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Employment

2024–present	Assistant Professor Department of Classical & Liberal Education Flagler College
2022–2024	Postdoctoral Research Fellow COGITO Epistemology Research Centre University of Glasgow

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Action Theory
Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Metaethics
Logic and Decision Theory
Philosophy of Language

Education

2015–2022	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Arizona Dissertation: *Good Thinking* 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	*Knowledge, Action, and Accident*, Cambridge University Press (with JA Carter).

Articles

2026	Epistemic *cans* (with C Willard-Kyle),[1] *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
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*

[1] Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize 2023–2024

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*

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 – W26, M27

Environmental Ethics – F24, S25, S27

First Year Seminar – F24, F25, F26

Good Decisions – S25, F25, S26

Independent Study – F25, S26

Introduction to Logic – F26

Introduction to Philosophy – F25

Metaphysics – S27

Philosophy of Language – S26

University of Glasgow

Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (MA & MSc) – 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 ("Epistemic *can*s")

University of Arizona

2021 Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Graduate Prize for Best Essay ("Knowledge-how and the limits of defeat")

2020 William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student

2019 Joel Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship

Dartmouth College

2013 Francis W. Gramlich Philosophy Prize

Recent Presentations & Commentary

Presentations

If you ain't cheatin', you ain't tryin'
Southeastern Epistemology Conference, Florida International, October 2026

Two problems of coincidental action
The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, February 2026
Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2025

Couldn't have known better
University of North Florida, April 2026
Florida International University, March 2025
University of Delaware, February 2025
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
Flagler College, April 2023
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

Commentary

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

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

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

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

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

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

Service & Impact

To Flagler College

Faculty partner, Embedded Peer Educator Program (PHI 103, PHI 223)

The Ulysses Pact, Invocation for Flagler College Spring Commencement, May 2025

Public Philosophy

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*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Topics*, and *Synthese*.

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