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AREAS OF SPECIALTY & COMPETENCE

AOS Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Economics
AOC Metaphysics, Feminist Theory

EMPLOYMENT

2022-Present Stanford University, Department of Philosophy
Desai Family Postdoctoral Fellow. *Sponsor*: John W. Etchemendy

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Kansas
Thesis: *Methodology and Microfoundations: A New Argument for an Autonomous Macroeconomics* —Committee: Armin Schulz (chair), John Symons, Sarah Robins, Corey Maley, David Slusky.

2020 Visiting Graduate Student, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of Economics. (Lent Term) *Sponsor*: Johanna Thoma.

2017 MA, Philosophy, University of Kansas—advisor, Armin Schulz.

2013 MA, Philosophy, University of Texas at El Paso

2011 BS, Philosophy, University of Texas at El Paso

PUBLICATIONS—REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

3. “Microfoundations and Methodology: A Complexity-Based Preconception of the Debate” (with Armin Schulz). *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2023, 74, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1086/714805>

2. “Methodology and Microfoundations: A New Argument for an Autonomous Macroeconomics.” *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 2022, 15 (2), 195-200. (invited contributor to the PhD summaries issue)

1. “Social Ontology and Model-Building: A Response to Epstein.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 2021, 51(2), 175-192.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Let’s Keep It Real: Towards an Exemplificationist Account of Precision” with M. Polo Camacho (under review).
- “More Methodology, Less Metaphysics: Microfoundations A Case Study” (under review)

- “In Economics, Model Diversity Is Not Model Pluralism” (abstract available upon request)
- “Beyond the Adequacy-For-Purpose View: Model-Building Constraints” (abstract available upon request)

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

2. Guest writer to the *Lawrence Talks blog*—“Simply a Woman of Learning: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz a Philosopher”. Invited by David Tamez, University of Kansas, 2020.
1. Guest writer to the Center for Comparative Philosophy “*Neglected Virtues*” Blog—“Parental Involvement.” Invited by Owen Flanagan, Duke University, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

5. “In Economics, Model Diversity Is Not Model Pluralism,” *PPE Research Series*, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, *scheduled* April 19, 2024.
4. “Author-Meets-“Critic”: Models, Macroeconomics, & an Empirical Turn,” *Economic Methodology: Models, Measurements, and Interventions Conference*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, March 8, 2024.
3. “Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz—From Philosophical Prose to Philosophical Irony,” *Dualist Speaker Series*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, March 1, 2024.
2. “In Economics, Model Diversity Is Not Model Pluralism,” *University of Texas at El Paso*, El Paso, TX, 2023.
1. “When Philosophy Meets Economics” (with Gutierrez-Luna, David), *Latin American Graduate Organization Annual Symposium*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2018.

Refereed

11. “More Methodology, Less Metaphysic: Microfoundations A Cases Study” *Philosophy, Politics and Economics 7th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, 2023.
10. “Beyond the Adequacy-For-Purpose View: Model-Building Constraints” *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting*, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom, 2023.
9. “Beyond the Adequacy-For-Purpose View: Model-Building Constraints” *International Network of Economic Methodology Conference*, Ca’Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy, 2023.
8. “Economic Model Diversity and Policy Making” *Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurements, and Policies*, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, (June 27-July 1, 2022).
7. “Methodology (Model Diversity) and Policy” *The Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable*, Nebraska-Lincoln University, 2022.

6. “More Methodology, Less Metaphysics: A Response to Hoover’s Argument Against Microfoundations” *2020-2021 27th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association Poster Forum*, 2020.
5. “Social Ontology and Model-Building: A Response to Epstein” *The Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2020.
4. “More Methodology, Less Metaphysics: A Response to Hoover’s Argument Against Microfoundations” *The Soul of Economics*, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, 2019.
3. “Self-Understanding and Gender.” *Southeast Philosophy Congress*, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA, 2014.
2. “Rationality, Before or After the Action?” *Segundo Encuentro Regional de Filosofía Zona Norte*, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, Chihuahua, México, 2013.
1. “Process of Identification of Objects: A Humean Account.” *Primer Encuentro Regional de Filosofía Zona Norte*, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Ciudad Juárez, México, 2012.

Comments

3. On Corey Dethier, “Higher-Order Uncertainty and the Methodology of Climate Economics,” *American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, New Orleans, (scheduled for February 22, 2024).
2. On Alex English, “On Mary Wollstonecraft’s Argument for the Justification of Women’s Rights.” *Philosophy Undergraduate Conference at University of Kansas*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2016.
1. On Gareth Fuller, “Objects: Language and Metaphysics.” *New Mexico-West Texas Conference*, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, 2012.

