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Personal Details

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Education

- **Oxford University**, UK: DPhil in Philosophy (Oct. 2007-Jan. 2013).
Dissertation: *Rationality: An Expansive Bayesian Theory*
Supervisors: John Hawthorne, Antony Eagle
- **Oxford University**, UK: BPhil (Taught Masters Degree) in Philosophy (Oct. 2005-Sept. 2007).
- **Leipzig University**, Germany: Bachelors Degree in Philosophy (Oct. 2004-Sept. 2005).
- **Rutgers University**, USA: Bachelors Degree in English Literature (Sept. 1998- Aug. 2002).

Employment

- **Innsbruck University**, Austria: Full Professor of Philosophy (from July 2020); Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Dec. 2018-June 2020).
- **Innsbruck University**, Austria: Lise-Meitner Fellow, Austrian Science Fund (Dec. 2015-Nov. 2018).
- **St. Louis University**, USA: Grant Winner, "Intellectual Humility Project" (June 2014-June 2015). (Project Leaders: Eleonore Stump, John Greco)
- **Humboldt University of Berlin**, Germany: Junior Professor (maternity cover) (Oct. 2013-April 2014).
- **Munich School of Philosophy**, Germany: Post-Doc (Feb. 2013-Sept. 2013).
- **Leipzig University/Saarbrücken University**, Germany: Academic Researcher, Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science (Sept. 2002-Sept. 2005).

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of religion, epistemology (informal, formal, and feminist), philosophy of trust.

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, cognitive science, philosophy and digitalization, feminism, moral psychology, ethics, philosophy of medicine, philosophy of psychology, decision theory, philosophical logic, philosophy of language, Early Modern philosophy, philosophical ontology and information science.

Publications

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(1) Edited Volumes

- *Trust in Epistemology*. Routledge, 2020.
- *Applied Ontology: An Introduction* [edited under the name “Katherine Munn”], with Barry Smith. De Gruyter, 2013.

(2) Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “True Faith: Against Doxastic Partiality about Faith (in God and Religious Communities) and in Favor of Evidentialism.” *Australasian Philosophical Review*, forthcoming, 2021.
[lead article to be published with comments and replies]
- “Replies to Critics.” *Australasian Philosophical Review*, forthcoming, 2021.
- “Epistemic Self-Trust: It’s Personal.” *Episteme*, forthcoming (pending minor revisions), 2020.
- “Digital Whiplash: The Case of Surveillance.” *Human Affairs*, forthcoming, October 2020.
- “The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement.” *Religious Studies*, 2019.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034412518000847>
- “Disagreement from the Religious Margins.” *Res Philosophica*, 95(3), 371-395, 2018.
[runner-up, 2017 *Res Philosophica* essay prize, “New Frontiers in Philosophy of Religion”].
- “Does Epistemic Humility Threaten Religious Beliefs?” *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 46 (4): 292-304, 2018.
- “Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence.” *Faith and Philosophy*, 35(1): 56-83, January 2018.
- “Evidence-Seeking as an Expression of Faith.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 92(3): 409-428, Summer 2018.
- “Epistemic Authority: Preemption or Proper Basing?” *Erkenntnis*, 83(4): 773-791, 2018.
- Review of J. Seachris and S. Goetz, *God and Meaning* (Bloomsbury 2016). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2017.
- “Argument from Personal Narrative.” *Res Philosophica*, 3 (93): 601-620, 2016.
- “Religious Evidentialism”
[Winner, Paternoster Young Philosopher of Religion Prize]. In *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2013.
- “Functional Anatomy: A Taxonomic Proposal” with Ingvar Johansson, *et al.* *Acta Biotheoretica*, 3, 2005.

(3) Book Chapters

- “Humility and Trust.” *Routledge Handbook of Humility*, ed. Mark Alfano, Michael Lynch, Alessandra Tanesini. Routledge, forthcoming, 2020.
- “Religious Disagreement” [in German: “Religiöser Dissens”]. *Handbook of Analytic Theology* [*Handbuch für Analytische Religionsphilosophie*], ed. G. Gasser und K. Viertbauer. Metzler, 2020.
- “Introduction: An Overview of Trust and Some Key Epistemological Applications.” *Trust in Epistemology*, ed. Katherine Dormandy. Routledge, 2020.
- “Exploitative Epistemic Trust.” *Trust in Epistemology*, ed. Katherine Dormandy. Routledge, 2020.

