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Areas of Specialization Social, political, and moral thought, philosophical psychology, Critical Theory (especially Jürgen Habermas), and American Pragmatism (especially John Dewey)

Areas of Competence Epistemology, bioethics, and aesthetics (especially philosophy of music and philosophy of the visual arts)

Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer September 2025 -
Professorship for Practical Philosophy
ETH Zürich

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2024 - 2025
“Democratic Vistas. Reflections on the Atlantic World.”
Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2023 - 2024
Justitia Center for Advanced Studies
Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2016 - 2023
Emory University (Atlanta, USA) (Maternity leave: Nov. 2020 - May 2021)

- With **Graduate Certificate in Mind, Brain, and Culture**
- Dissertation:
(Im)possible Communities: The Cooperative Structure of Moral Thinking
Committee: John J. Stuhr (advisor), Noëlle McAfee,
John Lysaker, Philippe Rochat (Dept. of Psychology), and
Michele M. Moody-Adams (Dept. of Philosophy, Columbia University)
- Recognized by the Dean of Emory Graduate School as one of three outstanding dissertations among those produced by a cohort of over 200 new PhD graduates from all disciplines in the humanities, arts, and sciences.

M.A. in Philosophy The New School for Social Research (New York City, USA)	2012 - 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Thesis: <i>Experience and Aesthetic Quality in John Dewey's Philosophy</i> Advisor: Richard J. Bernstein 	
Graduate Diploma in Contemporary Art History Goldsmiths, University of London (London, UK)	2011 - 2012
Bachelor's Degree in Journalism Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain)	2008 - 2010
Bachelor's Degree in Music (Violin Performance) Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain)	2004 - 2008

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

**"Moral Universalism and Pluralism of Values:
Revisiting Habermas's Theory of Discourse Ethics"**
Forthcoming in *New German Critique*

"The (Very Needed) Experimental Turn in Ethics"
European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy [Online], XIII-2 (2021).

"Moral Inquiry Beyond Objectivism and Subjectivism"
The Journal of Speculative Philosophy. Vol. 35, No. 2 (2021): 165-175.

"The Advancement of Altruism as a Criterion of Moral Validity"
Contemporary Pragmatism. Vol. 16, Issue 4 (2019): 348-365.

**"Living as a Creative Activity: An Introduction to John Dewey's
Theory of Experience"**
Pragmatism Today. Vol. 5, Issue 2 (2014): 8-13.

Book reviews:

"Beth L. Eddy's *Evolutionary Pragmatism and Ethics*"
The Pluralist. Vol. 14, Number 2 (2019): 126-128.

In progress:

A paper on Habermas's typology of social action (in preparation for submission).

Fellowships, Scholarship, Grants, and Awards

Major Fellowships and Scholarships:

- **Andrew W. Mellon Teaching and Dissertation Fellowship** 2021 - 2022
Highly selective. University-wide program with only 3 fellowships awarded for the 21/22 academic year. US\$24,000.
- **Emory Dean's Teaching and Dissertation Fellowship** 2021 - 2022
Very selective. University-wide program with 12 fellowships awarded for the 21/22 academic year. Declined. US\$24,000.
- **Emory Graduate Scholarship** 2016 - 2021
Highly selective. Acceptance rate below 5%. 5 years of full PhD funding (tuition, stipend, and health insurance). ≈US\$400,000
- **The New School for Social Research Merit-Based Scholarship** 2012 - 2014
Very selective. Awarded on the basis of academic achievement and promise. US\$15,000.
- **Fulbright Graduate Scholarship** 2012 - 2014
Highly selective. Nation-wide program with a success rate below 5%. 2 years of full MA funding (tuition, stipend, and health ins.). ≈\$110,000

Other Grants and Awards (selection):

- FiloLab Summer School Scholarship (one of the three best papers presented) 2019
- Piedmont TATTO Fellowship on Sustainability, Teaching, and Curriculum 2019
- Laney Graduate Student Council Travel Grant 2018
- Emory Professional Development Support Funds (\$5,200) 2017 (2), 2018 (3), 2021 (2)
- SAAP Travel Grant (\$1,320) 2015, 2018 (2)
- American Society for Aesthetics Travel Grant (\$1,250) 2015
- The New School for Social Research Travel Grant 2013, 2014
- Fulbright Enrichment Seminar (by invitation only) (\$1,500) 2013

Conferences (selection)

I have given more than 25 talks, both invited and refereed, across various countries, including: Australia, Belgium, Budapest, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States

Invited talks marked with +

"Democracy and the Sense of Community"

