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RESEARCH AREAS

Specialization Epistemology (especially social and applied), related areas of philosophy of mind and language
Competence Social and political philosophy, philosophical methodology, ethics

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow Applied Epistemology Project, UNC Chapel Hill **2022-present**
Teaching Assistant Professor PPE program, UNC Chapel Hill **2022-present**

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California Irvine 2022

University of California, Irvine 2020 - 2022

University of Cologne (CONCEPT) 2018 - 2020

Dissertation title: *Conspiracy Theories and Resistance to Evidence*

Dissertation committee: Sven Bernecker (chair), Margaret Gilbert, Duncan Pritchard, Katherine Ritchie

Research Masters (MA), philosophy 2018
Utrecht University

Laurea Magistrale (MA), philosophy 2016
Università degli Studi di Padova

Laurea Triennale (BA), philosophy 2014
Università degli Studi di Padova

PUBLICATIONS

- “Conspiracy Theories and Evidential Self-insulation”, in Sven Bernecker, Amy Flowerree and Thomas Grundmann (eds.) *The Epistemology of Fake News*. Oxford University Press, 2021.
- “What is a Conspiracy Theory?” *Erkenntnis* 1-28, 2021 (co-authored with Kevin Reuter).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Collective Belief in Conspiracy Theories”
- “Belief-centered Groups and Collective Resistance to Evidence”
- “Prejudice, Generics, and Resistance to Evidence”
- “Why are Conspiracy Theories So Effective At Advancing Political Causes?”

PRESENTATIONS (*refereed)

“Prejudice, Generics, and Resistance to Evidence”

SIFA Annual Conference September 2021*

“Group Belief and Conspiracy Theories”

Bochum Conspiracy Theory Seminar, June 2021

Bologna Workshop on Online Misinformation, June 2021

UCD Conspiracy Theory Online Conference July 2021*

Values Institute colloquium, Humanities Center, University of San Diego, April 2022

“Conspiracy Theories, Resistance to Evidence, and Propaganda”

Innsbruck E-Lecture Series, December 2020

Waterloo Graduate Student Conference, March 2021*

Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, September 2021*

“Why are Conspiracy Theories So Effective At Advancing Political Causes?”

UNC Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2022

Eastern APA, January 2023

“What is a Conspiracy Theory?” (Joint talk with Kevin Reuter)

EXTRA Colloquium Bochum, May 2020

Virtual European X-phi Conference, June 2020*

ECAP 10, Utrecht University, August 2020*

UCD Conspiracy Theory Online Conference, July 2021*

“Archaeological Conspiracy Theories and Propaganda”

Archaeology in a post-truth world, University of California, Irvine, February 2020

“Conspiracy Theories in Archeology”

Conspiracy theories workshop at AIA/SCS Joint Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2019

“Are Conspiracy Theories Ever the Best Explanation?”

Fake Knowledge Conference, University of Cologne, June 2018*

GAP10 Conference, University of Cologne, September 2018*

“Conspiracy Theories and Evidential Support”

OZSW Graduate Conference, University of Amsterdam UvA, January 2018*

COMMENTATOR

Comments on Endre Begby’s *Prejudice*. CONCEPT, Philosopher Meets Critics. Online, available [here](#).

TEACHING

Lead instructor

PHIL 365 - *Environmental Ethics*

UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2023

PHIL140 - *Knowledge and Society* UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2023
PHIL165 - *Bioethics* UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2022
The Epistemology of Conspiracy Theories University of Cologne, SS 2018/2019
The Epistemology of Sexism and Racism co-taught with Paul Silva, University of Cologne, SS 2018/2019

Teaching Assistant

Phil 1 - Intro to Philosophy UCI Fall 2021
Phil 24 - Feminist Epistemology UCI Winter 2022
Phil 2 - Puzzles and Paradoxes UCI Spring 2022

Facilitator

THINK teaching philosophy to fourth and fifth graders in local elementary schools - Winter 2021

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Kavka Endowed Prize

UCI Department of Philosophy prize for outstanding graduate student, 2022

SIFA (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy) Young Scholar Prize

Award for best submitted paper in epistemology to the annual conference - "Prejudice, Generics and Resistance to Evidence", September 2021

Erasmus+ Traineeship

Scholarship for research abroad at Utrecht University (January 2016 - June 2016)

Erasmus+ Study

Scholarship for study abroad at the University of St Andrews (January 2014 - June 2014)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant - Prof. Margaret Gilbert, Summer 2021. Responsible for assisting with the preparation of a book publication

Student Assistant - Spring 2018. Assist in the organization of the annual OZSW conference, hosted by Utrecht University

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica

REFEREE

Social Epistemology; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Episteme; Synthese; Erkenntnis