- “In Abundance of Counsellors There is Victory: Reasoning about Public Policy from a Religious Worldview.” *Religious Truth and Identity in an Age of Plurality*, ed. Peter Jonkers, Oliver Wiertz. Routledge, 2020.
- “Evidentialism” [in German: “Evidentialismus”]. *Handbook of Epistemology [Handbuch der Erkenntnistheorie]*, ed. Martin Grajner and Guido Melchior. Metzler, 2019.
- “An Approach to the Problem of Evil” [in German: “Ein Zugang zum Problem des Leids”]. *Faith and Rationality [Glaube und Rationalität]*, ed. Romy Jaster, Peter Schulte. Mentis, 2019.
- “The Rationality of Religious Beliefs” [in German: “Die Rationalität religiöser Überzeugungen”]. *Handbook of Analytic Theology [Handbuch der analytischen Theologie]*, ed. G. Gasser, L. Jaskolla und T. Schärfl. Aschendorff, 2017.
- “Counterfactual-Peer Disagreement.” *Epistemology: Contexts, Values, Disagreement*, ed. Christoph Jäger, Winfried Löffler. Frankfurt: Ontos, 2012.
- “Introduction: What is Ontology For?” *Applied Ontology: An Introduction*, ed. Katherine Munn [Dormandy], Barry Smith. Munich: De Gruyter, 2013.
- “Functions and Prototypes.” *Computation, Information, Cognition: The Nexus and the Liminal*, ed. G. Dodig-Crnkovic and S. Stuart. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007.
- “Bodily Systems and the Spatial-Functional Structure of the Human Body” with Barry Smith and Igor Papakin. *Medical Ontologies*, ed. D. Pisanelli. Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2004.

(4) Monograph under Review

Faith in Evidence: A Robust Evidentialism for Beliefs about Religion

(5) Submitted/In Preparation

- “Religious Disagreement” (invited contribution to the *Cambridge Companion of Religious Epistemology*, edited by Jonathan Fuqua and Tyler McNabb).
- “Faithfulness as the Reciprocal Attitude to Faith: How Accounting for Faith and Faithfulness in terms of Trust and Trustworthiness Clarifies the Nature of Faith Relationships” (invited contribution for a special issue of *The Monist*, edited by Finlay Malcom).
- “The Epistemic Norms of Faith” (invited contribution for a special issue of *Religious Studies*, edited by Daniel McKaughan and Daniel Howard-Snyder).
- “Digital Epistemic Paternalism: The Role of Respect” (invited contribution to *Epistemic Autonomy*, ed. Jonathan Matheson and Kirk Lougheed, forthcoming with Routledge).
- a paper on the epistemology of trust in a digital world (under review).
- a paper on the epistemology of love (under review).
- a paper on epistemic authority (in preparation).

(6) Miscellaneous/Public Outreach

Interview, “Von der Großstadt in die Kleinstadt” [“From the Big City to the Small City”], *Unipress: Monatsmagazin der ÖH Innsbruck*, Helena Töchterle, 2017.

“Doctrine or Discourse: Can Religious Diversity Promote Religious Knowledge?” *Faith and Politics in Pluralistic World* [in German], ed. M. Datterl, W. Guggenberger, C. Paganini. Innsbruck: Innsbruck University Press, 2017.

Contributor to the public-outreach blog “Open for Debate” administered by Professor Alessandra Tanesini at the University of Cardiff.

Presentations

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[53 talks in 15 European and non-European countries]

Invited

- 20 Nov. 2020 Title TBA. *The Impact of Technology on the Human Being and Its Self-Understanding*, Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, **Zagreb, Croatia**.
- 12 June 2020 Title TBA. **Keynote Talk**, Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers UK: Philosophers Read the Gospels, University of **York, UK**.
[postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 7 April 2020 The Loyalty of Religious Disagreement. *Symposium for the Publication of Religious Truth and Identity in an Age of Plurality*, Hochschule Sankt Georgen, **Frankfurt am Main**.
[postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 12 Mar. 2020 Title TBA. *The Limits of Liberty: The Freedom of Individuals and the Security of Nations*, American Catholic University, **Rome**.
[postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 6 Dec. 2019 Digital Whiplash and the Importance of the Humanities. *Digitalization and Responsibility*, Adademie Deutsch-Italienischer Studien, **University of Bolzano, Italy**.
- 18 Oct. 2019 Does Religious Dialogue Make Sense Today? What Respect Can Achieve and Why We Find It Hard. [German: Macht ein Dialog der Religionen heute noch Sinn? Was Respekt Leisten kann und warum er uns schwerfällt.] **Keynote Talk**, Munich Colloquium for Philosophy of Religion, **LMU Munich**.
- 11 Oct. 2019 Digital Whiplash and the Importance of Analytic Philosophy. DiSCourse Seminar Series, **University of Innsbruck**.
- 16-22 June '19 The Epistemology of Faith and Faithfulness. *Wrestling with Life: Analytic Theology and Biblical Narratives*, Tantor Ecumenical Institute, **Jerusalem**.
- 7 June 2019 Epistemic Self-Trust. *Bled Epistemology Conference*, **Bled, Slovenia**.
- 17 May 2019 Exploitative Epistemic Trust. University of **Bern, Switzerland**.
- 15 May 2019 Loving Truly: An Evidentialist Approach to the Epistemology of Love. University of **Bern, Switzerland**.
- 20 Sept. 2018 Whom Should We Choose as Epistemic Authorities? Colloquium Presentation at the Conference of the Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP.10), University of **Cologne, Germany**.
- 26 April 2018 Loving Truly: On Doxastic Partiality in Love. University of **Glasgow, Scotland**.
- 23 Feb. 2018 Doctrine or Discourse? (Another) Reason Why Political Pluralism is Good for Religion. Central APA (American Philosophical Association) Annual Meeting, **Chicago**.
- 25 July 2017 How (Not) To Believe on Authority. *Norms and Capacities in Epistemology*, Free University of **Berlin, Germany**.
- 6 July 2017 Religious Disagreement as a Guide to Religious Truth. *Arguing Religion*, University of **Trento, Italy**.
- 5 June 2017 Three Types of Belief on Authority. *Bled Epistemology Conference*, **Bled, Slovenia**.

- 23 May 2017 Three Types of Belief on Authority. *Conference on Epistemic Authority*, **Innsbruck University, Austria.**
- 17 May 2017 Doctrine vs. Discourse: The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement. [German: Doktrin oder Diskurs? Die epistemischen Vorteile des religiösen Dissenses.] University of **Trier, Germany.**
- 15 Dec. 2016 The Value of Trust. *Philosophical Dimensions of Trust*, University of **Innsbruck** [international conference organized by myself].
- 23 Nov. 2016 Doctrine vs. Discourse: The Epistemic Benefits of Religious Disagreement. [Doktrin vs. Diskurs: Die Erkenntnistheoretischen Vorteile des Dissenses.] University of **Salzburg, Austria.**
- 22 June 2016 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence. *Roundtable Workshop on Religious Pluralism*, University of **Constance, Germany.**
- 3 June 2016 An Approach to the Problem of Evil [Ein Zugang zum Problem des Übels]. (Ir)rational Faith: On the Compatibility of Rationality and Theism. [(Ir)rationaler Glaube: Zur Vereinbarkeit von Rationalität und Theismus.] University of **Bielefeld, Germany.**
- 7 Mar. 2016 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence. University of **Edinburgh, UK.**
- 19 Oct. 2015 Resolving Religious Disagreements: Evidence and Implicit Bias. *Workshop with Robert Audi*, Humboldt University, **Berlin, Germany.**
- 12 May 2015 Acquaintance with Others' Perspectives. *Capstone Conference for the Saint Louis University Intellectual Humility Project*, **Santa Catalina Island, California.**
- 26 Mar. 2015 Are There Epistemic Virtues? Workshop *Humble Minds*, Munich School of Philosophy, **Munich, Germany.**
- 12 Feb. 2015 Rational Religious Belief: Philosophical Lessons from Psychology. *Wycliffe Symposium*, University of **Oxford, UK.**
- 20 June 2013 The Rationality of Religious Beliefs. [Die Rationalität Religiöser Überzeugungen.] Munich School of Philosophy, **Munich, Germany.**
- 14 Apr. 2013 Can Bayesian Evidentialism Account for Rational Conversions? *Workshop on Epistemology*, University of **Innsbruck, Austria.**
- 4 June 2013 Preemptive Reasons or Total Reasons? *Workshop with Linda Zagzebski on Epistemic Authority*, University of **Innsbruck, Austria.**
- 16 Aug. 2011 Counterfactual-Peer Disagreement. *34th Annual Wittgenstein Symposium*, **Kirchberg, Austria.**
- 30 June 2011 Evidence and Faith. Conference *Tyndale Fellowship's Study Group in Philosophy of Religion*, University of **Cambridge, UK.**
- 22 Oct. 2010 Evidence and Faith. Conference *Evolution and Ethics*, Peking University, **Beijing, China.**
- 22 Apr. 2009 Religious Belief and Deep Disagreement. University of **Innsbruck, Austria.**
- 12 May 2004 Epistemic Deontology in Leibniz. [Epistemische Deontologie bei Leibniz.] Philosophisches Colloquium, University of **Leipzig, Germany.**

