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FIELDS

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Philosophy of Action, Social Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Race

EMPLOYMENT

2021 – Present **Centre de Recherche en Éthique – McGill University**
Postdoctoral Researcher

EDUCATION

2014 – 2021 **The Graduate Center (CUNY) – Institut Jean Nicod (École Normale Supérieure)**
Ph.D., Philosophy (dual degree)
Dissertation: *Cooperation: The Ethics of Shared Agency*
Committee: Miranda Fricker (co-supervisor, New York University), Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde (co-supervisor, Institut Jean Nicod), Charles W. Mills (The Graduate Center, in memoriam), Jennifer M. Morton (University of Pennsylvania), Elisabeth Pacherie (Institut Jean Nicod), David Papineau (King's College London), Katherine Ritchie (University of California, Irvine)
My dissertation is about the nature of shared agency. Therein, I first offer a novel theory of what is required for collections of behaviors to count as shared activities. Specifically, I argue that our activities are shared if and only if they are coordinated by a common plan. I then develop a virtue-theoretic account of cooperativeness, that is, the disposition of individuals to think and act as good partners in shared activity.

2013 **Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne**
Masters, Philosophy, *Summa cum laude*

2012 **Paris School of Economics – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales**
Masters, Economics, *Magna cum laude*

2007 **École Normale Supérieure (Rue d'Ulm, Paris)**
Admission rank: second (out of around 500 candidates)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Accepted **1. “Shared Agency and Mutual Obligations: A Pluralist Approach,”** *The Philosophical Quarterly*.

2022 **2. “Cooperation: With or without Shared Intentions,”** *Ethics*, 132 (2): 414–444.

INVITED PEER-REVIEWED CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Forthcoming **3. “Collective Intentions,”** (with Matthew Rachar) in Sellers, M.N.S., and Kirste, Stephan (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer.

— **4. “Que doivent faire les blancs ?”** (“What Should White People Do?”), *Mouvements*, La Découverte.

2022 **5. “Agency and Practical Reasoning,”** (as first author, with Jennifer M. Morton) in Ferrero, Luca (ed.), *Handbook in the Philosophy of Agency*, Routledge.

2017 **6. “Présentation. L'empirisme rationaliste de Durkheim et Mauss”** (“Presentation. Durkheim and Mauss's Rationalist Empiricism”), in Durkheim, Émile, and Mauss, Marcel, *De quelques formes primitives de classification. Contribution à l'étude des représentations collectives*, Presses Universitaires de France.

IN PROGRESS

A paper about what is involved in acting together (R&R)
A paper about cooperativeness (under review)

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

(†: invited; ‡: presented under a different title)

- Upcoming **“Complicity: A Minimalist Account for Our Maximally Messy Social World”**
“Taking Responsibility” Workshop, run alongside the 8th René Descartes Lectures, Tilburg University
- Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Montreal. Comments by Lindsey Schwartz and Craig Agule
- 2022 Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia. Comments by Linh Mac and Huzeyfe Demirtas
- 7th Annual Graduate and Early Career Reading Retreat, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm University. Comments by Alexander Kaiserman
- 2021 †‡ Fellows Research Workshop of the Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique de Montréal (GRIPP). Comments by Hugo Cossette-Lefebvre
- †‡ Midis de l'éthique du Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Montreal
- ‡ The 13th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference, University of California, San Diego (held online)
- ‡ The CRÉ's 3rd Student Annual Conference (“Who’s Responsible for This?”), Montreal (held online)
- Upcoming **“Know-How Dismissal”** (with Camille Ternier)
Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco
- 2022 Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Université de Montréal
- “Epistemic Injustice Conference,” The African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, University of Johannesburg
- 2022 **“Intergenerational Cooperativeness”**
“Is Virtue Ethics Fit for the Future? How to Deal with Intertemporal Moral Relations,” a workshop held at Colégio Almada Negreiros, Lisbon
- 2022 **“What Might We Learn About Shared Agency Thanks to Game Theory?”** (with Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde, Institut Jean Nicod)
The fourth triennial international conference of the GWP (German Society for Philosophy of Science), Technische Universität Berlin
- 2022 **“Detached Agency: How to Go Through the Motions”**
King’s College London-Syracuse workshop on Reasoning, Reasons, and Agency, London
- Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver. Comments by Charlotte Figueroa
- “Agency and Intentions in Language 2,” Second Annual Interdisciplinary Workshop, Harvey Mudd College
- 2021 † Joint Workshop of the Canada Research Chair on Epistemic Injustice and Agency (UQÀM) and the Canada Research Chair in Vulnerability, Relationship Inequities and Structural Injustices (UQTR)
- †‡ The Centre de Recherche en Éthique/Parr Center for Ethics Joint Conference, Montreal (held online)
- 2022 **“La Responsabilité des Oppresseurs”**
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Université de Montréal
- 2022 **“The Oppressor’s Shame”**
† Montreal Affective Lab, Montreal
- 2021 The 8th Annual Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (held online)

