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Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Language

Areas of competence

Logic, Philosophy of Mind

Appointments

since 2022 Assistant Professor, Syracuse University
2020-22 Postdoctoral Fellow, Umeå University
2019-20 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
2018-19 Philosophy Futures Post-Doctoral Lecturer, New York University

Education

2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy, New York University. Dissertation title: *Semantic Variance*. Committee: Cian Dorr, James Pryor (chair), Stephen Schiffer
2015-16 Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Sum. 2012 Visiting Student, Australian National University
2011 B.A. in Philosophy (with honors), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Publications

By year of acceptance. Years of publication may differ.

2023 “Negotiated contextualism and disagreement data”, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, DOI: [10.1007/s10988-024-09410-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10988-024-09410-y)
2023 “Partial Understanding”, *Synthese*, DOI: [10.1007/s11229-023-04268-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-023-04268-2)
2022 “Inferences from Utterance to Belief”, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, DOI: [10.1093/pq/pqac053](https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqac053)
2020 “Disagreement Lost”, *Synthese*, DOI: [10.1007/s11229-020-02866-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02866-y)
2020 “Gómez-Torrente on Reference to Ordinary Substances”, *Manuscrito* (book symposium), DOI: [10.1590/0100-6045.2020.v43n4.mx](https://doi.org/10.1590/0100-6045.2020.v43n4.mx)
2019 “Communication and Indifference”, *Mind & Language*, DOI: [10.1111/mila.12259](https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12259)
2019 “Communication and Variance”, *Topoi*, DOI: [10.1007/s11245-019-09648-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-019-09648-3)
2018 “Weak Speech Reports”, *Philosophical Studies*, DOI: [10.1007/s11098-018-1119-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-018-1119-2)

Fellowships, grants and awards

- 2025 CNY Corridor Working Group Grant #LIN16 (with Jens Kipper and Zeynep Soysal). Project: Second meeting of the CNY philosophy of language workshop.
- 2024 CNY Corridor Working Group Grant #LIN16 (with Jens Kipper, Alex Kocurek and Zeynep Soysal). Project: inaugural meeting of the CNY philosophy of language workshop.
- 2023 CNY Corridor Working Group Grant #LIN16 (with Jens Kipper, Alex Kocurek and Zeynep Soysal). Project: writing retreat
- 2023 SOURCE Research Assistant Grant, Syracuse University
- 2018 GSAS Dean's Travel Grant, New York University
- 2018 Student Senators Council Travel Grant, New York University
- 2017-18 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, New York University
- 2015-16 SHASS Pre-doctoral Diversity Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2012-13 Graduate Student Fellow, New York Institute of Philosophy: Foundations of Epistemology
- 2011-17 Henry MacCracken Fellowship, New York University (reserved during the academic year 2015-16 to take MIT fellowship)
- 2011 Norman Sverdlin Prize, awarded by UNAM to the best B.A. thesis in Philosophy
- 2011 Best B.A. thesis in Philosophy, awarded biannually by the Mexican Association of Philosophy (national award)
- 2010 PAPIIT-UNAM thesis writing fellowship

Talks

* = peer reviewed

- 2025 "Only wholes, but also their parts", Closing Workshop of the Latinamerican Association of Analytic Philosophy's Winter School, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos
- 2025 "Only wholes, but also their parts", Keynote talk, Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference, Syracuse University
- 2025 "Vagueness and abundance", Metaphysics at the Blue Ridge, Virginia Tech
- 2025 "Only wholes, but also their parts", Workshop on Parts and Wholes in Natural Language, Université Côte d'Azur *
- 2024 "Vagueness and abundance", Colloquium, National University of Singapore
- 2024 "Knowledge of what is said and knowledge by testimony", Workshop on indirect speech reports, Stockholm University
- 2024 "Vagueness and abundance", 13th meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, University of California, Davis
- 2024 "Vagueness and abundance", X Workshop on Language, Context and Cognition, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- 2022 "Negotiated contextualism and disagreement data", Language and Mind seminar, University of St. Andrews
- 2021 "Negotiated contextualism and disagreement data", University of Tartu
- 2020 "Partial Understanding", University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2020 "Gómez-Torrente on reference to ordinary kinds", *Manuscrito's* book symposium on *Roads to Reference*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- 2019 "Partial Understanding", Seminario de Investigadores (colloquium), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- 2019 "Imperfect Communication", Truthmaker Semantics: Applications in Philosophy and Linguistics, Universität Hamburg *
- 2018 "Disagreement Lost", Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 10, Universitat Pompeu Fabra *

