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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor	2018 — present
Laidlaw Preceptor in the Humanities (honorary appointment) Princeton University, Department of Philosophy	2022 — present
Postdoctoral Fellow Princeton University, Society of Fellows	2016 — 2018
Postdoctoral Fellow University of Antwerp, Centre for Philosophical Psychology	2015 — 2016

EDUCATION

New York University Ph.D. in Philosophy	May 2015
University of Nebraska — Lincoln B.A. in Philosophy, with honors	2006

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind
Epistemology (incl. Social Epistemology)
Philosophy of AI & Technology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Race, Feminist Philosophy
Philosophy of Art, Philosophy of Science

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] “Subjectivity in Film: Mine, Yours, and No One’s,” with Sara Aronowitz, (forthcoming). *Ergo*.
- [2] “The Simulation Hypothesis, Social Knowledge, and a Meaningful Life,” (forthcoming). *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*.
- [3] “Viewpoint Convergence as a Philosophical Defect,” (forthcoming). *Attitude in Philosophy*, Oxford University Press.

- [4] “Thought Experiments as Tools of Theory Clarification,” (2023). *Seemings: New Arguments, New Angles*. Routledge Studies in Epistemology.
- [5] “Hot-Cold Empathy Gaps and the Grounds of Authenticity,” with Chris Register, (2023). *Synthese*, special issue on Transformative Experience, Authenticity, and Rationality
- [6] “On Being a Lonely Brain-in-a-Vat: Structuralism, Solipsism, and the Threat from External World Skepticism,” (2023). *Analytic Philosophy*.
- [7] “Against the Very Idea of a Perceptual Belief,” with Bence Nanay (2022). *Analytic Philosophy*.
Runner-up, Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind
- [8] “Epistemological Solipsism as a Route to External World Skepticism,” (2021). *Philosophical Perspectives* 35(1), 229-250.
- [9] “If You Can’t Change What You Believe, You Don’t Believe It,” (2020). *Noûs*, 54(3), 501-526.
Nominated, APA Article Prize
- [10] “Amodal Completion and Knowledge,” with Bence Nanay, (2019). *Analysis*, 79(3), 415-423.
- [11] “Visually Perceiving the Intentions of Others,” (2018). *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 68(271), 243-264.
- [12] “Recent Issues in High-Level Perception,” (2016). *Philosophy Compass*, 11(12), 851-862.

UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

- a paper on judgment views of perception
- a paper on human suffering and the simulation hypothesis
- a paper on implicit bias and emotion
- a paper on the rationality and dynamics of emotion

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS (since Ph.D.)

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| Robert Remsen Laidlaw Preceptorship in the Humanities | 2022-2025 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ honorific appointment at Princeton University “awarded to outstanding assistant professors” ○ confers one semester of leave and research funds | |
| Associate Researcher, The Philosophy of Experiential Artifacts | 2022-present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ European Research Council-funded project on the experience of film and other forms of art | |

○ lead researcher: Enrico Terrone (Università degli Studi di Genova)	
Award, 250 th Anniversary Fund for Innovation in Undergraduate Education competitive grant, Princeton University	2022
Nominated, APA Article Prize For “If You Can’t Change What You Believe, You Don’t Believe It”	2022
Nominated, President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching Princeton’s university-wide teaching award	2022
Runner-up, Marc Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind For “Against the Very Idea of a Perceptual Belief,” with Bence Nanay	2021
Early Career Researcher Award, Australian National University competitive award to fund a visit to ANU, visit postponed due to pandemic	March 2020
PRESENTATIONS († indicates refereed)	
TBD	
Keynote Talk, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference	Apr. 2024
APA, Symposium on O’Callaghan	Feb. 2024
“How Feelings Fade—And Why It Matters” UC-Riverside, Colloquium Talk	Nov. 2023
“Suffering In the Simulation” Ethics & Epistemology of VR, Northeastern U.	Apr. 2023
Philosophy & Virtual Reality, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm	May 2023
“Emotion and Salience” Senior Seminar, University of Glasgow	Oct. 2023
Empirical Epistemology Workshop, Glasgow	Sep. 2023
Faculty Work-in-Progress Lunch, Princeton	Feb. 2023
Mind & Epistemology Workshop, Princeton	Feb. 2023
“The Simulation Hypothesis and Social Knowledge” Siena College, Talk on Chalmers’ <i>Reality+</i>	March 2023
APA, Symposium on Chalmers’ <i>Reality+</i>	Apr. 2023
“The Emotion Model of Implicit Bias” UC-Davis, Colloquium Talk	Oct. 2022
CUNY Grad Center, Cognitive Science Speaker Series	Mar. 2022

