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AREAS

Specialization: Epistemology, Ethics, Language
Competence: Logic, Metaethics, Metaphysics, Mind, Early Modern

EMPLOYMENT

Rutgers University Fall 2020–
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
Wesleyan University Spring 2020
Visiting Instructor in Philosophy

EDUCATION

Yale University 2020
Ph. D in Philosophy
Dissertation: *On the Epistemology of Concepts*
Committee: Zoltán Gendler Szabó (chair), Keith DeRose, Daniel Greco, Jason Stanley
Oxford University 2015
B. Phil. in Philosophy (with Distinction)
Thesis: *Objective Value and Practical Rationality* (Advisor: Ralf Bader)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2013
B. A. in Philosophy (with Highest Honors) & Linguistics
Thesis: *Slurs and Conventional Implicature* (Advisor: Dorit Bar-On)

PUBLICATIONS

Bad Concepts, Bilateral Contents forthcoming
Ergo
Don't Trust Fodor's Guide in Monte Carlo:
Learning Concepts by Hypothesis Testing without Circularity forthcoming
Mind & Language
Stupefying forthcoming
Philosophers' Imprint

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| Offsetting Harm <i>Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics</i> *(pending final vetting process) | forthcoming* |
| A Plea for Inexact Truthmaking <i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i> doi.org/10.1007/s10988-019-09279-2 | 2020 |
| Counterfactual Donkeys Don't Get High <i>Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22</i> | 2018 |
| Counterfactual Double Lives <i>Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium</i> | 2017 |

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Questions Should Have Answers (R&R at *Noûs*)
 Having a Concept Has a Cost
 Conceptual Quarantine

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

* indicates invited

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| Okay, Whatever *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop | April 2021 |
| Conceptual Quarantine *Ignorance, Confusion, and Distraction Graduate Seminar, U. Tennessee | April 2021 |
| Offsetting Harm 2021 Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona | January 2021 |
| Bad Concepts, Bilateral Contents *Discourse in Philosophy Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam | November 2020 |
| Surprise as an Epistemic Emotion (with Juan S. Piñeros Glasscock) Surprise: An Interdisciplinary Workshop, Hebrew University of Jerusalem | June 2020 |
| Having a Concept has a Cost 2020 Eastern APA (symposium), Philadelphia | January 2020 |
| Partiality and Objective Value Formal Ethics 2019, Ghent University 2019 Pacific APA (colloquium), Vancouver Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks, UT-Austin 19 th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference | June 2019 April 2019 November 2018 November 2015 |
| Stupefying ECOM "Communication, Context, Conversation" Workshop, UConn | May 2019 |

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| A Plea for Inexact Truthmaking | | |
| NASSLLI 2018 (poster), Carnegie Mellon | | June 2018 |
| Hyperintensional Logics and Semantics Workshop, Ghent University | | December 2017 |
| Counterfactual Double Lives | | |
| 21 st Amsterdam Colloquium | | December, 2017 |
| Counterfactual Donkeys Don't Get High | | |
| Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Potsdam | | September 2017 |
| *Comments on Kit Fine's "Compliance and Command" | | |
| 2015 Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference | | March 2015 |
| *Comments on Danny Fox's "Children Interpret Disjunction as Conjunction" | | |
| Mind, Logic and Language Workshop, Hebrew University of Jerusalem | | May 2013 |

TEACHING

Rutgers University:

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| Minds, Machines, and Persons – PHIL 329 | | Spring 2021 |
| Intro to Philosophy of Science – PHIL 225 | | Spring 2021 |

Wesleyan University:

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| Theory of Knowledge – PHIL 292 | | Spring 2020 |
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Yale University, as Teaching Fellow:

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| Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant – PHIL 126b (under Michael Della Rocca) | | Spring 2019 |
| Moral Skepticism – PHIL 174 (under Shelly Kagan) | | Fall 2018 |
| Propaganda, Ideology, and Democracy – PHIL 177/AFAM 198/ (under Jason Stanley) CGSC 267/EDST 177b/EP&E 494b | | Spring 2018 |
| First-Order Logic – PHIL 117 (under Kenneth Winkler) | | Fall 2017 |

SERVICE

Reviewing

Ergo, Inquiry, Noûs, Swiss National Science Foundation

Academic Organizing

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| Half-Baked Ideas (informal grad student WIP meetings, with baked goods) | founder and organizer (2018–2020) |
| Conceptual Ethics Reading Group | organizer (2019) |

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| ELMM City Working Group | organizer (2018); co-organizer (2017, 2019–2020) |
| Yale Semantics Reading Group | organizer (Fall 2017–2018); co-organizer (2019) |
| Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference | co-organizer (2016, 2017) |
| Stalnaker Reading Group | organizer (2015) |
| Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference | co-organizer (2014) |

Departmental Service

Graduate Representative (2019)
 Teaching Representative (2018)
 Prospective Students Committee (2016, 2017)

Outreach

Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl judge (2018, 2020)

HONORS & AWARDS

Research Fellowships

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| Fellow - Centre for Advanced Studies “Human Abilities” (HU/FU Berlin) | summer 2021 |
| William Henry Hurlbut Scholarship (Yale dissertation fellowship) | 2019–2020 |
| Clarendon Scholarship (Oxford competitive merit scholarship) | 2013–2015 |
| UNC Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$3,000) | 2012 |

Travel Grants

APA Graduate Travel Stipend (2020, 2019); Yale Conference Travel Fund Award (2019);
 NASSSLI Scholarship (2012); Leshner Educational Opportunity Fund (2012)

Honors

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| Phi Beta Kappa | 2012 |
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OTHER

Research Assistant

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| Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Group PI: Dorit Bar-On | 2011–2013 |
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| UNC Language, Cognition, Brain Lab PI: Peter C. Gordon | 2010–2013 |
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(programming in MATLAB, Perl, Python; independent research on (i) use of eye-tracking for correcting ocular ERP artifacts, (ii) Broad Autism Phenotype, using methods from distributional semantics)

Summer schools in Language, Logic, and Information

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| NASSLLI | 2012, ‘14, ‘16, ‘18 |
| ESSLLI | 2013, ‘14, ‘15 |

REFERENCES

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