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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Mind and Language; Philosophy of Gender, Race and Sexuality.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Metaphysics; Epistemology.

EDUCATION:

PhD in Philosophy, University of Sheffield, UK, 2007.

Postgraduate Diploma in Philosophy, with Distinction, University of Sheffield, UK, 2002.

MA in Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of Murcia, Spain, 2003.

BA in Philosophy, University of Murcia, Spain, 2000.

POSITIONS HELD:

Associate Professor, University of Barcelona, Department of Philosophy, July 2019—present.

Ramon y Cajal Researcher, University of Barcelona, Department of Philosophy: July 2014—June 2019.

Associate Professor, University of Manitoba, Department of Philosophy: April 2014—June 2014.

Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba, Department of Philosophy: July 2008—March 2014.

Teaching Fellow, University of Sheffield, Department of Philosophy: September 2004—February 2005, and February—March 2006.

PUBLICATIONS (last 10 years):

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

1. “Substantive Metaphysical Debates about Gender and Race: Verbal Disputes and Metaphysical Deflationism”, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2021. DOI: 10.1111/josp.12394
2. “The Meta-Problem of Consciousness and the Phenomenal Concept Strategy”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 27(5-6), pp. 62-73, 2020.
3. “Pejorative Terms and the Semantic Strategy”, *Acta Analytica* 35(1), pp. 23-34, 2020.
4. “On How to Achieve Reference to Covert Social Constructions”, *Studia Philosophica Estonica* 2(1), pp. 34-43, 2019.
5. “On Haslanger’s Meta-metaphysics: Social Structures and Metaphysical Deflationism”, *Disputatio* 10(50), pp. 201-216, 2018.

6. “Sexual Orientation as Interpretation? Sexual Desires, Concepts, and Choice”, *Journal of Social Ontology* 3(2), pp. 231-248, 2017.
7. “Phenomenal Concepts: Neither Circular Nor Opaque”, *Philosophical Psychology* 29(8), pp. 1186-1199, 2016.
8. “Woman as a Politically Significant Term: A Solution to the Puzzle”, *Hypatia* 31(2), pp. 245-258, 2016.
9. “Norms of Judgement, Naturalism, and Normativism about Content”, *Philosophical Explorations* 19(1), pp. 48-58, 2016.
10. “What is Social Construction?”, *European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4), pp. 1137-1152, 2015.
11. “In Defence of Historical Constructivism about Races”, *Ergo* 2(21), pp. 547-562, 2015.
12. “Do A Posteriori Physicalists Get our Phenomenal Concepts Wrong?”, *Ratio* 27(1), pp. 1-16, 2014.

Book chapters:

1. “Analytic Feminism”, in M. Rossberg (ed.) *Cambridge Handbook in Analytic Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
2. “Sexual Orientations: The Desire View”, in K. Maitra & J. McWeeny (eds.) *Feminist Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford University Press, pp. 294-310, 2022.
3. “Sexual Orientations, Sexual Desire, and Choice”, in B. D. Earp, C. Chambers, & L. Watson (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex and Sexuality*, Routledge, pp. 102-116, 2022.
4. “The Meaning of ‘Woman’ and the Political Turn in Philosophy of Language”, in D. Bordonaba, V. Fernández-Castro & J.R. Torices (eds.) *The Political Turn in Analytical Philosophy*, De Gruyter, pp. 229-256, 2022.
5. “Language and Sexuality: Demisexuals, Bambi Lesbians, Polyamorous, and other queers”, with Saray Ayala-López, in J. Khoo & R. Sterken (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Social Philosophy of Language*, Routledge, pp. 377-388, 2021.
6. “On the Conceptual Mismatch Argument: Descriptions, Disagreement, and Amelioration”, in T. Marques and A. Wikforss (eds.) *Shifting Concepts: The Philosophy and Psychology of Conceptual Variability*, Oxford University Press, pp. 190-212, 2020.
7. “Descriptive vs. Ameliorative Projects: The Role of Normative Considerations”, in A. Burgess, H. Cappelen & D. Plunkett (eds.) *Conceptual Ethics and Conceptual Engineering*, Oxford University Press, pp. 170-186, 2020.
8. “Relativism and Race”, in M. Kusch (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Relativism*, Routledge, pp. 265-271, 2019.
9. “Kinds of Social Construction”, in P. Garavaso (ed.) *Bloomsbury Companion to Analytic Feminism*, Bloomsbury Academic, pp. 103-122, 2018.
10. “Epistemic Contextualism and Conceptual Ethics”, in J. Ichikawa (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, Routledge, pp. 71-80, 2017.
11. “Feminist Metaphysics and Philosophy of Language”, in C. Hay (ed.) *Philosophy: Feminism. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks*, Macmillan Reference USA, pp. 251-271, 2017.

