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AOS: Philosophy of Cognitive Science and of Psychology • Philosophy of Mind • Social Philosophy

AOC: Philosophy of Science • Applied Epistemology • Value Theory

Current research focus: Philosophy and science of memory, including their applications to social, organizational, and health contexts, as well as AI • Epistemic, social, and affective injustice • Emotions and their role in social cognition, knowledge, and self-knowledge

ACADEMIC POSTS

Current

- Honorary Teaching Fellow, University of Bergamo (Italy) 2026–
Duties: Participating in the teaching and assessment activities of the undergraduate course ‘Philosophy of Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence’
- Managing Editor and Co-Founder, The Memory Palace 2024–
Duties: Commissioning, reviewing, and editing public-facing blog posts on memory research

Past

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Purdue University (USA) 2022–2025
Duties: research, teaching (as a course leader), administration, and outreach
- Visiting Research Fellow, Ruhr University Bochum (Germany) 2021
Duties: Research, funded by fellowships from the RTG Situated Cognition & the RUB Research School
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Bologna (Italy) 2018–2020
Duties: Research, administration, and project management

EDUCATION

- PhD (Philosophy, *Passed without corrections*), University of Bologna (Italy) 2014–2018
- Visiting PhD student, University of Memphis (USA) 2016
- Master’s degree (Philosophy, *Summa cum Laude*), University of Milan (Italy) 2011–2014
- Erasmus student, Paris Sorbonne University (France) 2011–2012
- Bachelor’s degree (Philosophy, *Summa cum Laude*), University of Milan (Italy) 2008–2011

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Seal of Excellence, European Commission (MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025) 2026
Project: ‘Normative memory: Investigating the role of social norms in everyday memory errors and their contribution to social injustices’. Score: 95/100 (above excellence threshold; funding cut-off: 96.4).
- Travel grant, Purdue University (500 USD) 2025

- Travel grant, Philosophy of Memory Organization (700 €) 2024
- Travel grant, Purdue University (500 USD) 2024
- Diversity Award, Society for Philosophy and Psychology (250 USD) 2023
- Research fellowship, Ruhr University Bochum Research School (3,600 €) 2021
- Research fellowship, Ruhr University Bochum/RTG Situated Cognition (1,200 €) 2021
- Postdoctoral fellowship, University of Bologna (40,000 € approx.) 2018–2019
- Early career researcher award, Philosophy of Memory Organization (400 €) 2019
- Conference participation grant, Ruhr University Bochum (250 €) 2017
- Extra funding for international mobility, University of Bologna (1000 € approx.) 2016
- Travel grant, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (Funding to attend and present my research at the *International Meeting on Pragmatism*) 2015
- PhD fellowship, Italian Ministry of Higher Education/University of Bologna (36,000 €) 2014–2017
- Erasmus grant, University of Milan/Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne (3,200 €) 2011–2012

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *Memory, Society, and Justice: Philosophical Perspectives*.
Co-edited volume, with Kathy Puddifoot. Under contract with Routledge.

Articles and chapters

- Robins, S., & Caravà, M. (forthcoming). Memory errors. In C. Craver & A. Sant’Anna (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Memory*.
- Caravà, M. (2025). Norm-induced forgetting: When social norms induce us to forget. *Philosophical Psychology*, 38(6), 2668–2690. Online First. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., & McCarroll, C. J. (2025). Forgiving unbound: Emotion, memory, and materiality in extended moral processes. *Synthese*, 205(156). [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., & Benenti, M. (2024). Not so blue to be sad: Affective affordances and expressive properties in affective regulation. *Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy*, 43, 713–724. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., (2021). An exploration into enactive forms of forgetting. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 20(4), 703–722. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., (2021). Are forgotten memories literal experiences of absences? Episodic forgetting and metacognitive feelings. *Acta Scientiarum. Human and Social Sciences*, 43(3), 1–15. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., & Scorolli, C. (2020). When affective relation weighs more than the mug handle: Investigating affective affordances. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 1928. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M. (2020). La proposition expressiviste de Steiner et l’énactivisme. Divergences et convergences. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, 12(1), 1–10. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M. (2019). The threshold of representations. Integrating semiotics and the cognitive Sciences. *VS*, 128(1): 157–174. [doi](#).

