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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2027–2032 Principal Investigator, ERC Starting Grant “Unifying Solidarity”
2024–pres. Lecturer (Permanent), *Freie Universität Berlin*
2021–2024 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

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2026 [Deciding Decision-Making Away](#). *Mind*. Online First. With Jules Salomone-Sehr.
2025 [Individual Intention in Shared Intention](#). *Analysis*. Online First. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
2024 [Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency](#). *Noûs*, 58(1): 271–288.
[A Pathology of Group Agency](#). *Social Theory and Practice*, 50(3): 387–405.
[Friendship, Morality, and Collective Action](#). *Journal of Social Ontology*, 10: 1–45. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
[Condorcet-Style Paradoxes for Majority Rule with Infinite Candidates](#). *Australasian Journal of Logic*, 21(3): 123–140.
2023 [Response to Löhr: Why We Still Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#). *Philosophical Quarterly*, 73(4): 1067–76. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.
2022 [Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#), *Philosophical Quarterly* 72(2): 478–507. 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. 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. With Jules Salomone-Sehr.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2026 Starting Grant, “Unifying Solidarity,” *European Research Council* (1,485,500 EU)
- 2023 Research Dissemination Grant, *Douglas College* (4000 CAD)
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, *CUNY Graduate Center* (1500 USD)
- 2016 Provost Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, *CUNY Graduate Center* (4000 USD)
- 2016 Doctoral Award, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (40,000 CAD)
- 2014 Graduate Center Fellowship, *CUNY Graduate Center* (125,000 USD)
- 2013 Excellence Scholarship *University of Vienna* (1500 EU)
- 2009 TREK Excellence Scholarship, *University of British Columbia* (1500 CAD)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

‘*’ indicates invited talks

- 2027 * TBD. *Chicago Talks on Agency III*, University of Chicago.
- 2026 * TBD. *Practical Philosophy Colloquium*, Universität Stuttgart.
- * TBD. *Practical Philosophy Colloquium*, Universität Bielefeld.
- * Sharing Agential Fates. *Democracy and Shared Agency Workshop*, LMU München.
- * Sharing Agential Fates. *Political Philosophy Colloquium*, Humboldt Universität Berlin.
- * Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Chicago Talks on Agency II*, University of Chicago.
- * Sharing Agential Fates. *New Work on Solidarity*. Freie Universität Berlin.
- 2025 * Sharing Agential Fates. *Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics Colloquium*. Jagiellonian University.
- Deciding Decision-Making Away. *German Society for Analytic Philosophy International Congress*. Universität Dusseldorf.
- * Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Frankfurt-Berlin-Münster Colloquium*. Goethe Universität Frankfurt.
- 2024 * Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium*, Freie Universität Berlin.
- * Deciding Decision-Making Away. *Freie and Humboldt University Berlin WIP Seminar*.
- 2023 Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*. Vienna.

- Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Stockholm.
- Deciding Decision-Making Away. *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*. With Jules Salomone-Sehr
- * 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.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy
 Introduction to Practical Philosophy
 Critical Thinking
 Values and Contemporary Issues
 Business Ethics
 Environmental Ethics
 Social and Political Philosophy
 Philosophy of Mind
 Philosophy of Action
 Ethics
 Metaethics
 Freedom
 Solidarity
 Social Obligation
 Normative Powers (Graduate)
 Relational Normativity (Graduate)

ADVISING

At the Freie Universität Berlin, I have supervised 3 BA theses, served as a second reader for 3 BA theses, and examined a PhD thesis. I am currently supervising 2 MA theses.

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).

SERVICE

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2017–2019 Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

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

REFEREEING

Analysis, Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Perspectives, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.

ORGANIZING

2026 New Work on Solidarity, *Freie Universität Berlin*.

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 Conference*.

COMMITTEES

2026–pres. MA Admissions, *Freie Universität Berlin*

2026–pres. Central Ethics Committee, *Freie Universität Berlin*

2024–pres. Teaching Committee, *Freie Universität Berlin*

2023–2026 Lectures, Publications, and Research, *American Philosophical Association*

2021–2024 Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, *Douglas College*

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