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Research

AOS: Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Metaethics

AOC: Cognitive Science, Action Theory

Academic Appointments

University of Florida

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy — 2026–

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy — 2023–2026

National University of Singapore

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy — 2023

President's Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy — 2017–2023

Center for Logic and Analytic Philosophy, KU Leuven

Postdoctoral Researcher in Epistemology — 2016–2017

Education

Rutgers University — 2009–2016

Ph.D., Philosophy, Certificate in Cognitive Science

Brown University — 2003–2007

B.A., Philosophy (honors), *magna cum laude*

Pembroke College, University of Cambridge — 2005–2006

Brown in Britain Exchange Program

Publications

32. The Epistemology of Precedent — forthcoming
Oxford Studies in Epistemology

31. Moral Justification — 2026
Oxford Studies in Metaethics 21: 243–268

30. *Reliabilism and its Rivals* — 2026
Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Elements Series)

29. Inclusive Inquiry (w. Finnur Dellsén), — 2025
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 111(3): 796–821

28. Moorean Promises — 2025
Ethics 135(3): 395–427

27. Unsettled Belief — 2025
The Philosophical Quarterly 75(3): 834–857

26. Inquiry Beyond Knowledge — 2024
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 109(1): 330-356

25. Prospects for Evidentialism — 2024
Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence, Routledge

24. Noncognitivism Without Expressivism 2023
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 107(3): 726-788

23. Epistemic Luck, Knowledge-How, and Intentional Action 2023
(w. Carlotta Pavese & Paul Henne) *Ergo* 10(36): 1019-1056

22. Skills as Knowledge (w. Carlotta Pavese) 2023
Australasian Journal of Philosophy 101(3): 609-624

21. A Question-Sensitive Theory of Intention (w. Simon Goldstein) 2023
The Philosophical Quarterly 73 (2): 346-378

20. Practical Knowledge Without Luminosity (w. Carlotta Pavese) 2022
Mind 131 (523): 919–936

19. Mighty Knowledge (w. Simon Goldstein) 2021
The Journal of Philosophy 118 (5): 229-269

18. Moral and Epistemic Evaluations: A Unified Treatment 2021
Philosophical Perspectives 35 (1): 23-49

17. Shifty Evidence and Shifty Books 2021
Analysis 81 (2): 193-198

16. Reasons for Reliabilism 2021
Reasons, Justification, and Defeat, Oxford University Press

15. Reliabilist Epistemology (w. Alvin Goldman) 2021
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

14. New Work for Certainty 2020
Philosophers' Imprint 20 (8): 1-25

13. Certainty in Action 2020
The Philosophical Quarterly 70 (281): 711-737

12. Fallibility for Expressivists 2020
Australasian Journal of Philosophy 98 (4): 763-777

11. A Solution to the Many Attitudes Problem 2020
Philosophical Studies 177 (9): 2789-2813

10. Modal Virtue Epistemology (w. Carlotta Pavese) 2020
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 101 (1): 61-79

9. Subjective Disagreement 2019
Noûs 53 (4): 819-851

8. The Toxin and the Dogmatist 2019
Australasian Journal of Philosophy 97 (4): 727-740

7. Noncognitivism and Epistemic Evaluations 2019
Philosophers' Imprint 19 (10): 1-27

6. Relativism and Expressivism 2019
Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Relativism, Routledge

5. Might Do Better: Flexible Relativism and the QUD (w. Andy Egan) 2018
Semantics and Pragmatics 11 (7): 1-43.

4. Believing Epistemic Contradictions (w. Simon Goldstein) 2018
Review of Symbolic Logic 11 (1): 87-114.

3. Justification as Faultlessness 2017
Philosophical Studies 174 (4): 901-926

2. Process Reliabilism's Troubles with Defeat 2015
The Philosophical Quarterly 65 (259): 145-159

1. Evidentialism, Circularity, and Grounding 2015
Philosophical Studies 172 (7): 1847-1868

Critical Notices & Reviews

2. Evidence, Justification and Truth 2023
Critical Notice of Comesaña, *Being Rational & Being Right*
Analysis 83(3): 616-626