- Caravà, M. (2018). Une rencontre entre la philosophie et la sémiotique de Peirce, l'énactivisme et l'esprit étendu. *Interrogations*, 27. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M. (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. [doi](#).

Encyclopedia entries, commentaries, and reviews

- Caravà, M. (2023). Enactive memory. In L. Bietti & M. Pogacar (eds), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*. Cham: Palgrave MacMillan. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M., & Robins, S. (2023). From phenomenology to traces: Inferring memory mechanisms. *Constructivist Foundations*, 19(1): 70–72. [doi](#).
- Caravà, M. (2023). Book review of A. Sant'Anna, C. J., McCarroll, and K. Michaelian (eds.) *Current Controversies in Philosophy of Memory*. New York: Routledge. *Memory Studies*, 16(4), 1020–1023. [doi](#).

Translation

- Gilles Deleuze, *Il potere. Corso su Michel Foucault* (1985-1986): vol. 2, Verona, Ombre Corte. (From French to Italian, with Marta Benenti). EAN: 9788869480089

Public facing-pieces (selection)

- Caravà, M. (2024). Episodic memory's function: Lessons from forgetting. *The Memory Palace*.
- Caravà, M. (2024). Some episodic memories of Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4. *The Memory Palace*.
- Moon, B., & Caravà, M. (2024). The art of memory: Interview with Becky Moon. *The Memory Palace*.
- Baggio, G., & Caravà, M. (2023). Interview with Shaun Gallagher. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, 15(2). [doi](#).

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN PROGRESS

- 'How social norms mess up our memories (and what we can do about it)' (Under review)
- 'Remembering persons, epistemically and ethically' (Commissioned, in prep.)
- 'Episodic memory's function(s): Insights from forgetting' (In prep.)
- 'Remembering and the attentional phenomenology of emotions' (In prep.)
- 'Memory cues as a window to memory content: A critique of trace minimalism' (In prep., w/Sarah Robins)
- 'Biased affective affordances: Lessons from perceptual learning' (In prep., w/Marta Benenti)

TALKS

Invited

- (Upcoming, May 2026). 'Affective Affordances and Emotional Exploitation'. *LEAP Action Workshop*. University of Murcia.
- (2026). 'Episodic memory's function(s): Insights from forgetting'. *Workshop: Episodic Memory: Functions Across Contexts*. The London School of Economics and Political Science.
- (2025). 'Memory failures and social change: The role of social norms'. *Workshop: Collective Memory and Intersubjectivity*, Center for Subjectivity Research. University of Copenhagen, **Keynote talk**.

- (2025). ‘Memory failures and norm-change’. *Workshop: Moral Change and Norm Change*, California Ethics and Policy Center, Cal Poly Pomona.
- (2024). ‘Affective affordances, emotion regulation, and aesthetics’. *Workshop: Habits and Affordances*, Roma Tre University. (With Marta Benenti).
- (2023). ‘How social norms mess up our memories’. *Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium*, Online.
- (2023). ‘Norm-induced forgetting’. *Workshop: Experiences of Loss*. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
- (2023). ‘I see you’re not there....or maybe I don’t. Explaining memory absences.’ *St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association*.
- (2022). ‘Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction’. *Workshop: 4E Cognition and Memory*, Ruhr University Bochum (With Anco Peeters).
- (2022). ‘Rappresentazioni mentali e dimenticanza episodica’. *Workshop: Rappresentazione tra Filosofia, Scienze Cognitive e Psicologia*, University of Roma Tre.
- (2020). ‘Untangling forgetting: An enactive proposal’. *Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium*, Online.
- (2020). ‘Ricordare la dimenticanza: Una proposta enattivista’, *Meeting of the Pragma Association*, Online.
- (2019). ‘Semiotic artifacts for extended cognition’, *Conference: Embodied creativity. The role of performativity*, University of Bologna.
- (2017). Extended and enactivist approaches to cognition: Peircean interventions, *Conference: The Pragmatist attitude*, University of Milan.
- (2017). ‘(En)acting salience: Meaningful action in context’, *Conference: Performative dimensions in cognitive science*, University of Messina.

