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Research

AOS	Social Philosophy of Language, Social Ontology
AOC	Epistemology, Philosophy of Technology

Employment

2019-Present	**Assistant Professor**, *Philosophy Department, Northwestern University*
2018-2019	**Weinberg College Fellow**, *Philosophy Department, Northwestern University*

Education

2018	**PhD, Philosophy**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Committee: Josh Dever (Supervisor), David Beaver, L. Ray Buchanan, Hans Kamp, Craige Roberts (Ohio State), Jason Stanley (Yale) 'This Machine Kills Fascists: Detecting Propaganda with Formal Models of Mass Discourse Structure'
2015	**MA, Philosophy**, *University of Texas at Austin* 'Discourse-Level Information Structure and the Challenge of Higher Order Discourse'
2012	**BA**, *University of Victoria*, Philosophy and Writing with high distinction

Publications

'Social Movements as Units of Explanation', Under review.

'What is Social Organizing?', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.

'On Group Lies and Lying to Oneself: Comment on Jennifer Lackey's 'The Epistemology of Groups'', *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 2, 73, 2023.

'Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization', *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, Volume 8, forthcoming.

'The Politics of Past and Future: Synthetic Media, Showing, and Telling', *Philosophical Studies*, 2023.

'Luck and the Value of Communication', *Synthese*, 201(96), 2023, 1-19.

'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda', *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 9(2), 2023, 303-317.

'Propaganda, Irrationality, and Group Agency', *Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology*, (Eds. Michael Hannon, Jeroen de Ridder), Routledge, 2021, 226-235.

'In defense of political correctness and against "political correctness"', *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us*, (Ed. Bob Fischer), Oxford University Press, 2019, 380-388; 392-394.

Public Philosophy

Writing

'Not all Propaganda aims to Persuade', *LA Times*, Op-ed, 2022.

'Of Martyrs and Robots: Propaganda and Group Identity', *The Yale Review*, Article, 2018, 1-11.

Podcast Appearances

'How Does Propaganda Work?', *What's Left of Philosophy*, 2023.

'On Propaganda, Irrationality, and Group Agency', *Parc Media*, 2021.

Selected Presentations

April 2024   **'Interrogating Collective Authenticity as a Norm for Online Speech' (co-written with Michael Barnes)**, *2024 Social Philosophy Workshop: Explanation, Imagination and Transformation*, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, *invited*

March 2024   **Comments on Cory Wimberly's 'Big Data, Marketing, and Online Spaces'**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Portland, OR, *invited*

March 2024   **'Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization'**, *MINT Lab Meeting*, Canberra, Australia, *invited*

Feb 2024   **'Of Spellbooks and Promptology: Foundation Models and Communications Technology'**, *MINT Lab and ADM+S workshop on Generative AI and Normative Philosophy of Computing*, Kioloa, Australia, *invited*

Dec 2023   **'Interrogating Authenticity as a Norm for Online Speech'(co-written with Michael Barnes)**, *Oxford-Berlin Early Career Colloquium for Normative Philosophy of Computing*, Berlin, Germany, *refereed*

Nov 2023   **'The Politics of Past and Future: Synthetic Media, Showing, and Telling'**, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, *refereed*

Oct 2023   **'Social Movements as Units of Explanation'**, *Colloquium*, Loyola University, Chicago, *invited*

June 2023   **'Theories of Propaganda and New Technology: Applications and Interventions (translational tutorial, taught with Michael Barnes)**, *Association for Computing Machinery Conference on Fairness Accountability and Transparency (ACM FAccT)*, Chicago, IL, *refereed*

May 2023   **'Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization'**, *International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE)*, Chicago, IL, *refereed*

April 2023   **Comments on Mie Inouye's 'The American Organizing Tradition and the Problem of Democratic Transitions'**, *Social Philosophy: Identity, Alienation, Emancipation*, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, *invited*

April 2023   **'Recent work on propaganda' (panel member)**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, *invited*

March 2023   **'Social Movements as Units of Explanation'**, *Language and Value Workshop*, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, *invited*

Jan 2023   **'Video Deepfakes and the Future of Evidence in Politics'**, *Philosophy, AI and Society Workshop*, Stanford, CA, *refereed*

Jan 2023   **'Toward a Theory of Social Organizing' Symposium**, *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, *refereed*

Dec 2022   **'Social Movements as Units of Explanation'**, *3rd Annual Political Epistemology Network Conference*, Amsterdam, Netherlands, *refereed*