- ‡Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton (held online)
- 2020 ‡Concordia University Graduate Philosophy Students' Association Conference
“Putting the ‘Social’ in Social Justice: Equality, Equity and Feasibility,” Montreal
(*cancelled because of the COVID-19 outbreak*)
- 2019 †‡“Whiteness Studies Workshop,” Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris
- ‡“Qualifier le racisme,” a conference organized by Sciences Po, INED, ANR and the University Paris Diderot, Paris
- “Cooperativeness”**
- 2022 Colloquium, APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago. Comments by Will Small
- 2021 ‡Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton (held online)
- †‡Midis de l'éthique du Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Montreal (held online)
- “How to Be Minimalist About Shared Agency”**
- 2022 Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore. Comments by Zach Barnett
- 2020 ‡The 12th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland (held online)
- “Unlearning Racism: On the Sociological Role of Guilt and Shame Amongst White South Africans Confronting Their Racism”** (presented by lead co-author, Jacob Boersema)
- 2020 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- “Cooperation: With or without Shared Intentions”**
- 2019 ‡Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver. Comments by Caroline Arruda
- 2018 ‡The 11th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference, Tufts University, Boston
- “Can Socially Engaged Beliefs Be Justified?”**
- 2018 1st Annual CUNY-Milan Workshop on Belief, The Graduate Center, New York
- “From Coordination to Cooperation: Switching to Team Reasoning”**
- 2017 The Fifth Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology, Lund University, Sweden
- CUNY Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, The Graduate Center, New York
- “Grades of Realism in Social Ontology”**
- 2017 Critical Social Ontology Workshop, Saint Louis University, St. Louis
- 2016 CUNY Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, The Graduate Center, New York
- “Shared Intentions Ain’t in the Head”**
- 2016 Long Island Philosophical Society Conference, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY
- “Transcendental Idealism Revisited?”**
- 2016 Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco. Comments by Peter Thielke
- 2015 Sixth Annual Princeton-Penn-Columbia Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton
- “Is Existence Univocal? An Aristotelian Critique of Quinean Meta-Ontology”**
- 2016 The 90th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK
- 2015 †“Peut-on se payer de mots ? La monnaie comme langage des prix”
“Pricing Practices, Ranking Practices” Conference, École Normale Supérieure, Paris

- 2015 **“The Ontology of Money and the Ethics of Monetary Exchanges”**
 NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference, New York. Comments by Nicholas Engel
- 2014 ‡CUNY Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, The Graduate Center, New York
- 2015 **“Circularity and Coordination. A Non-Circular Account of Collective Intentional Action”**
 CUNY Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, The Graduate Center, New York
- 2013 **“Randomized Controlled Trials at War”**
 Fourth Annual Conference of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE), International Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2011 ‡Second Annual Conference of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE), University of Istanbul, Turkey

INVITED COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

- Upcoming **Jared Peterson, “Groups Motivated to Act”**
 Colloquium, APA Central Division Meeting, Denver
- 2021 **Caleb Perl, “Normativity as Reactive Shield”**
 The 6th Annual Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference
- **Andrea Asker Svedberg, “The Problem of Collective Impact – An Assessment of Julia Nefsky's General Solution”**
 “Small acts, big harms: Workshop on individual responsibility for collectively caused outcomes,” University of Helsinki (held online)
- **Agnes Tam, “Do Liberals Have to Fear Identity-Expressive Populism?”**
 “Political Theory of Populism Workshop,” Concordia University Social Justice Centre, Montreal (held online)
- **Amandine Catala, *The Dynamics of Epistemic Injustice: Theorizing Epistemic Power and Agency*, Introduction**
 “Manuscript Workshop,” The Centre de Recherche en Éthique and the Concordia University Social Justice Centre, Montreal (held online)
- 2020 **Amandine Catala, “Metaepistemic Injustice and Intellectual Disability”**
 “Social Justice Theory Workshop,” Concordia University, Montreal (held online)
- 2016 **Sara Rachel Chant, “Responsibility Unincorporated”**
 Keynote presentation at the “Collective Action and the Law” Conference, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT (*Instructor of record, unless otherwise specified*)

