

# Matthew Rachar

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021-           Lecturer, *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

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

forthcoming   Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Noûs*.  
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.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2023           Collective Intentions. in Sellers, M.N.S., and Kirste, Stephan (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer. Co-authored with Jules Salomone-Sehr.

## UNDER REVIEW

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

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

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

‘\*’ indicates invited talks

- 2023 Two Kinds of Sociality. *Purdue University, Normativity and Cognitions Lab*.
- 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.

Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT

As primary instructor unless otherwise noted.

- 2023 Environmental Ethics, *Douglas College*  
Social and Political Philosophy, *Douglas College*  
Business Ethics, *Douglas College*
- 2022 Values and Contemporary Issues, *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.

## 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 Psychology, 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

- 2021- Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, *Douglas College*  
2015-2016 Student Steering Committee, *CUNY Graduate Center*.