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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy (expected 2026)

Dissertation: Practical Modal Knowledge

Committee: Shaun Nichols (co-chair), Carlotta Pavese (co-chair), Alexander Kocurek, David Shoemaker, Barbara Vetter (external)

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

M.A., Philosophy, 2021

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA

B.A., Philosophy, 2018

AS VISITING STUDENT

King's College London, London, UK

Norman Malcolm Fellow, Fall 2025

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Visiting Student, Spring 2025

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Moral Psychology, Metaphysics, Social Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Cognitive Science, Normative Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Masked abilities and the four-case manipulation argument.** *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. Forthcoming.
2. **Masks, finks, and gender.** *Erkenntnis* 90 (2):581-604. 2025.
3. **Gender and first-person authority.** *Synthese* 201 (122):1-19. 2023.
4. **On dispositional masks.** *Synthese* 198 (5-6):11865-11886. 2021.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

A paper on the moral standing to blame and moral encroachment (Promised to *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, pending review)

A paper on practical knowledge and counterfactuals

A paper on gaslighting and the KK principle

A paper on excuses (w/ David Shoemaker)

A paper on encroachment and practical knowledge (w/ Joseph Orttung)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

[†]=*invited*

2025

“Counterfactuals, blame, and counterfactual blame”

New Orleans Workshop on Agency & Responsibility (upcoming)

“Gaslighting, knowledge norms, and knowing that we know”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (symposium)

“Ability knowledge and practical knowledge”

Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference

Notre Dame-Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference

“Making counterfactuals true”

Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University

“‘I didn’t know it was you!’ On an unexplored type of excuse” (co-authored with and presented by David Shoemaker)

The Sense of Responsibility Worth Worrying About Workshop, University of Salzburg[†]

2024

“Hurt feelings and excuses”

American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (symposium)

Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress

“Gaslighting, knowledge norms, and knowing that we know”

Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference, Brown University

Duke-UNC Graduate Conference

“Bigoted beliefs and the safety condition”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting

“Imagination, identity, and mental files”

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

2023

“Internalism about testimonial injustice”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting

“Homonymous humor”

American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

“Agency and counterfactual knowledge”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting

“Manipulation and prediction”

Phi Sigma Tau Conference, Georgia State University

2022

“Emotional knowledge of modality”

University of Michigan Mind and Moral Psychology Graduate Conference

“Agency and counterfactual knowledge”

UT Austin Graduate Student Conference

“Internalism about testimonial injustice”

Notre Dame-Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference

University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference

2021

“Intrinsic interferers and reactive attitudes”

Florida State University Graduate Conference on Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency

“On the dispositional account of gender identity”

Social Ontology

“The need for epistemic first-person authority”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting

“Masks, finks, and gender”

American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

University of Connecticut at Storrs Graduate Student Conference

2020

“The need for epistemic first-person authority”

MANCEPT Workshop: What Is Gender and What Do We Want It To Be?

IVR Japan International Workshop

“Masks, finks, and gender”

UT Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks

“Endorsement, healthy inquiry, and hypothesis choice”

Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (poster)

“Emotion and motivation in Tappolet’s perceptual theory”

Kent State University Graduate Conference

2019

“Dispositionalism and the manipulation argument”

Midsouth Philosophy Conference

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Cornell University

Norman Malcolm Fellowship, Fall 2025

Awarded semiannually to one Ph.D. candidate in philosophy at Cornell to study at King’s College London for a semester

Georgia State University

M.A. with distinction, 2021

Ralf F. Munster Fellowship for Excellence in Research, 2020

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Cornell University

Knowledge in a social world, Spring 2026 (upcoming)

Georgia State University

Introduction to Philosophy, Summer and Fall 2019; Spring and Fall 2020; Spring 2021

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Cornell University

Introduction to Deductive Logic (Theodore Korzukhin), Spring 2024
Ethics of Eating (Willow Starr), Fall 2023
Ethics (Julia Markovits), Spring 2023
Puzzles and Paradoxes (Alexander Kocurek), Fall 2022

Georgia State University

Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Ed Cox), Spring 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2021
Critical Thinking (Sandra Dwyer), Fall 2018

SERVICE

Conferences

Syracuse-Cornell Graduate Philosophy Workshop, organizer, September 2025

Cornell University

Philosophy editing group, organizer, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Graduate student representative to the faculty, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

Refereeing

Acta Analytica; Hypatia; Journal of Value Inquiry; Philosophical Studies; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Synthese

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

*=*audited*; †=*summer school*

Epistemology

Self-Knowledge (Nicholas Silins, Cornell University)
Epistemology (Alexander Kocurek, Cornell University)
Skills, Knowledge, and Intelligence (Carlotta Pavese, Cornell University)*
Knowledge and Action (Carlotta Pavese, Cornell University)*
Independent Study: Self-Knowledge and Authority (Juan Piñeros Glasscock, Georgia State University)
Knowledge-How (Juan Piñeros Glasscock, Georgia State University)*
Epistemic Justification (Keith DeRose and Timothy Williamson, Yale University)*
Bayesian Boot Camp (Michael Titelbaum and Shimin Zhao, University of Wisconsin, Madison)†
Sixth Urbino Summer School in Epistemology (Edouard Machery, Carlotta Pavese, Hans van Ditmarsch, and Cristoph Kelp)†

Moral Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Emotions and Their Functions (Rachana Kamtekar and Shaun Nichols, Cornell University)
Responsibility (David Shoemaker, Cornell University)
Personal Identity (Shaun Nichols and David Shoemaker, Cornell University)*
Feminist Moral Psychology (Kate Manne, Cornell University)*
Emotion, Cognition, and Brain (Adam Anderson, Cornell University)*
Free Will, Agency, Responsibility, and Punishment (Eddy Nahmias, Georgia State University)
Belief and Ideology (Neil Van Leeuwen, Georgia State University)

History of Emotion Theory (Andrea Scarantino, Georgia State University)
Causation and Responsibility Summer School (Matthias Rolffs and Vera Hoffmann-Kolss, University of Bern)[†]

Language, Logic, and Metaphysics

Philosophy Proseminar (Nicholas Silins, Cornell University)
Modal Logic (Alexander Kocurek, Cornell University)
Conceptual Engineering (Alexander Kocurek, Cornell University)
Philosophy of Language (Willow Starr, Cornell University)*
Metaphysics (Steve Jacobson, Georgia State University)
Symbolic Logic (Ed Cox, Georgia State University)

Value Theory

Critical Race Theory (Kate Manne, Cornell University)
Feminism and Philosophy: Fatphobia and Diet Culture (Kate Manne, Cornell University)
Humor and Morality (David Shoemaker, Cornell University)
Racism, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia (Andrew Altman, Georgia State University)
Feminist Philosophy (Christie Hartley, Georgia State University)
Strong Men, Fascism, and Patriarchy (Robin Dembroff and Jason Stanley, Yale University)*

References

Research

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David Shoemaker
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Teaching

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