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Current Position

2019 - *Postdoctoral Researcher*, University of Vienna

Areas of Specialisation

Action Theory, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Law

Education

2014 - 2019 PhD in Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center
2012 - 2014 MA in Philosophy, University of Vienna
2004 - 2009 BA in Philosophy, University of British Columbia

Publications

2019 Gomez-Lavin, J. & Rachar, M. (2019), "Normativity in Joint Action", *Mind & Language* 34(1): 97-120
2018 Rachar, M. (2018), "Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action", *Philosophical Psychology* 31(6): 831-849.
2016 Rachar, M. (2016), "Hegemony, Power, and Social Reality in Gramsci and Searle", *Journal of Political Power* 9(2): 227-247

Under Review/In Preparation

Papers under review are available upon request. Their names are removed for anonymous review.

(Under Review) A paper defending the Conditional Intention Account of collective intention.

(Under Review) A paper proposing a new strategy for explaining and justifying interpersonal obligations in collective action, particularly those corresponding to recent experimental research about our social practices surrounding acting together.

(Under Review) A paper presenting new results on interpersonal normativity in collective action. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

(Under Review) A paper exploring Condorcet-like paradoxes for a majority rule aggregation mechanism with infinite candidates

(In Preparation) "Collective Action as Involvement".

(In Preparation) "Things We Do Together": An Empirical Study of Coordination, Cooperation, and Collective Action".

Presentations

(*) indicates invited talks

- 2020 "Collective Action as Involvement". *Social Ontology XII*. Université de Neuchâtel. Online.
(*) "How We Act Together". *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility Workshop*. University of Gothenburg.
(*) "How We Act Together". *Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning*. NYU Abu Dhabi.
- 2019 "Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action". *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Athens, Greece.
(*) "A Pathology of Group Agency". *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility*. University of Vienna.
- 2018 "How We Act Together". *Social Ontology XI*. Tufts University.
- 2017 (*) "Normativity in Joint Action". *Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together*. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.
- 2016 "Normativity in Joint Action". *Collective Intentionality X*. The Hague, Netherlands.
"Normativity in Joint Action". *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of St. Andrews.
"Normativity in Joint Action". *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Louisville, Kentucky.
- 2015 "Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action". *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2014 "Group Responsibility for Dissident Action". *Collective Intentionality IX*. University of Indiana.
- 2013 "Coupling and Collective Intentionality". *European Network for Social Ontology III*. University of Helsinki.

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT

As primary instructor unless otherwise noted.

- 2018 Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, *Brooklyn College*.
Ethics, *New York University*. (Teaching Assistant, Primary instructor: David Velleman).

- 2017 Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, *Brooklyn College*.
Moral Issues in Business, *Brooklyn College*.
- 2016 Moral Issues in Business, *Brooklyn College*.
Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, *Brooklyn College*.
- 2015 Moral Issues in Business, *Brooklyn College*.

PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

- 2018-2019 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, *LaGuardia Community College*
Responsibilities: I designed writing-intensive courses in collaboration with faculty across the disciplines, with a special focus on low-stakes writing and scaffolded assignments.

PUBLIC-FACING TEACHING AND OUTREACH

- 2019 Literature and Philosophy, *Metropolitan Detention Center* in Brooklyn, as part of the Justice in Education initiative at Columbia University. (TA, Primary Instructor: David Velleman).

TUTORING

- 2018-2019 Writing Center Associate, *LaGuardia Community College*
Responsibilities: I worked with students in an individual setting according to the principles of Writing Across the Curriculum pedagogy on both their individual assignments and their writing more generally.

Grants, Honours & Awards

- 2017-2019 Doctoral Award, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, (\$40,000 CAD).
2014-2019 Graduate Center Fellowship, *CUNY Graduate Center*, (\$125,000 USD).
2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, *CUNY Graduate Center*, (\$900 USD).
2016 Provost Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, *CUNY Graduate Center*, (\$4,000 USD).
2013 Excellence Scholarship, *University of Vienna*, (€1000).
2009 TREK Excellence Scholarship, *University of British Columbia*, (\$1000 CAD).

Editorial Experience

- 2017-2019 Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.
2015-2017 Associate Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Service

REFEREEING

Analysis, Erkenntnis, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Philosophical Quarterly.

ORGANIZING

- 2020 Group Agency and Group Reasoning, *University of Vienna*.
- 2016-2019 Social Ontology Reading Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.
- 2017 Workshop on Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together, *Humboldt Universität*.
- 2015-2017 Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.
- 2015 Hate Speech and the Normativity of Communication, *CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (Keynote: Elisabeth Camp).

COMMITTEES

- 2015-2016 Student Steering Committee, *CUNY Graduate Center*.