Refereed

- (2025). ‘Memory failures and norm-change’. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Mobile.
- (2024). ‘When memory goes wrong: The role of social norms in memory failure’. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Université Grenoble Alpes.
- (2024). ‘Forgiving unbound: Manipulating memory and emotion through the material world’. *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4*, University of Geneva. (With Chris McCarroll).
- (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).
- (2024). ‘Memory cues as window to memory content. A critique of trace minimalism’. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Purdue University. (With Sarah Robins).
- (2024). ‘Memory failures in real life: How social norms mess up our memories’. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cincinnati.
- (2023). ‘Norms as memory scaffolds: The case of norm-induced forgetting’. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, University of Pittsburgh.
- (2022). ‘Are affectively silent objects affective affordances? Expressive properties and emotion regulation’. *Italian Association of Cognitive Science*, University of Parma (With Marta Benenti).
- (2021). ‘Are forgotten memories experiences of absences?’ *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2.5*, Online.
- (2021). ‘Do you see just the mug handle? Let’s take a look at affective affordances too!’. *MindBrainBody Symposium*, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences (With Claudia Scorolli).

- (2019). ‘Enactive-distributed forgetting: An exploration into cognitive and affective aspects of memory loss’, *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2*, Université Grenoble Alpes.
- (2019). ‘Diagrams for extended cognition’, *Workshop: The philosophy of notation: Operational iconicity and observational advantages in diagrams*, University of Bologna.
- (2018). ‘Affordances for extended affectivity’. *Workshop: Investigating the mind: Pain, emotions and affective disorders*, Ruhr University Bochum.
- (2018). ‘Emotions out there: Affect and the extended mind hypothesis’, *European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions*, Tallinn University (with Marta Benenti).
- (2017). ‘The extended mind and the emotional life of objects’, *Workshop: Social cognition, emotion and joint action*, Ruhr University Bochum (with Marta Benenti).
- (2016). ‘Pragmatism and postclassical cognitive science: A philosophical encounter between Peircean pragmatism and enactivism’, *International Meeting on Pragmatism*, PUC-São Paulo.
- (2015). ‘Pragmatism and enaction: For a Peircean account of cognition and the mind’, *European Pragmatism Conference*, EHESS-ENS, Paris.
- (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.
- (2014). ‘La mente estesa e l’argomento del linguaggio: una prospettiva Peirceana’. *Italian Society of Philosophy of Language*, University of Bologna.

Talks in seminars and reading groups

- (2024). ‘Enactive memory’. *The International Memory Reading Group*, Online.
- (2023). ‘Forgiveness: A matter of memory and emotion’. *Mind & Cognition Research Group*, Purdue University.
- (2023). ‘Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction’. *Centre for Philosophy of Memory*, Université Grenoble Alpes (With Anco Peeters).
- (2021). ‘Affording affectivity: Affective affordances between perception and memory’. *Interdisciplinary Reading Club: Recent Debates on Animal Cognition & Child Development*, Ruhr University Bochum.
- (2021). ‘Enactive memory loss’. *Philosophy of Language Seminar*, Ruhr University Bochum.
- (2020). ‘The philosophy of forgetting: An enactive approach’, *Centre for Philosophy of Memory*, Université Grenoble Alpes.
- (2016). ‘Extending artifacts’, *Embodied Cognition Seminar*, University of Memphis.