- 2019 **Baruch College (CUNY)**
 Computer Ethics (one term)
- 2015 – 2019 **Hunter College (CUNY)**
 Introduction to Ethics (two terms)
 Introduction to Logic and the Scientific Method (two terms, incl. one as a TA)
 Introduction to Philosophy (six terms, incl. three as a TA)
- 2011 – 2014 **École Normale Supérieure**
 Graduate Seminar “Approches pluridisciplinaires de l'économie” (“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Economics”), co-led
- 2009 – 2010 **Northwestern University**
 French Oral Workshop (three terms)

TUTORING

- 2019 – 2020 **Writing Center Associate** (Borough of Manhattan Community College)
Work with students in individual setting infused with the tenets of Writing Across the Curriculum pedagogy
- 2014 **Tutor at Potentiel Plus** (Paris)
Tutoring of children with learning and physical disabilities

PUBLIC-FACING TEACHING

- 2017 – 2020 **Production of *We The Pupils***, a racial and educational justice podcast recorded in the classroom and funded by an Andrew W. Mellon Public Humanities Teaching Fellowship
Milestones:
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| 2020 | Release |
| 2019 | The Pedagogy Check-In: CUNY Undergrads and Graduate Instructors Meet and Talk About Teaching Students from Disadvantaged Groups |
| 2017 – 2018 | Organization of in-class student-led interviews. Guest speakers:
Michael Paris (CUNY) Jennifer Morton (UPenn)
Nate (Crown Heights Tenant Union) Charles Mills (CUNY)
Miranda Fricker (NYU) Linda Alcoff (CUNY) |
| 2017 | Podcasting Workshop, co-led with Janhavi Pakrashi |

PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

- 2019 – 2020 **Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow** (Borough of Manhattan Community College)
Design of writing-intensive courses in collaboration with faculty across the disciplines (special focus on low-stakes writing and scaffolded assignments)
- 2017 **Selected for participation in the “Open Teaching Initiative”** (Teaching and Learning Center, The Graduate Center)
Visits of fellow graduate students’ classes and reflections on teaching challenges that culminated in a short piece posted on the Teaching and Learning Center blog
- 2010 – 2014 **Founding member and co-coordinator of the Student Initiative for Interdisciplinary Economics Teaching** (PEPS-Économie)
Promotion and development of alternative economics curricula with an emphasis on interdisciplinarity
Milestones:
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| 2014 | Publication of “The Case for Pluralism: What French Undergraduate Economics Teaching Is All About and How it Can Be Improved,” (co-authored) <i>Int. J. Pluralism and Economics Education</i> , Vol. 5, No. 4 |
| 2013 | Co-organization of “Les États Généraux de l’enseignement de l’économie dans le supérieur,” a conference meant to inspire interdisciplinary approaches to the teaching of economics (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris) |

INVITED PEDAGOGY-FOCUSED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

‡: presented under a different title

- 2020 **“Promoting Multilingual Students’ Success Thanks to WAC”**
Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York
— ‡Borough of Manhattan Community College Winter Convocation (theme: Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Engagement), New York
- 2019 **“*We The Pupils*: A Social Justice Podcast Recorded in the Classroom”**
Teaching Hub of the APA Central Division Meeting, Denver
— Showcase & Information Session: Seminar on Public Engagement and Collaborative Research, The Center for the Humanities, The Graduate Center, New York
- 2019 **“Course Policies, Attendance, and Class Participation”**
Philosophy Department Teaching Workshop, The Graduate Center, New York

2014 **Presentation of the Student Initiative for Interdisciplinary Economics Teaching**
Rethinking Economics New York Conference, Columbia University, NYU, New School

INVITED PEDAGOGY-FOCUSED PUBLICATIONS

2020 **“How to Facilitate a Multilingual Classroom Thanks to WAC”**
BMCC Writing Across the Curriculum Newsletter, Spring 2020

