

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?', *R&R at Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
2023 '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
Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization
Why Should the Deliberative Democrat Care About Political Polarization?
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 **'Deepfakes, Public Announcements, and Political Mobilization'**, *Colloquium*, Loyola University, Chicago, *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*
- 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, **'Two Critiques of a Liberal Conception of Propaganda'**, *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, *refereed*
cancelled
- 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
- 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

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

█ Languages

English (native), French (proficient).