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## EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Irvine, Associate Professor (with tenure), 2022-present  
University of California, Irvine, Assistant Professor, 2020-2022  
The Graduate Center, CUNY, Assistant Professor, 2018 — 2020  
City College of New York, CUNY, Assistant Professor, 2014 — 2020  
Central European University (Summer Seminar on *Ontology and Metaontology*), Summer 2017  
Duke University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2013 — 2014

## EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin — Ph.D., Philosophy, 2013  
Lewis and Clark College — B.A. with Honors in Philosophy, 2007

## RESEARCH AREAS

Specialization — Philosophy of Language, Social Philosophy, Metaphysics, Cognitive Science  
Competence — Feminist Philosophy, Logic

## ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

[25] Vasil, N., Curiel, A., Zhu, T., Pederneschi, A., & **Ritchie, K.** (forth.) Living in a Bubble: How Children and Adults Use Generics to Talk about Social Kinds in Unique Sociocultural Contexts. *Child Development*.

[24] **Ritchie, K.** & Vasil, N. (forth.) Generics Favor Stability. *Mind and Language*.

[23] **Ritchie, K.** & Schiller, H. (forth.). Default Domain Restriction Possibilities. *Semantics and Pragmatics*.

[22] **Ritchie, K.** (forth.). Social Groups. In *The Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology* (Eds. S. Collins, B. Epstein, S. Haslanger, and H.B. Schmid)

[21] **Ritchie, K.** (2025). Labeling Unlabeled Identities. In *New Perspectives on Conceptual Engineering Vol. 3: "Applied Conceptual Engineering"* (M.G. Isaac & K. Scharp, (Eds.), Springer).

[20] **Ritchie, K.** and Prasada, S. (2024). Explaining Systematic Polysemy: Kinds and Individuation. *Inquiry*.

[19] **Ritchie, K.** (2024). Language of Essence. In *Routledge Handbook of Essence* (Eds. K. Koslicki and M. Raven)

- [18] Noyes, A., Keil, F.C., Dunham, Y., & **Ritchie, K.** (2023). Same People, Different Group: Social Structures are a Central Component of Group Concepts. *Cognition*.
- [17] Flocke, V. & **Ritchie, K.** (2022). No ‘Easy’ Answers to Ontological Category Questions. *Philosophical Perspectives*.
- [16] Noyes, A., Dunham, Y., Keil, F.C., & **Ritchie, K.** (2021). Evidence for Multiple Sources of Inductive Potential: Occupations and Their Relations to Social Institutions. *Cognitive Psychology*.
- [15] **Ritchie, K.** (2021). Essentializing Inferences. *Mind & Language*.
- [14] **Ritchie, K.** (2021). Essentializing Language and the Prospects for Ameliorative Projects. *Ethics*.
- [13] **Ritchie, K.** (2021). Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression? *Philosophers’ Imprint*.
- [12] **Ritchie, K.** & Knobe, J. (2020). Kindhood & Essentialism: Evidence from Language. In *Advances in Child Development and Behavior* (M. Rhodes (Ed.), Elsevier)
- [11] **Ritchie, K.** (2020). Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- [10] **Ritchie, K.** (2020). What *We* Can Do. *Philosophical Studies*.
- [9] **Ritchie, K.** (2020). Minimal Cooperation and Group Roles. In *Minimal Cooperation and Shared Agency* (A. Fiebich (Ed.), Springer).
- [8] Mason, R. & **Ritchie, K.** (2020). Social Ontology. In *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics* (R. Bliss and J. Miller (Eds.), Routledge).
- [7] **Ritchie, K.** (2019). Should We Use Racial and Gender Generics? *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*.
- [6] **Ritchie, K.** (2018). Social Groups and Social Creationism. In *Collectivity: Ontology, Ethics, and Social Justice* (K. Hess, T. Isaacs, and V. Igeneski (Eds.), Rowman & Littlefield).
- [5] **Ritchie, K.** (2017). Social Identity, Indexicality, and the Appropriation of Slurs. *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*.
- [4] **Ritchie, K.** (2017). Plural and Collective Noun Phrases. In *Routledge Handbook of Collective Intentionality*, (M. Jankovic and K. Ludwig (Eds.), Routledge).
- [3] **Ritchie, K.** (2016). Can Semantics Guide Ontology? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- [2] **Ritchie, K.** (2015). The Metaphysics of Social Groups. *Philosophy Compass*.
- [1] **Ritchie, K.** (2013). What are Groups? *Philosophical Studies*.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [3] **Ritchie, K.**, Curiel, A., Zhu, T., Pederneschi, A., & Vasil, N. (2025). The Scope of Generic Generalizations: Developmental Changes in Judgments about Contextually-