1. Review of Staffel, *Unsettled Thoughts* 2022
The Philosophical Review 131 (3): 394–398

Grants

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, UF $12,000 2024

Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 Research Grant $138,477 2019

- Primary investigator of a two-year research project, "Epistemology Beyond Belief"

Awards & Honors

NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award 2022

- University-wide award; recognizes contributions to the design, development, and implementation of high-quality teaching and assessment

NUS Faculty Teaching Excellence Award 2021

- Awarded to faculty in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences who have displayed a high level of commitment to teaching

NUS Promising Researcher Award 2019–2020

- Awarded to $\leq$3 researchers (out of 400+ faculty) across the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences based on a track record of excellence in research and demonstrated research impact

Grant for Research Excellence, NUS 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

- Awarded to top 20% of NUS faculty based on research performance

Mellon Competitive Dissertation Fellowship 2015–2016

- Awarded to $\leq$14 graduate students across the School of Arts and Social Sciences for a promising dissertation project

Rutgers Mellon Summer Grant 2013

Rutgers Presidential Fellowship 2009–2011

- Top graduate merit fellowship, awarded to $\leq$10 graduate students across the university

Invited speaker at Brown Philosophy Department Commencement 2007

Phi Beta Kappa 2007

Foundress Prize, Pembroke College, Cambridge 2006

Foundress Scholarship, Pembroke College, Cambridge 2006

Roger Williams Scholarship 2005-2006

- Awarded to one Brown student annually to study abroad at Cambridge

Selected Presentations

The Externalist and the Bayesian

- Madrid Normativity Workshop, UCM-UNED 5/2026
- Virginia Tech University Colloquium 2/2026
- Southeastern Epistemology Conference, Flagler College 10/2025
- Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2025
- University of Helsinki Colloquium 5/2025

Moral Justification

- 21st Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop* 9/2024
- Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2023

Egalitarian Inquiry (w. Finnur Dellsén)

- Barcelona Institute for Analytic Philosophy 10/2024
- Southeastern Epistemology Conference, Vanderbilt University 10/2024

Moorean Promises

- New York Philosophy of Language Workshop 5/2024
- Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference (Capstone Address) 4/2024
- University of Texas at Austin 9/2023
- Normativity & Reasoning Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi 1/2023

An Epistemic Argument for *Stare Decisis*

- Workshop on Law, Ethics & Political Theory, UCLA Law* 11/2023

A Question-Sensitive Theory of Intention (w. Simon Goldstein)

- Workshop on Action, Intention, & Language, Australian Catholic University 5/2022

Intentional Action and Epistemic Luck (w. Carlotta Pavese & Paul Henne)

- Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology* (presented by Carlotta Pavese) 3/2022

Fallibilism and Inquiry

- London School of Economics 2/2022
- University of Alberta 2/2022
- Goethe University Frankfurt Colloquium 6/2021

Noncognitivism Without Expressivism

- 7th Formal Ethics Conference* 1/2022
- Stanford Colloquium 5/2021
- University of Vienna, Invited Talk Series 10/2020
- New York Philosophy of Language Workshop 9/2020
- Semantics Seminar, Cornell University 4/2020

Divine Humility (w. Simon Goldstein)

- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 8/2021
- Princeton Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference* 5/2021

Skills as Knowledge (w. Carlotta Pavese)

- APA Central Division Meeting (Symposium)* 2/2021
- 4th Online Meeting of the Asian Epistemology Network 2/2021
- COGITO Epistemology Workshop (University of Glasgow, online) 12/2020
- *KAIL* at 20 Conference (Geneva)* 11/2020

New Work for Certainty

- University of British Columbia 12/2019

Reliabilism, Justification, and Defeat

- Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2019
- Hong Kong University 10/2018
- Knowledge First Epistemology Workshop (Cardiff) 5/2018
- Goldmanfest (Rutgers) 2/2018

Mighty Knowledge (w. Simon Goldstein)

- University of Glasgow 6/2019
- Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University 5/2019

Modals and Question-Sensitivity

- Semantics Research Group, Keio University 12/2018

Fallibility for Expressivists

- Lingnan University 10/2018

Might Do Better: Flexible Relativism and the QUD (w. Andy Egan)