- 2018 “Communication and Variance”, Topoi Conference 2018: Foundational issues in Philosophical Semantics, Università degli Studi di Torino *
- 2018 “Communication and Variance”, NY-MAPworks Series, The New School for Social Research *
- 2017 “Three notions of communicative success”, New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University
- 2017 “Indirect Speech Reports”, Workshop on Clausal Complements, New York University
- 2017 “Communicative coordination”, Workshop on Contextual Indeterminacy and Semantic Theory, Institut d’Études Avancées de Paris *
- 2016 “Communication and Indifference”, 9th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Syracuse University
- 2016 “Operators of Structural Enrichment”, Logic, Language and Metaphysics Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2015 “Homophonic Speech Reports”, M.A.T.T.I., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2015 “Communication without Shared Contents”, New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University
- 2013 “The Function of Names” 6th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Rutgers University

Comments

- 2023 Comments on Bulnes’ “Brentano in perspective”, 12th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2022 Comments on “Idle questions”, 167th Creighton Club meeting, Syracuse University
- 2017 Comments on Bulnes’ “Opacity and Perspective”, 10th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2017 Comments on William Jaworski’s “Putnam’s Aristotelian Dream”, 2nd Conference of Latinx Philosophers, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.
- 2016 Comments on Clapp and Lavalley’s “Modality and Multipropositionalism”, 9th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Syracuse University
- 2015 Comments on Ricardo Mena’s “On Diagonal Content” 8th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Columbia University
- 2014 Comments on Sergio Gallegos on externalism about mental content, 7th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Stanford University
- 2012 Comments on Maite Ezcurdia’s “Incomplete Predicates”, 5th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Princeton University
- 2011 Comments on Ricardo Mena on Vagueness, 4th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Teaching

Graduate

- 2025 Independent study: linguistic understanding (Syracuse)
- 2025 Non-ideal communication (Syracuse)
- 2024 Logic and Language (Logic proseminar, Syracuse)
- 2023 Independent study: truthmaker semantics (Syracuse)
- 2023 Non-linguistic approaches to vagueness (Syracuse)
- 2022 Logic and Language (Logic proseminar, Syracuse)
- 2020 Significado y comunicación (UNAM)

Undergraduate

- 2025 Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Syracuse)
- 2025 Paradoxes and Puzzles (Syracuse)
- 2025 Modal logic (Syracuse)
- 2024 Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Syracuse)
- 2024 Paradoxes and Puzzles (Syracuse)
- 2024 Knowledge and Reality (Syracuse)
- 2023 Minds & Machines (Syracuse, Fall semester)
- 2023 Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Syracuse)
- 2023 Minds & Machines (Syracuse, Spring semester)
- 2019 Logic (NYU)
- 2018 Life and Death (NYU)
- 2015 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)
- 2014 Philosophy of Mind (NYU)

Summer/winter schools

- 2025 Comunicación no ideal, Winter School of the Latinamerican Association of Analytic Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Mentoring

Graduate

- 2025 Teaching mentor, Autumn Scarlett Harrison
- 2024 Teaching mentor, Aleksandra Kuciel
- 2024 Teaching mentor, Victor Sholl
- since 2024 Committee member, Minseok Kim
- since 2023 Pre-dissertation mentor, Ana Carolina Zamora Buen Abad
- 2023 Teaching mentor, Sanggu Lee
- since 2022 Pre-dissertation mentor, Antonio Freiles

Undergraduate

- 2023 Research assistant grant mentor for Zhiyu Miao
- 2022 Mentor for Leonel Álvarez Ceja, Open Doors Philosophy Academy, University of Pittsburgh

Department and professional service

- 2025 Co-organizer, *Advances in Truthmaker Semantics 2*
- 2025 Member, SU Mary Hatch Marshall Award Committee
- since 2024 Co-organizer, *Central New York Philosophy of Language Workshop* series
- 2024 Advisor, SU Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter
- 2024 Member, SU Mary Hatch Marshall Award Committee
- 2024 Member, SU University-wide Committee to write a statement on free speech
- 2023-25 Co-organizer, SU Colloquium and Alston lecture
- 2022-23 Member, SU Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
- 2019-22 Member, APA Committee on Hispanics/Latinxs
- since 2016 Category Editor, Speech Reports, *PhilPapers*
- 2016-17 Member, NYU Curriculum Committee

2015-17 Organizer, *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*
2015-16 Member, NYU Colloquium Committee
2014 Member, Poster Session Committee for *SALT 24*
2013-14 Organizer, *Washington Square Circle*
2012-13 Member, NYU Fun Committee

Referee for: *Acta Analytica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Crítica*, *Dianoia*, *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, *Manuscrito*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Studies*, *SALT 32*, *Synthese*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Theoria* (Basque Country), *Topoi*

Languages

Spanish: native
English: fluent

References

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