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**A.O.S.** Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

**A.O.C.** Ethics (Theoretical & Applied), Philosophical Logic, Feminist Philosophy, Metaphysics & Epistemology

## **EMPLOYMENT** **Universität Konstanz**

Post-doctoral research associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)  
Departments of Linguistics and Philosophy  
*Project CoCoCo* – the Constance Concepts Consortium  
March 2021 - present

### **University of Illinois at Chicago**

Visiting Lecturer, Fall 2020

### **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

Lecturer (part-time), Fall 2017 - Spring 2021

### **Loyola University of Chicago**

Lecturer (part-time), Fall 2017 - Spring 2021

### **Elmhurst College**

Lecturer (part-time), Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Philosophy** (2011 – 2020), Northwestern University.

**Dissertation:** *Modals and their Arguments* (defended May 2020)

**Committee:** Michael Glanzberg, Fabrizio Cariani (co-chairs), Gregory Ward (Linguistics), Alexis Wellwood (USC, outside member), Justin Khoo (MIT, outside member)

**Visiting Student** (Fall 2015), Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.

**Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science** (2015), Northwestern University.

**M.S. Ed. Education** (2002 - 2004), City College of New York, CUNY.

**Specialization:** Special Education

**B.A. Philosophy & German** (1998 - 2002), Rutgers University.

**Summa cum Laude**, with High Honors in Philosophy & Highest Honors in German

**Minor:** Women's Studies

**OTHER  
TRAINING**

**North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information**  
(NASSLLI) (June 2014), University of Maryland at College Park.

**PUBLICATIONS**

3. **On Content Uniformity for Beliefs and Desires** (2021)
  - In *the Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 12, 279–309.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-020-00502-9>
2. **Future-Orientation on an Event-Relative Semantics for Modals** (2020)
  - In Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *NELS 49: Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume Three*, pp. 149-162. GLSA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
1. **Some Constraints on Contextualism About Modals** (2020)
  - In Ciecierski T., Grabarczyk P. (eds) *The Architecture of Context and Context-Sensitivity. Studies in Linguistics and Philosophy, vol 103*. Springer. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-34485-6\\_16](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-34485-6_16)

**AWARDS**

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, APA Central Division 2017  
Cognitive Science Travel Grant; Northwestern University. June 2016  
TGS Travel Grant; the Graduate School, Northwestern. June 2016  
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, APA Pacific Division 2016  
Thomas A. McCarthey Teaching Award, 2015  
TGS Travel Grant; the Graduate School, Northwestern. June 2014  
University Fellow; Northwestern University, 2011-2014  
NYC Teaching Fellows; Member of Cohort 5. June 2002 - June 2004  
Recipient of an AmeriCorps Grant; For service during the 2002 - 2003 school year.  
Jacob Cooper Prize in Philosophy; Rutgers University. April 2002  
Sigma Phi Iota, Foreign Language Honor Society. April 2002  
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society; Alpha of New Jersey at Rutgers. May 16, 2001  
(inducted as a junior)  
Dean's List; Rutgers University. 8 consecutive terms, fall 1998 - spring 2002

**PAST PRESEN-  
TATIONS**

- Future-Orientation on an Event-Relative Semantics for Modals*
  - October 5-7, 2018, NELS 49; Cornell University
- “Ought” and Agency*
  - May 18, 2019 Society for Exact Philosophy; 47 Annual Conference, York University, Toronto
  - November 1-3, 2018 3rd International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association; SUNY Albany
  - June 18, 2018, 2nd Context, Communication & Cognition Conference; University of Warsaw
- Why Are Certain Root Modals Future-Oriented?*
  - June 9, 2017, PhLing Workgroup; Northwestern University
- Propositions and the Contents of Desire*
  - May 19, 2018, Society For Exact Philosophy; 46th Annual Conference, UConn

- February 22, 2018, Central APA, Chicago (poster)
- October 22, 2017, Illinois Philosophical Association Conference; Northern Illinois University
- April 28, 2017, University of Illinois, U.C. Graduate Conference

