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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)
Supervisions: Ethics (Alison Hills), Metaphysics (Timothy Williamson)

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

Offsetting Harm forthcoming*
Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics
*(pending vetting process after presentation at WiNE 2021)

A Plea for Inexact Truthmaking 2019
Linguistics and Philosophy doi.org/10.1007/s10988-019-09279-2

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| 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 |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

* indicates invited

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| Offsetting Harm 2021 Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona | January 2021 |
| 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 | June 2019 |
| 2019 Pacific APA (colloquium), Vancouver | April 2019 |
| Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks, UT-Austin | November 2018 |
| 19 th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference | November 2015 |
| Stupefying ECOM "Communication, Context, Conversation" Workshop, UConn | May 2019 |
| 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

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| Wesleyan University, as sole instructor: 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

Swiss National Science Foundation, *Noûs*, Yale Philosophy Graduate Conferences, Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conferences

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) |
| 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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| William Henry Hurlbut Scholarship (dissertation fellowship) | 2019–2020 |
| Clarendon Scholarship (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

Phi Beta Kappa 2012

OTHER

Research Assistant

Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Group 2011–2013
PI: Dorit Bar-On

UNC Language, Cognition, Brain Lab 2010–2013
PI: Peter C. Gordon

(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

NASSLLI 2012, '14, '16, '18

ESSLLI 2013, '14, '15