Restricted Generics. In D. Barner, N.R. Bradley, A. Ruggeri, & C.M. Walker (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

[2] Vasil, N., Campos, G., Rouzbehani, B., Curiel, A., Caoile, J., Khurelkhuu, S., **Ritchie, K.** (2025). Contextual Restriction and Faultless Disagreement about Generics across Development. In D. Barner, N.R. Bradley, A. Ruggeri, & C.M. Walker (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

[1] Noyes, A., **Ritchie, K.**, & Rhodes, M. (2024). Constitutive and Contingent Kinds: Relations between kind, form, and identity. In L. K. Samuelson, S. L. Frank, M. Toneva, A. Mackey, & E. Hazeltine (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 46th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

## BOOK REVIEWS

[5] Kelly, D. & **Ritchie, K.** (2024) Review of Charlotte Witt's *Social Goodness: The Ontology of Norms. Mind*.

[4] **Ritchie, K.** (2024). From Ontology to Morality and From Morality to Ontology: Review of Stephanie Collins' *Organizations as Wrongdoers. Analysis*.

[3] **Ritchie, K.** (2020). Review of Astra's *Categories We Live By. Analysis*.

[2] **Ritchie, K.** (2017). Review of Ron Mallon's *The Construction of Human Kinds. Ethics*.

[1] **Ritchie, K.** (2016). Review of Deborah Tollefsen's *Groups as Agents. Journal of Social Ontology*.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

Social Structures in Context (with Jessica Keiser)

Diversity in How People Use Racial Categories to Generalize (with Alexander Noyes and Marjorie Rhodes) (*under review*)

Interpreting and reimagining social kinds using the institutional stance? (Commentary on 'The institutional stance' by Jara-Ettinger and Dunham) (*under review at Behavioral and Brain Sciences*)

## WRITING FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

Jenkins, K. & **Ritchie, K.** (2021). The Ontology of Gender. *The Philosopher*.

**Ritchie, K.** (2019). Neither Fate Nor Fiction: Finding Social Groups in Networks of Relations. *The Philosopher*.

## PODCASTS, VIDEOS, AND INTERVIEWS

"The Ontology of Gender: A Conversation between Katharine Jenkins and Kate Ritchie" streamed live on Zoom November, 2020. Transcript in *The Philosopher*.

Episode 115 of *Elucidations* Podcast entitled "Katherine Ritchie discusses Social Groups". Available here: <https://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/elucidations/2019/07/01/episode-115-katherine-ritchie-discusses-social-groups/>

Blog of the APA Interview. Post titled “APA Member Interview: Kate Ritchie.” Available here: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/02/16/apa-member-interview-kate-ritchie/>

Interviewed for a segment of Samantha Bee’s *Not the White House Correspondents’ Dinner: What is Facts?* Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAglmj1zuZ8>

Wireless Philosophy (WiPhi) video entitled “Meaning and Language.” Available here: <https://www.wi-phi.com/videos/meaning-and-language/>

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS**

National Science Foundation Grant (Total: \$1,004,003)

“Collaborative Research: Generics in context: Examining mental biases and resources in social and science communication and learning”

Co-PI with Ny Vasil (CSUEB), 9/1/2023-8/31/2026

UCI Humanities Center Building Intellectual Communities Grant for 5th SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, co-awardees Mark Fiocco & Ari Koslow (\$3000), 2026

UCI Humanities Center Building Intellectual Communities Grant for Generics in Context Workshop, co-awardees Raj Dutta, Anna Pederneschi, & Tiffany Zhu (\$2,000), 2025

