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## Professional Appointments

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- 2022- **Associate Professor** Department of Philosophy, Brandon University, Canada  
2017-2022 **Assistant Professor** Department of Philosophy, Brandon University, Canada  
2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher (Knowledge First Virtue Epistemology Project)** KU Leuven, Belgium

## Education

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- 2010-2014 **PhD** Edinburgh University  
Thesis: "Epistemic Responsibility and Radical Scepticism"  
Supervisors: Duncan Pritchard (primary); Allan Hazlett; Matthew Chrisman  
Examiners: Ram Neta (external); Aidan McGlynn (internal)
- 2009-2010 **MSc** Edinburgh University  
2003-2009 **BA Hons** University of Winnipeg

## Research Areas

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AOS: Epistemology    AOC: Ethics; Metaethics; Philosophy of Mind; Political Philosophy

## Books

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Forthcoming *Epistemic Blame: The Nature and Norms of Epistemic Relationships*, Oxford University Press

## Articles and Book Chapters

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- Forthcoming Epistemic Blame as Relationship Modification: Reply to Smartt, *Philosophical Studies*  
Forthcoming Epistemic Complicity, *Episteme* (SI: 18<sup>th</sup> Episteme Conference)  
Forthcoming Degrees of Epistemic Criticizability, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, (Online first, May 2023)  
Forthcoming Pragmatism, Truth, and Cognitive Agency, *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, (Online first, Aug 2021)
- 2023 Access to Collective Epistemic Reasons: Reply to Mitova, *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (Article Symposium: The Collective Epistemic Reasons of Social Identity Groups), 2(2):1-9  
2023 The Significance of Epistemic Blame, *Erkenntnis*, 88(2): 807-828  
2021 There is a Distinctively Epistemic Kind of Blame, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 103(3): 518-534  
2021 Standing to Epistemically Blame, *Synthese*, 199: 11355-11375  
2021 Epistemic Blame, *Philosophy Compass*, 16(8):1-12  
2021 The Epistemic Responsibilities of Citizens in a Democracy, in Hannon, M. & DeRidder, J. (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology*, Routledge  
2021 The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 58(3):217-232  
2020 Epistemic Judgment and Motivation, *The Philosophical Quarterly* (with Sebastian Köhler), 70(281):738-758  
2020 Moral Virtues with Epistemic Content (with Chris Kelp, Mona Simion, and Johanna Schnurr), in Greco, J. & Kelp, C. (eds.), *Virtue Theoretic Epistemology: New Methods and Approaches*, Cambridge University Press

- 2020 Hoops and Barns: A New Dilemma for Sosa (with Chris Kelp, Fernando Broncano-Berrocal, Paul Dimmock, Harmen Ghijzen, and Mona Simion), *Synthese*, 197: 5187-5202
- 2019 Excuses, Exemptions, and Derivative Norms, *Ratio*, 32(2):150-158
- 2018 An Explanatory Challenge for Epistemological Disjunctivism, *Episteme*, 15(2):141-153
- 2017 Categorical Norms and Convention-Relativism About Epistemic Discourse, *dialectica*, 71(1):85-99
- 2017 Epistemic Normativity and the Justification-Excuse Distinction, *Synthese*, 194(10):4065-4081
- 2017 Epistemic Conditions on "Ought": E=K as a Case Study, *Acta Analytica*, 32(2):223-244
- 2017 Knowledge and Attributability, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 98(1): 329-350
- 2016 Excusing Prospective Agents, *Logos & Episteme*, 7(2): 119-128
- 2013 Epistemic Principles and Sceptical Arguments: Closure and Underdetermination, *Philosophia*, 41(4): 1125-1133
- 2013 Wittgensteinian Anti-Scepticism and Epistemic Vertigo, *Philosophia* (with Duncan Pritchard), 41(1): 27-35

## In Preparation

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"The Relational Foundations of Epistemic Normativity", provisionally forthcoming in *Philosophical Issues*, a supplement to *Noûs*

