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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion, Social Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Epistemology, Ethics

## Employment

Rutgers University–Newark  
Assistant Professor [2019–present]

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy (with Certificate in Cognitive Science), Rutgers University, 2019  
Dissertation: *Commitment, Communication, and Content: Toward a Theory of Assertion*  
Co-Directors: Ernie Lepore and Jeffrey C. King

M.Phil. Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford, 2013  
Awarded with Distinction  
Thesis: *Skeptical Theism, Epistemic Norms, and the Limits of Human Cognition*

A.B. Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Philosophy (Secondary Field), Harvard University, 2011  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Highest Departmental Honors  
Thesis: *Metabolites That Induce Extracellular Electron Transfer Dependent Interactions in Synthetic Microbial Ecosystems*

## Publications

### Articles

“Dilemmatic Gaslighting.” *Philosophical Studies* (Forthcoming).

“Pronouns and Gender.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Applied Philosophy of Language* (Forthcoming).  
(With Michael Glanzberg.)

“Contextology.” *Philosophical Studies* (Forthcoming). (With Simon Goldstein.)

- “Do Not Diagonalize.” *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Language* (Forthcoming).
- “Why Horizontalism.” *Philosophical Studies* 177(10), 2881–2905 (2020).
- “Slurs Are Directives.” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 19(48), 1–28 (2019).
- “Radically Insensitive Theists.” *Religious Studies* 55(2), 169–188 (2019).
- “Uniformity Motivated.” *Linguistics and Philosophy* 41(6), 665–684 (2018).
- “De Ray: On the Boundaries of the Davidsonian Semantic Programme.” *Mind* 126, 697–714 (2017).  
(With Ernie Lepore.)

#### *Edited Volumes*

- The Structure of Truth: Donald Davidson’s 1970 Locke Lectures*. Oxford University Press (2020).  
(With Ernie Lepore.)

## Selected Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship (top university-wide graduate merit fellowship) [2013-2015]
- Oxford University Clarendon Scholarship [2011-2013]
- Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Iota Chapter of Massachusetts [2010]
- John Harvard Scholarship (top 5% of class) (3) [2008, 2009, 2010]
- Detur Book Prize for outstanding scholarship in the freshman year [2008]

## Selected Presentations

- “Quotation for Dummies.” 1st Annual Philosophy of Language Association Conference, Digital.  
[June 2022]
- “Quotation for Dummies.” New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University.  
[May 2022]
- “Cogventionalism.” Central APA Symposium, Chicago. [February 2022]
- “Cogventionalism.” CUNY Cognitive Science Speakers Series, Digital. [April 2021]
- “Gaslighting in Axiology.” Pacific APA Symposium, Digital. [April 2021]
- “Contextology.” (With Simon Goldstein.) Philosophy of Language In Progress Group, Digital.  
[December 2020]
- “On the Plurality of Tongues.” Australian Catholic University, Melbourne. [December 2019]
- “On the Plurality of Tongues.” Rutgers Alumni Workshop, New Brunswick. [April 2019]
- “Slurs Are Directives.” Bochum-Rutgers Workshop in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Ruhr-Universität  
Bochum. [March 2019]
- “Gaslighting in Axiology.” New York City Minorities and Philosophy Workshop Series, CUNY.  
[March 2019]

- "*Slurs Are Directives.*" Ashoka University, Sonipat. [December 2018]
- "*Slurs Are Directives.*" Pacific APA Colloquium, San Diego. [March 2018]
- "*Slurs Are Directives.*" USC/UCLA Graduate Conference, Los Angeles. [March 2018]
- "*Uniformity Motivated.*" Central APA Colloquium, Chicago. [February 2018]
- "*Slurs Are Directives.*" Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference, Cambridge, MA. [February 2018]
- "*Slurs Are Directives.*" ESSLLI 2017 Workshop on Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning, Toulouse. [July 2017]
- "*Uniformity Motivated.*" ESSLLI 2017 Student Session, Toulouse. [July 2017]
- "*Uniformity Motivated.*" UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, UT Austin. [April 2017]
- "*Radically Insensitive Theists.*" University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oklahoma. [February 2017]
- "*Uniformity Motivated.*" Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University. [October 2016]
- "*Do Not Diagonalize.*" Pacific APA Colloquium, San Francisco. [April 2016]
- "*Do Not Diagonalize.*" New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University. [December 2015]
- "*Skeptical Theism and the Future.*" New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Workshop on Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology, University of Oxford. [December 2014]
- "*Truth Conditions Not Required.*" OZSW Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. [May 2014]
- "*Truth Conditions Not Required.*" Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder. [April 2014]
- "*Skeptical Theism Is Self-Defeating.*" Pacific APA Colloquium, San Diego. [April 2014]
- "*A New Moral Problem for (Skeptical) Theism.*" 4th Annual Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research Conference, Department of Classics, University of Leeds. [June 2013]
- "*Mushy Skeptical Theism and the Evidential Argument from Evil.*" Pacific APA Colloquium, San Francisco. [March 2013]

## Comments Delivered

- "*Against Conventional Wisdom.*" Presented by Ethan Jerzak, Arc Kocurek, and Rachel Rudolph. Eastern APA Symposium, Philadelphia. [January 2020]
- "*What Jones Didn't Do: Rethinking Some Linguistic Evidence for Davidsonian Event Semantics.*" Presented by Andrés Colapinto. Eastern APA Colloquium, Washington, DC. [January 2016]
- "*The Resurrection and Hypertime.*" Presented by Hud Hudson. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]
- "*The Cognitive Dimension of Heavenly Bliss.*" Presented by Jonathan Kvanvig. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]
- "*Will There Be Skeptics in Heaven?*" Presented by Ted Poston. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]

## Service

Member of the Editorial Board of *Semantics and Pragmatics* [2022–present]

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Mind & Language*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Oxford University Press, Routledge [2017–present]

Admissions Evaluator for Rutgers–Newark’s Honors Living and Learning Community [2022]

North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information Organizing Committee [2016]

## Teaching

### *Rutgers University–Newark*

Philosophy 422: Independent Study (Foucault) [Spring 2022]

Philosophy 327: Philosophy of Religion [Spring 2022]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2022]

Philosophy 322: Social Philosophy [Fall 2021]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Fall 2021]

Philosophy 327: Philosophy of Religion [Spring 2021]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2021]

Philosophy 320: Social Philosophy [Fall 2020]

Computer Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Fall 2020]

Philosophy 448: Philosophy of Language [Spring 2020]

Computer Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2020]

Philosophy 320: Social Philosophy [Fall 2019]

### *Rutgers University–New Brunswick*

Philosophy 360: Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science [Spring 2019]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Spring 2019]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Summer 2017]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Spring 2017]

Philosophy 210: Philosophy of Language [Winter 2017]

Philosophy 329: Minds, Machines, and Persons [Fall 2016]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Summer 2016]

Philosophy 201: Introduction to Logic [Spring 2016]

Philosophy 265: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion [Winter 2016]

Philosophy 329: Minds, Machines, and Persons [Fall 2015]

*Certifications*

ACUE Micro-Credential in Promoting Active Learning [2022]

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