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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION

PhD University of California, Irvine: Philosophy (exp. 2025)
Dissertation: “Easy Listening: Epistemic Virtues and the Formation of Testimonial Knowledge”
Advisor: Sven Bernecker

Dissertation Abstract: *My project examines the cognitive integration of various epistemic skills, such as unconscious attention and trust, and their crucial role in the successful acquisition and generation of testimonial knowledge. In doing so, I tackle philosophical topics such as the transmission/generativism debate, epistemic luck, the reductionist/antireductionist debate, and social application.*

MA San Francisco State University: Philosophy, May 2019
Thesis: “Creativity for the Epistemic Conservative”
Advisor: Carlos Montemayor

BA San Francisco State University: Philosophy & Religion and History, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Nealon, Natalia. “The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge.” *Synthese*, 144, no. 205 (2025).

Nealon, Natalia. “Epistemic Shortcuts and Unjust Diagnostic Practices.” *Social Epistemology* 39, no. 2 (2024).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Unconscious Bias as a Mechanism for Epistemic Accountability”

“Trust and Attention: A Two-Way Relation”

“The Problem with Social Media: When Good Skills Go Bad”

PRESENTATIONS

“Epistemic Shortcuts and Unjust Diagnostic Practices” Praxis as First Philosophy. University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 2024.

“Trust and Attention: A Two-Way Relation,” Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT). Universität zu Köln, 2023

“Unconscious Bias as a Mechanism for Epistemic Accountability,” Bled Philosophical Conference. Bled, Slovenia, 2023

“The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge,” APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Francisco, 2023

“The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge,” 6th IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, 2022

“Siegel and Unconscious Attention,” New Perspectives on the Cognitive Penetrability of Perception Conference. University of Turin, 2018

“Responding to In-Class Disputes,” Teaching Philosophy Workshop, San Francisco State University, 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Commentator, APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Francisco, 2025

Commentator, APA Pacific Division Meeting. Portland, 2024

Philosophy Club Advisor, UC Irvine, AY 2022-23

Commentator, Epistemic Injustice in the Medical Context Conference, UC Irvine, Fall 2022

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine, AY 2020-21

Panelist, WonderPhilosophy Workshop, UC Irvine, Fall 2020,

Cofounder, SFSU’s Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, San Francisco State University, Summer 2019

Lead Graduate Teaching Associate, San Francisco State University, AY 2017-18

COURSES TAUGHT (Primary Instructor)

University of California, Irvine

Medical Humanities 1: Health, Wellness, and the Conception of the Body, UC Irvine, Winter 2025

Philosophy 131C/Religious Studies 175: Medical Ethics, UC Irvine, Summer 2024

Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems, UC Irvine, Summer 2022
Irvine Valley College

Philosophy 2: Introduction to Ethics, Irvine Valley College, Spring 2024

Philosophy 1: Introduction to Philosophy, Irvine Valley College, Fall 2023

San Francisco State University

Philosophy 110: Critical Thinking, San Francisco State University, Fall 2016,
 Spring 2017, Fall 2017 (2 sections), Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (2 sections)

Philosophy 150: Contemporary Moral and Political Philosophy, San Francisco
 State University, Spring 2018

Philosophy 105: Introduction to Philosophy and Religion. San Francisco State
 University, Spring 2017

COURSES ASSISTED

University of California, Irvine

UPPP 8: Environmental Analysis and Design

Instructor: Richard Matthew, Spring 2025

Philosophy 4: Introduction to Ethics

Instructor: Anna Pederneschi, Fall 2024

Instructor: Duncan Pritchard, Summer 2021, Summer 2023, Summer 2024

Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Spring 2021

Instructor: Aaron James, Winter 2021

Philosophy 1: Introduction to Philosophy

Instructor: Rachel Cooper, Spring 2024

Instructor: Duncan Pritchard, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Instructor: Russell Ming, Summer 2022

Classics 45B: The Heroes

Instructor: David Branscome, Winter 2024

Philosophy 3: Tech and Society

Instructor: Sven Bernecker, Summer 2023, Fall 2023

Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems

Instructor: Rena Goldstein, Spring 2023

Philosophy 10: History Ancient Philosophy

Instructor: Casey Perin, Winter 2023

Philosophy 2: Puzzles and Paradoxes

Instructor: Allison Koslow, Spring 2022, Winter 2022

Philosophy 22: Law and Society
Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Fall 2021

San Francisco State University

Philosophy 470: Environmental Ethics
Instructor: Michelle Wilcox, Spring 2019

Philosophy 621: Minds, Brains, and Computers
Instructor: James Blackmon, Spring 2019

Philosophy 680: Field Project in Philosophy
Instructor: Wendy Salkin, Spring 2019

Philosophy 380: Philosophy of Law
Instructor: Wendy Salkin, Fall 2018

Philosophy 610: Theory of Knowledge
Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2018

Philosophy 620: Philosophy of Mind
Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Spring 2018

Philosophy 502: World Religions
Instructor: Abrol Fairweather, Fall 2017

AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATES

Travel Funding Award, UC Irvine, Winter 2023

Mentoring Excellence Certificate, UC Irvine, Fall 2022

Kavka Endowed Prize, UC Irvine, June 2021

Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence, San Francisco State University, May 2019

Graduate Travel Award, San Francisco State University, Fall 2018

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of California, Irvine

Philosophy 210: Plato-*Phaedo*
Instructor: Casey Perin, Fall 2022

Cognitive Science 269: Neuro-Consciousness
Instructor: Kourosh Saberi, Spring 2022

Philosophy 221A: Medical Epistemology
Instructor: Sven Bernecker, Winter 2022

Philosophy 244: Collective Belief
 Instructor: Margaret Gilbert, Spring 2021
 Philosophy 210: Plato- *Republic*
 Instructor: Casey Perin, Spring 2021
 Philosophy 230: Contemporary Metaethics
 Instructor: Karl Schaffer, Winter 2021
 Philosophy 230: Husserl and Levinas
 Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Fall 2020
 Philosophy 215: Kant's 1st Critique
 Instructor: Jeremy Heis, Fall 2020
 Logic & Philosophy of Science 244: Network Epistemology
 Instructor: Cailin O'Connor, Spring 2020
 Philosophy 230: Meaning of Life
 Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Spring 2020
 Philosophy 210: Plato-*Gorgias*
 Instructor: Casey Perin, Spring 2020
 Philosophy 221: Social Hinge Epistemology
 Instructor: Annalisa Coliva, Winter 2020
 Philosophy 220: Metaphysics
 Instructor: Marc Fiocco, Winter 2020
 Culture & Theory 289: Arendt and Bourdieu
 Instructor: Keith Topper, Winter 2020
 Philosophy 244: Evolution of Signal
 Instructor: Brian Skyrms, Fall 2019
 Philosophy 232: Money
 Instructor: Aaron James, Fall 2019

San Francisco State University

Philosophy 805: Cognitive Perspectives on Space and Time
 Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2018
 Philosophy 890: Consciousness
 Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Spring 2018
 Philosophy 805: Social Ontology
 Instructor: Ásta Sveinsdóttir, Spring 2018
 Philosophy 890: Virtue Epistemology
 Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2017
 Philosophy 851: Feminist Ethics and Political Philosophy
 Instructor: Michelle Wilcox, Fall 2017
 Philosophy 890: Moral Possibility
 Instructor: Alan Moore, Spring 2017
 Philosophy 770: Descartes
 Instructor: Alice Sowaal, Fall 2016

REFERENCES

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