Submitted

- 6-9 Sept. 2020 Digital Whiplash: The Case of Surveillance. *Kongress der Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)*, University of **Erlangen, Germany.**
[postponed to Sept. 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 3-5 June 2020 Digital Whiplash: The Case of Epistemic Trust. *3rd Annual Social Epistemology Network Event*, Yale University, **New Haven, USA.**
[postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 24-6 May '18 Disagreement from the Religious Margins. *LOGOS Conference: Race, Gender, Ability, and Class: Expanding Conversations in Analytic Theology*, University of Notre Dame, **South Bend, USA.**

- 23 May 2018 Three Types of Epistemic Authority. *1st Annual Social Epistemology Network Event*, University of **Oslo, Norway**.
- 26 Sep. 2017 Doctrine or Discourse? [Doktrin oder Diskurs?] *Kongress der Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)*, Humboldt University, **Berlin**.
- 19 Aug. 2015 An Approach to the Problem of Evil. *European Society for the Philosophy of Religion*, University of **Uppsala, Sweden**.
- 28 Nov. 2015 Acquaintance with Other People's Perspectives, and Why Feminist Epistemology Needs an Account of It. *Annual Conference of the Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP)*, Trinity College **Dublin, Ireland**.
- 6 June 2015 "Acquaintance with Others' Perspectives" [Bekanntschaft mit den Perspektiven Anderer]. Congress of the Austrian Society for Philosophy [Kongress der Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (ÖGP)], University of **Innsbruck, Austria**.
- 24 July 2012 with Michael Dormandy: Biblical Knowledge: Epistemic and Active. Konferenz *Philosophical Investigations of the Hebrew Bible, Talmud and Midrash*, Institute for Advanced Studies, Shalem Center, **Jerusalem**.
- 13 Sep. 2011 Evidence and Faith. Konferenz *British Society for Philosophy of Religion*, Lady Margaret Hall, University of **Oxford, UK**.
- 28 Oct. 2009 Rational Faith: Philosophical Tradition vs. the Hebrew Bible. Konferenz *The Bible and Philosophy*, Shalem Center, **Jerusalem, Israel**.
- 20 Aug. 2009 Rational Deep Disagreement. Konferenz *Responsible Belief in the Face of Disagreement*, Free University of **Amsterdam, The Netherlands**.
- 19 May 2009 Rational Deep Disagreement. Ockham Society, **Oxford University**.
- 3 June 2005 Functions and Prototypes. *Annual Conference of European Computing and Philosophy (E-CAP)*, Mälardalen University, **Västerås, Sweden**.
- 13 Nov. 2004 What Does Functioning Have to Do with Survival? *Medicine and Metaphysics*, University of **Buffalo, NY, USA**.
- 8 July 2004 Is Survival a Function? *Annual Conference, British Society for the Philosophy of Science*, **University of Kent at Canterbury, UK**.
- 19 Oct. 2003 Bodily Systems and the Modular Structure of the Human Body. *9th Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine in Europe*, **Protaras, Cyprus**.

Invited Participation

- 22 Jun. 2015 *Society for Women in Philosophy UK Mentoring and Networking Conference*, University of **York, UK**.
- 13 May 2014 *Mid-point Conference for the Intellectual Humility Project*, University of **Saint Louis, USA**.
- 2-4 June 2011 *Logos Conference: Divine Revelation: Meaning, Authority, and Canon*, University of **Notre Dame, USA**.

