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## Education

- 2015–... *PhD Candidate in Philosophy*, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, “Naturalness Relativized,” Advisor: Kris McDaniel
- 2011–2013 *MA in Philosophy (Logic and Metaphysics)*, Graduate Program in Logic and Metaphysics, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, “The Problem of Universals as a Problem of Ontological Categorization,” Advisor: Guido Imaguire
- 2007–2010 *BA in Philosophy, Magna cum laude*, Universidade Federal do Ceará, “Frege on *Elucidations*,” Advisor: Andre Leclerc and Dirk Greimann

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## Areas

- Specialization Metaphysics
- Competence Philosophy of Language, Logic, Ethics

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## Publications

- 2019 ‘Essence and Naturalness,’ *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 69, Issue 276, July 2019, Pages 534–554.

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## Conferences

- soon ‘The Naturalness of Negative Properties: a case for category-relativism,’ *American Philosophical Association Conference*, Pacific Meeting.
- 2019 ‘Within the Predicate: Non-symmetric Relations and Comparative Naturalness,’ *American Philosophical Association Conference*, Central Meeting.

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## Employment

- 2018 – ... Teaching Associate at *Syracuse University*
- 2015 – 2018 Teaching Assistant at *Syracuse University*
- 2014 – 2015 Professor Substituto at *Universidade Federal de Alagoas*

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## Services

- Referee for *Philosophical Studies*

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## Teaching Experience

- 2016–2021 Main Instructor at Syracuse University:
- Introduction to Moral Theory
  - Logic
  - Knowledge and Reality
- 2015–2020 Teaching Assistant at Syracuse University:
- Human Nature
  - Introduction to Moral Theory
  - Logic
  - Knowledge and Reality
  - Ethics and Media Professions
- 2014–2015 Main Instructor at Universidade Federal de Alagoas:
- Introduction to Philosophy
  - Scientific Methodology
  - Ontology in Medieval Philosophy

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## Grants

- 2019 Summer Grant, Syracuse University
- 2015–2019 Grant from CAPES – Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior
- 2011–2013 Grant from CAPES – Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior
- 2012 Grant from DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – Winterkurs. Intensivkurs Deutsch als Fremdsprache. Institut für Internationale Kommunikation, Berlin
- 2010 Research grant from CNPq – Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico