

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language  
Philosophy of Mind  
Ethics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern Philosophy  
History of Analytic Philosophy  
Feminist Philosophy

### CURRENT POSITION

Teaching Fellow, UCLA Department of Philosophy, Summer 2018, Summer 2017, Summer 2016  
Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Philosophy, Fall Quarter 2015-Spring 2018, Fall Quarter 2012-Spring Quarter 2014  
Graduate Student, UCLA Department of Philosophy, 2011-Present

### EDUCATION

University of California Ph.D. Expected June 2019  
Los Angeles C. Phil, Philosophy, 2015  
M.A., Philosophy, 2012

Dissertation: *The Bounds of Thought: Prospects for a Norm-Based Metasemantics*

A development and defense of a metasemantic framework for concepts based on normative facts not entirely determined by social or individual factors, thereby able to explain the independence of intentional facts from the subjective states of thinkers and free from subjectivist and internalist commitments often run together with the normativity of content. I focus on the problems that dehumanizing slurs and the concepts they express pose for such a metasemantics to probe the sorts of norms that are relevant to metasemantic explanations.

Chairs: Sam Cumming and Josh Armstrong  
Committee: AJ Julius, Andrew Hsu, Ralph Wedgwood

New York University B.A., Philosophy (with High Honors), *magna cum laude*, 2011

### GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019  
UCLA Course Development Fellowship, Summer 2016, Summer 2017  
UCLA Shapiro Fellowship, 2014-2015  
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship with Sam Cumming, 2014  
UCLA Chancellor's Prize Fellowship, Summer 2012, Summer 2013  
UCLA University Fellowship, 2011-2012

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

Salomonowitz Memorial Prize for Outstanding Research in Philosophy, Spring 2011  
NYU College of Arts and Science Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Grant Recipient; Named  
Collegiate Research Scholar, 2010-2011  
Best Philosophy Talk at the 2011 NYU College of Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

at UCLA

Primary Instructor, Upper Division

Phil 170, Philosophy of Mind: Thought and Concepts, Summer 2018  
Phil C127C, Philosophy of Language: Meaning in Analytic and Feminist Philosophy, Summer 2016

Primary Instructor, Lower Division or Introductory

Phil 23, Meaning and Communication, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Phil 150: Society and Morals- Death (Professor Seana Shiffrin) Spring 2018  
Phil 109: Descartes (Professors John Carriero and Calvin Normore) Winter 2018  
Phil 22: Introduction to Ethics (Professor Calvin Normore) Fall 2017  
Phil 23: Meaning and Communication (Visiting Professor Alexis Burgess)- Spring 2017  
Phil 153A: Truth-telling and Promising (Professor Seana Shiffrin) Winter 2017  
Phil 22: Introduction to Ethics (Professor AJ Julius) Fall 2016  
Phil 100C: Early Modern Philosophy (Professor John Carriero) Spring 2016  
Phil 131: Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (Professor Sheldon Smith) Winter 2016  
Phil 7: Philosophy of Mind (Professor Calvin Normore) Fall 2015  
Phil 7: Philosophy of Mind (Professor Gabriel Greenberg) Spring 2014  
Phil 127B: Philosophy of Language- Russell's "On Denoting" (Professor David Kaplan) Winter 2014  
Phil 127C: Philosophy of Language- Kripke's *Naming and Necessity* (Professor David Kaplan) Fall 2013  
Phil 7: Philosophy of Mind (Professor Gabriel Greenberg) Spring 2013  
Phil 8: Philosophy of Science (Professor Sheldon Smith) Winter 2013  
Phil 100A: History of Ancient Philosophy (Professor Calvin Normore) Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Colloquium Session on Social Ontology and Ideology, APA Pacific, 2018  
Mock Interviewer for Job Candidates, UCLA Department of Philosophy, Fall 2017  
Referee, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting Program, 2017, 2018  
Mentor to First-Year PhD Students, 2016-2017  
Coordinator, Albritton Society, 2015-2016  
Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty of the Philosophy Department, 2013-2014  
Organizer, 2013 USC/UCLA Grad Student Conference

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Referee, USC/UCLA Grad Student Conference, 2012-2019  
General Assembly Member, Member of the Student Advocacy Committee of the Student Council of the NYU College of Arts and Science, Fall 2007-Spring 2009.  
Co-(Re-)Founder of the NYU Philosophical Society, Fall 2008-Spring 2011; President, 2010-2011;  
Instructor of Criminal Law, Member of the Executive Board, Criminal Law Curriculum Coordinator of the High School Law Institute at the NYU School of Law, Fall 2007-Spring 2009;

## OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Guest Instructor, Class on Moral Philosophy at the LGBT Youth Center in Hollywood, August 2017  
Letter to Daily Bruin concerning the UCLA Chancellor's statement on animal experimentation, "Gene Block's support of animal research ignores just criticism," available [here](#), November 2014.

## TALKS AND COMMENTS

- "Protest and Pragmatics: 'Black Lives Matter' and 'All Lives Matter'." *Comments on "Social Movements and their Speech Acts: The Pragmatic Structure of 'Positive Propaganda'," at the 2017 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress.*
- "Absences, Causes, and Free Action." *Comments on Isaiah Lin's "Supervenience and Absence Causation" at the 2017 UCLA-USC Graduate Student Conference.*
- "The Slur Problem for Normative Theories of Content." *Talk given for the Winter 2016 Mind and Language Workshop at UCLA.*
- "Meaning, Convention, and Communication." *Talk given for the 2014 Proposition Seminar at UCLA.*
- "Motivating a Cognitivist Expressivism." *Presented at NYU's 2011 Undergraduate Research Conference, Named Best Philosophy Talk, Abstract published in 2011 edition of Inquiry.*
- "Rescuing Hume's Views on the Psychology of Causation from Defeat at the Hands of Contemporary Psychology." *Presented at NYU's 2010 Undergraduate Research Conference, Abstract published in Inquiry, NYU's Journal of Undergraduate Research*

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Unfollowed Rules and the Normativity of Content", forthcoming in *Analytic Philosophy*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS (see my website for full descriptions)

- "Unconventional Meanings"  
"The Slur Problem for Normative Theories of Content"  
"Gibbard's Metatheory of Meaning"  
"Anti-Individualism and Metasemantics"

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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“Intrusion and Interlocution: Oppression in Conceptual Structure”  
“Berkeley’s Linguistic Philosophy”  
“Berkeley, Moore, Wittgenstein, and Skepticism”  
“Isn’t Ought Enough? Duties, Norms, and the Theory of Content”  
“Anti-Realism, Expressivism, and Berkeley”

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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## TEACHING REFERENCE

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