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Areas of specialization & competence

AOS Epistemology, language
AOC Mind, action, metaphysics

Employment

2026- Associate Professor of Philosophy - Johns Hopkins University
2022-2026 Assistant Professor of Philosophy - Johns Hopkins University
2020-2022 Louis Skolnick Postdoctoral Research Associate - Princeton University
2019-2020 Philosophy Futures Postdoctoral Lecturer - New York University

Education

2019 Ph.D, Philosophy - New York University
2013 BSc., MSc., Symbolic Systems - Stanford University

Publications

2026 [The Vague, the Assertable, and the Omega-Knowable](#), *Inquiry*
2025 [Fictional Reality](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *The Philosophical Review* 134 (2): 149-201
Selected for the *The Philosopher's Annual*, vol. 45
2024 [Trying without Fail](#) (w/ Harvey Lederman), *Philosophical Studies* 181 (10): 2577-2604
2023 [Thinking and Being Sure](#) (w/ Jeremy Goodman), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 106 (3): 634-654
2022 [Thinking, Guessing, and Believing](#), *Philosophers' Imprint* 22 (6): 1-25
2021 [Knowledge by Constraint](#), *Philosophical Perspectives* 35 (1): 275-302
2021 [Indicative Conditionals without Iterative Epistemology](#), *Noûs* 55 (3): 560-580
2021 [Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals](#), *Linguistics and Philosophy* 44 (3): 737-771
2021 [Lying and Knowing](#), *Synthese* 198 (6): 5351-5371
2019 [Embedded Attitudes](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Journal of Semantics* 36 (3): 377-406
2018 [Ultra-Liberal Attitude Reports](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Philosophical Studies* 175 (8): 2043-2062
2013 [Teaching Philosophy Through Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#) (w/ Jacob Nebel, Ryan Davis, and Peter van Elswyk), *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (3): 271-289

Talks

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

June 2026 What Does It Take to Doubt? (Centre for Human Abilities, Berlin)
Apr 2026 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, UT Austin)
Feb 2026 Wanting at Will (Mind & Language seminar, NYU)
Nov 2025 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, UMD College Park)
Jan 2025 What Does Weak Belief Tell Us about Full Belief? (Invited symposium on "Full belief", Eastern APA)

Apr 2024	Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, USC)
Mar 2024	Trying without Fail (Centre for Human Abilities, Berlin)
Oct 2023	Fictional Reality (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)
Feb 2023	Wanting at Will (Department lecture, Franklin and Marshall College)
Jan 2023	Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy)
May 2022	Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Princeton)
April 2022	Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, MIT)
Oct 2020	Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Current projects series, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy)
Feb 2020	Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Jowett Society, Oxford)
Feb 2020	Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Department colloquium, University College London)
Feb 2017	Knowledge by Constraint (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)

COMMENTS

Oct 2026	Leo Yang's 'Relevant Alternatives in Guessing' (FARM)
Jan 2026	Dan Hoek's <i>The Inquisitive Mind</i> (Book workshop, NYU)
Jan 2026	Chenhao Lu's 'On the Pragmatics of Belief Ascriptions' (Eastern APA)
Oct 2025	Joshua Pearson's 'Counterfactuals, Possibility Preservation and Sequences' (FARM)
Mar 2024	Tomasz Zyglewicz's 'Believe as an Evidential' (Pacific APA)
Jan 2024	Caleb Fawell's 'The Varieties of Infelicity' (Eastern APA)
Jan 2021	Richard Booth's 'Independent Alternatives: Ross's Puzzle and Free Choice' (Eastern APA)
Apr 2019	Weng Kin San's 'KK, Knowledge, Knowability' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
Feb 2019	Justin Khoo's 'Coordinating <i>Ifs</i> ' (Central APA)
Mar 2018	Carolina Flores' 'Lies and Narcissistic Assertions' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
Mar 2016	Adam Marushak's 'The Semantics of Epistemic Reasons and Epistemic Modals' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
Mar 2015	Una Stojnić's 'One's Modus Ponens...' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)

Teaching

GRADUATE

Spring 2025	Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Semantic Shiftiness (JHU)
Spring 2025	Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
Fall 2024	Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
Spring 2024	Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
Fall 2023	Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Indeterminacy (JHU)
Fall 2023	Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
Spring 2023	Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Propositional Attitudes (JHU)
Spring 2022	Philosophy of Action (Co-taught w/ Harvey Lederman, Princeton)

UNDERGRADUATE

Fall 2026	Life and Death (JHU)
Spring 2026	Life and Death (JHU)
Fall 2022	Theory of Knowledge (JHU)
Fall 2022	Life and Death (JHU)
Fall 2021	Theory of Knowledge (Princeton)
Fall 2020	Philosophy of Language (Princeton)
Spring 2020	Logic (NYU)
Fall 2019	Life and Death (NYU)
Summer 2019	Epistemology (NYU)
Summer 2018	Philosophy of Language (NYU)
Summer 2017	Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)
Summer 2016	Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)

Advising

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

ABD	Jacob Yang
ABD	Riccardo Pellegrini
2026	Jacob Lettie
2025	Alexander Ioakimidis
2024	Ryan Ross
2024	Hüseyin Güngör
2023	Richard Teague

Academic service

2022 - 2027	Placement Director
2024 - 2027	Talks in Theoretical Philosophy, co-organizer
2022	Workshop on Action, Intention, and Language, co-organizer
2017 - 2022	New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, organizer
2019	Epistemic Modality and Quantification - Eastern APA, chair
	Referee for <i>Analysis</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>Grazer Philosophische Studien</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophical Logic</i> , <i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Noûs</i> , <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophia</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Review</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , <i>Ratio</i> , <i>Semantics and Pragmatics</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Thought</i>