

**AOS** Philosophy of language, Formal Semantics, Philosophy of Mind  
**AOC** Formal Epistemology, Logic, Metaphysics, Metaethics

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## Employment

2024–present University of Maryland, College Park. Professor  
2019–2024 University of Maryland, College Park. Associate Professor (with tenure)  
2017–2019 University of California, San Diego. Associate Professor (with tenure)  
2012–2017 University of Leeds, UK. Lecturer  
2011–2012 Australian National University, Australia. Postdoctoral Fellow

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## Education

2005–2011 PhD (philosophy, with a minor in linguistics), MIT  
1999–2005 Laurea (MA), University of Bologna, Italy

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## Grants and Fellowships

2013–2017 Marie Curie Career Integration Grant: *The Probabilistic Construal of Modality*. Principal Investigator. Value: 100,000 euros.

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## Publications

### Refereed Journals

forthcoming “Ability as Dependence Modality”, forthcoming in *Noûs*.  
forthcoming “Confidence Reports” (with Fabrizio Cariani and Alexis Wellwood), forthcoming in *Semantics and Pragmatics*.  
forthcoming “Probabilities of Counterfactuals are Counterfactual Probabilities”, forthcoming in *Journal of Philosophy*.  
2022 “Alternatives in counterfactuals: What is right and what is not” (with Jacopo Romoli and Eva Wittenberg), *Journal of Semantics* 39(2), pp. 213–260.  
2022 “Indeterminacy and Triviality” (with J. R. G. Williams), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 100(4), pp. 727–742.  
2022 “General Triviality for Counterfactuals”, *Analysis* 82 (2), pp. 277–289.  
2022 “Path Semantics for Indicative Conditionals”, *Mind*, Volume 131 (521), pp. 59–98.

- 2022 “Trivializing Informational Consequence”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 104(2), pp. 297-320.
- 2021 “Probabilities for Epistemic Modalities” (with Simon Goldstein), *Philosophers’ Imprint*, vol. 21(33), 2021, pp. 1-37.
- 2020 “Choice and prohibition in non-monotonic contexts” (with Nicole Gotzner and Jacopo Romoli), *Natural Language Semantics* 28, pp. 141-174.
- 2019 “Filtering Free Choice” (with Jacopo Romoli), *Semantics & Pragmatics* 12(12).
- 2019 “Interventions in Premise Semantics”, *Philosophers’ Imprint* 19(1), pp. 1-27.
- 2018 “Alternatives and Truthmakers in Conditional Semantics”, *Journal of Philosophy* 115(10), pp. 513-549.
- 2018 “Will Done Better: Selection Semantics, Future Credence, and Indeterminacy” (with Fabrizio Cariani), *Mind* 127(505), pp. 129-165.
- 2017 “Probability and Implicatures” (with Jacopo Romoli), *Semantics & Pragmatics* 10(13).
- 2016 “Communication for Expressivists” (with Alejandro Pérez Carballo), *Ethics* 126(3), pp. 607-635.
- 2016 “Nonfactual Know-How and the Boundaries of Semantics”, *Philosophical Review* 125(1), pp. 35-82.
- 2013 “Descriptions as Variables”, *Philosophical Studies* 164(1), March 2013, pp. 41-59.
- 2012 “Reference and Monstrosity”, *Philosophical Review* 121(3), July 2012, pp. 359-406.

### Papers in Edited Volumes

- 2019 “Context-free Semantics”, in *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Language*, vol. 1, Oxford University Press.

### Handbook Papers

- forthcoming “Circumstantial and Ability Modals”, forthcoming in the *Cambridge Handbook of Natural Language Modality*.
- forthcoming “The Logic and Semantics of Counterfactuals”, forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, second edition.

### Conference Proceedings

- forthcoming “Future-Less-Vivid Conditionals and the Modal Past”, forthcoming in *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 34.
- 2023 “Positive gradable adjective ascriptions without positive morphemes” (with Fabrizio Cariani and Alexis Wellwood), in Maria Onoeva, Anna Staňková and Radek Šimík, *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 27.
- 2023 “Nonboolean Conditionals” (with Alexis Wellwood), in *Proceedings of ELM* 2.
- 2022 “Ability Modals as Causal Modals”, in M. Degano, T. Roberts, G. Sbardolini & M. Schoustra, *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*.
- 2021 “Counterfactuals and undefinedness: homogeneity vs. supervaluations” (with Paul Marty and Jacopo Romoli), in J. Rhyne, K. Lamp, N. Dreier, and C. Kwon (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 30.
- 2021 “Simplification is not Scalar Strengthening”, in J. Rhyne, K. Lamp, N. Dreier, and C. Kwon (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 30.