2019 **“Building Multilingual Students’ Reading Skills Through Informal Writing”**
BMCC Writing Across the Curriculum Newsletter, Fall 2019

FELLOWSHIPS

2021 Two-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship (Centre de Recherche en Éthique & McGill)
2019 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship (Borough of Manhattan Community College)
2017 Two-Year Public Humanities Teaching Fellowship Seminar on Public Engagement and Collaborative Research (Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)
2015 Three-Year Graduate Assistant B Fellowship (Hunter College)
2014 Five-Year Tuition Fellowship (The Graduate Center)
— Three-Year Doctoral Fellowship (École Normale Supérieure)
2007 Four-Year Full Tuition and Living Stipend (École Normale Supérieure)

GRANTS, AWARDS

2021 Honorarium for presentation at the Student Annual Conference of the Centre de Recherche en Éthique
2019 Travel stipend (Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne)
— American Philosophical Association Graduate Travel Stipend
2018 Conference Presentation Support (The Graduate Center)
2017 Teaching and Learning Center “Open Teaching Initiative” (The Graduate Center)
— Honorarium for attendance at the meeting “What is the Public(s) in Public Education? Research, Teaching and the Arts” (The Graduate Center)
— Conference Presentation Support (The Graduate Center)
2016 American Philosophical Association Graduate Travel Stipend
— Conference Presentation Support (The Graduate Center)
2015 Travel stipend (École Normale Supérieure)

MEDIA, PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

2021 Interview about my work on shame and whiteness for the podcast series “Blanc comme neige” (episode 3), produced by Claire Richard
Programme B, Binge audio, Paris
2017 Performer (spoken word and dance) in *The Missing Shade of You: A Dance Dialog Between L.A. Paul and Marcel Proust*
Produced by Barbara Montero (University of Notre Dame), Theresa Duhon, Patra Jongjitirat, and Gregory Kollarus
Made possible by a grant from the American Society for Aesthetics
The Tank, NYC
2012 – 2013 Researcher for the Philosophy-themed radio program *Les Nouveaux Chemins de la Connaissance*, France Culture (Radio France), Paris

SERVICE	<u>ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA</u>	
2022	“ Structural Injustice, Responsibility, and the Passage of Time ” (co-organized) Workshop selected for inclusion on the program of the 2022 MANCEPT Workshops Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT), University of Manchester	
—	“ Responsibility and Structural Injustices ” (co-organized) Symposium accepted on the program of the 2022 Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Université de Montréal	
2016	“ Hate Speech and the Normativity of Communication ” (co-organized) CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Keynote: Elisabeth Camp), The Graduate Center, New York	
2015	“ Pricing Practices, Ranking Practices ” Interdisciplinary conference in honor of Viviana Zelizer (Princeton), École Normale Supérieure, Paris	
	<u>READING GROUPS AT THE GRADUATE CENTER</u>	
2016 – 2018	Social Ontology	
2017	Philosophy of Action	
	<u>COMMITTEE WORK AT THE GRADUATE CENTER</u>	
2018 – 2019	Philosophy Program Representative on the Doctoral Student Council Representative on the Philosophy Program Student Steering and Executive Committee	
2017 – 2018	Chair of the Philosophy Program Student Steering Committee, and Representative on the Executive Committee	
2016 – 2017	Representative on the Philosophy Program Colloquium Committee	
	<u>REFEREEING</u>	
	<i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Ergo; Journal of Social Ontology; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences</i>	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Philosophical Association Canadian Philosophical Association International Social Ontology Society Canada Research Chair on Epistemic Injustice and Agency	
LANGUAGES	French (native), English (bilingual)	
REFERENCES	Prof. Miranda Fricker Professor of Philosophy New York University miranda.fricker@nyu.edu	Prof. Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde Professor of Economics and Cognitive Science Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas sbgironde@gmail.com
	Prof. Jennifer M. Morton Presidential Associate Professor of Philosophy The University of Pennsylvania jmmorton@sas.upenn.edu	Prof. Natalie Stoljar Professor of Philosophy McGill University natalie.stoljar@mcgill.ca
	Prof. David Papineau Professor of Philosophy of Science King’s College London david.papineau@kcl.ac.uk	Prof. Laura Keating (teaching reference) Associate Professor of Philosophy Hunter College, CUNY lkeating@hunter.cuny.edu