## Book Reviews

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- 2019 *The Brian In a Vat*, Goldberg, S. (ed.), *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, 9(1): 75-82
- 2017 *Naturalizing Epistemic Virtue*, Fairweather A. and Flanagan, O. (eds.), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 14(5): 604-607

## Selected Presentations

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- Invited  
2024 *The Relational Foundations of Epistemic Normativity*  
Invited Session: Epistemology and the Interpersonal, Central APA, New Orleans (Feb)  
*The Relational Foundations of Epistemic Normativity*  
Philosophy Senior Seminar Speaker Series, Glasgow University (May)
- 2023 *Epistemic Complicity*  
18<sup>th</sup> *Episteme* Conference, Zanzibar, Tanzania  
*Invited Comments on Alex Cunningham's "The Agent-Centred Account of Epistemic Blame"*  
Colloquium Session, Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA
- 2022 *Epistemic Blame and Social Power*  
Epistemic Wrongs and Epistemic Reparations Workshop, University of Johannesburg  
*Invited Comments on Tim Kearl's "The Quality of Thought"*  
Colloquium Session, Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC  
*Invited Comments on Eugene Chislenko's "Blame as Attention"*  
Symposium Session, Central APA, Chicago, IL  
*Norms of Epistemic Criticism*  
Epistemic Blame: Theory and Practice Workshop, University of Johannesburg
- 2021 *The Puzzle of Epistemic Blame* (3-part talk series)  
Book Symposium on "The Puzzle of Epistemic Blame: On the Nature and Norms of Epistemic Relationships" (book manuscript), COGITO Epistemology Centre, University of Glasgow  
*Democratic Participation and the Value of Epistemic Blame*

MANCEPT Workshops in Political Philosophy - "Epistemic Responsibilities of Democratic Citizens", University of Manchester

*A Relationship-Based Account of Epistemic Blame*

Brown Bag Meetings, CONCEPT Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition, University of Cologne

2020 *Epistemic Blame and the Business Condition on Standing to Blame*  
Social (Distance) Epistemology Weekly Virtual Events, Social Epistemology Network Online

*A Relationship-Based Account of Epistemic Blame*

COGITO Zoom Work in Progress Seminar, University of Glasgow

*Epistemic Blame and the Business Condition on Standing to Blame*, Department of Philosophy Visiting Speaker Colloquium, University of Manitoba

2019 *Comments on Michael Hannon's "Truth, Understanding, and Deliberative Democracy" and Leandro De Brasi's "Citizen Incompetence and the Epistemic Structure of Society"*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Social Epistemology Network Meeting, Yonsei University

2018 *Epistemic Blame?*

GOGITO New Directions in Social Epistemology Speaker Series, University of Glasgow

*The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance*

Social Epistemology and Epistemic Normativity: Themes from Sandy Goldberg, Cardiff University

*The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance*

First Flemish Epistemology Workshop, KU Leuven

2017 *Political Ignorance and Epistemic Sensibility*

Guest Lecture in Epistemology, KU Leuven

*Epistemic Virtues and Virtues with Epistemic Content (with Christoph Kelp and Mona Simion)*  
Bled Epistemology Conference 2017, Bled, Slovenia

Refereed

2022

*Degrees of Epistemic Criticizability*

Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Winnipeg, MB

*Degrees of Epistemic Criticizability*

European Epistemology Network Meeting, University of Glasgow

*The Puzzle of Epistemic Blame*

Responsibility for Beliefs Workshop, University of Helsinki

*Epistemic Risk and Epistemic Criticism*

The Social and Political Dimensions of Epistemic Risk, University of Seville

2021 *A Relationship-Based Account of Epistemic Blame*

Symposium Presentation, Commentators: Tim Kwiatek (Columbia University) and Sara Ghaffari (Bowling Green State University), Eastern APA, New York, NY

2019 *Epistemic Normativity in Groups, Roundtable Discussion*

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of British Columbia

2018 *Epistemic Blame?*

55th Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary

*Epistemic Judgment and Motivation (with Sebastian Köhler)*

The Future of Normativity, Kent University

*The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance*

European Epistemology Network Meeting, VU Amsterdam

*The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance*

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Université du Québec à Montréal.

