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## Research Areas

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### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Science (especially cognitive science and biology)

### Areas of Competency

Logic, Philosophy of Language, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Kant, and Ancient Philosophy.

## Education

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<b>PhD</b>	UC, Santa Cruz, Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Accuracy in Explanation: how a semantic notion of accuracy fits in scientific explanations of spatial learning.</i> Committee: Nico Orlandi (co-chair), Jon Ellis (co-chair), Paul Roth, and Jason Samaha (Psychology)	(in progress) 2016-2023
<b>MA</b>	University of Florida, Philosophy	2011-2013
<b>BA</b>	Florida Atlantic University, Philosophy	2007-2011

## Research Grants and Fellowships

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Humanities Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$16,000) UC Santa Cruz	2022-2023
Summer Institute Fellowship, David Hume in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (\$3,500) National Endowment for the Humanities	2022
Summer Residency Fellowship (\$750) National Humanities Center	2021
Summer Research Fellow (\$1500) The Humanities Institute at UC, Santa Cruz	2019

## Conference Presentations

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Rethinking the Distinction between Proximal and Distal Visual Cues Philosophy and Neuroscience at the Gulf V, Pensacola	2022
Laboratories, Natural Environments, and the distinction between Proximal and Distal Cues Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Pittsburgh	2022

There Are More to Representations Than Their Contents APA Pacific Division, Portland (Virtual)	2021
Do All Perceptual Experiences Convey Information? Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Central Oklahoma University	2019
How to Think About Perceptual Contents Friday Forum, UC Santa Cruz	2019
Friedrich Schelling and the Cognitive Penetration of Aesthetic Experience Philosophy and Representation Conference, San Diego State University	2018
Friedrich Schelling, Aesthetic Experience and Religious Art Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University	2018
Insular Communities, Multiculturalism, and Utopias North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, NC State University	2015
Insular Communities, Multiculturalism, and Utopias South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, Wofford College	2015
The Argument from Relief: An Argument for Art Funding South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, College of Charleston	2013
On Emotivists's Accounts of Ethical Disagreements UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida	2012
Hobbes's Foole and Deliberative Contexts UNF Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of North Florida	2012

### **Conference Comments**

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Comments on "Staying Optimistic about Neuroscience and Art" By William Seeley (Boston College), Pacific APA	2019
Comments on "Tracking the Conditions for Singular Thought" By Jeonggyu Lee (UC Santa Barbra), Berkeley, Davis, Stanford Graduate Conference	2018
Comments on "Justice and the Division of Goods in Plato's Republic" By Amin Ebrahimi (Oxford), Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference	2013
Comments on "Focal Points and Absorptive Mapping" By Domenick Sgambati (StonyBrook), Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference	2012

## Teaching Awards, Presentations, and Fellowships

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Ethics Bowl Fellowship (\$1500) Center for Public Philosophy, UC Santa Cruz	2022
Course Design and Delivery Graduate Certificate Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning, UC Santa Cruz	2022
Small-Group work for Teaching Logic Derivations Poster at the APA Teaching Hub	2022
Summer Residency: “Meaningful Teaching in Humanities Classrooms” The National Humanities Center. Research Triangle, North Carolina	2021
Teaching for Equity Graduate Certificate Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning. UC Santa Cruz	2021
Distinguished Teaching Assistant UC Santa Cruz Department of Philosophy	2018-2019
Graduate Certificate: Theory and Practice of Teaching Writing Writing Program, UC Santa Cruz	2018
Course Development Fellowship (\$2,000) UC Santa Cruz Department of Philosophy	2018

## Courses Taught

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### as Lead Instructor

Introductory Symbolic Logic UC Santa Cruz	2022
The Philosophy of Pedagogy (graduate seminar) UC Santa Cruz	2021
Philosophy of Language UC Santa Cruz	2020
Philosophy of Mind UC Santa Cruz	2019
Reason, Logic and the Idols of Thought UC Santa Cruz	2018
Introduction to Philosophy UC Santa Cruz	2017, 2022(x2)

Contemporary Moral Issues South Piedmont Community College	2016
Introduction to Ethics South Piedmont Community College	2015
Philosophy (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) Archimedean Middle Conservatory (Miami-Dade County Public School District)	2013-2014
Contemporary Moral Issues University of Florida	2013

