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AOS

Philosophy of mind, social epistemology

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Symbolic logic, history of philosophy, philosophy of language

Education

Fordham University <i>Ph.D.</i>	New York, NY 2013
<i>"Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs": Extended Encultured Cognition and Implicature Calculation</i>	
Fordham University <i>M.A.</i>	New York, NY 2006
Saint Peter's University <i>B.A.</i>	Jersey City, NJ 2003

Publications

Forthcoming

1. "Potted Thinking and Pre-reflective Reasoning," (with Sophie Brotman), *Linguistic Frontiers*^{††}
2. "Humble Reflections on the Intellectual Process of Developing a Text-based Measure of Humility in Inquiry," (Charles Lassiter, Sarah Bratt, Erin Leahey, Charlie Gomez, Jina Lee, and Yaeun Kwon).^{††}
3. *An Introduction to Embodied Mind: Thinking Outside the Head* (with Aaron Kagan), Routledge, April 2026

Published

4. "Rejected Experts and the Foundations of Epistemic Authority: A Reply to Censon" *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2025, <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-adB>.^{††}
5. "Developing a Text-Based Measure of Humility in Inquiry Using Computational Grounded Theory" (Sarah Bratt, Erin Leahey, Charlie Gomez, Jina Lee, Yaeun Kwon, and Charles Lassiter). *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 61, 1 (2024): 855-857.
6. "Lineages and Mental Powers," (with Joseph Vukov), *The Review of Metaphysics* 78 (2024): 301–318.
7. "No Need to Sign Up, You're Already Enrolled! A Reply to Shade Hannen and Nathan Ballantyne's 'Don't Sign Us Up!'" *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2024, <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-91E>.^{††}
8. "Reply to Jamie Watson's 'Follow the Signs: Taking Directions from Semiotics on How to Identify Experts,'" *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2024, <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-8Iu>.^{††}
9. "Precedent and Rest Stop Convergence in Reflective Equilibrium," (with Bert Baumgaertner), *Synthese* (2023): doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04499-x
10. "Introduction to the Special Issue: 'Expertise, Semiotics and Interactivity,'" (with Sarah Bro Trasmundi) *Social Epistemology* 38 (2023): 1-12.

11. "Reading the Signs: From Dyadic to Triadic Views for Identifying Experts," *Social Epistemology* 38 (2023): 98–109.
12. "Dogmatism and Domination: A Simulation Study," *Episteme* (2023): doi.org/10.1017/epi.2023.15
13. "Review of David Chalmers, *Reality+: Virtual Worlds and the Problems of Philosophy*," (with Aaron Kagan) *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (2022): doi.org/10.1007/s11097-022-09864-0
14. "New Ontological Foundations for Extended Minds: Causal Powers Realism," (with Joseph Vukov) *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (2022): doi.org/10.1007/s11097-022-09817-7
15. "Convergence and Shared Reflective Equilibrium," (with Bert Baumgaertner), *Ergo* 10: 24 (2023): doi.org/10.3998/ergo.4654
16. "Inhibitive and Catalytic Causal Powers in Organizational Cognition," (with Joseph Vukov) in *Organizational Cognition*, Davide Secchi, Rasmus Gahrn-Andersen, and Stephen J. Cowley (eds.), Routledge, (2023): 145-167.^{††}
17. "Watching People Watching People: Culture, Prestige, and Epistemic Authority," *Social Epistemology* 36 (2022): 601-612.
18. "Empowering Biosemiotics," *Revista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio*, 15 (2022): doi.org/10.4396/2021202.^{††}
19. "Could a Robot Flirt? 4E Cognition, Reactive Attitudes, and Robot Autonomy," *Society & AI*, 37 (2022): 675-686.^{††}
20. "Particularized Conversational Implicature and Miraculous Communication," *Language Sciences* 86 (2021): 1-9
21. "In Search of an Ontology for 4E Theories: From New Mechanism to Causal Powers Realism," (with Joseph Vukov) *Synthese* 199 (2021): 9785-9808
22. "Arational Belief Convergence," *Synthese* 198, (2021): 6329–6350
23. "How to Power Encultured Minds," (with Joseph Vukov) *Synthese* 197 (2020): 3507–3534.
24. "Reply to Joshua Mugg's 'How Not to Reply to the Tragic Dilemma,'" *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2020, <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-4Us>.^{††}
25. "Implicit Racial Bias and Sham Epistemic Authorities," *Social Epistemology* 33 (2019): 42-60.
26. "Language and Simplicity: A Powers View," *Language Sciences* 71 (2019): 27-37.
27. "Macro Conditions for Marginalization: Diversity and Resistance to Change in Post-Industrial Societies," (Charles Lassiter, Vinai Norasakkunkit, Benjamin Shuman, and Tuukka Toivonen) *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9:812 (2018), <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00812/full>
28. "Implicit Racial Bias and Epistemic Pessimism," (with Nathan Ballantyne) *Philosophical Psychology* 30 (2017): 79–101.
29. "Aristotle and Distributed Language: Capacity, Matter, Structure, and Linguaging," *Language Sciences* 53 (2016): 8-20.