Teaching

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Innsbruck University

- Spring 2020 Trust for Information in the Age of New Media (lecture)
Philosophy and Natural Science (lecture)
Key Readings in the History of Philosophy (seminar)
- Winter 2019/20 Action and Ethics in a Digitalized World (lecture)
Basics of Theoretical Philosophy: What is Epistemic Trust? (lecture)
- Spring 2019 Epistemic Injustice (lecture)
- Spring 2018 Social Epistemology (lecture)

Winter 2017/18 Knowledge and Power (lecture)
 Foundational Texts in Epistemology (seminar)
Spring 2017 Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (lecture)
Winter 2015/16 Epistemic Injustice (lecture)
Spring 2015 Faith and Thinking (lecture)

Brixen School of Philosophy and Theology (in German-speaking Northern Italy)
Summer 2020 Key Readings in Natural Theology and Metaphysics (seminar)
Spring 2018 Epistemology Level II (lecture)

Edinburgh University

MOOC (Online-Lecture) on “Intellectual Humility”, filmed March 2016, available from 2017:
“Resolving Religious Disagreements: Bias and Evidence.”

Humboldt University of Berlin

Winter 2013/14 Probabilistic Reasoning in Epistemology (seminar)
 Argument and Language (seminar)

Oxford University (2007-2010)

Tutorials on Early Modern Philosophy (Wycliffe Hall)
 Introductory Logic (Wadham College, Merton College, Oriel College)
 Logic and Language (Wycliffe Hall)
 General Philosophy (St Benet’s Hall)
 General Philosophy (Merton College)
 Knowledge and Reality (St Benet’s Hall)

(Note: *Tutorials* are the standards form of instruction in Oxford and consist of the weekly discussion of student essays or logic homework.)

Dissertations Supervised

Clement Jesudoss, SJ (PhD dissertation)

Valentin Stuhne (PhD dissertation)

Jonas Wittwer (PhD dissertation, University of Bern, co-supervisor with Prof. Claus Beisbart)

Other Professional Activities

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Awards and Funded Projects

- In Preparation: Grant Proposal on Trust and Epistemic Authority.
- Erika Cremer 4-Year Research Grant, Innsbruck University, awarded March 2018 (superceded by my current tenure-track position).
- Project Leader, “Emuna: Evidence and Religious Belief”, Lise-Meitner Grant (Austrian Science Fund - FWF), 2016-2018.
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Project, “Religious Diversity” (John Templeton Foundation), Sankt-Georgen University, Frankfurt, 2016-2018.
- Member of the international Doctoral Research Group in Philosophy of Religion (Innsbruck University), from 2017.
- *Analysis* Bursary for Participation in the *Society for Women in Philosophy UK Mentoring and Networking Conference*, York University, 2015.

- Grant Winner, “Intellectual Humility” Project, Saint Louis University, 2015.
- Group Leader, “Reasons and Religious Belief,” (John Templeton Foundation), 2011-2013.

Conference Organization

- 8-9 Nov. 2019 Co-organizer of the international conference *Liminal Lives: Female Academics Challenging Boundaries in Theology and Philosophy of Religion*, University of Innsbruck.
- 21-22 Mar. 2018 Co-organizer of the international *Workshop with Catherine Elgin*, University of Innsbruck.
- 15-16 Dec. 2016 Sole organizer of the international conference *Philosophical Dimensions of Trust*, University of Innsbruck.
- 14-15 Mar. 2013 Co-organizer of the international conference *Reasoning from Different Religious Perspectives* Catholic Academy of Berlin.

Professional Service and Other Memberships

- Member of the Advisory Board for the De Gruyter Series *Philosophical Analysis*.
- Referee for Palgrave MacMillan, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Review*, *Episteme*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Topoi*, *Analytic Theology*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *TheoLogica* (in Spanish).
- Vice Chair of “Sophia forscht”, the women’s network at the Theology and Philosophy Institutes of the University of Innsbruck.
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Research Platform “Synagoge und Kirchen” [“Synagogues and Churches”] at the University of Innsbruck.
- Participant in Notre Dame University’s “Philosophy as a Way of Life” Network, funded by the Mellon Foundation.
- Member of the Doctoral Research Group [*Doktoratskolleg*] at the Institute for Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck.
- Professional Associations: British Philosophical Association, American Philosophical Association (APA), Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) UK, Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) Germany, Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie (GAP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil), Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (ÖGP).

Additional Information

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Languages

English (native), German, Spanish, French (all fluent), Italian (basic), ancient Greek (beginner).

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