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Areas of Research

AOS   Epistemology • Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science

AOC   Social Philosophy • Philosophy of Psychiatry • Feminist Philosophy

Employment

2023-   • Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Cruz

2022-2023 • President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine

Education

2022   • PhD in Philosophy, Rutgers, New Brunswick
              • Dissertation: *Bad Believers: Evidence-Resistance, Rational Persuasion, and Social Change*
              • Committee: Elisabeth Camp *&* Susanna Schellenberg (co-chairs), Ernest Sosa, Alex Guerrero, Eric Mandelbaum (external)

           • Cognitive Science Graduate Certificate, Rutgers, New Brunswick

2016   • MMathPhil in Mathematics and Philosophy, Oxford University, First Class (4-year joint BA + MA program)

Publications

forth.   [7] Camp, E., *&* Flores, C. (forth.), 'That's all you really are': Centering identities without essentialist beliefs, in Sally Haslanger et al. (eds.), *Mind, Language, & Social Hierarchy: Constructing a shared social world.* Oxford University Press.

           [6] Flores, C. (forth.), Why think that belief is evidence-responsive? in Eric Schwitzgebel and Jonathan Jong (eds.), *What is Belief?* Oxford University Press.

           [5] Flores, C. (forth.), Delusion and evidence, in Ema Sullivan-Bissett (ed.), *Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Delusion.* Routledge.

2023   [4] Flores, C., *&* Woodard, E. (2023), Epistemic norms on evidence-gathering. *Philosophical Studies*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-023-01978-8

           [3] Flores, C. (2023), Epistemic style in OCD, *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*, 30(2): 147-150.

2021   [2] Flores, C. (2021), Epistemic styles, *Philosophical Topics* 49 (2):35-55, https://doi.org/10.5840/philtopics202149214.

           [1] Flores, C. (2021), Delusional evidence-responsiveness, *Synthese* 199 (3-4):6299-6330, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-021-03070-2.

Papers in progress

- Resistant beliefs, responsive believers (R & R at *Journal of Philosophy*)
- Identity labels as frames for building agency (with Elisabeth Camp; under review)

Awards & Fellowships

2023
- University of California Humanities Center Workshop Grant ($2,000, with Kate Ritchie)
- Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Student Award
  - One of three annual Graduate School awards that "recognizes excellence in doctoral research and scholarship across the disciplines"

2022-2023
- University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - Selective (5% success rate) fellowship for "outstanding scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, and service will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity at UC"; $54,000 fellowship + $5,500 in research expenses
- Princeton Moral Narratives Workshop Fellowship

2022
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
  - Selective (4-8% success rate) humanities fellowship; $35,000 stipend + $8,000 in research and university expenses. Declined for UC President's Fellowship.
- ££2000 prize for selected contribution to volume on *What is Belief?*

2021–2022
- Marc Sanders Foundation Media Fellowship
  - Selective fellowship with $1,500 prize and workshop in NYC in June 2022

2021
- Society for Women in Philosophy-NYC Graduate Student Essay Prize

2018
- Summer Fellowship, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Institute for Philosophy II

2016
- Rutgers SAS Excellence Fellowship for Graduate Study (5 years of full PhD funding)
- Oxford Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics, undergraduate essay prize

2014
- UK Medical Research Council Award for Student Research (Funding for 2-month summer research project in computational modelling at Cambridge University)

2013
- Exhibition for Exam Performance (College prize for first year exam results)

2012
- Gulbenkian Fellowship for Undergraduate Study (4 years; €40,000 total)

Presentations

Identity labels as frames for building agency (with Elisabeth Camp)

06/2023
- UNED Invited Talk, Madrid, Spain
- Seminar Series in Analytic Philosophy, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal
- Lisboa Feminist Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Ifilnova, Lisbon, Portugal
- Words Workshop (University of Pittsburgh; Zoom talk)

05/2023
- Studies in Language, Information, Meaning and Expression, UCLA, CA, USA

04/2023
- Lafayette College, Easton, PA, USA

03/2023
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, KY, USA
- Social Unity Research Cluster Talk Series, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA, USA

02/2023
- Social Identities & Cognition in the Desert Workshop, Joshua Tree, CA, USA

12/2019
- Constructing Social Hierarchy II, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA

Why think that belief is evidence-responsive?

01/2023	• Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10/2022	• University of California, Irvine Colloquium, Irvine, CA, USA
	• University of California, Riverside Colloquium, Riverside, CA, USA

Belief change & social change

12/2022	• Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA), Santiago de Compostela, Spain
10/2022	• Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
07/2022	• SPP (Society for Philosophy and Psychology) Poster Presentation, Milan, Italy
10/2021	• Epistemology Research Group, University of Michigan (Zoom talk)
	• Agnes Scott College Colloquium, Atlanta, GA, USA
	• Departmental Seminar at LOGOS, Barcelona (Zoom talk)
08/2021	• International Social Ontology Conference (Zoom talk)