University of Tennessee, Value & Agency Conference †	Sep. 2016
“Thought Experiments Don’t Generate New Evidence— They Clarify Theories” Workshop on Seemings & Intuitions Fredericton, New Brunswick	June 2022
“Hot-Cold Empathy Gaps and the Grounds of Authenticity” with Chris Register Workshop on Transformative Experience, Yale University	April 2022
“Experimental Psychology and Norms of Rationality” U. of Massachusetts, Amherst, Philosophy Colloquium SWIP-NYC, Invited Talk U. of Michigan, Invited Talk	May 2021 Jan. 2021 Jan. 2020
“Does the Aim of Philosophy Require Convergence?” Attitude in Philosophy Workshop, New Mexico State U. Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson UNC—Chapel Hill, Philosophy Colloquium	Feb. 2022 Jan. 2022 Aug. 2021
“Perspectives in Film: Mine, Yours, and No One’s,” with Sara Aronowitz Workshop on Cognitive Science, Aesthetics, and the Imagined World Princeton University & University of Arizona	Nov. 2020
“The Doxastic Theory of Perception” Mind & Perception Group, Washington U. in St. Louis Eastern APA, Invited Colloquium Rutgers University, Epistemology Seminar Carleton University (Ottawa), Philosophy Colloquium Southern Soc. for Philosophy & Psychology, Perception Panel University of Antwerp, Belief & Intuition Conference	Feb. 2022 Jan. 2020 Oct. 2019 Sep. 2019 April 2017 May 2016
“The Import of Solipsism” Yonsei International Campus, Social Epistemology Network † Columbia University, Summer Mind Workshop Goethe University Frankfurt, Goethe Epistemology Meeting †	June 2019 June 2019 May 2019
“Skepticism & Solipsism” Philosophy Desert Workshop University of Chicago, Theoretical Philosophy Workshop Princeton University, Skepticism Workshop The Ohio State University, Philosophy Colloquium	Apr. 2019 Jan. 2019 May 2018 Apr. 2018

CUNY Graduate Center, Philosophy Colloquium Oct. 2017
 Yale University, MAP/ELLMM Working Group Oct. 2017
 Princeton University, Paper Tigers Group Oct. 2017
 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Society for Skeptical Studies † Jan. 2017
 University of Lisbon; Minds, Selves, & Technology Conference † July 2016
 University of Cambridge, New Directions in Mind Seminar June 2016

“Unrevisability and The Divide between Perception and Cognition”
 Canadian Philosophical Association, Perception & Cognition Panel June 2018
 University of Oslo, The Thought & Sense Conference Nov. 2017

“Artifacts & Agnosia”
 Rutgers University — Newark, Cognitive Science Series Nov. 2016

“The Revisability View of Belief”
 The Brains Blog, Minds Online Conference † Sep. 2015
 Consciousness Discussion Group, NYC faculty & student group April 2015

“Visually Perceiving the Intentions of Others”
 CUNY Graduate Center, Cognitive Science Speaker Series Feb. 2015

“Veridicality Judgments and High-Level Perception”
 APA Pacific Division Meeting, Colloquium Session † April 2013

“Introspection and High-Level Perceptual Disputes”
 Consciousness Discussion Group, NYC faculty & student group Nov. 2012

“Dual-Processing Theory and High-Level Perception” (poster)
 Université du Québec à Montréal, Summer School in Cognitive Science † July 2012

COMMENTS & OTHER TALKS

Discussion, “Philosophy & the Future of Cognitive Science”
 Cognitive Science Club, Rutgers University Feb. 2023

Discussion, “Philosophy & Cognitive Science”
 Psychology Pro-Seminar, Princeton University. Sep. 2022

Comments on Emmalon Davis’ “A Tale of Two Injustices”
 Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy Feb. 2018

Comments on Ege Yumusak’s “Implicit Bias and The Unconscious”
 The Brains Blog, Minds Online Conference Sep. 2017

Comments on Jake Quilty-Dunn’s “Perceptual Belief”
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference April 2014

Comments on Japa Pallikkathayil’s “The Truth about Deception”
Edinburgh Mid-Summer Philosophy Conference July 2013

Comments on Ross Colebrook’s “A Smaller Self”
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference April 2013

Comments on Christine Vitrano’s “Is Unhappiness Irrational?”
New Jersey Regional Association Philosophy Conference Nov. 2012

AWARDS DURING PH.D.

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship 2013 — 2014

Summer Fellowship, NYU Global Research Institute in London Summer 2013

Travel Stipend, APA Pacific Division April 2013

MacCracken Fellowship, NYU Graduate School of Arts & Sciences 2006 — 2011

TEACHING

At Princeton — Graduate

Philosophy of Mind: Psychology, Epistemology, & Ethics of Empathy Spring 2023

Philosophy of Mind: Art and Altered States Spring 2021

Metaphysics: Mind, Knowledge, and Reality (with Mark Johnston) Spring 2020

Philosophy of Mind: Recent Issues in Philosophy of Psychology Fall 2018

At Princeton — Undergraduate

Freshman Seminar: Empathy & Intersubjectivity Spring 2023

Philosophy of Bias: The Psychology, Epistemology, & Ethics of Stereotypes Fall 2022

Spring 2020

Spring 2019

Spring 2018

Spring 2017

Introduction to Philosophy of Cognitive Science Fall 2019

Fall 2017

Fall 2016

At NYU — Undergraduate

Logic	2012 — 2013
Philosophy of Mind	Summer 2011
Metaphysics	Summer 2010

GRADUATE ADVISING (AT PRINCETON)