*Modal Flavor and Semantic Content*

- March 4, 2017, Central APA, Kansas City

*A Puzzle About Epistemic May*

- November 5, 2016, 3rd International Meeting of the American Pragmatics Association; Indiana University
- May 5, 2017, The Nature, Representation, and Composition of States Workshop; Northwestern University

*Are Modals Operators?*

- February 25, 2016, GWIP workgroup, Northwestern University

*Some Constraints on Contextualism About Modals*

- May 28, 2016, U Calgary Logic & Language Graduate Conference
- April 2, 2016, Pacific APA, San Francisco

*Context, Modals, and Contextual Parameters*

- June 17, 2016, 1st Context, Communication & Cognition Conference; University of Warsaw
- May 8, 2016, Society For Exact Philosophy; 44th Annual Conference, Miami
- December 5, 2015, Western Michigan University Graduate Conference
- October 9, 2015, LLaMM workshop, MIT

*On the Performativity of Deontic Must*

- February 20, 2015, Central APA, St. Louis
- June 25, 2014, NASSLLI 2014 Student Session, University of Maryland, College Park (poster)
- February 14, 2014, DRS Seminar, Northwestern University

*Evaluative Realism, Evolutionary Debunking, and Skepticism*

- January 17, 2014, GWIP workgroup, Northwestern University

*Comments*

- On Jacob Archambault “A Note on Dispositional Modalities, Constant Domains, and the (4) Axiom”  
Central APA, Chicago  
March 3, 2016
- On Aaron Elliot, “Don’t Rock the Boat: the Instability of Rising Tides Invariantism”  
Central States Philosophical Association Conference  
September 20, 2014
- On Chris Vogel, “When to Count the Evidence of Peers”  
Northwestern/ Notre Dame Epistemology Conference  
April 25, 2014

## TEACHING

### *As Instructor:*

11. **Philosophy of Science**
  - Spring 2021, Loyola University Chicago (online)
10. **Philosophy of Language**
  - Fall 2020, University of Illinois at Chicago (online)
9. **Social and Political Philosophy**
  - Fall 2019, Loyola University Chicago
8. **Ethics and Technology**
  - Fall 2019, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
7. **Philosophy of Race and Gender**
  - Spring 2019, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
6. **Philosophy of Mind**
  - Fall 2020, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (online)
  - Fall 2018, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
5. **Environmental Ethics**
  - Spring 2021, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (online)
  - Spring 2020, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
  - Spring 2018, Elmhurst College
4. **Introduction to Feminist Philosophy**
  - Fall 2020, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (online)
  - Fall 2019, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
  - Fall 2018, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
  - Fall 2017, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
3. **Ethics**
  - Fall 2020, Loyola University Chicago (online)
  - Fall 2018, Elmhurst College
  - Fall 2017, Elmhurst College
2. **Philosophy and Persons**
  - Fall 2020, Loyola University Chicago (online)
  - Spring 2019, (2 sections), Loyola University Chicago
  - Spring 2018, (2 sections), Loyola University Chicago
  - Fall 2018, Loyola University of Chicago
  - Fall 2017 Loyola University Chicago
1. **Introduction to Philosophy**
  - Spring 2019, Elmhurst College (online)
  - Summer 2016, Northwestern University

### *As Teaching Assistant:*

#### **Judgment and Decision Making<sup>§</sup>**

- Summer 2021, J.D. Trout (online)
- J term 2020-21, J.D. Trout (online)
- Fall 2020, J.D. Trout (online)
- Summer 2020, J.D. Trout (online)
- J term 2019-20, J.D. Trout (online)
- Fall 2019, J.D. Trout

#### **Philosophy and Psychology of Language<sup>§</sup>**

- Spring 202, J.D. Trout (online)
- Spring 2020, J.D. Trout (online)

#### **Rationality and Science Policy<sup>§</sup>**

- Spring 2021, J.D. Trout (online)
- Spring 2020, J.D. Trout (online)