Reasoning in schizophrenia

06/2023	• The Nature and Phenomenology of Neurodivergence Conference, Barcelona, Spain
04/2023	• Granada Philosophy and Psychiatry Talk Series, Granada, Spain (Zoom talk)
03/2023	• RIFAM Network Talk Series (UNAM, Mexico; Zoom talk)
01/2023	• IFILNOVA Seminar, Nova University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal
08/2022	• Columbia Summer Mind Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
07/2021	• Deluded By Experience Workshop, Birmingham, UK (Zoom talk)

Epistemic styles

06/2021	• SPP (Society for Philosophy and Psychology) Zoom Poster Presentation
05/2021	• Words Workshop (University of Pittsburgh; Zoom talk)
	• SWIP (Society for Women in Philosophy) NYC Colloquium (Zoom talk)

Epistemic norms on evidence-gathering (with Elise Woodard)

04/2022	• Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, USA
03/2022	• Glasgow COGITO Work-in-Progress Series (Zoom talk)
04/2021	• Pacific APA Colloquium (Zoom talk)
	• Epistemology Graduate Seminar, Bowling Green (Zoom talk)
03/2021	• Early Career Inquiry Network (Zoom talk)
02/2020	• Virtues Graduate Seminar, Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, USA

"That's all you really are" (with Elisabeth Camp)

04/2020	• Non-Canonical Cognition Graduate Seminar, CUNY (Zoom talk)
03/2020	• NYU Undergraduate Senior Seminar (Zoom talk)
02/2020	• Epistemology Research Group, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
07/2019	• Constructing Social Hierarchy, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

Resistant beliefs, responsive believers

02/2022	• NYU Invited Talk, New York, NY USA
	• University of Denver Invited Talk, Denver, CO, USA
	• UC Santa Cruz Invited Talk, Santa Cruz, CA, USA
	• Oxford Epistemology Group (Zoom talk)
01/2023	• Bentley University Invited Talk, Waltham, MA, USA
08/2019	• International Social Ontology Conference, Tampere, Finland
07/2019	• Reasons and Emotions Conference, University of Wollongong, Australia
06/2018	

• Situated Cognition Research Group, University of Bochum, Bochum, Germany

Delusional evidence-responsiveness

11/2021 • UNAM Seminar on Cognitive Diversity (Mexico City; pre-read Zoom discussion)
02/2018 • CUNY-Milan Interdisciplinary Workshop on Belief, New York, NY, USA
06/2017 • The Human Mind Conference, Cambridge, UK

Lies and narcissistic assertions

03/2018 • NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference, New York, NY, USA
• IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference. Mexico City, Mexico

Spinoza's account of self-knowledge

04/2018 • Philosophy of Mind in Early Modern Philosophy, Princeton University, NJ, USA
02/2018 • Central APA Colloquium, Chicago, IL, USA
05/2017 • Canadian Philosophical Association Colloquium, Toronto, Canada

Comments

05/2023 • Melina Tsapos, "Dimensions of Conspiracy: Toward a Unifying Framework for Understanding Conspiracy Theory Belief," Implications of Pathologizing Conspiracy Beliefs Workshop, Gargano del Garda, Italy

04/2023 • Commentator-at-large at the Bias Conference, Claremont McKenna, Claremont, CA, USA
• Katie Wong, "Actions, Slurs, and Ideologies," Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, USA

03/2020 • Jessica Wright, "Are Implicit Attitudes Arational," Southern Society for Philosophical Psychology, Louisville, KY, USA (canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)

08/2020 • Rae Langton, "Blocking as Counterspeech," Summer School on Speech Acts and the Politics of Accommodation, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany

04/2018 • Panel on "Why 'Structural Racism' Matters," with papers by Cesar Cabezas, Eric Bayruns Garcia, and Annette Martin, Latinx Philosophy Conference, Rutgers, NJ, USA

11/2017 • Graduate Student Commentator-at-Large, PeRFECt 3 (Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Summer Schools and Visiting Positions

Fall 2022 • Fellow at the Princeton Moral Narratives Workshop (online, 8 sessions)

06/2022 • Marc Sanders Foundation Public Philosophy Workshop on long-form public philosophy writing with writers and editors from the *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, and *The Atlantic*

08/2018 • Speech Acts and the Politics of Accommodation Summer School. University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

06-07/2018 • Visiting student with the Situated Cognition Group, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany
08/2017 • Norwegian Summer Institute in Language and Mind, University of Oslo, Norway

07/2015 • Summer School in Mathematical Philosophy, MCMP, LMU, Munich

08-09/2014 • Research assistant in Computational Modeling of Behavior, Tiago Branco's Lab, Neurobiology Division, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge University, UK.