30. Review of *Cognition Beyond the Brain: Computation, Interactivity, and Human Artifice*, Stephen Cowley and Frédéric Vallée-Tourangeau (Eds.) *Philosophical Psychology*, 28 (2015): 1245–1249.
31. "When Words Do Things: Perlocutions and Affordances for Social Action," in *Austin on Language*, Brian Garvey (ed.), Palgrave Macmillan (2014): 32-49.
32. "Much Ado About Nothing: the Coupling-Constitution Fallacy," (with Aaron Kagan) *Pragmatics and Cognition*, 21 (2013): 178–192.
33. "Implicating without Intending on a Gricean Account of Implicature," *Empedocles: European Journal for the Philosophy of Communication*, 4 (2012): 199-215
34. "Externalizing Communicative Intentions," *SATS: Northern European Journal of Philosophy*, 12 (2011): 123–144.

Selected Presentations

1. " 'Yes But Have You Considered...': Analogy, Rigid Updating, and Bad Faith Actors," Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2025
2. "Humility in Systems of Scientific Inquiry," Society for the Social Studies of Science, Seattle, WA, September 2025
3. "Humility in Inquiry: A Text-based Measure of Humble Expressions in Ready-Made Science," (with Sarah Bratt), Society for the Social Studies of Science, Seattle, WA, September 2025
4. "What is Polarization?" Mead High School, February 2024
5. "World Apart: Polarization, Culture and Humility in Troubled Times," Spokane Falls Community College, February 2024
6. "We Live in a Society," Spokane Public Library, April 2023
7. "Precedence and Shared Reflective Equilibrium," (with Bert Baumgaertner)
 - Reflective Equilibrium: 51 Years After *A Theory of Justice*, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, May 2022
 - Philosophy of Science Association Biannual Meeting, Pittsburg, November 2022
8. "Hylomorphism and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind," Gonzaga University, March 2022
9. "Thinking Without Culture? Think Again," Spokane Falls Community College, February 2022
10. "Dogmatism and Domination: A Simulation Study," The Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation, University of Idaho, November 2021
11. "The Miracle of Shared (Narrow) Reflective Equilibrium," 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, November 2021
12. "Reading the signs: from dyadic to triadic views of identifying experts," Centre for Human Interactivity, University of Southern Denmark, October 2021 (convened online)

^{††}Invited contribution

13. "Big Data and Naturalized Social Epistemology," University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, November 2020 (convened online)
14. "Watching People Watching People: Culture, Prestige, and Epistemic Authority," Social Indicators of Trust, CNRS (Institut Jean Nicod), Paris, France, October 2020 (convened online)
15. "Arational Belief Convergence," Computational Modeling in Philosophy, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany, June 2018
16. "Philosophy in the Schools," Inland Northwest Community Engagement Institute, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, May 2018
17. "Perceived Rational Authority and the Social Epistemology of Implicit Bias"
 - o NYC Epistemology/ Psychology Conference, New York, NY, June 2016
 - o 2016 meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland, August 2016
 - o 2017 meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Baltimore, MD, January 2017
 - o 2017 meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Kansas City, MO March 2017
18. "Powers of Language," Is There Any Such Thing As Language? 30 Years After "A Nice Derangement," University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, November 2016
19. "Examining Sources of Culture-Mismatch: The Role of Dispositions and Marginalizing Situations," (with Vinai Norasakkunkit, Yukiko Uchida, and Huai-Ching Liu), 23rd Annual Congress of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan, August 2016
20. "Critical Thinking as Introduction to Philosophical Methodology," PLATO-WA, Spokane, WA, May 2016
21. "Sense-saturated Coordination and Reasons-responsiveness," Joint Meeting of the 7th Distributed Thinking Symposium and the 3rd Centre for Human Interactivity Annual Symposium, Odense, Denmark, September 2015
22. "Neo-Aristotelian Foundations for Distributed Language," Finding Common Ground: Social, Ecological, and Cognitive Perspectives on Language Use, Storrs, CT, June 2014
23. "The Abrahamic Tradition and the Social Nature of Linguistic Agents," American Catholic Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, CA, November 2012
24. "Are You Talkin' to Me? Between Linguistic and Non-natural Meaning," European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, London, UK, August 2012
25. "Psychology, Culture, and Bias," 3rd Biennial Midwinter Meeting of the Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, Austin, TX, March 2012
26. "Perlocutions as Affordances," J.L. Austin Centenary Conference, Lancaster University, Lancashire, UK, April 2011
27. "Grice's Private Language Problem"
 - o 2010 meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Ruhr Universität, Bochum, Germany, August 2010
 - o 3rd European Communications Conference, Hamburg, Germany, August 2010

28. "Speaker Meaning and Unmeant Conversational Implicature," Long Island Philosophical Society, St. John's University, Queens, NY, October 2009