Book reviews, commentaries, and encyclopaedia entries:

1. “Is Feminist Pornography Possible?”, *APA Newsletter in Philosophy & Feminism*, 20(2), pp. 8-10, 2020.
2. “Response-Dependence, Misgendering, and Passing: A Comment on Ásta’s *Categories We Live By*”, *Journal of Social Ontology*, 5(2), 245-249, 2019.

3. “Feminist Philosophy of Language”, with Jennifer Saul, *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, edited by Ed Zalta (Fall 2018 Edition).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP TALKS (last 5 years):

Refereed Presentations:

1. “Multipropositionalism about ‘woman’”, *Multipropositionalism workshop*, University of Lisbon, 29-30 September 2022.
2. “Polyamory as a sexual orientation”, *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, 7-9 September 2022.
3. “On two ways of ameliorating a concept”, *British Society for the Theory of Knowledge*, University of Glasgow, 5-7 September 2022.
4. “On two ways of ameliorating a concept”, *Social Ontology 2022*, Vienna, 24-26 August 2022 (online).
5. “Sexual orientations, sex, and gender”, *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, 8-10 September 2021 (online).
6. “On How to Achieve Reference to Covert Social Constructions”, *Social Ontology 2019*, University of Tampere, 22-24 August 2019.
7. “The Semantic Account of Slurs, Appropriation, and Metalinguistic Negotiation”, *Congress of the International Society on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, Prague, 5-10 August 2019.
8. “Carol and Philosophy: Hermeneutical Injustice, Identity, and Objectification”, *Society for the Philosophic Study of the Visual Arts, Pacific APA*, San Diego, 28-31 March 2018.
9. “Social Construction, Grounding, and Amelioration”, *Society for Analytical Feminism, Central APA*, 21-24 February 2018.
10. “Sexual Orientation: The Desire View”, *Central APA*, Chicago, 21-24 February 2018.

Invited Talks:

1. “Conceptual Evolution vs. Revolution”, *Workshop on Conceptual Engineering*, University of Antwerp, 13 January 2023.
2. “Gender Identity, First-Person Authority, and Philosophy of Mind”, *Scottish Feminist Philosophy Network*, Glasgow-Edinburgh, 31 October-1 November 2022.
3. “On two ways of ameliorating a concept”, *Minorities and Philosophy workshop*, Central European University, Vienna, 5-7 October 2022.
4. “Gender Identity, First-Person Authority, and Philosophy of Mind”, *4-E Cognition & Social Justice conference*, University of Wollongong, 9-10 June 2022 (online).
5. “Gender non-confirming and non-binary identities”, *Beyond the binary: workshop on genderqueer identities and social constructionism*, University of Tampere, Finland, 20-21 May 2022.
6. “Social Construction and the No-Travelling Constraint”, *Philosophy Colloquium*, Hertfordshire University, UK, 7 February 2022 (online).
7. “The meta-metaphysics of social construction: grounding and amelioration”, *Meta-metaphysics of Social Ontology conference*, University of Toulouse, 12-14 January 2022 (online).
8. “How to Understand Semantic Amelioration”, *Resistance Summer School*, University of Vienna, 13-17 September 2021 (online).
9. “Descriptive vs. Ameliorative projects in Aesthetics”, *BSA Connections conference on Conceptual Engineering & Aesthetics*, Cambridge, UK, 31 August-1 September 2021.
10. “Sexual orientations, sexual desires, and choice”, *Practical Philosophy Seminar*, University of Tilburg, 12 May 2021 (online).

