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Academic Employment

York University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Philosophy Department, 2025-present

University of Barcelona
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LOGOS Research Group, 2023-2025

Education

New York University
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2023
Dissertation: The Epistemic Structure of the Imagination
Committee: Paul Boghossian (Chair), David Chalmers, Jane Friedman

University of Miami
B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2017

Research Areas

Areas of Specialization
Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

Areas of Competence
Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

Publications

Imaginative Beliefs
Inquiry (2024) online first.

The Epistemic Role of Vividness
Analysis (2025), 85(1):100-110.

How Imagination Informs
The Philosophical Quarterly (2025), 75(1):167-189.

Imagination as a Source of Empirical Justification
Philosophy Compass (2024), 19(3):e12969.

The Structure of Analog Representation (with Andrew Lee and Gabriel Rabin)
Noûs (2023), 57(1):209-237.

The Epistemic Status of the Imagination
Philosophical Studies (2021), 178(10):3251–3270.

Reasoning with Imagination

Epistemic Uses of Imagination (2021) A. Kind & C. Badura (eds.), Routledge. 103-121.

Under review:

A paper on aphantasia (a short version of this paper was the winner of the 14th Annual Essay Prize at the Center for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp)
A paper on understanding

Presentations

Talks: (*=refereed)

Imagination and Understanding

Department Colloquium, University of Western Ontario (January 2026)
Fiction, Imagination, and Knowledge Workshop, Luxembourg (October 2025)
Department Colloquium, University of Cincinnati (September 2025)
Mind and Value Workshop, Cornell University (September 2025)
Ontario Mind Group (April 2025)
Department Colloquium, Toronto Metropolitan University (January 2025)
Imagination in Learning, Understanding, and Knowledge, Bochum (November 2024)

Aphantasia and the Epistemic Role of Consciousness

The Role of Phenomenal Consciousness Workshop, University of Bergen (August 2025)
Philosophy of Cognitive Science Workshop, York University (April 2025)
Italian Association for Cognitive Science (September 2024)*
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (June 2024)*

The Structure of Iconic Representation

Canadian Philosophical Association, Symposium on Subjective Spaces (June 2025)
Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences (October 2024)*
CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series (February 2022)

Imagery, Understanding, and Aesthetic Cognitivism

Epistemic and Aesthetic Value Workshop, Collège de France (November 2024)

Aphantasia, Imagery Training, and Sports Performance

Imagination and Sport Workshop, Università Niccolò Cusano (October 2024)

Can Images Represent Particulars?

LOGOS Research Seminar, University of Barcelona (October 2024)
Department Colloquium, Central European University (October 2024)
Varieties of Representation Conference, Sofia University (September 2024)*

Imaginative Beliefs

Department Colloquium, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (February 2024)
Online Conference for Imagination Domination (May 2020)

The Epistemic Role of Vividness

European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (August 2023)*
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (March 2023)*

How Imagination Informs

Washington Square Circle WIP Group (September 2022)

Against Phenomenalism About Imaginative Justification

NYU Summer WIP Group (July 2022)

The Structure of Analog Representation

NYU Philosophy of Mind Discussion Group (December 2021)

Imagination, Suppositional Reasoning, and Mental Models

Washington Square Circle WIP Group (October 2021)

Reasoning with Imagination

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (December 2020)*
PoPRocks NYC Philosophy of Psychology Workshop (October 2019)

Object Tracking and the Format of Perception

Society for Philosophy and Psychology (July 2019)*
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (March 2019)*

The Epistemic Status of the Imagination

Fiction, Imagination, and Epistemology Conference, RU Bochum (June 2019)*

Plays, Productions, and Performances: An Ontology of Theatre

Canadian Society for Aesthetics (May 2017)*
American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division (April 2017)*

Does Phenomenal Consciousness Overflow Attention?

Florida Philosophical Association (November 2016)*

Comments:

Lorenzo Manuali "Transformative Experience, Testimony, and Imagination"
APA Eastern Division (January 2025)

Luke Roelofs "What's Offline? Defining Recreativism About the Imagination"
Online Conference for Imagination Domination (May 2024)

Jacob Beck "Contents and Vehicles in Analog Perception"
Iconic Representation Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi (January 2024)

Jill Cumby "Desire as Constraint on Epistemically Useful Imaginings"
Online Conference for Imagination Domination (May 2023)

Neil Van Leeuwen "The Puzzle of Religious Rationality"
Online Conference for Imagination Domination (May 2022)

Shivam Patel "Towards a Conative Account of Mental Imagery"
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (March 2022)

Michael Stuart "Metaepistemology of Imagination"
Online Conference for Imagination Domination (May 2021)

Howard G. Callaway "Functionalism, Consciousness, and Face Recognition"
APA Eastern Division (January 2021)

Teaching

Primary Instructor

Philosophy of Cognitive Science (York, Spring 2026)
Aesthetics (NYU, Summer 2021)
Epistemology (NYU, 2 sections, Summer 2020)

Teaching Assistant

Early Modern European Philosophy (Spring 2021) (w/ Don Garrett)
Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2020) (w/ Jessica Moss)
The Nature of Values (Spring 2020) (w/ Sharon Street)
Minds and Machines (Fall 2019) (w/ David Chalmers)
Religion, Mind, and Society (Spring 2017) (w/ William Green and Michael McCullough)

High School Outreach

NYU/NYIP Big Questions Course (2017-2019) (with Jessica Moss)

Fellowships and Awards

Center for Philosophical Psychology Essay Prize for *Aphantasia and the Epistemic Role of Consciousness* (2026)

Graduate Student Travel Grant for *The Epistemic Role of Vividness* (SSPP, 2023)

Frankel Fellowship for outstanding progress on dissertation (NYU, 2021)

New York Institute of Philosophy Travel Grant (2019, 2022, 2023)

MacCracken Fellowship (NYU, 2017-2023)

Library Research Scholar (University of Miami, 2016-2017)

Stamps Scholarship (University of Miami, 2013-2017)

Service

Professional:

Referee for Acta Analytica, Analysis (4), Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal of Aesthetics, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Critica, Dialectica (2), Ergo, Erkenntnis (3), Inquiry (2), Kriterion Journal of Philosophy, Noûs (3), Oxford University Press, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies (3), Philosophical Quarterly, Review of Philosophy and Psychology (2), Synthese (4)

Conference Referee for SPP (2024), SSPP (2023)

PhilPapers Category Editor for Epistemology of Imagination, Mental Imagery, and Varieties of Representation

Institutional:

Organizer LOGOS Epistemology Reading Group (2024)

Organizer NYU Imagination Reading Group (2020-2021)

Colloquium Committee Member NYU (2018-2019)

Graduate Student Social Organizer NYU (2017-2019)

Organizer and Moderator Parallels of Practice: A Dialogue of Science and Philosophy, University of Miami (2017)

Working Group Member for Educational Innovation, University of Miami (2017)

Research Assistant Social and Cultural Neuroscience Laboratory (2016-2017)

Research Assistant Evolution and Human Behavior Laboratory (2013-2015)

Conference:

Session Chair Perception and Attention at SSPP (2022)

Session Chair Epistemology and Transparency at APA Eastern Division (2020)

Volunteer NYU Animal Consciousness Conference (2017)

Volunteer APA Eastern Division (2017)

References

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