### as a Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Philosophy <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2017, Ellis) (2018, Orlandi) (2018, Winther) (2019, Dreisbach) (2019, Franklin) (2020, Grundler) (2021, Imaz-Sheinbaum) <b>University of Florida:</b> (2012, Westmoreland)
Introduction to Ethics <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2016, Dreisbach) <b>University of Florida:</b> (2012, Ahlberg)
Logic <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2017, Orlandi) (2021, Pedroso)
Elementary Logic <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2022, Schebart)
Contemporary Moral Issues <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2020, Kubala) <b>University of Florida:</b> (2011, D'Amico)
The Rationalists <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2019, Guevara) (2021, Farquhar)
Business Ethics <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2020, Robertson)
Ancient Greek Philosophy <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2020, Gupta)
Philosophy of Cognitive Science <b>UC, Santa Cruz:</b> (2018, Orlandi)
Political Philosophy <b>University of Florida:</b> (2013, Ahlberg)

## **Conference Participation**

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APA Pacific Division, Vancouver chair, Symposium Session	2022
APA Pacific Division, Portland (Virtual) chair, Symposium Session (2021)	2021
The Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (VSPC) referee (2020 conference postponed to 2021 due to COVID 19)	2020
Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference (SEGPC) organizer (2013), referee (2012)	2012, 2013
UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference referee (2012)	2012

## **Committees and Service**

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Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Organizer UC Santa Cruz Chapter	2019-
Department Climate Group UC Santa Cruz Philosophy Department	2020-
Colloquium Committee UC Santa Cruz	2018-2021
Graduate Student Representative UC Santa Cruz	2018-2020
Graduate Liaison to Hiring Committee UC Santa Cruz	2019
University of Florida Graduate Student Philosophy Society President University of Florida	2013

## **Public Philosophy**

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Ethics Bowl Coach, San Quentin Ethics Bowl	2023
Ethics Bowl Coach, UC Santa Cruz	2022
Ethics Bowl Moderator, Norcal High School Ethics Bowl (virtual)	2022
Ethics Bowl Coach, Migrant Education Program of Monterey County	2021
UPenn Public Philosophy Reading Group	2020-2021

Ethics Bowl Coach, Salinas High School	2020
Ethics Bowl Judge: UCSC Enrichment Scrimmage	2020
Ethics Bowl Judge: NorCal High School Ethics Bowl	2020
UCSC MAP Chapter Undergraduate Drop-in Advisor	2019- 2021
Ethics Bowl Coach, UC Santa Cruz	2019
Group Edit of <i>Hi-Phi Nation</i> Podcast with Barry Lam	2019

## Graduate Coursework

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### Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Perception

**Philosophy of Mind** (Gene Witmer, Florida), **Philosophy of Perception: Siegel and Schellenberg** (Nico Orlandi, Santa Cruz), **Aspect Perception** (Janette Dinishak), **Philosophy of Perception: Block and O’Callaghan** (Nico Orlandi, Santa Cruz)

### Philosophy of Science (including cognitive science)

**Philosophy of Science** (Rasmus Winther, Santa Cruz), **Philosophy of Biology** (Rasmus Winther, Santa Cruz), **Gender and the Brain** (Nico Orlandi, Santa Cruz), **Independent Study on Predictive Processing** (Nico Orlandi, Santa Cruz)

### Philosophy of Language

**Kripke** (Paul Roth, Santa Cruz), **Independent Study on Millikan** (Nico Orlandi, Santa Cruz), **Foundations of Analytic Philosophy** (Gene Witmer, Florida) **Sellars** (Paul Roth, Santa Cruz)

### Metaphysics and Epistemology

**Proseminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology** (Gene Witmer, Florida), **Epistemology** (Jon Ellis, Santa Cruz)

### Early Modern and Late Modern Philosophy

**Hume** (Stewart Duncan, Florida), **The Rationalists** (John Biro, Florida), **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century German Philosophy** (Samantha Matherne, Santa Cruz), **Kant’s First Critique** (Samantha Matherne, Santa Cruz)

### Ancient Philosophy

**Plato** (John Palmer III, Florida), **Hellenistic Philosophy** (John Palmer III, Florida)

### Ethics and Political Philosophy

**Ethical Theory** (Jamie Ahlberg, Florida), **Political Philosophy** (Jamie Ahlberg, Florida), **Ideal/Non-Ideal Theories** (Jamie Ahlberg, Florida), **Environmental Ethics** (Daniel Guevara and Claudio Campagna, Santa Cruz)

## Continental Philosophy

**Foundations of Continental Philosophy** (Peter Westmoreland, Florida), **Levinas** (Abe Stone, Santa Cruz)

## Logic

**Advanced Logic: Modal Logic and Set Theory** (Greg Ray, Florida)

## Affiliations

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American Philosophical Association  
APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl  
Center for Public Philosophy  
Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience Workgroup  
Minorities and Philosophy  
Philosophy of Science Association  
Samaha Lab

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