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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

2021 [Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#), *Philosophical Quarterly*. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.  
[Quasi-Psychologism about Collective Intention](#), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24: 475-488.

2019 [Normativity in Joint Action](#), *Mind & Language* 34(1): 97-120. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2018 [Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action](#), *Philosophical Psychology* 31(6): 831-849.

2016 [Hegemony, Power, and Social Reality in Gramsci and Searle](#), *Journal of Political Power* 9(2): 227-247.

## Under Review/In Preparation

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

(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.

(Under Review) A paper defending a novel account of the interpersonal obligations in collective action.

(In Preparation) "A Pathology of Group Agency".

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

## Selected Presentations

(\*) indicates invited talks

- 2021 Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *Social Ontology XIII*. University of San Diego.  
Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Charles University, Prague.
- 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.

## 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 EU).
- 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, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 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*.