**GRADUATE
COURSEWORK**

Courses taken at The Graduate Center (CUNY), unless otherwise specified

†: audited ‡: faculty-led reading group

ETHICS & META-ETHICS

† Bernard Williams' Ethical Philosophy
† Adv. Intro. to Ethics (NYU)
‡ A. Callard's *Aspiration*
† Subjectivity and Objectivity in Morality
† Ethics of Immigration
Eudaimonism
Moral Realism

PHILOSOPHY OF ACTION

‡ J. Dancy's *Practical Shape*
† Decision Theory (Columbia)
‡ Action Theory

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

† Critical Philosophy of Race
† Rawls, Race, and Gender
† Contractarianism and Its Critics
† Epistemic Injustice
Social Ontology and Democracy

EPISTEMOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

† Philosophy of Social Science
† Adv. Intro. to Epistemology (NYU)

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

† Thought, Speech, and Content
Intersubjectivity (Columbia)
Intentionality and the Mental

LOGIC & PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Mathematical Logic
Modal Logic
† Modal Logic (Columbia)
† Non-Classical Logic (Columbia)
Language and Metaphysics
Intro. to Logic

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Kant's *Critique of the Power of Judgment*

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Picture yourself at a Parisian café, gazing at people walking down the street. At first, they seem to be typical Parisians going about their own business. Until you realize, as you spot cameras, that they are all actors on a movie set. You thought you were in the midst of many individual actions, but it is now clear that each actor is playing their part in a different kind of activity: a shared activity.

Our capacity for shared agency is fundamental to our social lives. We make movies, sit in Parliament, and fight pandemics together. In my thesis, I first offer a novel theory of what is required for collections of activities to count as shared. I then develop an account of cooperativeness, i.e. the disposition to think and act as a good partner in shared activity.

What makes it the case that the actors in the Parisian street are engaged in more than mere parallel individual actions? From the café, it was—at first—impossible to distinguish the actors from real flâneurs. Such examples have led shared agency theorists to argue that the difference between shared activities and individual actions is a psychological matter: while flâneurs have individual intentions to go about their own business, actors share the intention to make a movie. Some theorists add a normative twist: they argue that our activities are shared only when, in addition to sharing intentions, we are bound by mutual obligations to play our roles. The Parisian actors would, thus, act together only if they had obligations to stick to the script. I disagree with these dominant views.

In my dissertation, I offer a minimalist account of shared agency. My account has two main components: a conceptual analysis of shared agency in terms of the notion of plan, and an explanation of the mechanisms through which we pool our agential powers. In my analysis of shared agency, our activities are shared if and only if our activities conform to a plan and that plan figures in an explanation of our activities' conformity to it. In short, our activities are shared if and only if they are coordinated by a common plan. Sometimes, doing one's bit in a common plan will be obligatory, but not necessarily; and sometimes, of course, the plan will figure in the content of intentions we share. However, besides shared intentions, there are two additional families of agency-pooling mechanisms that the literature has neglected: one involves a central planner (e.g. a film director), another involves selective processes of a roughly Darwinian sort. Both mechanisms can coordinate our activities even in the absence of shared intentions. This minimalist account does justice to the variety of jobs that the concept of shared agency does for us. This concept, indeed, is not just a useful label for activities we engage in willingly together. Another of its functions is to help us navigate our social world by identifying the common plans that somewhat unintentionally, and perhaps at first unknowingly, we have enacted.

The starting point of my inquiry into cooperativeness is the observation that shared activity is an endemically

risky business: perhaps you coerced me into sharing some intention with you, or you deviated from our plan without telling me. Thankfully, we have conceptual resources meant to keep us safe from the risks we run when we share our agency. The concept of cooperativeness is one such resource. Its point, I argue, is to flag agents moved by a disposition to think and act as good partners. Cooperativeness has weaker and stronger forms. A minimally cooperative partner, once committed to doing their bit, will neither deviate from, nor hijack our plan. A strongly cooperative partner, in addition, regards co-participants' agency not as a given that one should predict and work around, but as an agential resource that one can engage with. Cooperativeness, so conceived, is a disposition that we have an interest in modelling as a virtue—indeed, the virtue that makes our social world go round.