

# Gus Turyn

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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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### Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Social & Political Philosophy, Moral Psychology

### Areas of Competence

Cognitive Science, Feminist Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

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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

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A paper on counterfactuals and 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 Ortung)

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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†=*invited*

### 2026

- “A theory of testimonial injustice”  
SoCal Normative Philosophy Workshop†
- “Ability knowledge and practical knowledge”  
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting

### 2025

- “Counterfactuals, blame, and counterfactual blame”  
New Orleans Workshop on Agency & Responsibility
- “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

- “Internalism about testimonial injustice”  
Notre Dame-Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference  
University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
- “Emotional knowledge of modality”  
University of Michigan Mind and Moral Psychology Graduate Conference

“Agency and counterfactual knowledge”  
UT Austin Graduate Student 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

## **COMMENTS**

### **2026**

“The Experience of Meaning and Our Attitudes Toward the Future” by Elizabeth Lynes-Fisher  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

## **TEACHING**

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### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

#### **Cornell University**

Knowledge in a social world, Spring 2026

#### **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**

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### **Cornell University**

Norman Malcolm Fellowship, Fall 2025  
*Awarded biannually 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**

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### **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 (3x); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Synthese*

## **SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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\*=*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)†

## 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)

## Moral Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Emotions and Their Functions (Rachana Kamtekar and Shaun Nichols, Cornell University)  
Humor and Morality (David Shoemaker, 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)  
The Historical Roots of Contemporary Emotion Theory (Andrea Scarantino, Georgia State University)  
Belief and Ideology (Neil Van Leeuwen, Georgia State University)  
Causation and Responsibility Summer School (Matthias Rolffs and Vera Hoffmann-Kolss, University of Bern)<sup>†</sup>

## Social and Political Philosophy

Critical Race Theory (Kate Manne, Cornell University)  
Fatphobia and Diet Culture (Kate Manne, 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

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