COLLABORATIONS, WORKING GROUPS, AND LABS

2. Stanford Ethnography Lab, (member)
1. Stanford Indigenous Philosophy Reading/Learning Group, (member)

TEACHING

Instructor:

Stanford University:

Philosophy of Social Science: Social Scientific Methodology— Winter 2023

(for graduate students)

Feminist Philosophy—Spring 2023; Spring 2024 (schedule)

(for graduate and advanced undergraduates students)

Philosophy of Social Science— Autumn 2023

(for graduate and advanced undergraduates students)

University of Kansas:

Philosophical Communication—Spring 2021
(for undergraduate students)
Moral Issues in Business— Spring 2020
(for undergraduate students – online)
Moral Issues in Sports— Summer 2019
(for undergraduate students – online)

University of Texas at El Paso:

Introduction to Philosophy—Summer 2012 & Summer 2013
(for undergraduate students)

Teaching Assistant-Discussion Leader:

University of Kansas:

Introduction to Ethics (x7)
Philosophical Communication (x3)
Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

University of Texas at El Paso:

Introduction to Philosophy (x4)

SERVICE

To the profession:

Conferences:

Economic Methodology: Models, Measurement, and Interventions, Stanford University, March 8-9, 2024. (head organizer)

3rd Annual KU MAP Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Kansas, 2019.
(organizing committee)

Kansas Well-Being Workshop, University of Kansas, 2018 (head organizer with Dale Dorsey).

2nd Annual KU MAP Philosophy Undergraduate Conference, University of Kansas, 2018.
(head organizer)

Session co-organizer:

with Edoardo Peruzzi. “Are Economists Reliable? Measurement, Model Appraisal, and Model Building Constraints”, *International Network of Economic Methodology Conference*, Ca’Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy, 2023.

with Daniel Saunders. “Social Scientific Models and Political Philosophy”, Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable Cognate Session at the *Philosophy of Science Association*. Pittsburgh, PA. 2022.

Steering Committee:

Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable Steering Committee (12/10/23-present).

Philosophy of Science Association Diversity Equity and Inclusion Caucus Steering Committee: Affinity Group First Generation and/or ESL (Aspiring) Philosophers of Science. (co-chair, 2022-present.)

British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting, programme committee for the selection of contributed papers (2023-present).

Article referee:

Synthese, Philosophy of Science.

Departmental and University:

President of the Graduate Association of Philosophy Students, University of Kansas, (2021-2022)

Vice-President of the Graduate Association of Philosophy Students, University of Kansas, (2018-2019)

Secretary of the Latin American Graduate Organization, University of Kansas, (2018) —co-organizer of the *Let's Talk About Immigration* event (October 2018).

Member of the Latin American Graduate Organization, University of Kansas (2015-2016; 2017-present)—co-organizer of *Violence Against Women and Children: Pathways to Resilience* event (March 2018); “*Pregnant and Socially Undocumented: Mujeres Fronterizas en Resistencia*” talk by Dr. Amy Reed-Sandoval (March 2022).

President of the Latin American Graduate Organization, University of Kansas, (2016-2017) — head organizer of the events *Ayotzinapa Tour* (October 2016), *LAGO Symposium Night* (2016 & 2017), and *Latin American Women Writers* event (March 2017).

President of the University of Texas at El Paso’s Philosophy Club, University of Texas at El Paso, (2009-2011).

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

International Network for Economic Method Travel Prize for Young Scholars Award (2022) (Travel subsidy for participating at the Lake Comm Summer School on Economic Behavior: Models, Measurements, and Policies).

Summer Templin Research Award (2021) Philosophy Department at the University of Kansas (research support for outstanding research project).

Graduate Recruitment and Retention Fund Award (Fall 2020-Spring 2021) University of Kansas through College Office of Graduate Affairs. (research support for outstanding service to the Philosophy department with the annual MAP Undergraduate Conference).

Graduate Summer Research Scholarship (2020) University of Kansas (research support for outstanding graduate research project)

Graduate Student Distinguished Service Award (2019)
(nominated by the Philosophy department at the University of Kansas).

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (2018)
(nominated by the philosophy department at University of Kansas).

Anthony C. Genova Scholarship (2018)
(recognition of exceptional performance in the Philosophy graduate program at the University of Kansas. Award giving to one graduate student per year).

LANGUAGES

English—Fluent; Spanish—Native.

REFERENCES

Armin Schulz (advisor)
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Professor of Philosophy
University of California Los Angeles
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Purdue University
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