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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**

- Forthcoming    [\*On Whether It Is and What It Is\*](#), «Acta Analytica», 1-12
- 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)

#### 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: 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**INVITED TALKS**

**2024**      *Social Kinds, Values and Realism*

University of Antwerp, Belgium, May 16, 2024

- 2024**      *Social Kinds*  
University of Antwerp, Belgium, May 15, 2024
- 2023**      *La fragilità come categoria sociale*  
Istituto Universitario Salesiano Venezia (IUSVE), Italy, November 6, 2023
- 2023**      *Generi Sociali*  
Presentation at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy, July 5, 2023

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEUCHÂTEL

- October 2023 -**              SNSF Postdoctoral Researcher for the project “An Ontology of Production, Products and By-Products”

#### UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

- February – August 2023**    Lecturer in:  
Metaphysics  
Ethics and the Good Life  
Fixing Frankenstein: Normative Questions in Philosophy of Technology  
Feminism and Philosophy  
Bachelorscriptie Filosofie: Ethics and the Good Life [Bachelor’s thesis supervision]

#### FRANKFURT SCHOOL OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

- August 2022 – January 2023**    Lecturer – Introduction to Academic Skills (2 courses)

#### 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

<b>Summer 2021</b>	Full Instructor - PHI 115 Critical Thinking
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Research and Teaching Assistant to N.E. Williams - PHI 634 Social Ontology
<b>Fall 2020</b>	Research and Teaching Assistant to N.E. Williams - PHI 321 Philosophy of Science
<b>Summer 2020</b>	Full Instructor - Medical Ethics; Social and Ethical Values in Medicine
<b>Spring 2020</b>	Research and Teaching Assistant to N. E. Williams - PHI 321 Philosophy of Science
<b>Fall 2019</b>	Research Assistant to N. E. Williams
<b>Spring 2019</b>	Full Instructor - PHI 105 Contemporary Moral Problems
<b>Fall 2018</b>	Full Instructor - PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
<b>Spring 2018</b>	Full Instructor - PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
<b>Fall 2017</b>	Teaching Assistant to D. Hershenov - PHI 237 Medical Ethics: Social & Ethical Values in Medicine
<b>Spring 2017</b>	Teaching Assistant to M. Gifford - PHI 105 Contemporary Moral Problems
<b>Fall 2016</b>	Research Assistant to B. Smith
<b>Spring 2016</b>	Teaching Assistant to M. Donnelly - UGC 111 World Civilization
<b>Fall 2015</b>	Teaching Assistant to M. Donnelly - UGC 111 World Civilization

**FUNDING AND AWARDS** – UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

<b>2023</b>	2021-2022 Thomas Perry Dissertation Prize for the best dissertation completed by a student in the University at Buffalo Philosophy Department, \$1000
<b>2021</b>	2020-2021 Peter H. Hare Award for Best Overall Paper for “Getting Real About Social Kinds Antirealism”, \$1000
<b>2020</b>	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)  
2017-2018 Senator of the UB Graduate Student Association (elected position; voting member)  
2016-2017 Senator of the UB Graduate Student Association (elected position; voting member)  
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, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 (<https://philevents.org/event/show/42266>).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

[International Society for Social Ontology \(ISOS\)](#)  
[Labont – Center for Ontology](#)  
[Metaphysics Collaborative](#)  
[National Center for Ontological Research \(NCOR\)](#)

**REVIEWING ACTIVITY**

*Rivista di Estetica, Synthese*

**LANGUAGES**

Italian Native Speaker  
English Fluent  
French Fluent

## REFERENCES

### **NEIL E. WILLIAMS**

Department Chair and Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
University at Buffalo  
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### **BARRY SMITH**

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Department of Philosophy  
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