+ American Studies Research Colloquium. Goethe Universität Frankfurt

May 2025

<p>“What Is It That We Do When We Engage in Public Discourse?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Ontology 2025. Trinity College Dublin + Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Colloquium. Bad Homburg 	<p>Aug. 2025 May 2025</p>
<p>“Moral Universalism and Pluralism of Values: Remarks on Habermas’s Theory of Discourse Ethics”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Colloquium. Bad Homburg 	<p>Jun. 2024</p>
<p>“Communicative Rationality as We-mode Collaboration: A Reconceptualization of Habermas’s Typology of Social Action”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Practical Philosophy Colloquium. ETH Zürich 	<p>May 2024</p>
<p>“Affective Communities and the Possibility of Communicative Rationality”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society for European Philosophy Annual Conference. Cardiff University • Engaging Rationality Today Symposium. University of Lille + Research Colloquium of Political Theory. Goethe Universität Frankfurt 	<p>Jul. 2024 May 2024 Jan. 2024</p>
<p>“The Sense of Community and the Possibility of Cooperation: Joint Attention, Common Ground, and Emotional Sharing”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Ontology 2023. Stockholm University 	<p>Aug. 2023</p>
<p>“The Pragmatist Roots of Habermas’s Moral Theory”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Pragmatism Conference. UCL (unable to attend) 	<p>Aug. 2022</p>
<p>“Agreeing on What To Do by Agreeing on Why: On Habermas’s Concept of Generalizable Interest”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress RoME, poster session (unable to attend) • Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting 	<p>Aug. 2022 Jul. 2022</p>
<p>“Moral Rationality between Absolutism and Irrationalism: Collective Deliberation and the Sense of Community”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The Peirce Studies Group. University of Navarra, Spain 	<p>Dec. 2019</p>
<p>“The Extra-linguistic Dimension of Intersubjective Discourse”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FiloLab International Summer School. University of Granada, Spain (Selected as one of the three best papers. Scholarship awarded) 	<p>Jul. 2019</p>
<p>“Interpersonal Normativity: A Psychological Approach to the Problem of Moral Justification”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference. Univ. of Colorado Boulder 	<p>Oct. 2018</p>
<p>“Motives for Consensus: Habermas and Kitcher on Ethical Deliberation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third European Pragmatism Conference. University of Helsinki • SAAP 45th Annual Meeting. Indianapolis • Young Scholars Pragmatism Conference. ENS Paris 	<p>Jun. 2018 Mar. 2018 Jan. 2018</p>
<p>“Truth and Discourse: Foucault and Habermas on the Practice of Ethics”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 11th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome 	<p>May 2018</p>

“Reclusion, Exclusion, and Inclusion:

Two Complements to Axel Honneth’s Theory of Recognition”

- 10th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome May 2017
- Italian-French Journée d’Étude. University of Catania, Italy May 2017

“Experience and Aesthetic Quality:

On the Continuities within John Dewey's Philosophy”

- American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting. Savannah Nov. 2015
- Summer Institute in American Philosophy. University College Dublin Jun. 2015
- Dutch Association of Aesthetics Annual Conference. KU Leuven Feb. 2015

“Living as a Creative Activity. John Dewey's Theory of Experience”

Aesthetic Experience and Somaesthetics Conference. Budapest Jun. 2014

Teaching Experience _____

Special Topics: On the Nature of Human Relationships

Spring 2022

Sole instructor

Emory University, Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Bioethics

Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 (online)

Sole instructor

Emory University, Department of Philosophy

Basic Problems in Philosophy

Spring 2019

Sole instructor

Emory University, Department of Philosophy

19th & 20th Century Philosophy

Spring 2018

Co-teacher. Main instructor: Noëlle McAfee

Emory University, Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Fall 2017

Teaching assistant. Main instructor: John J. Stuhr

Emory University, Department of Philosophy

Service (Within and Outside Academia) _____

Journal Referee

2024 - Present

Contemporary Pragmatism (2024)

International Students Representative

August 2020 - May 2021

Laney Graduate Student Council

Emory University

Mentor for Unemployed Young People 2016 - 2019
Helsinki España Dimensión Humana

Member of the National Selection Board May 2016
Fulbright Scholarship Program, Fulbright España

Professional Development

Online Teaching Strategies Training Course June 2020
College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University

Jones Program in Ethics in Research and Teaching April 2020
Laney Graduate School, Emory University

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program May 2018
Laney Graduate School, Emory University

Professional Affiliations

- The American Philosophical Association
- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- European Pragmatism Association
- German Pragmatism Network
- International Social Ontology Society
- Argumentation Network of the Americas

Professional Experience Outside Academia

Journalist and music critic 2010 - 2012
Ópera Actual (monthly paper magazine)

Editor in chief, art director, and journalist 2009 - 2010
Sublime, Arte + Cultura Contemporánea (digital publication)

Languages

- **Spanish:** Native
- **Catalan:** Fluent
- **German:** Beginner
- **English:** Near native
- **French:** Reading proficiency

References

John J. Stuhr (dissertation advisor)

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