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CURRENT POSITION

since 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami

EDUCATION

Dr. phil. Philosophy, University of Cologne, awarded 2009
Dissertation: *Intentional Horizons. The Mind from an Epistemic Point of View*,
summa cum laude (0,0)

M.A. Philosophy (major), German Literature and Comparative Literature,
University of Bonn, awarded 2003
Thesis: *Phenomenal Character and Intentionality*, exceptional (1,0)

Visiting Graduate Student Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National
University, 2005-2006

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2013 – 2015 Research Fellow, Zukunfts Kolleg, University Konstanz Project:
“Imagination and Reasoning”
Co-Director, Emmy Noether Research Group *“Understanding and
the A Priori”*, Philosophy Department, University of Konstanz

2009 – 2013 Co-Director, Emmy Noether Research Group *“Understanding and
the A Priori”*, Philosophy Department, University of Cologne

2008 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Philosophy Program, RSSH,
Australian National University (sponsored by DAAD)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Meta-Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Phenomenology, Philosophy of Science, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of
Literature

CURRENT RESEARCH FOCUS

Imagination, Reasoning, Perception, Linguistic Understanding, VR/AR and Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Can Analyticity Explain A Priority?”, *The A Priori*, edited by Dylan Dodd and Elia Zardini, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019.
2. “With Power Comes Responsibility. Cognitive Capacities and Rational Requirements”, for *Reasoning. New Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*, edited by M. and B. Balcerak Jackson, Oxford University Press, 2019.
3. “Intuitions as Inferential Judgments”, *Philosophical Issues* 2018, 28 (1), 7-29.
4. “Justification by Imagination”, *Perceptual Memory and Perceptual Imagination*, collection ed. by F. Dorsch/F. Macpherson, Oxford University Press, 2018.
5. “Perceptual Fundamentalism and A Priori Bootstrapping”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2016, 173 (8), 2087-2103.
6. “Introduction to the Special Issue *The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge*”, *Synthese*, 2015, 192, 9: 2695-2699, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-015-0838-6
7. “The Epistemic Value of Imagining, Supposing and Conceiving”, *Knowledge through Imagination*, collection ed. by A. Kind/P. Kung, Oxford University Press, 2016.
8. “Conceptual Analysis and Epistemic Progress”, *Synthese*, 2013, 190: 3053-3074, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-012-0120-0
9. “Reasoning as a Source of Justification”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2013, 164, 1: 113-126 (with B. Balcerak Jackson), DOI: 10.1007/s11098-013-0098-6
10. “Understanding and Philosophical Methodology”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2012, 161, 2: 185-205 (with B. Balcerak Jackson), DOI: 10.1007/s11098-011-9729-y
11. “*Intentional Horizons. The Mind from an Epistemic Point of View*”, *Mind, Knowledge and Communication series* (ed. T. Metzinger/C. Fehige) mentis 2009 (peer-reviewed monograph)

REVIEWS

1. Review of Aidan McGlynn, Knowledge First?, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2015

EDITORSHIPS

1. “The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge”, Special Issue of *Synthese*, 2015, 192, 9.
2. “*Reasoning. New Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*”, (with Brendan Balcerak Jackson), Oxford University Press, 2019

WORK UNDER REVIEW AND WORK UNDER REVISION

1. “Imagination and the A Priori – A Posteriori Distinction”
2. “Thought Experiments and Model-Based Philosophy”
3. “Imagining Stories”, with Julia Langkau
4. “The Value of Making Things Up”, commissioned for an OUP volume on Imagination, Belief and Delusion.

MONOGRAPH PROJECT

“The Power of Imagination” (for OUP)

GRANTS

- Emmy Noether Research Group Grant “*Understanding and the A Prior?*”, (with Brendan Balcerak Jackson), German Academic Research Council (DFG), 2009-2015 (ca. 1 600 000 Euros)
- Grant for research collaboration and workshop with Julia Langkau at the University of Miami and the University of Konstanz, Dec 2015 – July 2016 (ca. 10 000 Euro)
- Grant for Colloquium on “*Imagination and Fiction?*” at GAP Conference 2015, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP) (with Julia Langkau, ca. 4000 Euro)
- Grant for an Interdisciplinary Course on “*The Philosophy of Archeology?*”, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, July 2014 (with Maria Cruz Berrocal, Archeology, ca. 7000 Euro)
- Grant for supporting the “*Reasoning Conference?*”, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), July 2014 (700 Euro)
- Grant for Research Stay at MIT, Mentorship Prof. Alex Byrne, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, April-May 2014 (ca. 5500 Euro)
- Grant for Scientific Retreat on “*Imagination?*” on Island Reichenau, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, December 2013 (with Julia Langkau, ca. 4500 Euro)
- Supporting Grant for an Author-Meets-Critics Workshop on David Chalmers’ “*Constructing the World?*” in Bonn, German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), June 2013 (500 Euros)
- Supporting Grant for a Conference on “*The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge?*” German Association for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), October 2012 (with Thomas Grundmann, 500 Euros)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Visiting Professorship, CONCEPT, Department of Philosophy, University of Cologne, June – July 2018
- Provost Award of the University of Miami for work on Fiction and Imagination, May – July 2016 (10 500 USD)
- Visiting Professorship, Department of Philosophy, June – July 2016, University of Konstanz
- Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow, February – March 2015
- Visiting Fellow, Philosophy, MIT, April – May 2014

- Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, March – July 2010
- Offermann-Hergarten Award for an outstanding academic publication by a younger scholar at the University of Cologne, 2010
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research at the RSSH, Australian National University, German Academic Exchange Council (DAAD), July-Dec 2008
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research at the University of California Berkeley, German Academic Exchange Council (DAAD), July 2007-August 2008 – declined to take up position at UC Davis
- Full Doctoral Scholarship, German National Academic Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) 2005-2007
- Travel Fellowship, Visiting Graduate Student at Australian National University, German National Academic Merit Foundation, 2005-2006
- M.A. Scholarship, Friedrich-Ebert Foundation, 2000-2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (SELECTED)

- Philosophy Colloquium Organizer (since 2016)
- Member of Search Committee (2017-2018)
- Organizer of the Inclusiveness Workshop (since 2017)
- Member of the Cognitive Studies Group (since 2016)
- Member of Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami (2016, 2017)
- Member of Cognate Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Zukunftscolleg, University of Konstanz (2013-2015)
- Co-Leader of the Emmy Noether Research Group *Understanding and the A Priori* funded by the DFG, 2009-2015.
- Associate Member of the interdisciplinary DFG Research Group “What If”, University of Konstanz (since 2014)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (SELECTED)

- Reviewer for *Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Episteme, Erkenntnis, Mind, Nous, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Synthese*.
- Philosophy of Mind Editor for *Thought*, 2015-2016
- Reviewer for *Oxford University Press, Routledge*
- Mentor of the Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2017

- Member of the Selection Committee, *German National Merit Foundation*, since 2012
- Mentor for gifted students, *German National Merit Foundation*, since 2011
- Editor of PhilPapers categories “Thought Experiments”, “Rationalism”

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Organizer of the *Inclusiveness Workshop*, Miami, April 2018
- Co-Organizer of the *Cognitive Studies Graduate Workshop*, Miami, December 2017
- Organizer of *Imagination and Fiction*, Workshop (with Julia Langkau), Konstanz, July 2016
- Organizer of *Imagination and Fiction*, Kolloquium at GAP Conference (with Julia Langkau), Osnabrück, September 2015
- Organizer of *Semantic Pluralism* Workshop, Konstanz, January 2015
- Organizer of *Reasoning Conference*, Konstanz, July 2014
- Organizer of Philosophical Retreat on *Imagination*, (with Julia Langkau), Island Reichenau, July 2014
- Organizing Committee of Zukunftskolleg Scientific Retreat on *Interdisciplinarity*, Villa Vigoni/Italy, October 2013
- Organizer of *Constructing the World. Author Meets Critics Workshop with David Chalmers*, (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Bonn, May 2013
- Organizer of *The Roles of Experience in A Priori Knowledge Conference*, (with T. Grundmann), Cologne, October 2012
- Organizer of *The Epistemology of Philosophy Conference*, (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Cologne, June 2011
- Organizer of *Surrogate Reasoning in Science and Philosophy Workshop*, (with D. Stoljar, M. Weisberg and B. Balcerak Jackson), ANU, Aug 2010
- Organizer of *Meaning, Modality and A Priority Workshop* (with B. Balcerak Jackson and Lars Dänzer), Cologne, May 2010
- Organizer of *New Research on the A Priori Workshop*, Cologne, Apr 2010
- Organizer of *Issues in Philosophical Methodology Workshop*, Cologne, July 2009

TEACHING

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

- “Virtual Reality and Immersive Experience” (First-Year Seminar, University of Miami, Fall 2018)
- “Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind” (Introductory Course, University of Miami, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

- “Perception, Memory and Imagination” (Advanced Compact Course, University of Konstanz, Summer 2016)
- “Imagination” (Graduate Seminar for PhD Students, University of Miami, Fall 2015)
- “Possible Worlds in Language and Mind” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2014/2015)
- “Imagination” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2013/2014)
- “Consciousness” (Advanced Seminar, University of Cologne, Winter 2010/2011)
- “The Evolution of Mind: Naturalizing Intentionality” (Upper Level Course, UC Davis, Winter 2008)