UCI Humanities Center Building Intellectual Communities Grant for 3rd SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, co-awardee Mark Fiocco (\$2000), 2024

UCI Humanities Center Building Intellectual Communities Grant for 2nd SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, co-awardee Mark Fiocco (\$2000), 2023

UCI Humanities Center Building Intellectual Communities Grant for “Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop, co-awardee Carolina Flores(\$2,000), 2023

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3500), 2020-2021

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3500), 2019-2020

Faculty Fellowship Publishing Program (3 credit hours of course release), 2019

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3500), 2018-2019

CUNY Mellon Faculty Diversity Career Enhancement Initiative Fellow

PSC-CUNY Award (\$3450), 2017-2018

William Stewart Travel Award, 2017, 2018

Office of the Provost International Travel Grant, 2016, 2018, CCNY

Dean of Arts and Humanities Research Award (\$5,000), 2015-2016, CCNY

Dean of Arts and Humanities Travel Grant, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, CCNY

## **PRESENTATIONS**

\* denotes refereed

**“Expert talk”:** What’s in a general generalization? (With N. Vasil)

Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Baltimore, MD, 06/2026

**To do and to be: How imperatives shape and regulate the social world (with H. Schiller)**

UCI Brown Bag Talk, Irvine, CA, 02/2026

**Social Structures in Context (with J. Keiser)**

Rutgers Colloquium, 04/2026

UCSB Colloquium, 10/2025

UCLA Studies in Language, Information, Meaning and Expression (SLIME), 06/2022

Arché Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory Seminar, 04/2022

Leeds University Philosophy Seminar, 03/2022

**Generics, Contextual Restriction, and the Possibility of Miscommunication (with N. Vasil)**

\*CogSci 2025, 08/2025

The Second Osnabrück-Irvine Workshop on the Role of Loopholes in Polite Communication, 08/2024

\*Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 07/2023

**Contextual Restriction and Faultless Disagreement about Generics across Development (with N. Vasil)**

Generics in Context Workshop, 04/2025

**Explaining Systematic Polysemy: Kinds & Individuation (with S. Prasada)**

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 09/2023

WashU Mind & Perception Group, 03/2023

**Default Domain Restriction Possibilities (with H. Schiller)**

Words Workshop, 10/2023

**Same People, Different Group: Social structures are a central component of group concepts (with A. Noyes, F.C. Keil, & Y. Dunham)**

\*Social Ontology 2023 at University of Stockholm, Sweden, 08/2023

**Generics Favor Stability (with N. Vasil)**

University of Nevada, Reno Colloquium, 09/2025

UCLA Colloquium, 11/2023

Northwestern Colloquium, 04/2023

National University of Singapore (NUS) Colloquium, 03/2023

Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop, 02/2023

\*ESPP (European Society for Philosophy and Psychology)/SPP (Society for Philosophy and Psychology), Milan, Italy 07/2022

### **Labeling Unlabeled Identities**

Words Workshop, 10/2022

Colloquium at Cal State Long Beach, 10/2022

Conceptual Engineering Online Seminar, 06/2022

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2022

Colloquium at University of Southern California, 04/2022

Vermont Mind, Language, and Social Change Workshop, 08/2021

2021 Social Metaphysics Conference, 06/2021 (via Zoom)

Vienna Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy, 05/2021 (via Zoom)

Colloquium at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 04/2021 (via Zoom)

UCI Identities and Epistemic Injustice Workshop, 03/2021 (via Zoom)

### **Language, Essentialism, and Socio-Political Projects**

Society for Philosophy and Psychology Preconference on Essentialism, 6/2021 (via Zoom)

### **Essentializing Language and the Prospects for Ameliorative Projects**

Bochum Conceptual Engineering: Feasibility & Normativity, 03/2021 (via Zoom)

Colloquium at Lewis and Clark College, 10/2020 (via Zoom)

Social Metaphysics in Barcelona, 10/2020 (via Zoom)

Group for Empirical Approaches to Morality and Society, 03/2020

Colloquium at Rice University, 1/2020

Colloquium at Mount Holyoke, 11/2019

\*2019 Conference on Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism, 9/2019

