialization

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Epistemology, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Science

### Areas of Competence

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Social Philosophy (esp. social ontology and group agency), Philosophy of Law

## Academic Employment

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- **Assistant Professor** **Iowa City, IA**  
*University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy* 2026-
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate: Philosophy of AI** **West Lafayette, IN**  
*Purdue University, Department of Philosophy* 2025-2026

## Education

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- **Stanford University** **Stanford, CA**  
*Ph.D. in Philosophy* 2019-2025 (expected)  
**Dissertation:** *Making Up Our Minds: Cooperation, Inquiry, and Intention*  
**Committee:** Michael Bratman (co-chair), Krista Lawlor (co-chair), Antonia Peacocke, Jane Friedman
- **New York University** **New York, NY**  
*Visiting Graduate Student* Fall 2023
- **Brandeis University** **Waltham, MA**  
*M.A. in Philosophy* 2018
- **Johns Hopkins University** **Baltimore, MD**  
*B.A./M.A. in Philosophy (Departmental Honors)* 2017

## Papers

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### Publications

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- "Cooperation and Shared Inquiry" (forthcoming). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- "Expert Judgment: Overlooked Epistemic Reasons" w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher (forthcoming). *The Epistemology of Experts* (eds.) Peter Brössel, Anna-Maria Astuna-Eder, and Thomas Grundmann.
- "Zetetic Rights and Wrong(ings)" (2025). *Philosophical Quarterly*
- "Intentions and Inquiry" (2025). *Mind*, 134 (533), 85–106.
- "Scientific Disagreements, Fast Science, and Higher-Order Evidence" w/ Dunja Šešelja (2023). *Philosophy of Science*, 90(4), 937–957.

### Under Review

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- Paper on sharing inquiry with AI (R&R, *Synthese*)
- Paper on unpossessed evidence
- Paper on two errors in shared inquiry
- Paper on normative defeat
- Paper on AI scientific discovery w/ Eamon Duede
- Paper on the epistemic merits of deliberation in science w/ Eamon Duede

- Paper on the social structure of epistemically successful science w/ Eamon Duede

### In Preparation.....

- Paper on the termination of shared action
- Paper on the value of shared inquiry (draft available upon request)
- Paper on AI interpretability w/ Eamon Duede (draft)
- Paper on scaling up explanations of social phenomena by appeal to individual mental attitudes
- Paper on self-effacing features of social instrumentalist accounts of epistemic normativity
- Paper on the social and ethical costs of “collaborative workplaces”
- Paper on deception detection in AI w/ James Evans, Austin Kozlowski, and Eamon Duede

## Talks

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\*=refereed, †=invited

- **The End of (Shared) Action**
  - Planning Workshop<sup>†</sup> (*Stanford University*) 2026
- **Explaining Scientific Success: Neither Institutional nor Individual, but Interpersonal** w/ Eamon Duede
  - Chicago Talks on Agency<sup>†</sup> (*University of Chicago*) 2026
- **Deception in Large Language Models: A Three-Level Framework for Detection and Steering** w/ James Evans, Austin Kozlowski, and Eamon Duede
  - Knowledge Lab (*University of Chicago*) 2026
- **Interpretability Needs Ecologically Sensitive Behavioral Analysis** w/ Eamon Duede
  - Cognition, Agency, and Intelligence Center Brownbag Workshop (*Purdue University*) 2025
- **Two Kinds of Error in Shared Inquiry**
  - ULaval Everything Agency Conference\* (*Laval University*) 2025
- **The Costs of Cooperation**
  - Normative Business Ethics Workshop\* (*Zicklin Center, University of Pennsylvania*) 2025
- **Expert Judgment: Overlooked Epistemic Reasons** (w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher)
  - Expert Judgment Lecture Series<sup>†</sup> (*Remote*) 2024
- **Evolving the (Epistemic) Community: Or Why We Need Conspiracy Theorists**
  - Social Epistemology Network 3\* (*Cogito Epistemology Research Centre*) 2023
- **Scaling-Up Shared Action**
  - Social Ontology 2023\* (*Stockholm University*) 2023
- **Towards Epistemically Responsible ‘Fact-checking’** (w/ Dunja Šešelja & Will Fleisher)
  - The Nature and Normativity of Inquiry<sup>†</sup> (*UNED & Complutense University*) 2023
  - Inquiry Network<sup>†</sup> (*Remote*) 2022
- **Reasoning Together**
  - Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy\* (*Bard College*) 2023
  - Social Ontology 2022\* (declined due to illness) (*University of Vienna, Remote*) 2022
- **Zetetic Rights and Wrong (ings)**
  - APA Pacific Division Meeting—Symposium Session\* (*San Francisco, CA*) 2023
- **The Ethics of Using AI in an EdTech Platform: Challenges and Paths Forward** (panelist w/ Dora Demszky & Drew Bent)
  - Ed-Tech Ethics Workshop (*Stanford University*) 2023
- **Shared Inquiry and Cooperation**
  - Uppsala Epistemology Workshop\* (*Uppsala University*) 2022
  - Testimony Workshop<sup>†</sup> (*Stanford, CA*) 2022
  - Young Career Epistemologists Workshop\* (*Remote*) 2021
  - Social Ontology 2021\* (*UC San Diego, Remote*) 2021
- **Scientific Disagreements, Fast Science and Higher-Order Evidence** (w/ Dunja Šešelja)
  - Philosophical Perspectives on COVID-19\* (*University of Johannesburg, Remote*) 2021