Invited commentaries and participation in panel discussions

- (2024). Book Symposium on Felipe De Brigard’s ‘Memory and Remembering’. *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4*, University of Geneva.
- (2022). Panel discussion ‘Are we smart enough to understand our brains?’. *Neurizons 2022*. Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Göttingen.
- (2021). Commentary on N. Figueredo’s talk ‘Naturalized language: The intertwining between action and verbal language in linguistic enactivism’. *South American Colloquium on Naturalism and Experimental Philosophy*, Universidade de Caxias do Sul.
- (2015). Commentary on G. Maddalena’s talk ‘Intuition and indexicality: Looking for synthetic reasoning’, *Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy*, State University of Milan.

TEACHING, STUDENT SUPERVISION, & MENTORING

As a course leader (96 hours of class meetings)

- PHIL 45501, Studies in Cognitive Science. Purdue University (48 hrs) Fall 2024
Upper-level undergraduate course. New course design (including design of the assessment methods), delivery of the teaching content, student assessment and supervision, and course administration. Course enrollment capped at 25 students.
- PHIL 293, Selected Topics in Philosophy. w/ Sarah Robins. Purdue University (48 hrs) Spring 2024
Upper-level undergraduate course. New course design, delivery of the teaching content, student assessment and supervision, course administration. Course enrollment capped at 25 students.

As a teaching assistant

- Philosophy of Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence. University of Bergamo Spring 2026
Undergraduate course. Course leader: Marta Benenti.

As a guest lecturer (25 hours of class meetings)

- PhD Seminar, *Philosophy of Cognitive Science*. Purdue University (2 hrs) 2023
- Undergraduate course, *Philosophy of Fun*. Purdue University (1.5 hrs) 2023
- PhD Seminar, *Philosophy of Mind*. University of Memphis (3 hrs) 2023
- Master Seminar, *Animal Cognition & Child Development*, Bochum (2 hrs) 2021
- Master Seminar, *Philosophy of Language*. University of Bologna (6 hrs) 2018
- Master Seminar, *Philosophy of Language*. University of Bologna (3 hrs) 2017
- Master Seminar, *Philosophy of Language*. University of Bologna (3 hrs) 2016
- Undergraduate course, *Theoretical Philosophy*. University of Milan (2 hrs) 2015
- Undergraduate tutorial, *Theoretical Philosophy*. University of Milan (2 hrs) 2016

Thesis supervision

- Supervisor, Master thesis, University of Bologna. Student: Claudia Caporale 2017

Student mentoring

- Leadership meeting, *Society for Women in Philosophy*, Purdue (Undergraduates) 2025
- Undergraduate students, Purdue University: Carina Crisan, Charlotte Harmon, Roman Landafair, Esha Sury, Shelby Vandenbusche, Vedant Thakur 2025
Research, leadership coaching, and letter writer for applications to graduate programs, fellowships, and internships
- Research meeting with visiting PhD student at Purdue: Sofia Pedrini (RUB) 2025
- Mentoring of PhD students: Francesca Righetti (Ruhr University Bochum), Ana Gomez Sierra (Purdue University) 2023–
Research, leadership coaching (volunteer activity)
- Mentoring meetings, PhD students: Francesco Fanti Rovetta (Osnabrück University), Ludmila Reimer (Ruhr University Bochum), Johannes Solzbacher (Osnabrück University) 2021
Research

Committees

- Master's Thesis Defense, Philosophy of Language, University of Bologna 2017
- Final Exams, Undergraduate course in Theoretical Philosophy, University of Milan 2015

ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Organization of academic events

