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Education

University of Southern California

Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy (Expected 2025)

Dissertation: *Colonialism and Self-Respect*

Committee: Jonathan Quong (chair), John Hawthorne, Marcela Prieto, Mark Schroeder, Anna Stilz

University of Chicago

M.A., Humanities (Concentration: Linguistics), 2021

Advisor: Chris Kennedy

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching

Certificate of Completion, Future Faculty Teaching Institute, 2019

Reed College

B.A., Philosophy, 2017

Advisor: Troy Cross

Academic Interests

Areas of Specialization

Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Logic

Papers

“What’s Positive and Negative About Generics: A Constrained Indexical Approach”
Philosophical Studies, 2021 (coauthor: Junhyo Lee)

“A Functional Naturalism”

Synthese, 2021

“Unable to Do the Impossible”

Mind, 2020

“The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics”

Philosophical Studies, 2020

“Can Hume Deny Reid’s Dilemma?”

Hume Studies, 2017

- Talks**
- Grounding the Wrong of Colonialism in Self-Respect**
 APA Central Division Diversity Institute Alumni Session, 2/25/2023 (Expected)
- ‘Δ’ indicates* Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/13/2022
- Talk Invited* *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/28/2022
- Rocky Mountains Ethics (RoME) Congress, 08/12/2022
- ‘*’ indicates* *USC Graduate Student Ethics and Politics Group, 03/24/2021
- Talk neither*
- Peer-Reviewed* **A Contractualist Defense of Limited Moral Equality of Combatants**
- nor Invited* *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 02/18/2021
- What to Believe and Consider about ‘Believe’ and ‘Consider’**
 Brazilian Linguistics Association Linguistweets Conference, 12/05/2021
- △Tokyo Forum of Analytic Philosophy, 11/24/2021
- *USC Meaning Lab Meeting, 11/05/2021
- University of Chicago Graduate Student New Voices Conference, 03/05/2021
- Gricean Secrets**
 Brazilian Linguistics Association Linguistweets Conference, 12/05/2020
- European Linguistics Colloquium, 11/27/2020
- Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/21/2020
- WeSSLLI Virtual Student Session, 07/12/2020
- *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 07/10/2020
- The Measure of Freedom** (with Isaiah Lin and Shohei Takasaki)
 Florida State University Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Graduate
 Conference, 02/08/2020
- Generics in Proportion** (with Junhyo Lee)
 California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference, 11/09/2019
- *USC Meaning Lab Meeting, 10/30/2019
- Minimal Meinongianism**
 Houston Community College Philosophy Conference, 10/19/2019
- Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, 10/18/2019
- *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/11/2019
- The Radical Account of Bare Plural Generics**
 APA Central Division Colloquium, 02/21/2019
- *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 11/28/2018
- Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, 10/13/2018
- *Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 05/09/2018
- Unable to Do the Impossible**
 Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 02/17/2018
- *Reed College Philosophy Colloquium, 11/22/2017
- On Habituals and Dispositions** (with Troy Cross)
 *Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) Workshop, 08/19/2016

Comments Eliran Haziza's "Moore's Paradox and Uncancellable Implicatures," Pacific APA Division Meeting, 04/16/2022
 Mack Sullivan's "Metaphysics mit Schlag," Central APA Division Meeting, 02/24/2022
 Seungil Lee's "Bundle Theory and Weak Discernibility," Pacific APA Division Meeting, 04/09/2021
 Ben White's "A(nother) Problem for Dualist Accounts of Mental Causation," Central APA Division Meeting, 02/26/2020
 Kelly Gaus's "Conventions and Counterlogicals: Here There Be C-Monsters," Eastern APA Division Meeting, 01/11/2020
 Byron Simmons' "Should an Ontological Pluralist be a Quantificational Pluralist?," Creighton Club Meeting, 09/07/2019

Teaching **University of Southern California**
 Instructor, PHIL 340–Ethics, Spring 2023
 Guest Lecturer, PHIL 437–Social and Political Philosophy, Spring 2023
 Teaching Assistant, PHIL 174–Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice (×2), Springs 2020 and 2022
 Teaching Assistant, PHIL 260–Ethical Theory and Practice, Spring 2019
 Teaching Assistant, PHIL 166–Contemporary Moral and Social Issues, Fall 2018

John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Instructor, Philosophy, Santa Cruz, Summer 2022
 Instructor, Mathematical Proofs, CTY LIVE (Remote), Summer 2021
 Teaching Assistant, Mathematical Logic (×2), Hong Kong, Summers 2018 and 2019
 Teaching Assistant, Logic: Principles of Reasoning, Los Angeles, Summer 2017

Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy

Instructor, Feminist Views on Agency and Autonomy, Summer 2023 (Expected)
 Instructor, Logic for Philosophy, Summer 2019
 Guest Lecturer, Things and Stuff, Summer 2018

Service USC-Shandong Conference Graduate Student Organizer, 2022
 USC-Shandong Conference Session Chair for Paul Garofolo's "Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics," 11/19/2022
 USC-Shandong Conference Session Chair for Anja Chivukula's "Demystifying Conversational Relevance," 11/18/2022
 USC Philosophy Graduate Student Treasurer (Finance Officer), 2022-2023
 USC Open House Graduate Student Panel Member, 2022
 USC Graduate Student Climate Committee Member, 2019
 USC Gathering Philosophers in Southern California Workshop Graduate Student Organizing Committee Chair, 2019
 Pacific APA Chair for John Bunke's "Existence Made too Easy," 04/20/2019
 USC Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member, 2019
 USC Gathering for Philosophers in Southern California Volunteer (Mentor and Panel Member), 2018