Rutgers Feminist Philosophy Workshop, 4/2019

Zermatt Conceptual Engineering Workshop, 2/2019

### **Essentializing Inferences**

Colloquium at Brandeis University, 02/2021 (via Zoom)

Lima Workshop on Philosophy of Mind and Language, 7/2019

Taipei Meaning and Reality in Social Context Conference, 1/2019

\*Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP), 11/2018

University of Minnesota Feminist Philosophy and Formal Logic Workshop, 4/2018

### **Two Ways Not to Refer to a Kind**

Ontario Meaning Workshop, 8/2019

### **Does Identity Politics Reinforce Oppression?**

University of California, Irvine, 2/2020

\*Social Ontology 2018 (The 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference), 8/2018

Barcelona Conference on Race and Gender (GRSelona4), 6/2018

Nassau Community College, 3/2018

CCNY Rifkind Seminar, 2/2018

USC California Metaphysics Conference, 1/2018

### **Minimal Cooperation and Group Roles**

University of San Francisco, 9/2017

### **What We Can Do**

The Nova Scotia Meaning Workshop, 7/2017

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 4/2017

### **Social Groups and Group Nouns**

MIT Colloquium, 10/2017

CUNY Graduate Center Colloquium, 9/2016

Junior Metaphysics Workshop, 4/2015

### **Social Structures and the Ontology of Social Groups**

\*Critical Social Ontology Workshop, 6/2017

Canadian Philosophical Association , 5/2017

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference—Metaphysics on the Mountain, 3/2017

### **Varieties of Social Structures**

Oxford University Structure in Metaphysics Conference, 5/2016

Early Career Women in Metaphysics Workshop, 4/2016

### **Social Position and the Reclamation of Slurs**

IUC-Dubrovnik Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, 9/2016

Dartmouth Mind and Language Workshop, 8/2016

### **No “Easy” Answers to Ontological Category Questions (with V. Flocke)**

Columbia University Seminar on Metametaphysics, 11/2016

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 5/2016

### **Collective Nouns: Polysemy and Predication**

Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, 11/2014

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 10/2014  
Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP), 9/2014

### **Group Persons and Normative Individualism**

\*Collective Intentionality IX, 9/2014

### **Groups and Social Creationism**

\*The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2016  
Ohio State University Social Ontology Conference, 02/2016  
Notre Dame University, 2/2016  
Lewis and Clark College, 11/2015  
CUNY Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, 11/2015

### **The Ontological Commitments of Natural Language are Indeterminate**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1/2014  
Triangle Area Philosophy Conference, 8/2013  
\*Mathematising Science: Limits and Perspectives Conference, 5/2013  
University of Edinburgh, 2/2013  
Gottingen University, 7/2011  
\*Arché Ordinary Language, Philosophy and Linguistics Conference, 6/2011

### **The Shifty Behavior of Collective Nouns**

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 10/2012  
\*Collective Intentionality VIII, 8/2012

### **What are Groups?**

Duke University, 1/2013  
\*The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 4/2012

### **What the Externalist Cannot Say About Slow Switching Case**

\*Society for Exact Philosophy, 5/2011  
\*Brandeis Graduate Philosophy Conference, 4/2011  
\*University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference, 4/2010  
Fourth Philosophy Conference UT-Austin/UNAM, 10/2009

## **COMMENTARIES**

### **On Asya Passinsky's "Social Kind Essentialism"**

Re-evaluating Social Essences Workshop, 5/2021

**On Ted Sider’s “Determinism and the Metaphysics of Quantity”**

Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, 1/2020

**On Ashley Atkins’s “Partial Events: On the Legacy of the Imperfective Paradox”**

Iceland Meaning Workshop, 8/2018

**On Samia Hesni’s “Deviant Assertion: When Relying on Accommodation is Preferable”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 4/2018

**Distinctions Between Groups: On Brian Epstein’s *The Ant Trap***

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (symposium on Epstein’s *The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences*), 4/2017