### Comments and Other Participation.....

- **Intentions and AI Workshop**
  - Early-Career Scholar\* (*Chapman University*) 2025
- **Chicago Talks on Agency**

- Commentator-at-large<sup>†</sup> (*University of Chicago*) 2025
- **Inquiry Workshop**
- Commentator-at-large<sup>†</sup> (*Brown University*) 2024
- **Logins: Inquiry and Reasons**
- APA Pacific Division Meeting<sup>†</sup> (*Portland, OR*) 2024
- **Bhargava: Social Media, Off-Duty Laudatory Conduct, and Employment**
- Blame and Forgiveness at Work<sup>†</sup> (*Saint Mary's College*) 2024
- **Šešelja and Fleisher: Collective Epistemic Responsibility**
- The Nature of Inquiry Conference\* (*Agnes Scott College*) 2020

## Teaching

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### As Primary Instructor.....

- **Stanford University**
- Striving and the Nature of Belief w/ Michael Bratman (Winter 2025)
- Collective Epistemology and Shared Inquiry w/ Michael Bratman (Spring 2024)
- Thinking Together: Deliberation, Collaboration, and Instagram? (Winter 2022)
- **Brandeis University**
- Critical Reading and Writing: English Language Programs (2017-2018)

### As Teaching Assistant.....

- **Stanford University**
- Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Spring 2025, Taylor Madigan)
- Philosophy of Action (Fall 2022, Michael Bratman)
- Mind, Matter, and Meaning (Spring 2022, Jared Warren)
- Philosophy of Law (Fall 2021, Michael Bratman)
- Contemporary Moral Problems (Spring 2021, Todd Karhu)
- Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2020, Hyoung-Sung Kim)
- **Harvard Summer School**
- Introduction to Philosophy, (Summer 2018, Andreas Teuber)
- **Brandeis University**
- Neuroethics, (Fall 2018, Brendan Cline)
- Philosophy of Law, (Spring 2018, Andreas Teuber)
- Aesthetics, (Spring 2018, Andreas Teuber)
- Introduction to Philosophy, (Fall 2018, Andreas Teuber)

## Service & Experience

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### To the Profession.....

- Reviewer (\* indicates multiple times): *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*\*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Episteme*\*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Management*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Synthese*\*, *Thought*
- Editorial Assistant: *Responsibility & The Demands of Morality: Collected Papers of Stephen J. White*, (eds.) Kyla Ebbels-Duggan and Berislav Marušić.

### Stanford University.....

- Conference Organization:
  - *Bratmania: A Conference in Honor of Michael Bratman's Work & Mentorship*, (2024)
  - *Subjects, Power, and Knowledge: Critical Perspectives on the Philosophy of Helen Longino* (2024)
- Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Stanford Philosophy Directed Reading Program (2021–2023)
- Co-Founder (2023) *Calliope*: Stanford Philosophy Writing Workshop
- Research Assistant, Deliberative Democracy Lab (2022–2023)
- Co-Organizer, Stanford University EdTech Ethics Workshop (2022–2023)
- Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Stanford Working Action Group (2021–2023)
- Ethics & Society Review Panelist, Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (2022)
- Advisory Board Member, Stanford University Ethics, Society, and Technology Hub (2020–2023)
- Writing in the Major Fellow, "Deliberative Democracy and its Critics" Professor James Fishkin (Spring 2021)
- Faculty-Student Representative, Philosophy Department (2021–2022)

- Co-President, Hume Society (2020–2021)
- Research Assistant, Professor Michael Bratman (2019)

### Brandeis University.....

- Faculty-Student Representative, Philosophy Department (2018)
- Research Assistant, Professor Berislav Marušić (2018)
- Organizer, Graduate Student Speaker Series (2018)
- Organizer, Summer Writing Workshop (Summer 2018)
- Founder & Organizer, Epistemology Reading Group
  - *Ernest Sosa: Virtue Epistemology: Apt Belief and Reflective Knowledge* (Fall 2018)
  - *Susanna Rinard: Pragmatism, Credal Imprecision, and Skepticism* (Spring 2018)
  - *Self-Knowledge* (Fall 2017)

## Awards and Honors

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### Stanford University.....

- Ric Weiland Graduate Fellow in the Humanities & Sciences (2022-2024)
- McCoy Ethics in Society Center Graduate Fellow (2021-2022)

### Brandeis University.....

- \$10,000 Merit Scholarship (2017)

### Johns Hopkins University.....

- Dean's Undergraduate Research Award (2016)
- JHU Research Day, Invited by Professor Nandi Theunissen (2015)

## Language

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English: Native Proficiency Hungarian: Native Proficiency  
 French: Intermediate Reading and Writing

## References

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