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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

AOS Action Theory, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy
AOC Philosophy of Mind, Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science

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

forthcoming [A Pathology of Group Agency](#). *Social Theory and Practice*.

2022 [Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#), *Philosophical Quarterly* 72(2): 478-507. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2021 [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

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

(R & R) A paper exploring Condorcet-like paradoxes for a majority rule aggregation mechanism with infinite candidates.

(R & R) A paper defending the Conditional Intention Account of collective intention.

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

(Under Review) A response paper concerning recent arguments for and against normativism about collective action. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

(In Preparation) “Two Kinds of Sociality: An Empirical Study of Strategic Reasoning and Collective Action”.

(In Preparation) “Collective Intention”. Invited entry for the *Encyclopedia for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. With Jules Salomone-Sehr.

(In Preparation) “Deciding Decision-Making Away”. With Jules Salomone-Sehr.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

‘*’ indicates invited talks

- 2022 Two Kinds of Sociality. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Vienna.
* Two Kinds of Sociality. *Approaching Collective Action Transdisciplinarily*, Workshop. Darmstadt.
Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Pacific APA*. Vancouver.
* Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Mississippi State University*. Department Colloquium.
- 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.

2022 Value and Contemporary Society, *Douglas College*
Social and Political Philosophy, *Douglas College*
Business Ethics, *Douglas College*
Critical Thinking, *Douglas College*

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).

SERVICE

Editorial Experience

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

Refereeing

Analysis, Erkenntnis, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Studies, 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*.