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## Education

### University of Southern California

Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy (Expected 2025)

Dissertation: *Varieties of Deception*

Committee: Robin Jeshion (chair), John Hawthorne, Zoë Johnson King, and Jon Quong

### Reed College

B.A., Philosophy, 2017

Thesis: *From Intention to Public Language*, advised by Mark Hinchliff

## Academic Interests

### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Ethics, Social Philosophy, Metaphysics

### Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law, Applied Ethics, Logic

## Publications

“Lying with Slurs and Other Evaluative Terms”

*Analysis*, forthcoming.

“The Wrong of Lying and the Good of Language”

*Ethics* 133 (4): 558-572, 2023.

## Under Review

“A Puzzle of Metaphysical Ungroundedness” (R&R: Major Revisions at *Thought*)

“Lying with ‘Ouch!’ and ‘Oops!’”

“Reasons Why and Ways How” (with Troy Cross)

“Intentional Deception Without the Intent to Deceive”

## Academic Awards & Fellowships

Sanders Graduate Student Award, 2024

For one of three best papers submitted to the Eastern APA in mind, metaphysics, epistemology, or ethics for “Lying with ‘Ouch’ and ‘Oops!’”

USC Summer Research and Writing Grant, Summer 2022

Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project Fellow, 2020-2021

USC Dana & David Dornsife Graduate School Fellowship, 2018-2023

Reed College Ruby-Lankford Grant, Summer 2017

\$9,520 Summer Research Stipend (with Troy Cross)

Edwin N. Garlan Prize in Philosophy (Reed College)

For best thesis in philosophy

Talks	<b>Intentional Deception Without the Intent to Deceive</b> USC Speculative Society 3/24
† = <i>Invited</i>	
Δ = <i>Peer-Reviewed</i>	
	<b>Lying with ‘Ouch!’ and ‘Oops!’</b> Δ Eastern APA (Symposium), 1/24 Δ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Philosophy of Language Association, 7/23 Δ Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference, 4/23
	<b>How Can Expressivists Lie?</b> USC Speculative Society 4/23
	<b>What is Deception?</b> USC Speculative Society, 1/23
	<b>Lying and Apologizing</b> USC Speculative Society, 9/22
	<b>Reasons Why and Ways How</b> † University of Victoria Philosophy Colloquium, 10/19 USC Speculative Society, 10/19 † Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 10/17
	<b>Showing and Meaning</b> † Reed College Alumni Workshop 5/19 Δ Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, 5/19
Comments	“Maximizing Presupposition Is Cooperative” (Pacific APA), 3/24 “Intrinsic Interferers and Reactive Attitudes” (Pacific APA), 4/22
Teaching Awards & Fellowships	USC Center For Excellence in Teaching Fellow, 2023-2024 USC General Education Teaching Award, 2023 Awarded to four graduate assistants across University of Southern California Dornsife College of Arts & Sciences for distinguished teaching. Certificate of Completion, Future Faculty Teaching Institute, 2023
Instructor	Philosophy of Mind and Language, Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant	Current Moral and Social Issues (Instructor: Jacob Ross), Fall 2024 Law, Society, and Politics (Instructor: Jonathan Quong), Fall 2023 Philosophy of Law (Instructor: Scott Soames), Spring 2022 Probability and Rational Choice (Instructor: Jeffrey Russell), Fall 2021 Current Moral and Social Issues (Instructor: Mark Schroeder), Spring 2020 Ethical Theory and Practice (Instructor: Robin Jeshion), Fall 2019
Guest Lectures	“Lying and Testimony,” Reed College, 2/2022 “Nuclear Deterrence,” USC, 4/2021 “Frege’s <i>Sinn</i> ,” Evergreen Valley College, 7/2016

- Service**
- USC Undergraduate Student Mentor, 2023-2024
  - USC Speculative Society Workshop, President, 2023-2024
  - Prospective Student Mentor, Spring 2023
  - Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2022-Present
  - USC-UCLA Philosophy Conference Co-Organizer, 2020-2021
  - USC Philosophy Student Treasurer, 2019-2020
- Refereeing**
- Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*,  
*Philosophical Quarterly*, USC-UCLA Grad. Conference (15x)
- Graduate Coursework**
- Value Theory**
- Contemporary Value Theory, Steve Finlay, Spring 2019
  - Philosophy of Law, Greg Keating & Gary Watson, Spring 2019
- Metaphysics and Epistemology**
- Contemporary Philosophy, Scott Soames, Fall 2018
  - Seminar in Metaphysics, Sheiva Kleinschmidt, Fall 2018
  - Propositions, Scott Soames, Fall 2019
  - Directed Research: Metasemantics, Scott Soames, Spring 2020
  - Directed Research: Lying, Robin Jeshion, Spring 2022
- Feminist Philosophy**
- Themes in Feminist Philosophy, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2018
  - Attributive Silencing, Mark Schroeder, Fall 2019
  - Feminist Philosophy of Language, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2021
- Logic**
- Modal Logic, Gabriel Uzquiano, Fall 2019
  - Directed Research: Truth, Scott Soames, Fall 2020
  - Directed Research: Quantification, Gabriel Uzquiano, Fall 2020
  - Directed Research: Vagueness, Andrew Bacon, Spring 2021
  - Directed Research: Conditionals, Andrew Bacon, Spring 2020
- Pedagogy**
- Teaching Philosophy, Mark Schroeder, Fall 2019
  - Advanced Teaching Seminar, Shieva Kleinschmidt, Fall 2021
- History**
- Modern Social/Political Philosophy, Sharon Lloyd, Fall 2019
  - British Empiricism, James Van Cleve, Spring 2020
- Miscellaneous**
- Dissertation Seminar, Zoë Johnson King, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
  - Writing for Publication in Philosophy, Jonathan Quong, Spring 2021
  - Writing for Publication in Philosophy, John Hawthorne, Spring 2022

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