2017 *Categorical Norms and Convention-Relativism about Epistemic Discourse*

91st Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society, University of Edinburgh

- 2016 *Excuses, Exemptions, and Derivative Norms*  
XXV SIUCC: SEFA's Workshop with Timothy Williamson, University of Valencia
- Excusing Prospective Agents*  
European Epistemology Network Meeting, Paris
- Response to Daniel Whiting's "Rational Belief as (a Sort of) Safe Belief"*  
Workshop on The Normative Significance of Normative Beliefs, University of Southampton
- 2015 *Epistemic Normativity and the Justification-Excuse Distinction*  
JustGroningen: Workshop on Epistemic Justification, University of Groningen

## Selected Teaching

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### MA Courses

KU-Leuven

*Contemporary Philosophical Texts*, KU Leuven

Lecturer and course designer; advanced lecture/seminar course (Masters; MPhil) focusing on "Normativity and Value in Epistemology"

### BA Courses

Brandon

*Introduction to Philosophy*

Lecturer and course designer; introduction to core debates in philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion, epistemology, and normative ethics.

*Theory of Knowledge*

Lecturer and course designer; introduction to core debates in epistemology

*Philosophy of Mind*

Lecturer and course designer; 300-level course examining of the mind-body problem with a specific focus on the "Hard Problem" of consciousness

*History of Analytic Philosophy*

Lecturer and course designer; advanced survey of early history of analytic philosophy - from Russell to Quine.

*Predicate Logic*

Lecturer and course designer; 2<sup>nd</sup> year course in key introductory modules in predicate logic.

*Topics in Analytic Philosophy: Truth and Rationality in Politics*

Seminar leader and course designer; advanced seminar on political epistemology

*Topics in Analytic Philosophy: Normativity and Value in Epistemology*

Lecturer and course designer; advanced seminar on contemporary debates in analytic epistemology.

*Topics in Analytic Philosophy: Normativity and Blame in Epistemology*

Seminar leader and course designer; advanced seminar on central debates about normativity and blame in the epistemic domain.

*Topics in Analytic Philosophy: Aesthetics*

Seminar leader and course designer; advanced seminar on aesthetics, with a focus on aesthetic obligations, aesthetic blame, and applied aesthetics.

KU-Leuven

*Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy*

Lecturer and course designer; introduction to core debates in philosophy of mind, philosophy of language and logic, ethics, and philosophy of action.

*Theory of Knowledge: Seminar*

Co-taught course; seminar discussion on contemporary debates in epistemology.

*Theory of Knowledge,*

Co-taught course; introduction to core debates in epistemology.

### Supervision

2024-26

Nicolas Nicola, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship ("Epistemic Blame and the Practice of Blame Avoidance")

- 2017 Paul Irekefe, Research Master of Philosophy, KU Leuven ("The Final Value of Knowledge and Achievements")  
 Daniela Rusu, Master of Philosophy, KU Leuven ("The Virtue of Epistemic Justice")

## Engagement

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- 2024 Co-organizer, mosaic creation celebrating "the right to be known", facilitated by Bruno de Oliveira Jayme (U of M), Canadian Museum for Human Rights (Sept)
- 2023 Organizer, public panel discussion with Senator Mary Jane McCallum and Nadya Kwandibens: "Storytelling & Epistemic Reparations" (moderated by Jennifer Lackey), Qaumajuc-WAG, Winnipeg, MB
- 2021 Teaching and Learning Guide for: Epistemic Blame, *Philosophy Compass*
- 2020 Brandon University Research Connection, September 2020 – "Epistemic Judgment and Motivation"
- 2018 Brandon University Research Connection, October 2018 – "The (Virtue) Epistemology of Political Ignorance"
- 2017- Faculty of Arts Representative, Service Learning Committee, Brandon University
- 2015 Open Online Course *Introduction to Epistemology*, KU Leuven  
 Contributing speaker; module on radical scepticism

## Selected Awards and Grants

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All \$ in CAD unless otherwise indicated