- 2019 “Fixing de Morgan’s law in counterfactual antecedents” (with Jacopo Romoli and Eva Wittenberg), in J. J. Schlöder, D. McHugh, and F. Roelofsen, *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*.
- 2019 “More Free Choice and More Inclusion: An Experimental Investigation of Free Choice in Nonmonotonic Environments” (with Nicole Gotzner and Jacopo Romoli), in *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28*.
- 2017 “Conditional Excluded Middle in Informational Semantics”, in A. Cremers, T. van Gessel, and F. Roelofsen, *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*.
- 2015 “Selection function semantics for *will*” (with Fabrizio Cariani), in T. Brochhagen, F. Roelofsen and N. Theiler, *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*.
- 2015 “Filtering Semantics for Counterfactuals: Bridging Causal Models and Premise Semantics”, in T. Snider, S. D’Antonio and M. Weigand (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 24*.
- 2012 “Modals are Monsters: On Indexical Shift in English”, in D. Lutz and N. Li (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20*.

### Reviews and Commentaries

- forthcoming Review of Matt Mandelkern’s *Bounded Meanings*, forthcoming in *Mind*.
- 2023 Review of Justin Khoo’s *The Meaning of If*, in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/the-meaning-of-if/>
- 2022 “Meaning without Information: Comments on Paul Pietroski’s *Conjoining Meanings*”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 105(3), 2022, pp. 735-744

## Presentations

### Assertion and Weak Belief

- August 2024 World Congress of Philosophy, Philosophy of Language Workshop, Rome

### Time-Relative Counterfactuality: Future-Less-Vivid Conditionals and the Modal Past

- May 2024 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 34 (poster session), University of Rochester
- March 2024 Stanford Construction of Meaning Workshop

### Local Contexts for Historical Modality

- May 2024 UMass Amherst, *Bounded Meanings* workshop

### Ability as Dependence Modality

- January 2024 Symposium talk, Eastern APA, New York City

### Counterfactuals (not) Under Discussion (with Sonia Ramotowska, Paul Marty, and Jacopo Romoli)

- May 2023 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 33, Yale, May 2023

### Tense and Derived Contexts: a Theory of X-Marking

- May 2023 SILT 2, NYU
- October 2022 Conditionals Thought and Talk Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs

### Weakness of Will

- March 2023 Semantics and Rational Norms workshop, Columbia University

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- Sept 2022 Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, Dubrovnik  
[Ability Modals as Causal Modals](#)
- Dec 2022 Amsterdam Colloquium
- August 2022 Dublin Language Workshop, University College, Dublin  
[The Modal Perfective and Actuality Entailments](#)
- Sept 2022 *Sinn und Bedeutung* 27 (poster session), Konstanz, September 2022 (online)
- July 2022 Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf  
[Probabilities of Counterfactuals are Counterfactual Probabilities](#)
- June 2022 Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
- Feb 2021 University of Wisconsin, Madison, philosophy department colloquium  
[Nonboolean Conditionals \(with Alexis Wellwood\)](#)
- May 2022 Experiments in Linguistic Meaning, University of Pennsylvania
- Feb 2021 Conditionals Workshop, 43rd Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (online)
- [Coordinating on the Common Ground](#)
- May 2021 Revisiting the Common Ground talk series (online, organized by Princeton University).
- [Generalized Triviality for Counterfactuals](#)
- April 2021 Colloquium, Pacific APA (online)
- [Comments on Richard Booth's "Supposition, Presupposition, and Trivalent Conditionals"](#)
- Feb 2021 Central APA (online)
- [Simplification is not Scalar Strengthening](#)
- August 2020 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30, Cornell University (online), focus workshop
- [Counterfactuals and undefinedness: homogeneity vs. supervaluations](#)
- August 2020 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30, Cornell University (online), poster session
- [Trivializing Informational Consequence](#)
- May 2020 Formal Epistemology Workshop 2020 (online)
- [Probabilities for Epistemic Modalities' \(with Simon Goldstein\)](#)
- April 2020 Melbourne Logic Group (online)
- [Triviality and Indeterminacy](#)
- January 2020 Taiwan Metaphysics Conference, National Taiwan University
- [Counterfactuals and Indeterminacy](#)
- Dec 2019 Indeterminacy Conference, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy
- [Counterfactuals and Possibilities](#)
- Dec 2019 Philosophy seminar, University of Turin
- Nov 2019 PhLiP Conference, Tarrytown NY

### Fixing DeMorgan's Laws in Counterfactual Antecedents

- Dec 2019 Amsterdam Colloquium
- Sept 2019 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 50)
- June 2019 PhLing workshop, Northwestern University
- April 2019 Semantics at the beach workshop, San Clemente CA

