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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

- [A9] **'On Group Lies and Lying to Oneself: Comment on Jennifer Lackey's 'The Epistemology of Groups'**, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 2, 73, 2023.
- [A8] **'Social Movements as Units of Explanation'**, Under review.
- [A7] **'What is Social Organizing?'**, Under review, R&R.
- [A6] **'Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization'**, *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, Volume 8, forthcoming.
- [A5] **'The Politics of Past and Future: Synthetic Media, Showing, and Telling'**, *Philosophical Studies*, 2023.
- [A4] **'Luck and the Value of Communication'**, *Synthese*, 201(96), 2023, 1-19.
- [A3] **'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda'**, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 9(2), 2023, 303-317.
- [A2] **'Propaganda, Irrationality, and Group Agency'**, *Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology*, (Eds. Michael Hannon, Jeroen de Ridder), Routledge, 2021, 226-235.
- [A1] **'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.

In Preparation

- Interrogating Authenticity as a Norm of Online Speech**, with Michael Barnes
- Holism about Communication**
- Showing and Telling in Democratic Politics**

Public Philosophy

Writing

[B2] **'Not all Propaganda aims to Persuade'**, *LA Times*, Op-ed, 2022.

[B1] **'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

- Dec 2023 **'Interrogating Authenticity as a Norm for Online Speech'**, *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	<i>yearly since AY 2018/2019</i>
Phil 253: Introduction to the Philosophy of Language	<i>yearly since AY 2018/2019</i>
Phil 328: Classics of Analytic Philosophy	<i>yearly since AY 2019/2020</i>
Phil 353: Philosophy of Language - Language in Context	<i>Winter 2021</i>
Phil 423: Language and Politics in Analytic Philosophy (graduate seminar)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Phil 488: Professional Skills (graduate seminar)	<i>Spring 2023</i>

Courses at UT Austin (as instructor of record)

PHL312: Introduction to Logic	<i>Spring 2018</i>
PHL313: Introduction to Symbolic Logic	<i>Fall 2016</i>
PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems	<i>Spring 2016</i>

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