*Units (Graduate Students)**2022-23*

Katie Carpenter, a paper on higher-order theories of consciousness
 Megan Wicks, a paper on implicit narrators in narrative art
 Jazlyn Carpenter, “A God Who Weeps: Silence, Empathy, and Impassibility”
 Dane Stocks, “White Ignorant Perspectives”

2020-21

Katie Carpenter, “Agentive Awareness and the Left-Hemisphere ‘Interpreter’”
 Giulia Weissman, an untitled paper on ‘flow’ states
 Maggie Shea, “Against Agency in ‘Flow’ States”
 C.J. Amour, “Improvisation and ‘Flow’” (external student, Humboldt University)

2019-2020

Christen Zimecki, untitled paper on epistemic injustice
 Adele Watkins, “Reconsidering Gaslighting”

2018-2019

Haley Brennan, “Clearing Ground for Attention Norms”
 Elena di Rosa, “Cudd and the Problem of Pseudo-Oppression”
 Joy Shim, “The Can’t-Wouldn’t Theory of Imaginative Resistance”
 Joy Shim, “Communicative Injustice”
 Aarthy Vaidyanathan, “The Role of Emotions in Practical Reasoning”
 Aarthy Vaidyanathan, “The Patriarchal Predicament”
 Noga Gratvol, “The ‘Blind Flailing’ Model of Perceptual Learning,” (visiting student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

2017-2018 (while a postdoc in the Society of Fellows)

Alejandro Naranjo Sandoval, “Gatekeeping Generics”
 Claudia Yau, “Hermeneutical Injustice in Racial and Ethnic Identity”

Graduate Generals Advising

Joy Shim, “Imaginative Resistance”

Ph.D. Thesis Advising (All as Secondary Advisor)

Chris Register, thesis on the ethics and metaphysics of personal identity (expected 2023)

Aarthy Vaidyanathan, *Anger: Personal, Sociopolitical, and Moral Dimensions* (2023).

Kyle Landrum, *On Conflation* (2022)

Elena di Rosa, *Pride, Shame, and Patriotism* (2021)

Brett Karlan, *Rationality, Bias, and Mind: Essays on Epistemology and Cognitive Science* (2020)

Other Graduate Advising

- led an informal weekly reading group for graduate students on topics in prejudice – Spring & Summer 2018
- supported Alejandro Naranjo Sandoval (main area: Kant) and Adele Watkins (main area: Ancient philosophy) on papers in philosophy of race beyond those in units

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING (AT PRINCETON)

Senior Theses

Daniel Afolabi

Harrison Ceruto

Brigid Leach

Junior Projects

Daniel Vogler

Yasmine Shafaie

Jamie Goodwin

Jaspreet Kalsi

Bilal Mubarack

Grace Searle

Christopher Cross

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (PRINCETON PHILOSOPHY EXCEPT WHERE STATED)

Organizer, Workshop on Mind & Epistemology	Spring 2023
Screening Committee for Grad Admissions	Fall 2022 Fall 2018
Chair, Committee on Outreach	2022-23
Co-Organizer (with Sara Aronowitz) Workshop on Cognitive Science, Aesthetics, and the Imagined World	Fall 2020
Committee on Committees, Dean of the Faculty, Princeton University	Spring 2020
Planning Committee, Cognitive Science Program, Princeton University	2019-2020
Final Committee for Grad Admissions	Spring 2021 Spring 2020

Graduate Committee	Spring 2020 Spring 2019
Colloquium Committee	Spring 2020 Spring 2019 Spring 2018
Appointments Committee	Fall 2018
Panelist, “Publishing in Philosophy”	Oct. 2018
Panelist, “The Philosophy Job Market,” Princeton University (UCHV)	Sep. 2019 Sep. 2018
Panelist, “Applying to Philosophy Graduate School”	Sep. 2018
Organizer, Skepticism Workshop	Spring 2018
Panelist, “Getting the Most Out of Grad School”	Nov. 2019 Oct. 2017
Co-organizer, Belief & Intuition Conference, University of Antwerp	Spring 2016
Co-organizer (with Olla Solomyak) “Surviving Philosophy Grad School,” NYU	Fall 2013
Co-organizer, Modularity of Perception Conference, NYU	Fall 2012
SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION	
Member, Eastern APA Program Committee	2023 – 2025
Faculty Mentor, Athena in Action Workshop, Princeton University	Jun. 2018
Panelist, Philosophy Compass Workshop, Princeton University	Nov. 2018 Feb. 2018 Feb. 2017
Faculty Mentor, “Marketboost,” Philosophy Job Market Support for Women	2017
Organizer, NYC Philosophy of Perception Grad Working Group	2014 – 2015

Referee, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, ESPP/SPP Conference, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Noûs*, *Phenomenology & The Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Review*, *Res Philosophica*, *Synthese*, Eastern APA, Minds Online Conference, Oxford University Press, Philosophers' Cocoon Conference, Society for Philosophy & Psychology Conference

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