- Co-organizer, symposium *Norms for Memory: The Good and the Bad*. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile (AL). 2025
- Co-organizer, *Midwest Memory Mayhem. A One-day Integrative Workshop for Philosophers and Scientists of Memory*, Purdue University. 2024
- Co-organizer, workshop *Experiences of Loss: An Interdisciplinary Exploration*, Vrije University Amsterdam. 2023
- Co-organizer, reading group *Norms and Moral Psychology*, Purdue University. 2022
- Co-organizer, workshop *4E Cognition and Memory*, Ruhr University Bochum & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. 2022
- Co-organizer, reading group *Embodied Memory*, Ruhr University Bochum. 2021–2022
- Co-organizer, summer school *Enactive Cognition and Narrative Practices*, University of Bologna. 2019
- Co-organizer, conference *Embodied Creativity: The Role of Performativity*, University of Bologna. 2019
- Co-organizer, *SERIC Seminar Series*, University of Bologna. 2018–2020
- Organizing committee member, *14th Conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences*, University of Bologna. 2017

Organization of research visits

- Sofia Pedrini (Ruhr University Bochum), Purdue University Spring 2025
- Sabrina Coninx (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Purdue University Fall 2025
- Marta Benenti (University of Murcia), Purdue University Fall 2025

Editorial roles

- Editorial committee, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 2025–
- Managing Editor, *The Memory Palace* (blog) 2024–
- Review editor, *Frontiers in Psychology* 2020–2024
- Book reviews and critical notices section editor, *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* 2020–2024

Reviewing for academic journals and publishers

Acta Analytica • *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (x2) • *Constructivist Foundations* • *Environment, Space, Place* • *Estudios de Filosofía* • *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* (x2) • *Frontiers in Psychology* (x2) • *Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language* • *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* • *Memory Studies* (x2) • *Memory, Mind & Media* • *Mind & Language* • *Noema* • *Phenomenology and Mind* (x2) • *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (x8) • *Philosophical Psychology* (x11) • *Philosophical Quarterly* • *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* • *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* (x5) • *RHV: An International Journal of Philosophy* • *Routledge* • *Synthese* (x9) • *The Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind, and the Arts* • *Topoi* (x3) • *VS: Quaderni di Studi Semiotici*.

Reviewing of third-party funded projects

MFP COFUND Doctoral Programme, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action, Horizon 2020 2020, 2021
 Universitat Rovira i Virgili.

Reviewing for conferences

Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2024 • 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences • 4th and 5th Bochum Early Career Researchers Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind • Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society 2024 • Purdue Undergraduate Conference.

MEMBERSHIP

Society for Philosophy and Psychology • Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology • European Society for Philosophy and Psychology

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native • English: fluent • French: professional competence • Spanish: intermediate

CURRENT AND PAST COLLABORATIONS

- Department of Philosophy, Durham University, UK. Kathy Puddifoot, co-editor of the book *Memory, Society, and Justice: Philosophical Perspectives* (Routledge).
- *Cognition, Agency, and Intelligence Center*, Purdue University, USA. Sarah Robins, co-author.
- *Research & Training Group Situated Cognition*, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany. Markus Werning, Albert Newen, Sabrina Coninx (now at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), hosts of research fellowships.
- Department of Philosophy, University of Murcia, Spain. Marta Benenti, co-author.
- *Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. Chris McCarroll, co-author.
- Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies, University of Bologna, Italy. Claudia Scorrolli, co-author.

REFERENCES

- **Daniel Kelly:** Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (USA), and Co-director of the *Cognition, Agency, and Intelligence Center*. drkelly@purdue.edu
- **Christopher McCarroll:** Associate Professor of Philosophy at the *Institute for Mind and Cognition*, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Taiwan). chrismccarroll@nycu.edu.tw.
- **Katherine Puddifoot:** Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Durham University (UK), Fellow of the *Institute of Medical Humanities* and of the *Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences*. katherine.h.puddifoot@durham.ac.uk
- **Sarah Robins:** Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (USA), and Co-director of the *Cognition, Agency, and Intelligence Center*. skrobins@purdue.edu
- **Evan Westra,** Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (USA). ewestra@purdue.edu