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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy of Gender, Philosophy of Race

**EMPLOYMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Bowdoin College**

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow 2021 - 2022

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Ph.D., Philosophy May 2021

Dissertation: “Hinge-Commitments as Arational-Beliefs”

Committee: Ram Neta (co-director), Alex Worsnip, (co-director), Matt Kotzen

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*M.A. in Philosophy* May 2017

*Thesis: A Testable Model of Visual Awareness*

**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

*M.A. in Philosophy* GPA 10/10 2015

*Thesis: De Re Modality after Quine* With Honors

**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

*B.A. in Philosophy* GPA 9.56 /10 2011

*With Honors*

*Thesis: Consciousness as a Necessary and Sufficient Condition for Personal Identity*

## PAPERS

“Hinge-commitments as Arational Beliefs” (R&R at *Philosophical Studies*)

“A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of Belief” (Under Review)

## SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Bowdoin CLT Faculty Fellows Program	2021 - 2022
<i>Awarded to a selected cohort of faculty interested in learning strategies to enhance inclusivity and equity in the classroom.</i>	
Summer Research Fellowship, UNC	2020
Horace Williams Fellowship, (non-service fellowship), UNC	2019 - 2020
Chancellor’s Doctoral Candidacy Award, UNC	2019
Maynard E. Adams Fellowship in the Public Humanities, UNC	2018 - 2019
Craig Newman Graduate Fellowship, UNC	2016
<i>Awarded to a second-year student who shows promise as an excellent teacher and humanitarian</i>	
Horace Williams Fellowship, (non-service fellowship), UNC	2015 - 2016
PAPIIT: “Modal Anti-Realism”, UNAM, Mexico.	2013 - 2014
National Fellowship, CONACYT. Mexico.	2011 - 2013

## PRESENTATIONS

“An Epistemic Puzzle About Justification” Philosophy in 15 minutes, UNC-Chapel Hill	2019
“The Nature of Our Substantive Evaluative Beliefs: A Novel Theory of Evaluative Beliefs” (accepted but unable to attend) Siena Heights University	2018
“On a Testable Model of Visual Awareness” 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers University of Colorado	2017
“A Testable Model of Visual Awareness” 15 <sup>th</sup> annual Philosophy of Mind, Language and Cognition Graduate Conference Western University	2017
“Essentialism and De Re modality” 3 <sup>rd</sup> Philosophy in Spanish Workshop, Harvard University	2016

“Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism” 2014  
Second Workshop of Associated Students, IIF. UNAM

“Gender: A natural kind? An Introduction to a Problem in Feminist  
Metaphysics” 2014  
International Women’s Day at IIF. UNAM

“Is there a Quinean skepticism about de re modality after David Lewis?” 2013  
First Workshop of Associated Students, IIF. UNAM

“The reason why Philosophers use strange scenarios but are not crazy.” 2011  
Universidad de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

### **COMMENTARIES**

Commentator at Large  
5th Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference  
University of Pennsylvania 2019

Philip Kitcher’s “Why is Climate Change So Difficult to Address or Stop?”  
UNC-Chapel Hill 2019

Alessandro Torza’s “Ground and Modality”  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers  
Florida State University 2019

Michael Hannon’s “Why Purist Should be Infallibilists”  
2019 APA Eastern Division Meeting 2019

Arturo Javier Castellano’s “Diachronic Composition, Spontaneous Change, and  
the Grounding Problem”  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers  
Syracuse University 2016

Frances Fairbairn’s “Advanced Modalizing”  
Athena in Action 2016: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate  
Student Women in Philosophy  
Princeton University 2016

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor of Record*

#### **Bowdoin College**

Philosophical Issues of Gender and Race	Spring 2022
Responsibility and Rational Belief	Spring 2022
Philosophy and the Internet	Fall 2021

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Knowledge and Society	Spring 2021
Introduction to Mathematical Logic	Summer 2019
Critical Thinking (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2018
Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society	Spring 2018
Critical Thinking	Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2017

#### **Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, Mexico City, Mexico**

Propositional Logic	2013 - 2014
Strategies of Argumentation	2014 - 2015

### *Teaching Assistant*

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Knowledge and Society (supervised by Alex Worsnip)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Mathematical Logic (supervised by Gillian Russell)	Fall 2018
Critical Thinking (supervised by Ram Neta)	Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Mariska Leunissen)	Fall 2016

#### **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Lourdes Valdivia)	Fall 2010
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### *Other Courses Prepared to Teach*

#### **Introductory**

Latin American Philosophy  
History of Philosophy  
Ethics of AI

#### **Advanced**

Epistemology  
Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Mind

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Panelist at the UNC <a href="#">Faculty Showcase on Teaching</a>	Spring 2021
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (NHEB)	Spring 2021 & 2019
Organizer and moderator, Discussion Session on the Values of the Ethics Bowl	Spring 2019
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2020
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2017-2018
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living	Fall 2017
Judge, Summer Undergraduate Pipeline (SUP)	Summer 2017
Mentor, SWIP-Analytic México.	Summer 2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2016-2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2016
Organizer, “1st IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference”	Fall 2014

## REFERENCES

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## Graduate Course Work at UNC

### History

Modern Philosophy, *Alan Nelson*

The Beginning of Analytic Philosophy, *Matthew Kotzen* and *Alan Nelson*

History of Moral Philosophy, *Thomas E. Hill, Jr.*

Aristotle's Politics, *Mariska Leunissen*, and *C.D.C. Reeve*

Aristotle, *C. D. C. Reeve*

### Ethics/Metaethics

Advanced Studies in Moral Theory, *Russ Shafer-Landau*

Reading Course in Feminist Theory\*<sup>1</sup>, *Susan Wolf*

### Epistemology

Philosophy of Psychology (and Irrationality), *Alex Worsnip*

Advanced Studies in Epistemology, *Ram Neta*

Current Issues in Analytic Philosophy: Normative Epistemology\*, *Alex Worsnip*

### Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind

Idealism and the Limits of Conceptual Representation, *Thomas Hofweber*

Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind, *William G. Lycan* and *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Philosophy of Mind, *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Nihilism and the Limits of Revision. *Thomas Hofweber*

Special Fields of Philosophy Seminar, *Karen Neander* and *Carlotta Pavese*, (At Duke University)

### Logic and Philosophy of Science

Symbolic logic, *Gillian Russell*

Extensions of and Alternatives to Classical Logic, *Gillian Russell*

Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Science, *Marc Lange*

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<sup>1</sup> \*=Audited