**On Kevin Klement’s “Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence”**

Metaphysics in Higher Order Languages Workshop, 4/2017

**On Marion Boulicault’s “The Contingency of Logical Necessity”**

SWIP-Analytic, 4/2017

**On James Miller’s “The Nature of Words”**

Junior Metaphysics Workshop, 3/2016

**On Matthew Baddorf’s “Phenomenal Consciousness, Collective Mentality and Collective Moral Responsibility”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 4/2015

**On Juan Colomina’s “Problematizing Prohibitionism”**

The Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 4/2014

**On Bradley Rettler’s “A Truthmaker View of Ontological Commitments”**

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, 3/2012

**On Matt Teichman’s “Casting Slurs”**

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, 4/2011

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

**Editorial Board Memberships**

*Linguistics & Philosophy* (2026-present)

*Meaning* (2025-present)

*Inquiry* (2022-2024)

*Journal of Social Ontology* (2020-2024)

## **Memberships**

American Philosophical Association,

International Social Ontology Society,

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

## **Referee**

*Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Cambridge Elements in Semantics, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Cognition, Cognitive Science, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Hypatia, W.W. Norton & Company Publishing, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Social Ontology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Language Sciences, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind, Mind & Language, Noûs, Oxford University Press, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophy Compass, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science, Psychological Review, Review of Philosophy & Psychology, Routledge Philosophy, Synthese, Swiss National Science Foundation*

## **Service to the Profession**

Co-Founder and Co-Organizer of the Philosophy of Language Association, 2022-present

- Co-organized three conferences, including publicizing, referring submitted abstracts, helping to coordinate sessions online (2022), in-person in Berlin (2023), in-person in Amherst, MA (2024).
- I also serve as the point person for legally incorporating the PLA as a nonprofit, which is currently in progress

Co-Organizer of the Generics in Context Workshop, 2025

- Along with co-PI Ny Vasil and project fellows, co-organized a 2-day workshop at UCI bringing together philosophers and psychologists working on generics, structural thinking, causation, and social norms.
- Served as the lead for 4 graduate student project fellows as they developed research presentations, organized events, and logistics for the workshop.

Eastern APA Program Committee, 2021-2024 (for 2023 and 2024 meetings)

- Organized 3-4 sessions per annual meeting, including inviting speakers, commentators, chairs and choosing session themes
- Refereeing 15-20 papers/year and then coordinating sessions for those accepted (in total about 7 per year), by securing commentators and chairs

Executive Committee Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), 2021-2024 (elected to 3-year term)

- As a member of the EC I help with conference organization and contribute to decisions about future meetings and a slate of candidates to serve as future leaders of the organization

Co-Organizer of the Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop, 2022-2023

- I co-organized along with Carolina Flores all aspects of an immersive interdisciplinary workshop involving philosophers, psychologists, and cognitive scientists.
- We applied for and secured grant funds from the UCI School of Humanities Center
- We invited speakers, booked lodging and space for talks, coordinated the schedule, planned all meals, and facilitated reimbursements

Co-Organizer of the Genericity, Stability, and Structural Interactions Workshop, 2024

- Along with co-PI Ny Vasil and project fellows, co-organized a three day workshop in the Bay Area bringing together philosophers and psychologists working on generics, structural thinking, causation, and social norms.
- Served as the lead for 4 graduate student project fellows as they developed research presentations, organized events, and logistics for the workshop.

Steering Committee Member, International Social Ontology Society (ISOS), 2020-2022

Chair, ISOS Membership Committee, 2020-2022

Referee for Social Ontology 2021 Conference, 2021

Referee for Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

Co-Organizer of the New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, 2017-2020

Director of Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP)—Analytic, 2017-2019

Member of International Social Ontology Society Nominating Committee, 2020

Speaker at Night of Philosophy Event at Avenues High School, May 2019

SALT Referee, 2019, 2020

BayFAP Referee, 2019, 2020

Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy Mentor, 2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017-2018

Panelist on Minorities & Philosophy (MAP) Panel on Activism and Philosophy, 2018

Session and Panel Organizer, Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, May 2017

Junior Metaphysics Workshop Steering Committee Member, 2015-2016

Co-Organizer, University of Texas—Austin Graduate Colloquia Series 2009-2012

Organizing Committee Member, University of Texas—Austin Graduate Conference, 2009-2012

