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EDUCATION

- 2022 **State University of New York at Buffalo**
PhD in Philosophy
- 2015 **University of Bologna**
MA in Philosophy, *summa cum laude* with special recommendation
for publication
("110/110 e lode con dignità di stampa")
- 2014 **Columbia University**
Visiting Student at the Department of Philosophy
- 2012 **University of Bologna, University of Burgundy**
Double B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude* ("110/110 e lode")

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 [*Social Kinds: A User's Manual*](#), State University of New York at Buffalo, *ProQuest Dissertations Publishing*, 29213556
- 2021 [*Social Kinds, Social Objects, and Vague Boundaries*](#), «Proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Ontology of Social, Legal and Economic Entities (SoLEE)»
- 2018 [*An Upper-Level Ontology for SNOMED CT based on OGMS*](#) (with Shaker El-Sappegh, Farman Ali and Kyung-Sup Kwak), «BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making», 18 (1): 1–19

I was responsible for the study of Basic Formal Ontology (BFO) and Ontology for General Medical Science (OGMS) top-level ontologies, the definition of Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Term Ontology (SCTO) upper-level classes suitable for SCTO main (upper level) concepts, the SCTO design and implementation processes, and for proofreading the English.

2014 [*L'identità diacronica fra ontologia e metafisica*](#), «Rivista di Filosofia Analitica Junior»,
5 (2): 66–81

UNDER REVIEW

(titles removed to preserve anonymity)

Paper on realism and constructivism about social kinds (draft available upon request)

Paper on the definition of 'social' (draft available upon request)

Paper on the distinction between ontology and metaphysics (draft available upon request)

WORK IN PROGRESS

(some titles removed to preserve anonymity)

Paper on realist views of social kinds and the ameliorative approach (draft in progress)

Paper on the definition of 'social kind' (draft available upon request)

ArgO: An Ontology for Arguments with J. Neil Otte, John Beverley, Jean-Baptiste Guillon, Brian Donohue, Alan Ruttenberg, and Yonatan Schreiber (draft available upon request)

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

2022 *Construction and Value-ladenness in the Making of Social Kinds*

The 11th Conference of the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS), University of Málaga, Spain, September 21-23, 2022

Construction and Value-ladenness in the Making of Social Kinds

Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality, University of Vienna, Austria, August 23-26, 2022

2021 *Social Kinds, Social Objects, and Vague Boundaries*

SoLEE 2021: 2nd International Workshop on Ontology of Social, Legal and Economic Entities, held at JOWO 2021: Episode VII The Bolzano Summer of Knowledge, Bolzano, Italy, September 11-18, 2021

Getting Real About Antirealism

SOPhiA 2021: 11th Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg, Austria, September 9-11, 2021

Social Ontology 2021, University of California, San Diego, USA, August 9-21, 2021 ([watch](#))

2020 *Causality, Convention, and Natural Kinds*

The 12th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, July 13-25, 2020 ([watch](#))

2019 *A Well-Tempered Pluralism about Social Kinds*

ENSO VI: the Sixth Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology, University of Tampere, Finland, August 24, 2019

2017 *Defining 'organization' with Basic Formal Ontology*

2nd Workshop on Representing Social and Legal Entities in the Biomedical Domain at ICBO (International Conference on Biomedical Ontology), Newcastle, UK, September 13, 2017

Organizations: an Ontological Approach

ENSO V: the Fifth Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology, Lund University, Sweden, August 31, 2017

ArgO: An Ontology for Arguments (with J. Neil Otte and Jean-Baptiste Guillon)

Rich Semantics and Direct Representation for Digital Collections, workshop at JCDL (Joint Conference on Digital Library), University of Toronto, Canada, June 22, 2017

Reduction, Existence, and Natural Kinds

Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA, February 25, 2017

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

February – August 2023 Lecturer – Metaphysics
Ethics and the Good Life

Fixing Frankenstein: Normative Questions in Philosophy of Technology
Feminism and Philosophy

FRANKFURT SCHOOL OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

August 2022 – January 2023 Lecturer – Introduction to Academic Skills

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Spring 2022 Research Assistant to N.E. Williams

Winter 2022 Full Instructor – PHI 107 Introduction to Ethics

Fall 2021 Research and Teaching Assistant to N.E. Williams – PHI 329 Metaphysics

Summer 2021 Full Instructor - PHI 115 Critical Thinking

Spring 2021 Research and Teaching Assistant to N.E. Williams - PHI 634 Social Ontology

Fall 2020 Research and Teaching Assistant to N.E. Williams - PHI 321 Philosophy of Science

Summer 2020 Full Instructor - Medical Ethics; Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

Spring 2020 Research and Teaching Assistant to N. E. Williams - PHI 321 Philosophy of Science

Fall 2019 Research Assistant to N. E. Williams

Spring 2019 Full Instructor - PHI 105 Contemporary Moral Problems

Fall 2018 Full Instructor - PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Spring 2018 Full Instructor - PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant to D. Hershenov - PHI 237 Medical Ethics: Social & Ethical Values in Medicine

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant to M. Gifford - PHI 105 Contemporary Moral Problems

- Fall 2016** Research Assistant to B. Smith
- Spring 2016** Teaching Assistant to M. Donnelly - UGC 111 World Civilization
- Fall 2015** Teaching Assistant to M. Donnelly - UGC 111 World Civilization

FUNDING AND AWARDS – UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

- 2023** 2021-2022 Thomas Perry Dissertation Prize for the best dissertation completed by a student in the University at Buffalo Philosophy Department, \$1000
- 2021** 2020-2021 Peter H. Hare Award for Best Overall Paper for “Getting Real About Social Kinds Antirealism”, \$1000
- 2020** 2019-2020 Peter Hare Department Citizenship Award, \$1000
- 2019** 2018-2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, \$750
- 2015-2019** Presidential Fellowship, \$7500 a year

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COLLECTIVE DUTIES – UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

- 2018-2019** Senator of the UB Graduate Student Association (elected position; voting member)
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- Fall 2016** Co-organizer of the UB Undergraduate Philosophical Society

EVENT ORGANIZATION – UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Lead Organizer of the conference ‘University at Buffalo (SUNY) Graduate Philosophy Conference’, University at Buffalo, 6th October, 2018 (<https://philevents.org/event/show/42266>).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Society for Social Ontology (ISOS)
 LabOnt – Center for Ontology

REVIEWING ACTIVITY

Rivista di Estetica, Synthese

LANGUAGES

Italian	Native Speaker
English	Fluent
French	Fluent
Spanish	Basic

REFERENCES

NEIL E. WILLIAMS

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