11. "Are Sexual Orientations Chosen?" *Women Philosophers in Streaming*, Spanish SWIP-Analytic & Universidad de La Laguna, 7 April 2021 (online).
12. "A trans-inclusive account of the meaning of 'woman'", *Philosophy Colloquium*, University of Murcia, 10 March 2021 (online).
13. "Amatonormativity and Hermeneutical Injustice", *Hamburg-SWIP workshop*, University of Hamburg, 20-21 January 2021 (online).
14. "An inclusive account of 'woman'", *Hamburg-SWIP workshop*, University of Hamburg, 20-21 January 2021 (online).
15. "Substantive Metaphysical Debates about Gender and Race: Verbal Disputes and Metaphysical Deflationism", *ConceptLab workshop on Conceptual Engineering*, University of Oslo, 9-13 November 2020 (online).
16. "Substantive Metaphysical Debates about Gender and Race: Verbal Disputes and Metaphysical Deflationism", *Philosophy Colloquium*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 30 October 2020 (online).
17. "A contextualist response to gender-critical views", *What is Gender & What do we Want it to be? MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, 8-11 September 2020 (online).
18. "An inclusive account of 'woman'", *ARCHE Webinar on Conceptual Engineering*, University of St Andrews, 14 April 2020 (online).
19. "On Feminist Pornography: Comments on Mikkola's *Pornography: A Philosophical Introduction*", *14th NOMOS workshop*, University of Valencia, 27-28 September 2019.
20. "Comments to Ásta's *Categories we live by*", *Social Ontology 2019*, University of Tampere, 22-24 August 2019.
21. "An inclusive account of 'woman'", *Contextualist Approaches to the Metaphysics of Gender*, Humboldt University-Berlin, 15-16 June 2019.
22. "An inclusive account of 'woman'", *Workshop on Language and Gender*, University of the Basque Country, Vitoria, 3 June 2019.
23. "On how to achieve reference to covert social constructions", *XX Research Workshop in Philosophy*, University of Valencia, 28-29 March 2019.
24. "On how to refer to covert social constructions", *Workshop on the Foundations of Social Sciences*, University of Duisburg-Essen, 24-25 January 2019.
25. "Social Construction and Grounding", *EXTRA.2 colloquium*, Ruhr Universität Bochum, 23 January 2019.
26. "Conceptual Ethics and the Meta-metaphysics of Gender and Race", *Minds of our own*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 8-11 November 2018.
27. "On the Conceptual Mismatch Argument", *10th Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy*, University of Cologne, 17-20 September 2018.
28. "Descriptive vs. Normative Projects: The Role of Normative Considerations", *Workshop on Normativity in Philosophy*, University of Hamburg, 30 July-1 August 2018.
29. "Metaphysical Deflationism and Substantive Verbal Disputes", *MCMP Summer School on Mathematical Philosophy for Female Students*, LMU Munich, 18 July 2018.
30. "Amatonormativity and Hermeneutical Injustice", *Feminist Philosophy Lecture Series*, Humboldt University-Berlin, 26 June 2018.
31. "Descriptive vs. Ameliorative Projects: The role of Normative Considerations", *Arché Seminar on Conceptual Engineering*, University of St Andrews, 18 June 2018.
32. "On the Conceptual Mismatch Argument", *Workshop on Externalism and Conceptual Change*, University of St Andrews, 14-15 June 2018.
33. "Phenomenal Knowledge and Acquaintance", *Philosophy Colloquium*, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 10 May 2018.