### **Service to the University of California, Irvine**

Director of Graduate Studies, 2025-present

- Supervise and coordinate the graduate program within the Department of Philosophy
- Serve as a point of contact for graduate students enrolled in the program
- Chair the Graduate Admissions Committee and oversee the entire graduate admissions process from initial application review to recruitment efforts
- Coordinate the review of 2nd-Year students' Portfolio Papers

- Orient and counsel graduate students with respect to program and degree requirements until a permanent adviser is selected and assist in that selection as necessary
- Communicate relevant matters about policies, deadlines, and opportunities, as well as facilitating School-level fellowship nominations to faculty and graduate students
- Meet annually with each graduate student to discuss progress, goals, and obstacles

#### Placement Director, 2022-2024

- Organize several informational meetings on job placement and dossiers per year
- Review and discuss all graduate students' job application materials (including CVs, dissertation abstracts, research statements, teaching statements, diversity statements) to enable each candidate to present their strongest file
- Advise students on writing samples and any other particularities related to job files
- Organize practice job interviews and job talks for job candidates
- Respond to inquiries about positions, job materials, and support students throughout the job application, interview, and negotiation process via email, zoom, phone, and in-person meetings

#### Co-Organizer of Mentoring Women and Members of Marginalized Groups in Philosophy, 2020-2024

- Co-organize regular meetings for women graduate students and faculty each meeting to discuss research, the job market, and issues related to climate and diversity
- Organized the inaugural Mentoring Women in Philosophy/DECADE lecture in Spring 2021

#### Associate Director of the Social Unity Research Cluster (SURC), 2021-2024

- Collaborated with Margaret Gilbert (SURC Director) to propose and get approved a new research cluster at UCI focused on understanding forces that promote and impede social unity. The research cluster bolsters and forges connections between scholars in philosophy, psychology, sociology, and history with the ultimate aim being to build strong and long-standing bridges between a number of areas by focusing on shared questions about the history, nature of, and political efficacy of social unity
- Each year the center was active I co-organized a plan for activities, invite speakers, and publicize events.

#### Co-Organizer of the SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, 2022-present

- Co-organize, along with Mark Fiocco and Ari Koslow, the SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference each spring
- Invite speakers, chair, coordinate the schedule, and publicize the event, which fosters connections between metaphysicians in Southern California and across the US

#### Member of the School of Humanities Committee on Graduate Fellowships and Awards, 2022-2024

- Reviewed over 70 applications for fellowship calls each academic year
- Met with the rest of the committee several times a quarter to discuss and vote on fellowship awards

Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022-2023

Member of the Department of Philosophy Tenure-Track Professor Search Committee, 2023-2024

Member of the Department of Philosophy Curriculum Committee, 2020-2021

- Collaborated with colleagues to develop and carry out an assessment plan of a key learning objective for philosophy majors

### **Service to CUNY**

CCNY Undergraduate Philosophy Advisor, 2015-2018, 2019-2020

CUNY Philosophy Graduate Program Placement Committee Member, 2019-2020

CUNY Philosophy Graduate Program Executive Committee Member, 2019-2020

CUNY Philosophy Graduate Program Placement Director, 2018-2019

Member of Mellon Working Group on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Humanities of and for the City Initiative, 2019-2020

Head of City College Philosophy Honors Program, 2017-2019

Developer, City College Philosophy Honors Program, 2017

CCNY Faculty Council Member, 2016-present

Member of CCNY Philosophy Day Organizing Committee, 2017

Philosophy Department Representative, CCNY Undergraduate Open House, Fall 2017

Panelist for *Free Speech in the Wake of Charlottesville*, CCNY, Fall 2017

Philosophy Department Representative, General Advisors Meeting, Spring 2017

Humanities & Arts Representative, Macaulay Honors College Recruitment, Spring 2017

Major/Minor Outreach Campaign, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Major/Minor Recruitment Informational Session, Fall 2017

Member of the Search Committee for Dean of Humanities and The Arts, City College of New York, 2016

