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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Epistemology, Philosophy of Technology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Gender and Race, Latin American Philosophy

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Bowdoin College**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

July 2022 – present

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

July 2021 – June 2022

**EDUCATION**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Ph.D. in Philosophy*

May 2021

Dissertation: Hinge-Commitments as Arational Beliefs

Committee: Ram Neta (co-director), Alex Worsnip, (co-director), Matt Kotzen

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*M.A. in Philosophy*

May 2017

Thesis: A Testable Model of Visual Awareness

**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

*M.A. in Philosophy (with Honors)* GPA 10/10

April 2015

Thesis: De Re Modality after Quine

**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

*B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors)* GPA 9.56/10

April 2011

Thesis: Consciousness as a Necessary and Sufficient Condition for Personal Identity

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Hinge Commitments as Arational Beliefs” March 2023  
*Synthese*, 109
- “Structural Encroachment” August 2024  
*Philosophical Issues*, 34
- “Redefining Rigor: From Adversarial Methods to Intentional Partnerships in Education” Forthcoming  
Anthology Chapter, *Brill*
- “Taming In-Class Participation; How to Use Participation to Foster Inclusion and Deep Philosophical Engagement in the Classroom.” Forthcoming  
Anthology Chapter, *Bloomsbury*

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “Hinge commitments as arational beliefs”  
(published 10/04/2023 in [Imperfect Cognitions](#))
- “‘Privacy is Power,’ and we all deserve to have it back”  
(published 03/10/2023 in [Portland Press Herald](#))
- “Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine Shows Us the Real Danger of Echo Chambers”  
(published 04/05/2022 in [Bangor Daily News \(BDN\)](#))

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor of Record*

### **Bowdoin College**

- Polarization, Disagreement, and Intellectual Humility Spring 2024  
Pragmatic and Moral Encroachment Spring 2023  
Ancient Philosophy F&S 2023, F 2024  
Ethics for a Digital World Fall 2022  
Philosophical Issues of Gender and Race Spring 2022 & 2024  
Responsibility and Rational Belief Spring 2022, Fall 2024  
Philosophy and the Internet Fall 2021 & 2023

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

- Knowledge and Society Spring 2021

Introduction to Mathematical Logic	Summer 2019
Critical Thinking (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2018
Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society	Spring 2018
Critical Thinking	Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2017

**Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, Mexico City, Mexico**

Propositional Logic	2013 - 2014
Strategies of Argumentation	2014 - 2015

*Teaching Assistant*

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Knowledge and Society (supervised by Alex Worsnip)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Mathematical Logic (supervised by Gillian Russell)	Fall 2018
Critical Thinking (supervised by Ram Neta)	Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Mariska Leunissen)	Fall 2016

**SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

[AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum](#)

*This new, fully online institute is designed to help departments, programs, colleges and universities respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities artificial intelligence presents for courses and curricula.*

*Awarded to a representative committee of Bowdoin College.*

2024 - 2025

[Sze Family Faculty Fellow Award](#)

*Awarded to a selected cohort of faculty interested in learning strategies to enhance inclusivity and equity in the classroom.*

2021 - 2022

Summer Research Fellowship, UNC	2020
Horace Williams Fellowship (non-service fellowship), UNC	2019 - 2020
Chancellor’s Doctoral Candidacy Award, UNC	2019
Maynard E. Adams Fellowship in the Public Humanities, UNC	2018 - 2019
Craig Newman Graduate Fellowship, UNC	2016

*Awarded to a second-year student who shows promise as an excellent teacher and humanitarian*

Horace Williams Fellowship (non-service fellowship), UNC	2015 - 2016
Grant (PAPIIT) for “Modal Anti-Realism”, UNAM, Mexico	2013 - 2014
National Fellowship, CONACYT, Mexico	2011 - 2013

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Commitment normativism: How a Normativist about Belief Can Embrace Output-Side Requirements Without Giving up the Connection to Truth”  
Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference,  
University of Pennsylvania Oct 2024
- “Structural Encroachment: Encroachment without Morality”  
Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, Aug 2023
- “Commitment normativism: A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of belief”,  
The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation),  
University of Missouri Jun 2023
- “Hinge Commitments and the Arational Beliefs View”  
Society for Skeptical Studies, Central APA, Denver Feb 2023
- “¿Qué es una creencia? El Normativismo Redefinido”  
Seminario de Investigadores, UNAM May 2022
- “Commitment normativism: A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of belief”, 6th Latinx Philosophy Conference,  
Temple University Mar 2022
- “An Epistemic Puzzle About Justification”  
Philosophy in 15 Minutes, UNC-Chapel Hill 2019
- “The Nature of Our Substantive Evaluative Beliefs: A Novel Theory of Evaluative Beliefs” (accepted but unable to attend), Siena Heights University 2018
- “A Testable Model of Visual Awareness”, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers University of Colorado 2017
- “A Testable Model of Visual Awareness”, 15<sup>th</sup> annual Philosophy of Mind, Language and Cognition Graduate Conference, Western University 2017
- “Essentialism and De Re modality”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Philosophy in Spanish Workshop, Harvard University 2016

