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RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Specialization Epistemology (especially social, political, applied), social philosophy, related areas of philosophy of mind and language
Competence Ethics, political philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Assistant Professor, core faculty PPE program, UNC Chapel Hill **2022-present**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Applied Epistemology Project, 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 2016- 2018
Utrecht University

Laurea Magistrale (MA), philosophy 2014-2016
Università degli Studi di Padova

Laurea Triennale (BA), philosophy 2011-2014
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

- “Conspiracy Theories, Resistance to Evidence, and Political Propaganda: Why are Conspiracy Theories So Effective For Advancing Political Causes?” - under review
- “Collective Conspiracy Theories” - in preparation (draft available upon request)

- “Belief Revision, Belief-Centered Groups, and Echo Chambers” - in preparation (draft available upon request)
- “Prejudice, Generics, and Resistance to Evidence” - in preparation (draft available upon request)
- “Prejudice and Essentialized Representations of Social Groups” - in preparation (early stages)
- “What is prejudice? Comments on Endre Begby’s *Prejudice*” - Invited contribution.
- “Echo Chambers” Epistemology A-Z, to be published in the *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*, ed. Kurt Sylvan.

PRESENTATIONS

(*Invited)

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

UNC Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2022*

Eastern APA, Montreal, January 2023*

Conspiracy Theories Symposium, University of Miami, March 2023*

CSUF Philosophy Symposium, Cal State Fullerton, April 2023*

“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

“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

Comments on Endre Begby’s *Prejudice*. CONCEPT, Philosopher Meets Critics. Online, October 2022

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, 2019
The Epistemology of Sexism and Racism	with Paul Silva, University of Cologne, 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)

SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AEP blog editor - Fall 2022-present. Curate the Applied Epistemology Project blog, a blog featuring pieces that take an epistemological perspective on recent news events for lay audiences.

AEP yearly workshop co-organizer - 2022- present. Collaborate with Alex Worsnip (UNC) to all stages of the organization of the first and second Applied Epistemology Project annual workshops.

Graduate Research Assistant - Prof. Margaret Gilbert, Summer 2021. Responsible for assisting with the preparation of the book *Life in Groups* for publication (OUP).

Student Assistant - Spring 2018. Assist in the organization of the annual conference of the Dutch Philosophical Association (OZSW), hosted by Utrecht University

REFEREE

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

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

PPE Society

Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica