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**Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind (including Philosophy of Cognitive Science), Metaphysics

**Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language

**Education**

Rutgers University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, May 2021 (expected)

Dissertation: ‘Metaphysical Foundations for Intentional Psychology’

Committee:Frances Egan (chair), Theodore Sider (chair)**,** Paul Pietroski, Barry Loewer, Jonathan Schaffer, Susanna Schellenberg.

Rutgers University

Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science (RuCCS), May 2021 (expected)

Project: Shape Categorization as Bayesian Mixture Estimation

Advisor: Jacob Feldman

Universidad de Los Andes

B.A., Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude*, October 2013

Thesis: Proper Names and Singular Thought

Advisor: Alfonso A. Conde

**Papers**

* ‘Crystallized Regularities’. *Forthcoming in* *The Journal of Philosophy*
* ‘Does Matter Mind Content?’
* ‘Naturalness by Law’
* ‘What Bayesian Angels have to do with Human Cognition’

**In Progress**

* ‘From Humeanism to Normative Relativism’ (in progress, to appear in *Philosophical Perspectives*, *Metaphysics*)
* ‘Intentional Laws in Computational Cognitive Science’
* ‘Nomic Locking: A New Theory of Content’

**Conference Activity**

**Presentations**

(\* invited)

‘Naturalness by Law’

* January 2021 – Symposium at Eastern APA; New York.
* November 2019 – Society for the Metaphysics of Science; Toronto.

‘What’s so special about intentional properties?’

* \*October 2019 – Inter-American Congress in Philosophy; Bogotá (Session on cognitive architecture)

**‘**Interventionism and the Causal Relevance of Semantic Properties’

* January 2020 – Symposium at Eastern APA; Philadelphia.
* July 2019 – Society for Philosophy and Psychology; University of California, San Diego.

‘Explanations at the Computational Level: Bayesian Modeling as a Case Study’

* July 2018 – Society for Philosophy and Psychology; Michigan, Ann Arbor
* \*April 2018 – Rutgers-Bochum Conference; Rutgers, New Brunswick.
* \*November 2018 – CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series; CUNY, New York.

‘The Crystallization Account of Special Science Laws’

* July, 2018 – Laws of Nature Summer School; Central European University, Budapest.
* June, 2018 – 11th Munich-Sydney-Tilburg/Turin Conference in Philosophy of Science (Poster); Turin.

‘The Nature of Belief and its Role in Psychological Explanation’

* \*May, 2017 – Rutgers-Bochum Conference; Ruhr-University Bochum, Bochum.

‘Prospects for a Pluralist Understanding of the Relation between Belief and Credence’

* \*April, 2016 – Workshop: Formal Epistemology Meets Epistemology; University of Maryland, College Park.
* February, 2016 – IV Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science; Bogotá.

‘Epistemic Normativity and Perceptual Experience’

* April, 2016 – 3rd Philosophy in Spanish Workshop; Harvard, Cambridge.

‘Subjective Probability, Objective Probability and Lewis’s Principal Principle’

* \*April, 2015 – 2nd Philosophy in Spanish Workshop; Harvard, Cambridge.

**Comments**

* January, 2019 – Comments on William D’Alessandro’s ‘Viewing as Explanations and Ontic Dependence’; Eastern APA, New York.

**Teaching Experience**

**Primary instructor (Rutgers University)**

Fall 2020 Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making

Summer 2020 The concept of ‘concept’ in Cognitive Science (RuCCS)

 Spring 2020 Minds, Machines and Persons

 Fall 2019 Logic, Reasoning and Persuasion

 Spring 2018 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

 Fall 2017 Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making

 Spring 2017 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

 **Teaching Assistant**

 Fall 2016Introduction to Logic; taught by Ernest Lepore (Rutgers University)

Spring 2012 Descartes; taught by Catalina González (Universidad de Los Andes)

 Spring 2011 Kant; taught by Catalina González (Universidad de Los Andes)

**Mentoring**

 Cognitive Science Undergraduate Advisor (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

**Fellowships, Grants & Awards**

* 2019 – Mellon Summer Grant (Rutgers University)
* Diversity Travel Awards; Society for philosophy of Psychology (2018 and 2019)
* 2014 – Excellence Fellowship (Rutgers University)
* 2013 – Ramón de Zubiría Award: Highest Cumulative GPA in Philosophy, Los Andes University.
* Excellence Awards (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, and Fall 2012): Highest Semestral GPA in philosophy, Los Andes University).

**SERVICE**

* Chair of the Climate Committee Rutgers University (with Andrew Rubner, Fall 2019-Spring 2021)
* Rutgers Philosophy of Science Reading Group Organizer (with Ezra Rubenstein, 2018)
* Rutgers Philosophy of Mind Reading Group Organizer (with Andrew Rubner, Fall 2018- Spring 2020)
* Mentoring Workshop Organizer (Spring 2020).

**Graduate Coursework**

**Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science**

* Propositional Attitudes (Robert Matthews)
* Perceptual Evidence (Susanna Schellenberg)
* Computational Cognition (Cognitive Science – Jacob Feldman)
* Computational Vision (Cognitive Science – Manish Singh)
* Mathematical Tools for Cognitive Science and Neuroscience (NYU Psych/Neuro – Eero Simoncelli and Pascal Wallisch)

Audited

* Advanced Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (David Chalmers and Ned Block).
* Perception/Cognition Border (Ned Block and Eric Mandelbaum)
* Mental Representation (Frances Egan)
* Mathematical tools for Cognitive Science and Neuroscience II (NYU Psych/Neuro – Laurence Maloney)
* Computational Modeling of Visual Circuits (NYU Psych/Neuro – Jonathan Winawer)

**Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science**

* Philosophy of Science: Confirmation and Laws (Barry Loewer)
* Humean Supervenience (Jonathan Schaffer and Barry Loewer)

Audited

* The structure of reality (Cian Dorr)
* Explanation (Jonathan Schaffer)
* The Nomological (Ted Sider and Jonathan Schaffer)
* Structuralism (Ted Sider)
* Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (Jill North and Ted Sider)
* Foundations of Statistical Mechanics (David Albert)

**Linguistics and Philosophy of Language**

* What Kind of Relativism is Right for You? (Andy Egan)
* Formal Methods in Philosophy (Thony Gillies)
* Semantics II (Linguistics, Maria Bittner)
* Semantics I (Linguistics, Simon Charlow)
* Proseminar in Philosophy (Jeff King & Thony Gillies)

Audited

* Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Language (Ernest Lepore & Matthew Stone)