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AOS	Metaphysics, Social Philosophy
AOC	Philosophy of Language, Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION

in progress **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA

PhD, Philosophy, expected May 2024

> Committee: Gabriel Uzquiano (Chair), John Hawthorne, Shieva Kleinschmidt, Jeffrey Russell, Lawrence Schein (Linguistics)

2016 **Trinity University**, San Antonio, TX

BA, Philosophy (Honors) and German Studies, Linguistics Minor, *summa cum laude*

HONORS & AWARDS

2023-2024	Mentored Teaching Fellowship, Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC
2023	Society for Applied Philosophy Grant
2020	Ralph and Francine Flewelling Summer Graduate Fellowship, USC
2016-2021	Dornsife PhD Fellowship in the Humanities, USC
2016	Member of Phi Beta Kappa
2016	Member of Delta Phi Alpha (National German Honor Society)
2016	Hemlock Award for Best Philosophical Essay, Trinity University
2016	Outstanding Senior Award in Linguistics, Trinity University
2016	Anneliese Duncan Outstanding German Major Award, Trinity University
2015	Andrew W. Mellon Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Trinity University
2014	University Scholar Award, Trinity University
2012-2016	International Scholarship, Trinity University
2010-2012	Lawrence S. Ting Memorial Fund Scholarship

RESEARCH

Works in Progress

"Structuralism about Social Groups"

"Social Groups, Structure, and Change" (under review)

"A Metaphysical Puzzle about Group Location" (under review)

Presentations

Jul 2024   "New Cases for Structuralism about Social Groups"
    International Social Ontology Society's *Social Ontology 2024*, Durham, NC

Feb 2024   "A Structural Theory of Group Location"
    Symposium at *APA Central Division Meeting*, New Orleans, LA

Aug 2023   "Social Groups, Structure, and Change"
    International Social Ontology Society's *Social Ontology 2023*, Stockholm, Sweden

Nov 2022   "Structuralism about Social Groups"
    USC/Shandong Graduate Philosophy Conference, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Apr 2016   "Objects of Needs, Desires, and Searches: A Revised Nominalization Theory"
    National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), UNC Asheville, Asheville, NC

Sep 2015   "Objects of Needs, Desires, and Searches: A Revised Nominalization Theory"
    Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, SIU Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL

Comments

Apr 2022   Qiong Wu's "The Best System Account of Metaphysical Modality"
    USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Other Research Experience

2014   Research Assistant, *Children's Research Lab*, Trinity University
    Psychology lab researching language development in young children.

TEACHING

Primary Instructor

Spring 2024   *History of Western Philosophy: Ancient Period* (USC, PHIL 315)

Spring 2020   *Reasoning and Argument II* (USC, PHIL 122B)

Spring 2020   *Reasoning and Argument I* (USC, PHIL 122A)

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2023	*Existentialism in Philosophy, Literature and Film*, with Edwin McCann (USC, PHIL 255)
Spring 2023	*Issues in Space and Time*, with Andrew Bacon (USC, PHIL 236)
Fall 2022	*Ancient Foundations of Western Thought*, with John Dreher (USC, PHIL 104)
Fall 2019	*The Meaning of Life*, with Stephen Finlay (USC, PHIL 168)
Spring 2018	*The Meaning of Life*, with Stephen Finlay (USC, PHIL 168)
Fall 2017	*The Process of Change in Science*, with Edwin McCann (USC, CORE 103)

Pedagogical Training

2023, 2018 *Future Faculty Teaching Institute*, USC, Center for Excellence in Teaching
> Semester-long workshop on course design and pedagogy at the college level.

2023, 2020 *Advanced Practicum in Disciplinary Instruction*, USC, Mark Schroeder
> Seminar on course design and pedagogy for philosophy at the college level.

2022 *Director Clinic* and *Volunteer Workshop*, *Corrupt the Youth*, Briana Toole
> Workshops on lesson plan design and pedagogy for philosophy at the high school level.

2021 *Mentoring the Mentors*, *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Kathryn Sophia Belle
> Workshop on mentoring philosophy undergraduates from historically underserved groups.