- APA Central Division Meeting (presented by Andy Egan)* 2/2018
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 7/2017
- Relativism/Contextualism Conference (NYU) 3/2017

Modal Dimensions of Skillfulness and Knowledge (w. Carlotta Pavese)

- Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2017
- 3rd Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Meeting 11/2016

Believing Epistemic Contradictions (w. Simon Goldstein)

- 14th Formal Epistemology Workshop* 5/2017
- HSE Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (Moscow)* 10/2016
- 2nd Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Meeting 5/2016
- APA Central Division Meeting* 3/2016
- 19th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference* 11/2015

Knowledge, Certainty, and Evidential Probability

- XXV SIUCC Workshop w. Tim Williamson (University of Valencia)* 10/2016

Justification as Faultlessness

- APA Eastern Division Meeting* 1/2016

An Agreeable Account of Doxastic Disagreement

- 3rd Philosophy of Language & Mind Conference (CSMN, Oslo)* 9/2015

The Role of Certainty in Epistemology

- Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2015

Noncognitivism and Epistemic Evaluations

- 8th Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Congress* 8/2015
- APA Central Division Meeting* 2/2015
- 18th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference* 11/2014

Justification, Permission, and Obligation

- 4th Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference* 6/2014
- 16th Annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference* 4/2014

"Two Puzzles for *De Se* Relativism"

– NY Philosophy of Language Workshop 9/2013

"Prospects for a Reductive Account of Justification"

– Bled Epistemology Conference 6/2013

* *indicates refereed*

Presented Comments

Author Meets Critics Session for Juan Comesaña, *Being Rational & Being Right*

– APA Central Division Meeting 2/2022

Comments on Allan Hazlett, "Desire that Amounts to Knowledge"

– APA Central Division Meeting 2/2020

Comments on Alex Worsnip, "From Impossibility to Evidentialism?"

– Episteme Conference, Kruger National Park 6/2019

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Philosophy (UF)	2025, 2024, 2023
Philosophy of Language (UF)	2024, 2023
Theory of Knowledge (UF)	2025, 2024
Seminar in Epistemology (UF)	2024
Epistemology (NUS)	2019, 2020, 2022
Issues in Epistemology (NUS)	2017, 2020
Issues in Philosophy of Mind (NUS)	2019
Philosophy of Language (NUS)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
Topics in Western Philosophy (NUS)	2018
Language and Thought (NUS)	2017, 2018, 2022
Issues in Philosophy of Language (NUS)	2017, 2018
Advanced Topics in Cognitive Science (Rutgers)	2015
Language and Cognition (Rutgers)	2014
Current Moral and Social Issues (Rutgers)	2013
Introduction to Ethics (Rutgers)	2012
Introduction to Philosophy (Rutgers)	2011

Advising

Doctoral Committee Member

– Jack Madock, "The Epistemic and Ethical Norms of Trust and Trustworthiness" 2025–

– Shadi Heidarifar, "The Conflation of Epistemic and Moral Virtues" 2023–2024

– Anne Nguyen, "Formal Analysis of Sentence-Final Particles in Vietnamese" 2017–2021

Doctoral Examiner

– Theresa Helke, "On Conditionals" 2018

Service

Associate Editor, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 2023–present

Member, UF Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Selection Committee 2024

Member, UF Philosophy Search Committee 2024–2025, 2023–2024

Member, UF Graduate Studies Committee 2024–2025, 2023–2024

Member, UF Philosophy Colloquium Committee 2024–2025

Chair, NUS Philosophy Search Committee 2020–2021

– Organized two successful tenure-track searches in the Philosophy Department

Convener, NUS Philosophy Speaker Series 2019–2020

Co-Organizer, NUS Epistemology Workshop 2019

Member, NUS Philosophy Search Committee 2017–2018, 2018–2019

NUS Graduate Admissions Committee 2018–2019

Referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Ratio*, *Res Philosophica*, Routledge, *Social Epistemology*, *Studia Logica*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Topoi*

Editorial Assistant at *Episteme* 2011–2013

Summer Programs

North American Summer School in Logic, Language, & Information 2012

3rd Int'l Summer School in Cognitive Science & Semantics 2011