

Research

AOS Philosophy of Language, Social & Political Philosophy
AOC Epistemology

Employment

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

Education

Summer 2018 **PhD in philosophy**, *University of Texas at Austin*, *This Machine Kills Fascists: Detecting Propaganda with Formal Models of Mass Discourse Structure: Propaganda issues a "deliberative script" vis-à-vis issues of public importance. I argue that highly divergent deliberative scripts across mass publics should be of interest to the political theorist interested in the health and legitimacy of democracies. I then develop a model of mass discourse which makes use of formal pragmatic work on the information structure of non-mass discourses, in terms of which we can precisify mass discourse pathologies related to the notion of highly divergent deliberative scripts.*

J. Dever (Supervisor), D. Beaver, R. Buchanan, H. Kamp, C. Roberts (Ohio State), J. Stanley (Yale)

2012-2015 **MA**, *University of Texas, Austin*
'Discourse-Level Information Structure and the Challenge of Higher Order Discourse'

2008-2012 **BA**, *University of Victoria, Philosophy and Writing*
with high distinction

Publications

Peer-reviewed

'What is Social Organizing?', *Under Review*

forthcoming 'Luck and the Value of Communication', *Synthese*

2022 'Against Irrationalism in the Theory of Propaganda', *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*

Invited

'Non-institutional collectives in Lackey's The Epistemology of Groups', *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, Under contract

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

2019 'In defense of political correctness and against "political correctness"', *Ethics, Left and Right*, (Ed. Bob Fischer), Oxford University Press

In Preparation

Social Movements as Units of Explanation

Holism about Communication

Public Philosophy

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

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

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

Presentations

- 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 **'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*
- 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*
- Feb 2014 **'Resisting addictive desire: difficulty and epistemic exculpation'**, *Ryerson University Graduate Conference*, Toronto, ON, *refereed*
- Jan 2013 **'Phenomenological false negatives and the cognitive phenomenology debate'**, *Department of Philosophy Colloquium*, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, *invited*

Professional Service

- 2021-2022 **Program Committee**, *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting 2022*
- 2020-present **Cognitive Science Program Committee**, *Northwestern University*
- 2020/2021 **Ad-hoc climate committee**, *Philosophy Department, Northwestern University*
- 2019/2020 **Visiting Speakers Committee**, *Philosophy Department, Northwestern University*
- October 2017, **Facilitator**, *Focus Groups on Climate for Women and Trans Students in Graduate and Professional Programs*, Graduate Student Assembly, UT Austin
- April 2018 **Facilitator**, *Focus Groups on Climate for Women and Trans Students in Graduate and Professional Programs*, Graduate Student Assembly, UT Austin
- 2016-2018 **Instructor**, *Corrupt the Youth*, Eastside Memorial Highschool
A philosophy program run at underresourced schools
- 2016-2017 **Policy Advisor, Faculty Liaison**, *Minorities and Philosophy, UT Austin Chapter*
- 2015-2016 **President**, *Minorities and Philosophy, UT Austin Chapter*
- 2013-2014 **Founder, Organizer**, *Feminist Philosophy Reading Group*, UT Austin
- 2013-2014 **Member**, *Organizing Committee*, Philosophy Graduate Conference, UT Austin

Awards

- 2015 **Doctoral Fellowship**, *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada*

Teaching

At Northwestern University

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| 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> |

At UT Austin (as course instructor)

PHL312: Introduction to Logic

Spring 2018

PHL313: Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Fall 2016

PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems

Spring 2016

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English (native), French (proficient).