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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

Spring 2025

AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Moral Psychology, Social & Political Philosophy, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Cognitive Science, Applied 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 blame (Promised to *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, pending review)

A paper on the epistemic value of the emotions

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 intentional action (w/Joseph Orttung)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

[†]=*invited*

2026

“Ability knowledge and practical knowledge”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (upcoming)

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” (w/ 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

“Gender and 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

“Gender and 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

“Masked abilities and the four-case manipulation argument”

Midsouth Philosophy Conference

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

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

SERVICE

Conferences

KCL-LSE Applied Epistemology Workshop, co-organizer, December 2025

Inaugural Cornell-Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Workshop, co-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 (2x); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Synthese

REFERENCES

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