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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
Thesis Advisor: Chris Kennedy

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching

Certificate of Completion, Future Faculty Teaching Institute, 2019

Reed College

B.A., Philosophy, 2017
Thesis Advisor: Troy Cross

Academic **Areas of Specialization**

Interests 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, 2022 (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 Panel, 2/25/2023

''* indicates Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 11/13/2022*talk not* *USC Speculative Society Meeting, 10/28/2022*peer-reviewed* Rocky Mountains Ethics (RoME) Congress, 08/12/2022

*USC Graduate Student Ethics and Politics Group, 03/24/2021

A Contractualist Defense of Limited Moral Equality of Combatants

*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**
- Elvira Basevich's "The Idea of the Circumstances of Justice," Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, 10/13/2023
 - 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—Reasoning and Argument, Spring 2024
 - Instructor—Ethics in the 21st Century: Business, Politics & Technology (USC Pre-College Program), Summer 2023
 - Instructor—Ethics, Spring 2023
 - Guest Lecturer—Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice, Fall 2023
 - Teaching Assistant—Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice (×2), Springs 2020 and 2022
 - Teaching Assistant—Ethical Theory and Practice, Spring 2019
 - Teaching Assistant—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 (×2), Los Angeles, Summer 2017
- Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy**
- Instructor—Feminist Views on Agency and Autonomy, Summer 2023
 - Instructor—Logic for Philosophy, Summer 2019
 - Guest Lecturer—Things and Stuff, Summer 2018

- Service**
- USC Philosophy Graduate Student Treasurer (Finance Officer), 2022-2023
 - USC Open House Graduate Student Panel Member (×2), 2022 and 2023
 - 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 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) Chapter Cofounder and Co-organizer, 2016
 Reed College Philosophical Society Signator (Organizer), 2016

Advising **USC MAP Undergraduate Mentoring Program**

Albert Marghitoiu, 2023-2024
 Zoey Contractor, 2022-2023
 Brandon Dillard, 2022-2023

Refereeing Ergo (×1), Grazer Philosophische Studien (×1), Journal of Applied Philosophy (×1), Inquiry (×3), 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 Discussion Facilitator for USC Viterbi School of Engineering Ethos Project *Good*
Experience *Life* Luncheon Series, 2023-2024

Metaphysical Mayhem Graduate Student Workshop Participant, 2023
 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (CFCP) Fellow, 2022-2023
 USC Mentored Teaching Fellow, 2022-2023
 NASSLLI Participant, 2018 and 2022
 Harvard-ThinkerAnalytix Argument Mapping Summer Seminar Participant, 2021
 WeSLLI 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
 Indexer for Randolph Clarke's *Omissions: Agency, Metaphysics, and Responsibility*, 2013

Affiliations American Philosophical Association (2017–present)

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

Funding

- USC Gold Family Graduate Fellowship; \$5,000; 2023
- 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 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
- Contemporary Philosophical Literature in Philosophy of Language, 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
- 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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