Philosophy Department Executive Committee Member, 2015-2016

Organizer, PhD Preparation meeting for Undergraduate Students, 2015, 2016

Faculty Advisor for the CCNY Philosophy Club, 2014-2015

### **ADVISING AND MENTORING**

#### **Doctoral Supervisor**

Eylül Baskaya (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024-present)

Erim Bakkal (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2025-present)

#### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Gustavo Velazquez-Quintana (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024-present)

Jaehyun Lee (UC Irvine, Logic & Philosophy of Science, 2024-present)

Raj Dutta (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024-2025, awarded 04/2025)  
Anugya Sood (UT-Austin, Philosophy, 2024-2025, Ph.D. awarded 08/2025)  
Michelle Pitassi (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2022-2023, Ph.D. awarded 12/2023)  
Stella Moon (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2022-2023; Ph.D. awarded 08/2023)  
Emilie Pagano (UT-Austin, Philosophy, 2020-2023; Ph.D. awarded 07/2023)  
Rachel Cooper (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2020-2023; Ph.D. awarded 05/2023)  
Giulia Napolitano (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2021-2022; Ph.D. awarded 05/2022)  
David Neely (CUNY, Philosophy, 2020-present; Ph.D. awarded 06/2022)  
Dee Payton (Rutgers, Philosophy, 2021; Ph.D. awarded 04/2021)  
Jules Salomone-Sehr (CUNY & Ecole Normale Supérieure, Philosophy, 2020; Ph.D. awarded 12/2020)  
Nicolas Porot (CUNY, Philosophy, 2019; Ph.D. awarded 09/2019)  
Sonia Kasyanenko (NYU, Linguistics, 2015-2018; Ph.D. awarded 12/2018)

### **President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentor**

Carolina Flores (UC Irvine, 2022-2023)

### **PhD Evaluation Committee Member**

Mirela Fus (University of St Andrews/University of Oslo, 2021; Passed 08/2021)

### **Prospectus/Candidacy Committee Member**

Jacqueline Beck (UC Irvine, Cognitive Science, 2025-2026; Passed 03/2026)  
Jaehyun Lee (UC Irvine, Logic & Philosophy of Science, 2024; Passed 07/2024)  
Eylül Baskaya (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024-2025; Passed 08/2025)  
Raj Dutta (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024; Passed 06/2024)  
Gustavo Velazquez-Quintana (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2024; Passed 06/2024)  
Nikita Prokhorov (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2023; Passed 11/2023)  
Leah Fortgang (CUNY, Philosophy, 2022; Passed 06/2022)  
Stella Moon (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2021; Passed 05/2022)  
Michelle Pitassi (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2021-2022; Passed 04/2022)  
Giulia Napolitano (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2021; Passed 10/2021)  
Joost Ziff (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2021)  
Rachel Cooper (UC Irvine, Philosophy, 2020; Passed 09/2020)  
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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of California, Irvine**

First-Year Seminar—Fall 2025

Philosophy of Language—Winter 2026

Seminar: Structures & Stereotypes—Fall 2023

Seminar: Speech Acts and Social Location—Fall 2022

Feminist Philosophy—Winter 2024

Philosophy of Race and Gender—Winter 2024

Introduction to Philosophy—Spring 2021, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2026

Social Ontology—Winter 2021, Winter 2023

Seminar: The Nature of (Representations of) Social Kinds—Winter 2021

### **CUNY Graduate Center**

Seminar: Essentializing Language—Fall 2019

Seminar: Logic—Fall 2017

### **City College of New York, CUNY**

Philosophy of Language—Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019

Feminist Philosophy—Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018

Social Ontology—Spring 2018, Spring 2020

Honors Introduction to Philosophy—Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Introduction to Philosophy—Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Metaphysics and Epistemology—Fall 2016

Independent Study: Intersectionality—Fall 2015  
Independent Study: History of Analytic—Fall 2015  
Philosophy of Mind—Spring 2015  
Independent Study: Social Metaphysics—Spring 2015  
Introduction to Logic—Summer 2016, Spring 2018

**Duke University**

Seminar: Collections and Collectivity—Spring 2014  
Philosophy of Language—Spring 2014  
Appearance and Reality—Fall 2013  
Introduction to Logic—Fall 2013