2017 *Teaching Practicum in Philosophy*, USC, Edwin McCann

Other Teaching Experience

2017 Private Tutor
> Intermediate-advanced academic reading and writing for English as a Second Language.

SERVICE

Editorial Work

2021-2022 Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*

Conference Organizing

Mar 2019 Co-Organizer, *USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy*

Refereeing

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, *USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, *Stance*

Moderating

Apr 2023 Jason Bowers & Meg Wallace's "The Possibilities Aren't Endless if You Have a Life"
> *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA

Jan 2023	Edward Schwartz's "The Impact of Slurs" *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec
Jan 2020	David Baker's "Knox's Inertial Spacetime Functionalism" *California Metaphysics Conference*, USC, Los Angeles, CA
Mar 2019	Stephen Yablo's "Logical Omniscience and Aboutness" *USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Leadership

2024, 2021	Organizing Committee, *USC Graduate Recruitment Open House*
2022-2023	Co-President, *USC Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*
2020-2021	Treasurer, *USC Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*
2019	Constitution Committee, *USC Philosophy Graduate Student Organization*
2014-2015	Co-President & Event Coordinator, *Trinity University Vietnamese Student Association*

Outreach

2023-present	Chapter Organizer, *USC Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)* USC chapter of international organization addressing issues of participation in academic philosophy for members of historically underrepresented and marginalized groups.
2022-present	Chapter Co-Director, *Corrupt the Youth Los Angeles* USC-UCLA chapter of national organization bringing philosophy courses to Title I high schools.
2018-present	Facilitator, *Corrupt the Youth Los Angeles* Small-group discussions on philosophical topics for at-risk youth at Los Angeles LGBT Center.
2016	Program Manager, *Controversial Convention* Summer program introducing debate to Vietnamese high school and university students.

Mentoring

2022-present	Mentor, *Undergraduate Mentoring Program, USC Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)* Mentorship program for USC philosophy majors and minors.
2018-present	Mentor, *Graduate Mentoring Program, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Organization* Peer mentorship program for USC philosophy graduate students.
2018, 2019	Student Organizer & Mentor, *Gathering Philosophers in Southern California (GPS) Workshop* Workshop for undergraduates in philosophy from historically underrepresented groups.
2014-2016	Mentor, *Khat Vong Viet, Association of Vietnamese Students and Professionals in the US* Mentorship program for Vietnamese students from underprivileged backgrounds.

Translating

2013-2018	Volunteer Translator, *United Nations Volunteers Vietnam* Vietnam Field Unit of United Nations program mobilizing volunteers for peace and development.

2016-2017   Volunteer Translator, *Play for Peace Vietnam*
              Nonprofit bringing cooperative play to youth in communities of conflict.

Writing & Editing

2015-2016   Editorial Board & Event Planner, *Trinity Review* Literary Magazine, Trinity University

2013-2014   Writer & Layout Artist, *Mirage* Yearbook, Trinity University

COURSEWORK

Metaphysics Area Exam

Ontology, James Van Cleve

Modality, Kadri Vihvelin

Mereology, Location, Persistence, Shieva Kleinschmidt

Time, Kadri Vihvelin, Shieva Kleinschmidt, & James Van Cleve

Metaontology, James Van Cleve & Shieva Kleinschmidt

Metaphysics & Philosophy of Physics

Social Ontology (audited), USC, Gabriel Uzquiano

Metaphysics of Material Objects (audited), USC, Shieva Kleinschmidt

Humean Metaphysics, USC, James Van Cleve

Time Travel, USC, Kadri Vihvelin

Modal Variation (audited), USC, John Hawthorne

Philosophy of Physics (audited), USC, David Wallace

Linguistics & Philosophy of Language

Proseminar in Language, USC, Scott Soames & Jeremy Goodman

Introduction to Syntax, LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, David Pesetsky

Lexicalist Approaches to Syntax, LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, Stephen Wechsler

Introduction to Semantics, LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, Chris Kennedy

Lexical Semantics, LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, John Beavers

Intensional Semantics (audited), USC, Lauren Winans

Introduction to Pragmatics (audited), LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, Craige Roberts

Dehumanization and Slurs, USC, Robin Jeshion

Language Variation and Thought (audited), LSA Linguistic Summer Institute, John Lucy

Logic & Philosophical Logic

Intermediate Logic (audited), USC, Jeffrey Russell

Modal Logic (audited), USC, Gabriel Uzquiano

Identity Puzzles, USC, Andrew Bacon & Jeffrey Russell

Value Theory

Proseminar in Value Theory, USC, Jacob Ross

Normative Reasons, USC, Mark Schroeder & John Hawthorne

Normativity, USC, Stephen Finlay

History of Philosophy

Plato, USC, Ralph Wedgwood

Locke, Leibniz, Kant, USC, Edwin McCann & James Van Cleve

REFERENCES

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