- 2024 Buffett Global Catalyst Sub-Grant – Epistemic Reparations Group; PI: Jennifer Lackey (\$35,000 USD)
- 2023 Buffett Institute for Global Affairs – Global Seed Grant (Project: Epistemic Blame and Epistemic Reparations Workshop, PI: Jennifer Lackey (\$10,000 USD)
- 2023 University of Manitoba Centre for Applied and Professional Ethics Conference Grant (Project: Epistemic Blame and Epistemic Reparations Workshop) (\$1000)
- 2022-24 BURC-SSHRC Knowledge Mobilization Grant (Project: "Epistemic Wrongs, Blame, and Reparations") (\$2000)
- 2022-24 SSHRC Insight Development Grant (Project: "Norms of Epistemic Criticism") (\$28,975)
- 2022 *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* Conference Grant (Project: "Epistemic Wrongs, Blame, and Reparations") (\$1000)
- 2021-23 BURC-SSHRC Research Grant (Project: "Blame for Testimonial Injustice")(\$5,000)
- 2019-22 Research Manitoba New Investigator Operating Grant (Project: "Blame and Belief")(\$17,850)
- 2018-20 BURC New Faculty Research Grant (Project: "Intellectually Responsible Democracy") (\$7,075)
- 2017 Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cologne University (Individual Project; 2 years, approx. value €70,000 – declined)  
 FWO Postdoctoral Fellowship, KU Leuven (Individual Project; approx. value €110,000 + 3 years renewable – declined)

## Service

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Affiliations

Member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Philosophical Association

Research Associate, African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, University of Johannesburg

Affiliated Member, COGITO Center for Epistemology, University of Glasgow

## Referee

Acta Analytica, Analysis, Analyse and Kritik, Analytic Philosophy, Asian Journal of Philosophy; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Bloomsbury; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Croatian Journal of Philosophy; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; Dialectica; Episteme; Erkenntnis; Ergo; Grazer Philosophische Studien; Inquiry; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of The American Philosophical Association; Journal of Philosophical Research; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Political Philosophy; Journal of Social Philosophy; International Journal for the Study of Skepticism; Logique et Analyse; National Science Centre, Poland; Oxford University Press; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Palgrave MacMillan; Philosophia; Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophical Studies; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Ratio; Res Philosophica; Routledge; Synthese; Theoria

## Initiator & Convener

2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Epistemic Reparations Event – Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg, MB (with Shayna Plaut, Director of Research, CMHR) (Sept, 2024)  
Epistemic Wrongs, Blame, and Reparations Workshop Series – Johannesburg, Winnipeg, and Chicago, with Jennifer Lackey and Veli Mitova (2022-2025)  
Second Annual BU Philosophy Workshop – Riding Mountain, MB (2020)  
First Annual BU Philosophy Workshop – Riding Mountain, MB (2019)  
Leuven Epistemology Group Visiting Speaker Seminar (2017)  
Bi-Annual Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Meeting (2015-2017; x3)  
Scepticism Reading Group, University of Edinburgh (2011-2012)

## Convener

Epistemic Blame and Epistemic Reparations Workshop, Qaumajuc, Winnipeg, MB (2023)  
Faculty of Arts Speaker Series Committee (2018 – 2021)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Leuven Epistemology Conference, KU Leuven (2016)  
Epistemic Norms Conference, KU Leuven (2015)  
Eidyn Conference on Normativity and Modality (2014)  
Pragmatist Perspectives on Truth and Knowledge, University of Edinburgh (2013)  
Edinburgh PhD Philosophy Work in Progress Seminar (2012-2013)

## Other Recent Service

Chair of Department of Philosophy, BU (2019 – present)  
Arts Faculty Nominations Co-Ordinator (2022 – present)  
BUFA Strike Action Committee (2024)  
BU Department of Francophone Studies and Languages Hiring Committee (2023)  
BUFA Arts Representative, Tenure Appeals Committee (2023)  
Arts Faculty Tenure Committee (2023)  
Arts Faculty Council Review and Planning Committee (2019 – 2021)  
BU Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee (Faculty of Arts Representative 2019 – 2021)  
BU Tenure Committee (2020)  
Dean Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (reader 2020)  
BU Dean of Arts Search Committee (2019)

## References

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