EPISTEMOLOGY AND META-PHILOSOPHY

- “Social Epistemology” (Graduate Seminar, with Harvey Siegel, University of Miami, Spring 2018)
- “Philosophical Methodology” (Graduate Seminar, with Harvey Siegel, University of Miami, Spring 2017)
- “Epistemology: Reasoning and Inference” (Advanced Seminar, University of Miami, Spring 2016)
- “Self-Knowledge and Introspection” (Advanced Seminar, University of Cologne, Winter 2009/2010)
- “The Philosophy of Philosophy” (Advanced Seminar, with B. Balcerak Jackson, University of Cologne, Summer 2009)
- “Critical Reasoning” (Lecture, UC Davis, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008)

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

- “Introduction to the Philosophy of Science” (Introductory Course, University of Miami, Fall 2016)
- “Understanding Scientific Change” (Lecture, UC Davis, Winter 2008)

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

- “Speech, Power and Politics” (Introductory Course, with Amanda McMullen, University of Miami, Spring 2017)

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- “The Phenomenological Tradition” (Upper Level / Graduate Course, University of Miami, Spring 2018)
- “20th Century European Philosophy: Phenomenology” (Upper Level Course, UC Davis, Fall 2007)

APPLIED ETHICS

- “Food Ethics” (Introductory Course, University of Miami, Spring 2016)
- “Food Ethics” (Advanced Seminar, University of Konstanz, Winter 2013/2014)

SUPERVISION

Casey Landers, PhD candidate, University of Miami (Chair)

David DiDomenico, PhD candidate, University of Miami (Chair)

Adam Hauptfeld, PhD candidate, University of Miami (committee member)

Azenet Lopez, PhD student, University of Miami (committee member)

Dogan Kazakli, PhD student, University of Miami (committee member)

Joshua Myers, Honors Thesis, University of Miami (2017, now PhD student at NYU)

Benjamin Kerst, Master, University of Konstanz (2016, Co-chair)

PRESENTATIONS

1. TBD, Keynote for the Logic of Imagination Conference, Amsterdam, June 2020.
2. TBD, Keynote for Conference on Self-Knowledge and the A Priori, Stirling, December 2019.
3. TBD, Reasoning Beyond Belief Workshop, Cologne, June 2019.
4. TBD, Invited, Episteme Workshop, South Africa, June 2019.
5. TBD, Inference Workshop, Union College, May 2019.
6. Comments on Susanna Schellenberg, Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson, January 2019
7. “Creative Imagination and Practical Questions”, Conference on Belief, Imagination and Delusion, Birmingham, November 2018
8. “Imagination and the Importance of Phenomenal Knowledge”, Conference on Imagination, University of Bochum, March 2018
9. “Imaginability and Intelligibility”, Workshop on Knowledge by Imagination, University of Cologne, February 2018
10. “Imaginability and Intelligibility”, Workshop on Imagination, University of Konstanz, September 2017
11. “Imaginability and Intelligibility”, Workshop on Fiction and Imagination, University of Fribourg, June 2017
12. “Intuitions as Inferential Judgments”, Workshop on Intuitions, Humboldt University Berlin, June 2017
13. “Imagination”, University of Zurich, June 2017
14. Comments on Eric Peterson, Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, May 2017
15. “Imaginability and Intelligibility”, Conference on “The Intellect and Its Philosophical Limits”, Vancouver, April 2017.
16. Comments on Josh Schechter, VSPC Conference, Vancouver, August 2016.
17. “Can Epistemic Analyticity Explain A Priority?”, Keynote at *Philosophical Methodology* Conference, University of Duisburg-Essen, June 2016