Nov 2022   **'What Kind of Object is a Social Movement?'**, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society meeting*, New Orleans, LA, *refereed*

Aug 2022   **'What Kind of Object is a Social Movement'**, *International Social Ontology Society*, Vienna, Austria, *refereed*

July 2022   **'What Kind of Object is a Social Movement?'**, *Social Movements and Social Ontology Workshop*, online, *refereed*

June 2022   **'What is Social Organizing'**, *Social Metaphysics Workshop*, Duke University, Durham, NC, *refereed*

June 2022   **'What is Social Organizing'**, *Global Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, *invited*

April 2022   **'Macrocommunication'**, *National University of Singapore*, online, *invited*

March 2022	**'Toward a Theory of Social Organizing'**, *University of Leeds 'Group Thinking: New Foundations' Seminar*, online, *invited*
March 2022	**'Toward a Theory of Social Organizing'**, *Critical Social Ontology Society Workshop*, online, *refereed*
Feb 2022	**'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda'**, *University of Sheffield Colloquium*, online, *invited*
Feb 2022	**'Toward a Theory of Social Organizing'**, *Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care*, Chicago, *invited*
Feb 2022	**'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda'**, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, *refereed*
Jan 2022	**'Toward a Theory of Social Organizing'**, *University of Chicago Theoretical Philosophy Workshop*, online, *invited*
Nov 2021	**Comments on Cory Wimberly's 'How Propaganda Became Public Relations: Foucault and the Corporate Government of the Public'**, *Radical Philosophy Association Meeting*, online, *invited*
Aug 2021	**'Towards a Theory of Social Organizing'**, *International Social Ontology Society Meeting*, online, *refereed*
May 2021	**'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda'**, *Propaganda and Legitimate Political Persuasion Workshop*, L'Ecole Normale Supérieure/ online, *invited*
Dec 2020	**'On the Value of Gricean Communication'**, *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, online, *refereed*
Oct 2020	**'Propaganda, Groups, and Individuals'**, *Invited Colloquium*, University of Illinois at Chicago/ online, *invited*
March 2020, cancelled	**'Two Critiques of a Liberal Conception of Propaganda'**, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, *refereed*
Feb 2020	**'Propaganda, Groups, and Individuals'**, *Invited Colloquium*, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL *invited*
Aug 2019	**'On the (Relative) Value of Communication'**, *Ontario Meaning Workshop*, Ontario, Canada, *invited*
June 2019	**'Luck and the Value of Communication'**, *5th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy*, Boston, MA, *refereed*
April 2019	**'Protest and Propaganda'**, *Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy: 'The Ethics of Public Discourse'*, Bowling Green, OH, *refereed*
Nov 2018	**'On the Discourse-Structural Dynamics of Higher Order Utterances'**, *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*, New York, NY, *invited*
Nov 2018	**'Propaganda for Realists'**, *Northeastern Illinois State University Colloquium*, Chicago, IL, *invited*
June 2018	**'Polarization as Propaganda'**, *The Prindle Institute for Ethics Applied Epistemology Research Retreat*, Greencastle, IN, *refereed*
April 2016	**'Information Structure and the Challenge of Higher Order Discourse'**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, *refereed*
Nov 2015	**'On the Politics of the Function Inference'**, *Society for Women and Philosophy (Ireland) Annual Meeting*, Dublin, Ireland, *refereed*
June 2015	**'Discourse-level Information Structure and the Challenge of Metadiscursives'**, *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual General Meeting*, Ottawa, ON, *refereed*
April 2015	**'Minimalism, contextualism, and successful communication'**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, *refereed*

Awards

| 2023 | **Faculty Fellowship**, *Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities* |
| 2015 | **Doctoral Fellowship**, *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada* |

Teaching

Courses at Northwestern University

Phil 109-6:	First-year Seminar on Propaganda	*yearly since AY 2018/2019*
Phil 253:	Introduction to the Philosophy of Language	*yearly since AY 2018/2019*
Phil 328:	Classics of Analytic Philosophy	*yearly since AY 2019/2020*
Phil 353:	Philosophy of Language - Language in Context	*Winter 2021*
Phil 423:	Language and Politics in Analytic Philosophy (graduate seminar)	*Spring 2022*
Phil 488:	Professional Skills (graduate seminar)	*Spring 2023*

Courses at UT Austin (as instructor of record)

PHL312:	Introduction to Logic	*Spring 2018*
PHL313:	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	*Fall 2016*
PHL304:	Contemporary Moral Problems	*Spring 2016*

Full CV, including supervision and service history, available upon request.