34. “Comments on Mikkola’s *The Wrong of Injustice*”, *Workshop on Mari Mikkola’s The Wrong of Injustice: Dehumanization and Its Role in Feminist Philosophy*, University of Amsterdam, 11 April 2018.
35. “Comments on Hardimon’s *Rethinking Race*”, Book Symposium on Michael Hardimon’s *Rethinking Race*, *Pacific APA*, San Diego, 28-31 March 2018.
36. “Phenomenal Knowledge and Acquaintance”, *Philosophy Colloquium*, Central European University, Budapest, 13 March 2018.
37. “Social Construction, Grounding, and Amelioration”, *Graduate Student Metaphysics Group*, Ohio State University, 26 February 2018.
38. “Social Construction, Travelling, and Passing”, *Workshop on Social Kinds*, University of Essen-Duisburg, 1 February 2018.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

Major Research Grants:

As PI:

- Agencia Estatal de Investigación, Ministerio Ciencia e Innovación, 2022—26. Title: “Philosophy of Social Cognition”. Co-IPs: J. Toribio & E. Díaz León (60,000€).
- *Ramon y Cajal Research Grant (Spanish Government)*, 2014—2019 (40,000 €).
- *Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Standard Research Grant*. Title: “The Social Construction of Gender and Race”, 2011—2014 (\$23,016).
- *University of Manitoba Internal Research Grant*. Title: “A Philosophical Account of Social Construction”, 2009—2010 (\$4,403).

As research team member:

- *Diaphora European Training Network (European Commission)*, 2016—19.
- *MICIIN Research Grant (Spanish Government)*. Title: “Social Metaphysics”, 2019—22.
- *MINECO Research Grant (Spanish Government)*. Title: “Perspectival Thoughts and Facts: New Questions”, 2017—20.
- *MINECO Research Grant (Spanish Government)*. Title: “Derivative Metaphysics”, 2016—18.
- *MINECO Research Grant (Spanish Government)*. Title: “Fallibility, rational belief and knowledge”, 2014—17.
- *Catalan Government “Consolidated Research Group” Grant*. Title: LOGOS-Research Group in Analytic Philosophy, 2014—17; and 2017—21.

Stays Abroad:

- UB Requalification grant for statutory and non-statutory university teaching staff. Host institution: *COGITO Research Centre in Epistemology*, University of Glasgow. Dates: September 2022-August 2023.
- Erasmus+ Mobility grant for teaching staff, Freie University-Berlin: 7-11 December 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (last 10 years):

Honours/Graduate Seminars:

- *Philosophy of Language and Cognition* (CCiL Master), University of Barcelona, Fall 2020 (co-taught with G. Martí & J. Toribio), Fall 2021 (co-taught with J. Toribio).
- *Research Methods in Analytic Philosophy* (APHIL Master), University of Barcelona, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019 (co-taught with M.G. Isaac), Fall 2020 (co-taught with M. Martínez).

- *Topics in Epistemology* (APHIL-CCiL Master), University of Barcelona, Spring 2015.

Undergraduate Courses:

- *Philosophy of Language and Mind I* (English), University of Barcelona, Fall 2022.
- *Problemas Filosóficos III* (Spanish), University of Barcelona, Spring 2020, Spring 2021.
- *Trabajo Fin de Grado* (Spanish), University of Barcelona, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022.

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED/ THESES EXAMINED:

Markel Kortabarria, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2020-present. Thesis topic: Grounding and Explanation. (Primary supervisor)

Marcelino Botín, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2020-present. Thesis topic: The meta-problem of consciousness. (Primary supervisor)

Aarón Alvarez-González, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2018-present. Thesis topic: Emotional phenomenology. (Primary supervisor)

Jasper Heaton, PhD in Philosophy, University of British Columbia, 2016-present. Thesis topic: Gender identity and social construction. (PhD Committee member)

Lisa Vogt, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2016-2022. Thesis topic: Dispositional essentialism. (Secondary supervisor).

