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## Present position

10/2020 – present     **Postdoctoral researcher**  
Cognition, Values and Behavior Interdisciplinary Research Group  
Chair of Philosophy of Mind, Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich.

## Research areas

Specialization     **Philosophy of mind, neurophilosophy, metaphysics**  
Competence     Philosophy of cognitive science, logic, early modern philosophy

## Postdoctoral training

1/2022     **Neuroscience of Consciousness Winter School**, The Canadian Institute  
for Advanced Research (CIFAR)

## Education

2017 – 2020     **Ph.D., Philosophy**, University of Miami  
*Dissertation*: “Information gating and the structure of consciousness”  
*Supervisor*: Berit Brogaard.  
*Committee*: Ophelia Deroy, E.J. Green, Magdalena Balcerak-Jackson,  
Elijah Chudnoff.

2020     **M.A., Philosophy** (awarded, with honors)  
The National Autonomous University of Mexico  
*Thesis*: “Metaphysical and Modal Dependence in Priority Monism: Two  
Challenges”  
*Supervisor*: Jose Edgar Gonzalez Varela.  
*Committee*: Axel Barceló Aspeitia, Ricardo Salles.

2019 – 2020     **Visiting Scholar**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2014 – 2017     **M.A., Philosophy**, University of Miami

- 2012 – 2013      **Visiting Student Research Collaborator**, Princeton University.
- 2011 – 2013      **M.A., Philosophy** (coursework), The National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- 2010                **B.A., Philosophy** (with honors).  
The National Autonomous University of Mexico  
*Thesis*: “Individuation and beatitude in Spinoza’s Ethics”  
*Supervisor*: Luis Ramos-Alarcon Marcin

## Publications

- In press            Attention, precision and the Content View, in *The Roles of Representation in Visual Perception*, B. Brogaard and R. French (eds), Synthese Library Book Series.
- Graded attention, discrete consciousness?, forthcoming in the edited volume from the conference *Conscious and Unconscious Mind: Commonalities and Differences*.
- 2022                Vicarious attention, degrees of enhancement and the contents of consciousness. *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*, 3, 1.  
<https://doi.org/10.33735/phimisci.2022.9194>

## Awards and Grants

From governmental agencies:

- 2021 – 2022      **Bavarian Gender Equality Grant (BGF) Stipend for Female Postdocs**  
*Project*: “How attention brings structure to consciousness”
- 2020 – 2021      **The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) One Year Research Grant**  
*Project*: “The power of phenomenal consciousness and the power of attention”
- 2014 – 2017      **Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship**
- 2012 – 2013      **The National Council for Science and Technology Scholarship for Studies Abroad** (Beca Mixta CONACYT, Mexico)
- 2011 – 2013      **The National Council for Science and Technology Graduate Studies Scholarship** (Beca Nacional CONACYT, Mexico)

From academic institutions:

- 2019 – 2020            **SHASS Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2014 – 2019            **Full Tuition Award**, University of Miami.
- 2019                    **GAFAC Travel Grant**, University of Miami,  
**Kriloff Student Travel Scholarship**, University of Miami
- 2018                    **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award**, University of Miami  
**Ethics and Philosophy Summer Internship Grant**, University of Miami  
**GAFAC Travel Grant**, University of Miami  
**Kriloff Student Travel Scholarship**, University of Miami
- 2017                    **GAFAC Travel Grant**, University of Miami  
**Kriloff Student Travel Scholarship**, University of Miami
- 2016                    **Ethics and Philosophy Summer Internship Grant**, University of Miami  
**GAFAC Travel Grant**, University of Miami  
**Kriloff Student Travel Scholarship**, University of Miami
- 2015                    **Ethics and Philosophy Summer Internship Grant**, University of Miami  
**Kriloff Student Travel Scholarship**, University of Miami
- 2012 – 2013            **Visiting Student Research Collaborator tuition waiver**, Princeton  
University

## Talks and Presentations

Refereed:

- 7/2022                    “A wandering mind does not blink”, with Jocelyn Yuxing Wang.  
Poster presentation at the joint meeting of the European Society for  
Philosophy and Psychology and the Society for Philosophy and  
Psychology, Milan, Italy.
- 6/2022                    “If attention is graded, can consciousness be all-or-nothing?”  
*Conscious and Unconscious Mind: Commonalities and Differences.*  
Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech  
Republic.
- 3/2022                    “Attention and the precision of color perception”  
The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 113th Meeting,  
Mobile, Alabama, USA.

