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AREAS

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

EMPLOYMENT

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Freie Universität Berlin 2022
Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities”
Fellow

Rutgers University 2020–2022
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

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

Offsetting Harm 2022
Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780192868886.003.0011

Stupefying 2022
Philosophers’ Imprint doi.org/10.3998/phimp.2117

Don't Trust Fodor's Guide in Monte Carlo: Learning Concepts by Hypothesis Testing without Circularity <i>Mind & Language</i> doi.org/10.1111/mila.12366	2022
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

Conceptual Limitations, Puzzlement, and Epistemic Dilemmas (R&R at *Philosophical Studies*)
 Questions Should Have Answers · Having a Concept Has a Cost
 Conceptual Quarantine · Wondering is Wanting to Know
 A Fitting Definition of Epistemic Emotions (with Juan S. Piñeros Glasscock)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

* indicates invited

Questioning Beyond Awareness *Humboldt TWIP Seminar, HU Berlin	November 2022
Questions Should Have Answers *Epistemic Capacities & Normativity Workshop, FU Berlin	April 2022
Wondering is Wanting to Know The Inquiry Network WIP Talks (international online) *Language Workshop at the Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, ACU	March 2022 May 2021
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	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

Rutgers University:

Philosophy of Language – PHIL 210	Spring 2022
Intro to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making – PHIL 109	Spring 2022
Minds, Machines, and Persons – PHIL 329	Spring 2021
Intro to Philosophy of Science – PHIL 225	Spring 2021

Wesleyan University:

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

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/ Spring 2018
(under Jason Stanley) CGSC 267/EDST 177b/EP&E 494b

First-Order Logic – PHIL 117 Fall 2017
(under Kenneth Winkler)

SERVICE

Reviewing

Analysis; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×2); *Ergo*; *Ethics, Policy & Environment*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of Philosophical Logic*; *Journal of Semantics*; *Mind & Language*; *Minds and Machines* (×2); *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Noûs*; *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; Swiss National Science Foundation

Academic Organizing

Half-Baked Ideas founder and organizer (2018–2020)
(informal grad student WIP meetings, with baked goods)
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)

Other 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

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 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