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EMPLOYMENT

2024 Assistant Professor
Department of Classical & Liberal Education
Flagler College

2022–2024 Post-doctoral Research Fellow
COGITO Epistemology Research Centre
University of Glasgow

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology
Action Theory
Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics
Decision Theory
Philosophy of Language

EDUCATION

2015–2022 Ph.D. in philosophy, University of Arizona
Committee: Juan Comesaña (chair), Stewart Cohen, Michael McKenna, Carolina Sartorio

2009–2013 B.A. *cum laude* in mathematics and philosophy, Dartmouth College

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

forth *Knowing How and Learning How*, Cambridge University Press (with JA Carter).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

forth “Epistemic cans” (with C Willard-Kyle), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* [[Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize 2024](#)]

2025 “Easy practical knowledge” (with JA Carter), *Journal of Philosophy*

2024 “Agentive modals and agentive modality: a cautionary tale” (with R Wallace), *American Philosophical Quarterly*

2023 "Knowledge-how and the limits of defeat," *Synthese*
 2023 "What we know when we act," *Philosophical Studies*
 2023 "Epistemic control without voluntarism," *Philosophical Issues*
 2022 "A plea for exemptions," *Erkenntnis*
 2022 "Evidentialism and the problem of basic competence," *Ergo*
 2020 "Epistemic akrasia and higher-order beliefs" *Philosophical Studies*

BOOK CHAPTERS

2025 "Fear as preventer" (with R Wallace), In *The Philosophy of Fear*, Ami Harbin (ed.), Bloomsbury
 2023 "Knowledge from blindspots" (with R Borchert and J Comesaña), In *Knowledge from Non-Knowledge*, Rodrigo Borges and Ian Schnee (eds.), Routledge
 2021 "Knowledge, justification, and closure in Sosa's epistemology" ["Conocimiento, justificación, y clausura en la epistemología de Sosa"] (with J Comesaña). In *Ernesto Sosa: Conocimiento y Virtud*, David Perez Chico and Modesto Gómez Alonso (eds.), Zaragoza

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FLAGLER COLLEGE

Appearance & Reality: Philosophy in Video Games – W26
 Independent Study: *Akrasia* – F25
 Independent Study: *Existentialism* – S26
 Introduction to Philosophy – F25
 Introduction to Decision Theory – S25, F25, S26
 Environmental Ethics – F24, S25
 First Year Seminar – F24, F25
 The Philosophy of Language – S26

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

Introduction to Analytic Philosophy – S23

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Environmental Ethics – S19
 Law and Morality – F17, F18
 Logic in Law – S18, F21
 Logic and Critical Thinking – F19, S20
 Neuro-ethics – S22
 Philosophy and Psychiatry – F19, F21

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

FLAGLER COLLEGE

2025 New Faculty Teaching Award

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

2024 Rutgers University's Young Epistemologist Prize

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

2021 Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Graduate Prize for Best Essay

2020 William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student

2019 Joel Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

2013 Francis W. Gramlich Philosophy Prize

SELECT PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTARY

PRESENTATIONS

On Coincidental Action

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, February 2026

Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2025

Couldn't have known better

Philosophy Colloquium, Florida International University, March 2025

Philosophy Colloquium, University of Delaware, February 2025

Philosophy Colloquium, Lafayette College, February 2025

A reverse toxin puzzle puzzle

Philosophy of Religion Workshop, University of North Florida, November 2024

Unbearable thoughts

Workshop on Freedom and Responsibility, University of Arizona, November 2024

Epistemic cans

Rutgers Epistemology Conference, Rutgers University, May 2024

Intentional action and skill proximity

Bled Epistemology Conference, June 2023

Obstacles to knowledge

Philosophy Colloquium, Flagler College, April 2023

Philosophy Colloquium, the University of Stirling, November 2022

LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy, November 2022

COGITO Speaker Series, the University of Glasgow, September 2022

Quality of thought

Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project, Lund University, October 2022

Pacific APA Colloquium in Epistemology, April 2022

Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference, Florida State University,

February 2022

Agentive modals and agentive modality: a cautionary tale

Agency and Intentions in Language Workshop, Harvey Mudd College, January 2022

What we know when we act

Invited Speaker, Philosophy of Action seminar, the University of Arizona, November 2021

COMMENTARY

Comments on Singh's "How accuracy unifies normativity," Southeastern Epistemology Conference, Vanderbilt University, October 2024

Comments on Pavese's *The Practical Mind*, COGITO book symposium, the University of Glasgow, May 2024

Comments on Shearer's "If you're so rational, why don't you have any friends?" SEECRs Applied Epistemology Conference, St Andrews, August 2023

Comments on Mueller's "Bad beliefs and epistemic norms of coordination," SEECRs Applied Epistemology Conference, the University of Glasgow, May 2023

Comments on Kelly's "Dressed with intent: Gender conferralism and trans expression of intention to pass," Feminist Philosophy Conference, the University of Arizona, March 2022

Comments on Chakrabarti's "The problem of induction: A Nyaya response," Central APA Colloquium on Indian philosophy, February 2022

SERVICE & IMPACT

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

[The Ulysses Pact](#), Invocation for Flagler College Spring Commencement, May 2025

[Knowledge-First Social Epistemology](#), Coursera

ORGANIZER

Southeastern Epistemology Conference, October 2025

COGITO Glasgow-Seville Summer School on the Epistemology of Ernest Sosa, October 2023

Social Epistemology Network Event (SENE3), September 2023

REFEREE WORK

Analysis, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ergo*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Topics*, and *Synthese*.

REFERENCES

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