- 9/2019 “Attentional overlappings in visuo-spatial crowding: In support of a constitutive link with phenomenal consciousness”  
The European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece.
- 12/2018 “No attention to objects without phenomenal consciousness of objects”  
MindGrad workshop, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom.
- 8/2017 “Skepticism about zombie conceivability”.  
The European Society for Analytic Philosophy, 9th Congress  
Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany.
- 1/2016 “An expressivist account of emotion and sensation attributions”, with Berit Brogaard. The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 112th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA.
- Invited:
- 6/2021 “Attentional enhancement and the rise of consciousness”  
CVBE seminar, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany.
- 4/2021 “Attention, precision and the Content View”  
WIP seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.
- 10/2020 “The unification of attention by normalization”  
CVBE seminar, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany.
- 2/2020 “Hope for attentional neurobiological essentialism”  
WIP seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.
- 9/2016 “Non-descriptivism of emotion and sensation attributions”.  
The American Association of Mexican Philosophers, 9th Annual Meeting, Syracuse University, New York, USA.
- Commentaries:
- 3/2017 On Corey Maley, “Minds are not Turing machines (but they are persistent Turing machines)”.  
The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 109th Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, USA.
- 4/2015 On Viorica Ramirez de Santiago, “An alternative interpretation of Plato’s beard”.  
The American Association of Mexican Philosophers, 8th Annual Meeting, Columbia University, New York, USA.

## Supervision

6/2021 – present      Eliška Šimsová, summer internship.  
*Project: “The effects of attention on color perception. Philosophical implications”*

## Teaching

At the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich:

2022              Advanced BA and MA seminar, *The Philosophy of Attention*  
11/2021          Guest lecturer at BA seminar, *Philosophical and Psychological Aesthetics*.

At the University of Miami:

2020              PHI109 *The Superhuman Mind: An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind* (online)  
2019              PHI115 *Social and Ethical Issues in Computing*  
2018              PHI339 *Philosophy of Love* (online)  
2017              PHI348 *Introduction to Philosophy through the Brain and Behavioral Sciences*  
(with Berit Brogaard)  
PHI339 *Philosophy of Love* (online; with Berit Brogaard)  
PHI334 *Philosophy of Mind* (online)  
PHI210 *Symbolic Logic*  
2016              PHI110 *Critical Thinking*  
PHI210 *Symbolic Logic*  
2015              PHI135 *Philosophy of Love*  
PHI348 *The Superhuman Mind: An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind* (Teaching  
assistant; online).  
PHI 135 *Philosophy of Love* (Teaching assistant).

At the National Autonomous University of Mexico:

2013              *Introduction to Metaphysics* (Teaching assistant).  
2012              *Selected Topics on Metaphysics and Ontology* (Teaching assistant).

Experience in primary and secondary education:

2010 – 2011 Tutor for the program “Prepa Abierta” of the Mexican Public Education Secretary (SEP), at the Instituto Comercial Isabel la Católica.

Subjects: Methodology of Learning, Methodology of Reading, Workshop in Writing and Spanish Grammar, Literary Readings, Philosophical Readings, Logic.

## Professional activities and service

- 1/2021 – present **Coordinator of How-To internal training sessions**, CVBE/Crowd Cognition, LMU Munich.
- 7/2021 **Presenter at How-To internal training sessions**, CVBE/Crowd Cognition, LMU Munich (“How to defend a PhD dissertation”).
- 3/2021 **Observer for B.A. thesis defense**, “What is Romantic Love?”, Francisco Huaman Wichler, LMU Munich.
- 2016 – 2018 **Coordinator of the Philosophy Research Forum**, University of Miami (with Dogan Kazakli and Brendan Balcerak-Jackson).
- 8/2017 **Chair for ECAP9**, Session 9I: 23-1-Section 6B (Miscellaneous Topics on the Philosophy of Mind) and Session 13G: 24-1-Section 6A (Consciousness).
- 2017 **Developer of online class**, *Philosophy of Love* (with Berit Brogaard).
- 3/2015 **Organizer**, visiting weekend for prospective Ph.D. students, University of Miami.
- 2014 **Indexer**, Chudnoff, E., *Cognitive Phenomenology*, Routledge, 2015.

## Outreach

- 11/2017 **Guest speaker**, *Get Smart*, WVUM 90.5, University of Miami (on attention and consciousness).
- 3/2015 **Demonstrator**, *Brain Day*, Baptist Health South Florida (on behalf of the Brogaard Lab for Multisensory Research)

## Philosophy reading groups

- Winter 2020-21      Nicholas Shea, *Representation in Cognitive Science* (with Lucas Battich and Sofia Rappe)
- Summer 2020      Jesse Prinz, *Furnishing the Mind* (with Jocelyn Wang)
- Summer 2019      Reading group on ontic structural realism and priority monism (with Otavio Bueno, Anjan Chakravartty and Mahmood Vahidnia)
- Summer 2015      Karen Bennett, *Making Things Up* (with Ted Locke and Simon Evnine)

## Languages

Spanish (native), English (near native), German (C1 certificate, earned in 2011).