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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021 - Lecturer (permanent), *Douglas College*
2019 - 2021 Postdoctoral Researcher, *University of Vienna*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Charles University, Prague. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 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. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
(*) 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. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 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. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
Normativity in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Louisville, Kentucky. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
- 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.

- 2021 Critical Thinking, *Douglas College*.
Ethics in Therapeutic Recreation, *Douglas College*.
- 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, Philosopher's Imprint, 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*.