### Counterfactuals in Possibility Semantics

- April 2019 Conditionals Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- Sept 2018 Logic Seminar, University of Melbourne
- August 2018 Workshop on causal modeling, ANU
- August 2018 World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing

### Triviality for Indeterminate Languages (with J. Robert G. Williams)

- August 2018 ANU Philosophy Seminar

### More Free Choice and More Inclusion' (with Nicole Gotzner and Jacopo Romoli)

- May 2018 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28 (poster session), MIT, May 2018

### Conditional Excluded Middle in Expressivist Semantics

- April 2018 NYU Mind and Language seminar
- March 2018 Pacific APA Symposium, San Diego CA
- Sept 2017 Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, Dubrovnik
- October 2017 Institut Jean Nicod, Paris

### Confidence Reports (with Fabrizio Cariani and Alexis Wellwood)

- October 2017 PhLiP Conference, Tarrytown NY

### Conditional Information

- June 2017 InqBnB workshop, University of Amsterdam
- Feb 2017 MITing of the Minds conference, MIT

### Credence for Epistemic Discourse

- Feb 2018 Central APA Symposium, Chicago
- Nov 2016 Conditionals Conference, University of Konstanz
- October 2016 University of Birmingham, philosophy colloquium
- Sept 2016 University of Connecticut, logic seminar

### Comments on Una Stojnic

- October 2016 Normativity in Language Conference, University of Toronto

### Comments on Giorgio Magri

- Sept 2016 Workshop on Exhaustivity, MIT

### Ground for Expressivists

- June 2016 University of Hong Kong, Expressivism conference

### Cognitive Truthmakers

- April 2016 University of Texas, Austin, departmental colloquium  
(Hans Kamp Seminar in Language and Logic speaker)
- Truthmakers and Alternatives in Conditional Semantics*
- Sept 2016 NYU Semantics seminar  
May 2016 Society for Exact Philosophy, Miami  
April 2016 Pacific APA Symposium, San Francisco CA  
October 2015 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Linguistics colloquium  
Sept 2014 Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, Dubrovnik  
Nov 2014 University of Edinburgh Philosophy Seminar
- Will Done Better" (with Fabrizio Cariani)*
- March 2016 Central APA Symposium, Chicago IL  
Dec 2015 Amsterdam Colloquium
- On the Context Sensitivity of Conditionals*
- July 2015 Conference on Context Dependence, Salzburg
- Probabilistic Might and the Free Choice Effect" (with Jacopo Romoli)*
- April 2015 Pacific APA Symposium
- Counterfactuals and Contradiction*
- October 2014 Institute of Philosophy, London  
March 2014 University of East Anglia  
October 2013 Yale University
- Interventions in Premise Semantics*
- Feb 2015 Central APA invited Symposium  
June 2014 Logic, Grammar, and Meaning Conference, University of East Anglia  
May 2014 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 24 (poster session), NYU  
October 2013 PhLiP Conference, Tarrytown NY  
Sept 2013 ANU Philosophy Seminar  
Sept 2013 University of Sydney Philosophy Seminar
- Exhaustified Counterfactuals*
- April 2014 Symposium at the Pacific APA, San Diego  
May 2013 Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin  
July 2013 AAP Conference, University of Queensland
- On the Plurality of Indices'*
- May 2013 Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin  
Feb 2013 Semantic content workshop, Oxford University  
Sept 2012 *Sinn und Bedeutung* 17 (poster session), Paris  
May 2012 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 22 (poster session), University of Chicago
- Descriptions as Variables*
- August 2012 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham WA

- July 2012 AAP Conference, University of Wollongong  
[Expressivist Communication and Relative Truth](#)
- March 2012 University of Sydney Philosophy Seminar  
[Know-How as a Directive Attitude](#)
- March 2013 University of Nottingham Philosophy Seminar
- June 2011 Ordinary Language, Linguistics, and Philosophy Conference, St Andrews  
[Cognitive Relocation](#)
- October 2011 ANU Philosophy Seminar  
[Reference and Monstrosity](#)
- October 2010 PhLing Workshop, Northwestern University
- August 2010 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham WA
- May 2010 Arché Semantics Group, University of St Andrews
- July 2009 AAP Conference, Melbourne  
[Modals are Monsters: On Indexical Shift in English](#)
- April 2010 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20, Vancouver
- April 2009 Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, London