#### **Introduction to Logic\***

- Fall 2012, Sean Ebels-Duggan

- Fall 2014, Fabrizio Cariani

#### **Early Modern Philosophy\***

- Spring 2013, Baron Reed
- Spring 2014, Baron Reed

#### **the World of Homer\*** (Classics Dept)

- Fall 2013, Ann Gunter

#### **Intermediate Logic\***

- Winter 2014, Michael Glanzberg
- Winter 2017, Michael Glanzberg

#### **Ethical Problems and Public Issues\***

- Winter 2018, Mark Sheldon
- Winter 2015, Mark Sheldon

#### **Introduction to Pragmatism\***

- Spring 2015, Axel Mueller

## Introduction to Moral Philosophy\*

- Spring 2017, Tyler Zimmer

## Bioethics\*

- Fall 2017, Mark Sheldon

§ at Illinois Institute of Technology

\* at Northwestern University

### Other Teaching Experience:

*N'CAT Tutor*

NU Athletics Department

2017 – 2018

### *Special Education teacher*

P53K in Brooklyn, NY

New York City Department of Education

September 2002 - August 2006

## SERVICE

### Editorial

Assistant Editor, *The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, January 2019 -

### Refereeing

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2021

*Linguistics and Philosophy*, 2019 (2x)

*Ergo*, 2019

### Conferences/ Workshops

Organizing Committee for SSWAMP 2016; Semantics and Syntax Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies

Organizing Committee for States in Natural Language Workshop, May 2017

Organizer, Northwestern PhLing (philosophy of language & linguistics) workgroup, 2011- 2014

Referee, Northwestern - Notre Dame Epistemology conference, 2013

### University

Peer Mentor and Social Event Coordinator for the International Summer Institute at Northwestern, Summer 2017

### Department

Climate Committee, Northwestern Philosophy Department, 2016 - 2017

Webmaster, Northwestern M&E and Phil Language related sites, 2013 - 2015

Webmaster, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) conference, 2013, 2014

## COURSEWORK

### Language and Mind

- Montague Grammar (Kaufmann)
- \*Kripke (Ludlow)
- \*Singular Thought (Goldberg)
- Theories of Truth (Glanzberg)
- Lexical Meaning (Glanzberg)

- Reference (Ward)
- Pragmatics (Ward)
- Language of Deliberation (Cariani)
- Fundamentals of Syntax (Yoshida)
- \*Implicature (Ward)
- <sup>+</sup>Mapping Possibilities in the Grammars of Natural Languages (Kratzer)

- +Integrating Montague Semantics and Event Semantics (Champollion)
- +Language Understanding & Bayesian Inference (Lassiter)

## History

- Descartes (Reed)
- Post-Kantian Ethics (Alznauer)
- Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle's Conception of Matter (Ebrey)

## Metaphysics and Epistemology

- Reasoning and Rationality (Rips & Cariani)
- Fallibilism (Reed)
- Group Epistemology (Lackey)
- Decision Theory (Cariani)
- \*Epistemic Agency (Reed)
- Social Epistemology (Lackey)
- \*Objectivity (Haslanger & Yablo)

## Logic and Math

- Modal and Non-classical Logic (Cariani)
- Anti-Realism and Logic (S. Ebels-Duggan)
- Foundations of Higher Mathematics (Davis)
- \*First Order Modal Logic (Cariani)
- +Computational Models of Events (Pustejovsky)
- Advanced Logic: the Limitive Results (S. Ebels-Duggan)

## Value Theory & Action Theory

- Moral Realism (Kraut)
- Virtue Ethics (K. Ebels-Duggan)
- \*Explaining Human Action (White)

\* denotes course taken pass/ no pass, or audited

+ denotes course taken at NASSLLI Summer program

## REFERENCES

### Research References:

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**Gregory Ward**  
 Professor of Linguistics, Gender & Sexuality Studies, and Philosophy  
 Northwestern University  
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