Teaching

MAIN INSTRUCTOR

UC Santa Cruz

W 2024	• Epistemology (upper-division)
F 2023	• Philosophy of Psychology: Social Bias in Humans and Machines (graduate seminar)

Rutgers

W 2022	• Introduction to Philosophy (asynchronous online course)
S 2021	• The Concept "Concept" in Cognitive Science (synchronous online course in the Cognitive Science Center; co-taught with Verónica Gómez Sánchez)
Sp 2021	• Introduction to Philosophy (asynchronous online course)
F 2020	• Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion (core curriculum critical thinking course; online)
F 2019	• Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science (upper-division)
Sp 2019	• Philosophical Aspects of Feminism (upper-division; cross-listed with Gender Studies)
F 2018	• Spinoza (upper-division)

PEDAGOGY TRAINING

08/2020	• Ne Faculty Teaching Academy, UC Santa Cruz
08/2020	• Teaching the Philosophy of Persuasion Workshop, University of Washington
01/2020	• American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop, Columbia University
Spring 2019	• Teacher Training Certificate, Rutgers Philosophy Department
03/2019	• Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, Rutgers

Writing for General Audiences

08/2023	• A igreja de Francisco não é para "todos, todos, todos", por muito que o repitam, Público (in Portuguese)
	• Anti-woke criticism is an authoritarian trap, Electra Magazine (orig. in Portuguese)
	• Philosophy of mind should be a feminist place (and here's how), Women in Philosophy Series at the APA Blog (with Glória Andrada)
05/2023	• Groupthink is for mindless pawns, but group thinking will push humanity further, Big Think
01/2023	• You should always gather more evidence, say women who love gossip, New Work in Philosophy (with Elise Woodard)
11/2022	• Historic strike at the University of California could reshape the terrain of labor struggles in higher education, Left Voice
	• Universidades, lugares de trabalho justos?, Público (in Portuguese)
04/2022	• Keeping better company, The Philosophers' Magazine
09/2021	• Belief and evidence: An interview with Carolina Flores, The Imperfect Cognitions Blog
	• Critical thinking: What is it to be a critical thinker? 1,000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology

• Translated into German for Geist und Gegenwart public philosophy website

04/2021 • Short public philosophy version of my article "Delusional Evidence-Responsiveness," The Imperfect Cognitions Blog

03/2021 • Are they all stupid and trrational? Women in Philosophy series at the APA Blog

12/2020 • Teaching applied social epistemology in critical thinking, The Philosophers' Cocoon

03/2020 • APA Member Interview for the APA Blog

01/2018 • Propositional anttitudes and social coordination, Philosophy Phriday, The Daily Ant

Other Public Philosophy

2023–2024 • Open courses for Manamiga Feminist School on structural oppression, intersectionality, and feminist epistemology, Lisbon, Portugal

02/2023 • Cognition and social philosophy: Resistant social beliefs, Dialexicon podcast interview

02/2020 • Discussion moderator, The Night of Philosophy and Ideas, Brooklyn Public Library

2020–2022 • Resident philosopher, talkPOPc, different locations in NYC (holding conversations about art & cognition with non-philosophers, with a resulting podcast)

Service

Diversity & Inclusion

2023-2024 • UC Santa Cruz Philosophy Climate Committee Member

2020- • Member of the Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Board of Trustees

2020-2021 • Panelist, Women in Philosophy Panel, Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy

2018-2020 • Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) International Organizer & Director (Director 2019-20)
  • Session on "Distribution & Recognition of Service Work" (Organizer, Speaker and Chair), Eastern APA, Philadelphia (01/2020)
  • Lead Author, Report on Service Work Distribution and Compensation (12/2019)
  • Session on "Skill Building & Improving the Profession" (Organizer and Chair), Eastern APA, New York (01/2019)

11/2019 • Workshop on Stereotype Threat for the Rutgers Undergraduate Philosophy Club

2017-2019 • Organizer, New York City Minorities and Philosophy Consortium

2017-2019 • Rutgers MAP Chapter Organizer

2016-2018 • Rutgers Philosophy Climate Committee Member & Director (Director in 2017-18)

Conferences and Talk Series Organized

2023 • Feminist Philosophy of Mind Workshop (with Glória Andrada; at IfilNova, Lisbon)
• Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop (with Kate Ritchie)

2021 • Quasi-Seminar in Political Epistemology (co-organized with Elise Woodard; on Zoom)

2017-2021 • Rutgers Feminist Philosophy Reading Group & Talk Series (with Dee Payton)

2018-19 • New York MAP Spring Workshop Series

2018 • New York MAP Oppression and Resistance Conference

Other Departmental Service

2020-2021 • Philosophy Department Newsletter Editor (also in 2017-18)

• Prospective Graduate Students' Visit Organizer (also in 2016-17)

2018-2020 • Mentor in the Rutgers Philosophy Undergraduate Mentorship Program

2017-2018 • Mind Research Group, Graduate Student Organizer

• Cognitive Science Center Newsletter Editor

2016-2017 • Rutgers Epistemology Conference Assistant Organizer

Other Service

2019– • Referee for *Acta Analytica*; *Analysis*; *Cognitive Science*; *Ergo*; *Inquiry*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Mind & Language*; *Nous*; *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy*; *Philosophical Psychology*; *Philosophical Review*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophical Topics*; *Philosophy*; *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*; *Public Affairs Quarterly*; *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; *Synthese*; and *Thought*.

2020 • Editorial assistant for *Philosophical Issues*, 2020 issue on perceptual evidence

2018 • Index for Susanna Schellenberg's book *The Unity of Perception*

Languages

Portuguese (native), Spanish, French.