Sara Hidalgo Durán, MA in Analytic Philosophy, UB, 2021-22. MA thesis topic: Pejorative terms. (Advisor)

José Antonio Lozano, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2019-20. MA thesis topic: Sexual Orientations. (Advisor)

Markel Kortabarria, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2019-20. MA thesis topic: Biological essentialism. (Advisor)

Metodiy Apostolov, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2019-20. Thesis topic: conceptual ethics and normative terms. (Advisor)

Iris Mercader, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2017-18. Thesis topic: Luck Egalitarianism and Distributive Justice. (Co-Advisor)

Sam Baaijens, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2016-17. Thesis topic: Cognitive Enhancement and Personal Identity. (Advisor)

José Gusmao Rodrigues, MA in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, 2015-16. Thesis topic: Supervenience and non-naturalism about value. (Advisor)

Larisa Segida, PhD in Education, University of Manitoba, 2011-13. PhD thesis topic: Second language learning and the role of culture. (PhD Committee member)

Damian Melamedoff, MA in Philosophy, University of Manitoba, 2012-14. MA thesis topic: Relativism and Contextualism. (MA Committee member)

Si Chen, MA in Philosophy, University of Manitoba, 2010-12. Research paper topic: Phenomenal concepts. (Advisor)

Carlota Serrahima, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona. Thesis topic: An experiential account of bodily ownership. Date of oral exam: 1 July 2019. (Internal examiner)

Mirco Sambrotta, PhD in Philosophy, University of Granada. Thesis topic: Deflationism in Meta-ontology. Date of oral exam: 26 June 2019. (External examiner)

José R. Torices, PhD in Philosophy, University of Granada. Thesis topic: Expressivism and Dog-whistles. Date of oral exam: 25 June 2019. (External Examiner)

Samuele Chilovi, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona. Thesis topic: Grounding Legal Reality. Date of oral exam: 12 June 2019. (Internal examiner)

Jennifer Gleason, PhD in Philosophy, Ohio State University. Thesis topic: Concepts of Mental Disorder. Date of oral exam: 15 April 2019. (External examiner)

Aurelien Darbellay, PhD in Philosophy, University of Barcelona. Thesis topic: Sociality as Cooperation. Date of oral exam: 27 September 2017. (Internal examiner)

Post-doctoral fellows sponsored:

Patrick Connolly, Juan de la Cierva postdoctoral fellowship, University of Barcelona, January 2023-December 2024.

ACADEMIC SERVICE (last 10 years):

Conference Organizer:

- *XVI NOMOS Meeting: The Mismeasure of the Self*, University of Amsterdam, 23-24 June 2022 (with Mari Mikkola).
- *11th Barcelona Workshop: Issues in Conceptual Ethics*, University of Barcelona, 30-31 May 2019 (with Teresa Marques and Manuel-Gustavo Isaac).
- *4th Barcelona Conference on Gender, Race and Sexuality: Issues in Conceptual Ethics and Social Ontology*, University of Barcelona, 7-8 June 2018.
- *XII Inter-University Workshop on Mind, Art and Morality: Language & Power*, University of Barcelona, 22-23 May 2018 (with Teresa Marques).
- *3rd Barcelona Conference on Gender, Race and Sexuality: Issues in Language and Politics*, University of Barcelona, 22-23 June 2016.
- Contributed Symposium on 'Phenomenal Concepts and the Phenomenal Concept Strategy: New Challenges', *Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference*, Helsinki, 9-13 June 2015.

Service at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Barcelona:

MA in Analytic Philosophy Coordination Committee Chair, 2017-2022.
PhD in Analytic Philosophy Admissions Committee Member, 2017-present.
Philosophy Faculty Council Member, 2020-present
Philosophy Faculty Academic Committee Member, 2021-2022.
UB Equity Unity's LGBTQ+ working group member, 2022-present.
Philosophy Faculty Equity Committee Co-Chair, 2022-present.
Philosophy Faculty Equity Committee Member, 2021-2022.
Philosophy Faculty Quality Committee Member, 2018-2022.
Philosophy Department Academic Committee Member, 2018-present.
Diaphora Gender Action and Ethics Committee Member, 2016-19.
LOGOS Colloquium & Seminar Committee Member, 2015-17.

Miscellanea:

APA Committee on International Cooperation (Member), 2017-20.
NOMOS Network in Applied Philosophy Co-coordinator (2022-present).