Minnesota Philosophical Society Session Chair for Nicholas Tebben's "Assertions and their Function," 10/13/2018
 Pacific APA Session Chair for Nurbay Irmak's "The Problem of Creation and Abstract Artifacts," 03/28/2018
 Reed College Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Undergraduate Chapter Cofounder and Organizer, 2016
 Reed College Philosophical Society Signator, 2016

Advising **USC MAP Undergraduate Mentoring Program**

Zoey Contractor, 2022-2023
 Brandon Dillard, 2022-2023

Refereeing Ergo (×1) Grazer Philosophische Studien (×1), Journal of Applied Philosophy (×1), Inquiry (×2), NASSLLI Student Session (×3), Philosophical Studies (×3), Qeios (× 1), Synthese (×3), USC-UCLA Graduate Conference (×16)

Other ["Alienation, Ambiguity, and Authenticity"](#)

Writing APA Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies Newsletter, 2020

[APA Member Interview](#)

Blog of the APA, 2019

Other Metaphysical Mayhem Graduate Student Workshop, 2023

Experience USC Mentored Teaching Fellow, 2022-2023
 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (CFCP) Fellow, 2022-2023
 NASSLLI Participant, 2018 and 2022
 Harvard-ThinkerAnalytix Argument Mapping Summer Seminar Participant, 2021
 WeSSLLI Participant, 2020
 APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Participant, 2020
 YALP Participant, 2018
 Georgetown Active Materials Summer School Participant, 2017
 Editor of Mark Bedau's *Rudiments of Logic* Answerbook, 2017
 Reed College Logic Homework Grader, 2016
 CU-Boulder Summer Seminar in Philosophy Participant, 2016
 University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth PIKSI Summer Program for Diversity in Logic Participant, 2016
 Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy Participant, 2015

Affiliations American Philosophical Association (2017–present)

Phi Beta Kappa, Florida State University Chapter (2014–present)

Funding USC Provost Fellowship in the Humanities; \$6,000/year; 2017-2022

USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant; \$5,000; 2019

APA Diversity Institute Alumni Fund; \$500; 2019

APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend; \$300; 2019

Reed College Ruby-Lankford Grant for Research in the Humanities; \$9,100 (split with Troy Cross); 2016

Florida State University Undergraduate Research Assistantship in Humanities; \$1,000; 2013

Graduate
Coursework

‘†’ indicates
course audited

Political Philosophy

- †Social and Political Philosophy, Collis Tahzib, Spring 2023
- Social Contract Theory and Utilitarianism, Sharon Lloyd, Spring 2022
- Global Inequality, Martha Nussbaum and David Weisbach, Winter 2021
- Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jonathan Quong, Spring 2020
- †Directed Research: Political Philosophy, Jonathan Quong, Fall 2019

Philosophy of Language

- †Compositional Degree Semantics, Alexis Wellwood and Roumyana Pancheva, Fall 2021
- †Vagueness, Ginger Schultheis, Winter 2021
- †Conditionals, John Hawthorne and Barry Schein, Spring 2020
- †Form and Meaning, Alexis Wellwood, Fall 2019
- Toward a Realistic Theory of Meaning, Language Use, and Representation, Scott Soames, Spring 2019
- †Grading Modality, Alexis Wellwood, Spring 2018
- Ontology and Logical Form, Barry Schein and Alexis Wellwood, Fall 2018
- Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature, John Hawthorne and Scott Soames, Fall 2017
- †Compositional Degree Semantics, Alexis Wellwood and Roumyana Pancheva, Fall 2021

Metaphysics

- Directed Research: Quantification and Existence, Gabriel Uzquiano, Spring 2019
- Hume’s *Treatise* and Contemporary Humean Metaphysics, James Van Cleve, Spring 2018
- Time Travel, Kadri Vihvelin, Fall 2017

Ethics

- †Mental Ethics, Mark Schroeder, Fall 2022
- Defensive Harm and Just War, Jonathan Quong, Fall 2021
- What is Normativity?, Stephen Finlay, Spring 2018
- Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value, Jonathan Quong, Spring 2018

Feminist Philosophy

- Directed Research: Feminist Philosophy, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Themes in Feminist Philosophy, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2018

Logic

- †Cardinality, Quantification, and Paradox, Gabriel Uzquiano, Spring 2018
- †Fineness of Grain, Jeremy Goodman, Fall 2017
- Modal Logic, Gabriel Uzquiano, Fall 2017

Linguistics

- Alternative Sensitive Expressions Cross-linguistically, Itamar Francez, Spring 2021
- Semantics & Pragmatics II, Chris Kennedy, Spring 2021
- Semantics & Pragmatics I, Itamar Francez, Winter 2021

Syntactic Analysis II, Andrew Murphy, Winter 2021
Psycholinguistics, Ming Xiang, Fall 2020
Syntactic Analysis I, Erik Zyman, Fall 2020
Logic and the Theory of Meaning, Deniz Rudin, Fall 2019
†Generative Syntax, Stefan Keine, Fall 2018
Intensional Semantics, Barry Schein, Spring 2018

Pedagogy

Advanced Teaching Seminar, Shieva Kleinschmidt, Fall 2021
Teaching Philosophy, Shieva Kleinschmidt and Mark Schroeder, Fall 2018

Miscellaneous

Plato, Ralph Wedgwood, Spring 2019
†Writing for Publication in Philosophy, Jonathan Quong, Spring 2021
Foundations of Interpretative Theory, Amos Browne and Hilary Strang, Fall 2020
Dissertation Seminar, Robin Jeshion, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
Writing for Publication in Philosophy, Jeremy Goodman and John Hawthorne,
Spring 2019
Puzzles and Paradoxes, David Boonin, Summer 2016

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