## COMMENTS

- Paskalina Bourbon’s “Reasons Required: What is a Kind of Reasoning?”  
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality May 2024
- Laura Soter’s “Rethinking Doxastic (In)Voluntarism”  
The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation),  
University of Missouri Jun 2023
- Melanie Rosen’s “Personal Identity and the Dream Body”  
The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation),  
University of Missouri Jun 2023
- Laura Soter’s “Acceptance: A Psychological Profile of Doxastic Response  
Modulation”  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, UAB Mar 2022
- Commentator at Large  
5th Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference  
University of Pennsylvania 2019
- Philip Kitcher’s “Why is Climate Change So Difficult to Address or Stop?”  
UNC-Chapel Hill 2019
- Alessandro Torza’s “Ground and Modality”  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers  
Florida State University 2019
- Michael Hannon’s “Why Purists Should be Infallibilists”  
Eastern APA, New York 2019
- Arturo Javier Castellano’s “Diachronic Composition, Spontaneous Change, and the  
Grounding Problem”  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers  
Syracuse University 2016
- Frances Fairbairn’s “Advanced Modalizing”  
Athena in Action 2016: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate  
Student Women in Philosophy  
Princeton University 2016

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Speaker and mentor at <a href="#">Piksi-Boston 2024</a> Harvard, MIT, U-Mass Boston	Summer 2024
Referee for Philosophical Quarterly	Summer 2024
Referee for Erkenntnis	Fall 2023
Referee for the Canadian Philosophical Association	Spring 2023
Referee for Synthese	Spring 2022
Panelist at Bowdoin’s Faculty Seminar/Conversation: “Inclusive and Equitable Course Design”	Spring 2022
Panelist at the UNC <a href="#">Faculty Showcase on Teaching</a>	Spring 2021
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (NHEB) Organizer and moderator, Discussion Session on the Values of the Ethics Bowl	Spring 2021 & 2019
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2019
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2020
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living NC	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2017-2018
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living NC	Fall 2017
Judge, Summer Undergraduate Pipeline (SUP)	Summer 2017
Mentor, SWIP-Analytic México	Summer 2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics School Bowl	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2016-2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2016
Organizer, “1st IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference” Mexico	Fall 2014

## REFERENCES

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Scott Sehon (teaching reference)  
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## Graduate Course Work at UNC (unless otherwise indicated)

### Ethics/Metaethics

Advanced Studies in Moral Theory, *Russ Shafer-Landau*

Reading Course in Feminist Theory\*<sup>1</sup>, *Susan Wolf*

### Epistemology

Philosophy of Psychology (and Irrationality), *Alex Worsnip*

Advanced Studies in Epistemology, *Ram Neta*

Current Issues in Analytic Philosophy: Normative Epistemology\*, *Alex Worsnip*

### History

Modern Philosophy, *Alan Nelson*

The Beginning of Analytic Philosophy, *Matthew Kotzen* and *Alan Nelson*

History of Moral Philosophy, *Thomas E. Hill, Jr.*

Aristotle's Politics, *Mariska Lennissen* and *C.D.C. Reeve*

Aristotle, *C. D. C. Reeve*

Being, Contradiction and Relativism; Aristotle's Metaphysics IV and VI, *Ricardo Salles* and *Edgar González Varela* (at UNAM)

Reading of Greek Philosophical Texts I; Plato's Ion and Poetry, *Ricardo Salles* and *Edgar González Varela* (at UNAM)

The Theory of Substance in Aristotle *Ricardo Salles* and *Edgar González Varela* (at UNAM)

Reading of Greek Philosophical Texts II *Ricardo Salles* and *Edgar González Varela* (at UNAM)

Matter, Present Time, and Unity in Aristotle: The Books Eta and Iota of Metaphysics, *Ricardo Salles* and *Edgar González Varela* (at UNAM)

### Logic and Philosophy of Science

Symbolic logic, *Gillian Russell*

Extensions of and Alternatives to Classical Logic, *Gillian Russell*

Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Science, *Marc Lange*

### Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind

Idealism and the Limits of Conceptual Representation, *Thomas Hofweber*

Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind, *William G. Lycan* and *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Philosophy of Mind, *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Nihilism and the Limits of Revision, *Thomas Hofweber*

Special Fields of Philosophy Seminar, *Karen Neander* and *Carlotta Pavese* (At Duke University)

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<sup>1</sup> \*=Audited