Employment

1. Gonzaga University, August 2025 – present
Professor of Philosophy
2. Gonzaga University, August 2019 – July 2025
Associate Professor of Philosophy
3. Gonzaga University, August 2014 – July 2019
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
4. Gonzaga University, August 2013 – July 2014
Lecturer in Philosophy
5. Fordham University, January 2006 – August 2013
Teaching Associate
6. Georgian Court University, January 2010 – August 2013
Adjunct Faculty
7. Rutgers University (Newark Campus), August 2009 – May 2012
Part-time Lecturer
8. Monroe College, August 2004 – August 2009
Adjunct Faculty

Awards

1. **Humanities Washington 50th Anniversary Honoree**
Humanities Washington, 2025, \$1000
2. **25 Years of Hiring in Professional Philosophy: A Study and Analysis**
American Philosophical Association, 2024, \$4949
3. **PrimeTime Reading Grant**
Humanities Washington, 2024, \$8300
4. **Community Engaged Learning, Faculty of the Year**
Gonzaga University, 2019
5. **Digital Humanities Fellow**
Gonzaga University, 2018, \$550
6. **Dean's Faculty Development Funds**
Gonzaga University, 2018, \$2490
7. **Sebeok-Love Award^{‡‡}**
Editorial Board of *Language Sciences*, 2016, \$350
8. **Faculty and Student Research Fund Award**
Gonzaga University, 2015, \$7000
9. **Research Support Grant**
Fordham University, 2010, \$1000

Other Professional Development

Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life
College of the Holy Cross

2024

^{‡‡}Awarded to "Aristotle and Distributed Language" for best paper published in *Language Sciences* in 2016

Digital Humanities Summer Institute <i>University of Victoria</i>	2019
Course Design Institute <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2018
Digital Humanities Workshop <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2018
Online Teaching Seminar <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2016
Inquiry-Based Learning <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2016
Community Engaged Learning <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2016
Advising Academy <i>Gonzaga University</i>	2015
Agent-Based Modeling <i>Humboldt State University</i>	2015

Service

Gonzaga University, Philosophy Department.....

1. Search committee member, Spring 2025
2. Search committee member for Gonzaga-in-Florence, Fall 2024
3. Organizer, Ungrading Reading Group, Spring 2022
4. Philosophy Department Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2021 –
5. Philosophy Department Community Agreements Working Group, Fall 2021 – Fall 2022
6. Philosophy Department Evaluation Committee (PDEC), Fall 2020 – Spring 2023
7. Search committee member, Summer 2016, Spring 2018
8. Grader for comprehensive exams in terminal MA program, 2013 –
9. Administrator for logic requirement in terminal MA program, 2013 –
10. Member of Graduate Advisory Committee, 2013 – 2018

Gonzaga University, College of Arts & Sciences.....

1. Member of Faculty Mentoring Squads 2022 – 2023
2. Interim Director, Center for the Applied Humanities, 2022 – 2024
3. Co-organizer and speaker for DAPL Teach-In, Spring 2017

Gonzaga University.....

1. Member of Advisory Board for CURCI, 2025 –
2. Member of GRIT (Gonzaga Research Initiatives Team) 2024 – 2025
3. Member of Gonzaga Humanities Institute Board 2024 – 2025
4. Member of AI and Pedagogy Working Group 2023 – 2024
5. Organizer of faculty panel for "Failing Forward," Spring 2017, 2018, & 2021
6. Member of Core Curriculum Committee (Reasoning subcommittee), 2015 – 2024
 - 6.1. Committee chair, 2022 – 2023
7. Secretary of Institutional Review Board, 2014 – 2022
8. Member of Title IX Working Group, 2014 – 2016
9. Member of Advisory Council for Stewardship and Sustainability, 2014 – 2015
10. Member of Student Publications Board, 2014 – 2016

Professional.....

1. Reviewer for:
 - 1.1. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
 - 1.2. *American Philosophical Quarterly*
 - 1.3. *Intellectica*
 - 1.4. *Language Sciences*
 - 1.5. *Philosophical Psychology*
 - 1.6. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
 - 1.7. *Social Epistemology*
 - 1.8. *Techné*
 - 1.9. *Hypatia*
 - 1.10. *Episteme*
 - 1.11. *Synthese*
 - 1.12. *Erkenntnis*
 - 1.13. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*
 - 1.14. *Journal of Pragmatics*
 - 1.15. Bloomsbury Publishing
 - 1.16. National Endowment for the Humanities, Dangers and Opportunity of Technology, 2024
 - 1.17. Humanities Washington, Public Humanities Fellows, 2024
2. Member of editorial board for *Language Sciences*, 2019 –
3. Blogger of philosophy job market data at [Philosophy By Number](#), 2019 –
4. External reviewer, tenure application for Joseph Vukov (Loyola University Chicago, Philosophy Department)
5. Invited lecturer for “Embodied Cognition and Breath Mapping,” at Western Washington University, convened via Zoom by Madeline McNeill, May 2024