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## Service

### Professional Service

- 2019–present Associate Editor of *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- June 2017 Organizer of Conditionals and Probability workshop, University of Leeds
- November 2014 Organizer of Nonstandard Modals workshop, University of Leeds
- March 2014 Organizer of Philosophy of Language in the UK workshop, University of Leeds
- 2016–present Reviewer of 3 book manuscripts for *Oxford University Press*
- 2011–present Referee for *Journal of Semantics\**, *Analysis\**, *Semantics and Pragmatics\**, *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Erkenntnis\**, *Mind\**, *Dialectica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy\**, *Philosopher's Imprint\**, *Philosophical Perspectives*, *Philosophical Studies\**, *European Journal of Analytical Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic\**, *Noûs\**, *Philosophical Review\**, *Journal of Philosophy\**, *Natural Language Semantics*.
- \*multiple times
- 2009 Guest editor (with Alejandro Pérez Carballo) of a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* on Robert Stalnaker's 'Assertion'

### Departmental and University Service

- 2024–present Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland
- 2024 Associate Dean for Graduate Education search committee, University of Maryland
- 2022–2024 Chair of Graduate Admissions committee in Philosophy, University of Maryland

- 2021–22 Graduate Admissions committee, University of Maryland
- 2021–22 Internal review committee, University of Maryland
- 2020–23 Colloquium series organizer, University of Maryland
- 2020–22 Work in Progress series organizer, University of Maryland
- 2018–19 Philosophy of Science search committee member, University of California, San Diego
- 2014–15 Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, University of Leeds
- 2013–14 Faculty meeting convener, School of Philosophy, University of Leeds
- 2013–14 Philosophy Senior Seminar organizer, University of Leeds

## Teaching

### Undergraduate

- Spring 23 Making Things Happen (UD), University of Maryland
- Spring 23 Mind, Matter, and Meaning (UD), University of Maryland
- Fall 21 Theories of Meaning (UD), University of Maryland
- Spring 21, 24 Conditionals and Conditional Reasoning, University of Maryland
- Spring 20 Causation, Chance, and Laws (UD), University of Maryland
- Spring 20, Introduction to Logic (LD), University of Maryland
- Fall 20, 21,  
22, 23, 24
- Spring 19 Philosophy of Mathematics (UD), University of California, San Diego
- Winter 19 Introduction to Logic (LD), University of California, San Diego
- Winter 18, 19 Metaphysics (UD), University of California, San Diego
- Spring 17 Introduction to Metaphysics, University of Leeds
- Spring 15 Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, University of Leeds
- Spring 13, 17 Topics in Epistemology: Theory and Evidence, University of Leeds
- Spring 13, 14, Introduction to Philosophy of Language, University of Leeds  
15, 17
- Fall 12, 14, 16 Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Language, University of Leeds
- Fall 12, 14, 16 Formal Logic, University of Leeds

(UD = upper division, LD = lower division)

### Graduate

- Spring 24 Varieties of Trivalence, University of Maryland
- Spring 22 Modality in the world: agentive, circumstantial, and historical modality, University of Maryland
- Fall 20, 22, Metaphysics, Mind, and Language (M&E Proseminar), University of Maryland  
23, 24
- Fall 19 Counterfactuals between Probability and Semantics, University of Maryland
- Spring 19 Experimental Semantics (with Eva Wittenberg, Linguistics), UC San Diego
- Spring 18 Counterfactuals between Orthodoxy and Heresy, UC San Diego
- Fall 13 Modality in Natural Language, ANU



## Summer schools

- Summer 23 Dynamic and Trivalent Theories of Conditionals (with Lorenzo Rossi). European Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information 2023, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Summer 19 Probabilities of Counterfactuals (with Fabrizio Cariani). European Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information 2019, Riga, Latvia
- Summer 18 Probabilities of Conditionals (with Justin Khoo), North American Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information 2018, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh
- Summer 16 Degree Semantics and Modality (with Fabrizio Cariani and Alexis Wellwood), North American Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information 2016, Rutgers

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## Advising

### PhD students

- 2022-2024 Jessica Mendes, University of Maryland, Department of Linguistics (co-chair)
- 2022-2024 Caleb Kendrick, University of Maryland (co-chair)
- 2019-2022 Yichi "Raven" Zhang, University of Maryland (co-chair)
- 2020 Aleks Knoks, University of Maryland (committee member)
- 2019-2020 Kyley Ewing, University of Maryland (committee member)
- 2013-2017 Will Gamester, University of Leeds (co-supervisor, 20% time)
- 2013-2017 Nick Tasker, University of Leeds (co-supervisor, 20% time)

### MA theses

- 2015 James Wood, "Correctness, Community, and the Rule-Following Considerations", University of Leeds
- 2013 Sam Coe, "Deliberative Background Shift: Kratzer Semantics, the Miners Puzzle and Acceptable Equivocation in Deliberation", University of Leeds

### Undergraduate theses

- 2014 John Fernley, "Is There a Normative Relationship Between Logic and Rationality?", University of Leeds

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## Languages

Italian	Native
English	Fluent
French	Fluent
German	Intermediate
Portuguese	Basic
Latin	Reading knowledge