18. “With Power Comes Responsibility”, Keynote at *Reasoning* Conference, University of Leipzig, June 2016
19. “Imagination and Skill”, Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, March 2016
20. “Imagining Fictional Worlds”, Friends of Philosophy, University of Miami, February 2016
21. “Imagining Being Another”, *GAP 9 Conference*, Osnabrück, September 2015
22. “Can Epistemic Analyticity Explain A Priority?”, Workshop of the interdisciplinary network *Foundations of Semantics*, Lihn, July 2015.
23. “Imagining Being Another”, *The Sense of Mineness* Conference, Barcelona, March 2015
24. “Imagining Being Another”, Epistemology Speaker Series, University of Edinburgh, February 2015
25. “The Subjective Perspectivity of Imagination”, Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience Seminar, University of Glasgow, February 2015
26. “The Perspectivity of Imagination”, Conference on *Perspectival Imagination*, Institut Jean Nicod Paris, January 2015
27. “Imagination and Perspective-Taking”, Philosophy Colloquium, University of Konstanz, November 2014
28. “The Significance of Epistemic Analyticity”, Conference on *Analyticity*, Lisbon, September 2014
29. “When Can Implies Ought”(with B. Balcerak Jackson), *Reasoning Conference*, Konstanz, July 2014
30. “Intuitionen als Inferenzen”, *University of Hamburg*, July 2014
31. “The cognitive value of imagination”, ZukunftsKolleg, University of Konstanz, June 2014
32. “Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction”, *Uppsala University*, May 2014
33. “The Perspectivity of Imagination”, *Epistemology Brownbag Series*, Northwestern University, May 2014
34. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Epistemology Reading Group*, MIT, April 2014
35. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Boston University*, April 2014
36. “Imagination and the A Priori / A Posteriori Distinction”, *Work in Progress Seminar*, MIT, April 2014
37. “Imagining, Conceiving and Supposing”, *2nd Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference*, Budapest, September 2013
38. “Die Perspektivität der Imagination”, *LMU Munich*, July 2013
39. “The Thick Perspectivity of Imagination”, *ESPP Conference*, Granada, July 2013
40. Comments on S. Dogramaci, Varieties of Validity Worth Having, *Midsummer Philosophy Workshop*, Edinburgh, June 2013
41. “Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction”, *GAP 8*, Konstanz, September 2012

42. "Reasoning as a Source of Justification" (with B. Balcerak Jackson), *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference 2012*, July/August 2012
43. "What Reasoning Can and Cannot Do", *Summerschool in Philosophy with Ralph Wedgwood*, Cologne, July 2012
44. "Imagination and the A Priori/A Posteriori Distinction", *A Priori Conference*, Aberdeen, June 2012
45. "The Epistemic Role of Imagination", University of Hamburg, November 2011
46. "Justification by Imagination", *Perceptual Imagination and Perceptual Memory Conference*, Glasgow, September 2011
47. "Two-Dimensionalism and the Rich Contents of Perception", *2D Semantics and Conceptual Analysis Conference*, Cologne, June 2011
48. "Imagination, Commitment and Justification", *Epistemology of Philosophy Conference*, Cologne, June 2011
49. "Thought Experiments and Models", *Surrogate Reasoning in Science and Philosophy Workshop*, Australian National University, August 2010
50. "Why Intuitions are Inferential and Why it Matters", *Epistemology Workshop*, Australian National University, August 2010
51. "Intentionalism and the Structure of Experience", *AAP*, Sydney University, July 2010
52. "Intuitions as Inferential Judgments", *New Research on the A Priori Workshop*, Cologne, April 2010
53. "Intuitions as Inferential Judgments", RSSS, Australian National University, March 2010
54. "Understanding and Philosophical Methodology", *Workshop with Timothy Williamson*, Cologne, January 2010
55. "A Problem for Disjunctive Relationism about Perception", *GAP 7 Bremen*, September 2009
56. "Two Stories about the Reliability of Intuitions", *Summer School with Alvin Goldman*, Cologne, August 2009
57. "Experience, Self-Knowledge and the Synthetic A Priori", *Thought Experiments Conference*, Fortaleza/Brasil, August 2009
58. "Thought Experiments and Model-Based Philosophy", *Issues in Philosophical Methodology Workshop*, Cologne, July 2009
59. "Experience, Self-Knowledge and the Synthetic A Priori", RSSS, Australian National University, November 2008
60. "An Epistemic Argument for Intentionalism", University of Sydney, Oct 2008
61. "Understanding and Philosophical Methodology" (with B. Balcerak Jackson), Philsoc, Australian National University, September 2008
62. "The Epistemic Significance of Conscious Experience", Bryn Mawr College, February 2008
63. "The Cognitive Dynamics of Conceptual Analysis", UC Davis, May 2007
64. "The Cognitive Dynamics of Conceptual Analysis", *GAP Berlin*, September 2006

65. “Epistemic Agents: Hyper-Ideal, Ideal, or Human” (with JC Bjerring), *Summer School with David Chalmers*, Cologne, August 2006
66. “Conceptual Analysis as Quasi-Scientific Practice”, *AAP*, Canberra, July 2006
67. “The Methodological Suspension of Reference”, *Philsoc*, Australian National University, May 2006
68. “On Cognitively Significant A Priori Reasoning”, *Philsoc*, Australian National University, November 2005

INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Penn Perfect Conference on Reasons and Rationality, Faculty Commentator-at-Large, November 2018
2. Rutgers Epistemology Conference, Rutgers University, May 2017
3. Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Arizona, January 2018

LANGUAGES

- German, English (fluent)
- Polish (native tongue)
- French (good reading and speaking knowledge)
- Latin (good reading knowledge)

REFERENCES

available of request