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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Metaphysics, Philosophy of Computing and AI, Applied Ontology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE
Critical Thinking, Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

2025 – present	**SUNY Niagara** Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, *Division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences* Professional Tutor, *Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)*
2019 – 2024	**University at Buffalo** Graduate Assistant, *Department of Philosophy*

EDUCATION

In progress	**Daemen University** M.S. in Inclusive Childhood Education
2025	**University at Buffalo (SUNY)** Ph.D. in Philosophy Dissertation: "Understanding Economic Transactions: An Ontological Approach" Committee: Barry Smith (Chair), John Beverley, David Braun, Neil E. Williams
2019	**University of Turin** M.A. in Philosophy Thesis: "Uptake in Document Acts" Advisors: Maurizio Ferraris, Angela Condello
2016	**University of Turin** B.A. in Philosophy Thesis: "Inscriptions or Intentions? Self-fulfilling Prophecy and Financial Crisis" Advisor: Maurizio Ferraris

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED VOLUMES

2023   Ontology of finance (with B. Smith), *Rivista di Estetica*, 84(3).

2021   Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Biomedical Ontology (with A. Diehl and W. Duncan), *CEUR Workshop Proceedings,* 2931.

ARTICLES IN REFERRED JOURNALS

2023   "Ownership, preferences, and offers", *Rivista di Estetica,* 84(3), 58-74.

2018   "What is a Speculative Bubble?", *Symposia Melitensia*, 14, 367-376.

INTRODUCTION

2023   "Ontology of finance: an introduction" (with B. Smith), *Rivista di Estetica* 84(3), 3-6.

BOOK REVIEW

2021   "B. Fisher (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Animal Ethics, 2018"*, *Metapsychology*, 15(10).

OTHER PUBLICATION

2020   "Social/Natural", *Post-coronial Studies*, LabOnt Blog.

WORK IN PROGRESS

A paper on the need for a computational ontology of finance and the role of philosophers in building it
(invited to be included in the collection of papers "Philosophy and Finance: Eleven Issues and Open Questions" published by *Synthese*; currently under review, draft available upon request)

A paper presenting an ontology of contracts and transactions
(in progress; draft available upon request)

A paper on money, functions, and causal powers
(in progress)

A paper on AI systems and social agency (with F. Franda)
(in progress)

TALKS

Invited talks are marked with an [I], peer-reviewed talks are marked with a [P], talks at events I organized are marked with an [O]

07/23/2024   "Artificial Interactive Systems as Non-Social Agents" (with F. Franda) [P]
Social Ontology 2024 (ISOS Conference)
Duke University, Durham, USA

05/07/2024   "AI Systems, Social Agency, and Emotions" (with F. Franda) [I]
Effort and Capacities Seminar
University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

11/30/2023   "Are Automated Trading Systems Social Agents?" [P]
2nd International Conference on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
Universidad do Porto, Portugal

08/17/2023   "Deontic States of Affairs: The Case of Money" [P]
Social Ontology 2023 (ISOS Conference)
University of Stockholm, Sweden

05/24/2023   "Advantages and Challenges of Building a Realism-based Ontology of Finance" [I]
Basic Formal Ontology Summit Meeting
University at Buffalo, NY, USA

03/18/2023   "Classifying Bitcoin: The Priority of the Descriptive Approach" [P]
Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable
University of Memphis, TN, USA

02/28/2023   "Ontology of the Financial Transaction" [I]
Phinance Online Seminar
Phinance, the Philosophy & Finance Network

08/25/2022   "What is an Investment?" [P]
Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality 2022 (ISOS Conference)
University of Vienna, Austria

05/07/2022   "Foundations for an Ontology of Finance" [O]
Ontology of Finance (Workshop)
University at Buffalo, NY, USA

08/20/2021   "Dispositional Properties in the Social Realm" [P]
Social Ontology 2021 (7th Biennial ENSO Conference)
University of California, San Diego, CA, USA

03/31/2021   "Some Proposals to Improve the PhilPapers Categorization System" [O]
Classifying Philosophy: Problems and Strategies (Workshop)
University at Buffalo, NY, USA

01/11/2021   "Che cos'è un atto sociale?" [I]
Labont Seminar
University of Turin, Italy

07/15/2020   "The Weak Textualist Dilemma" [P]
Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality 2020 (ISOS Conference)
Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

08/24/2019   "Simulation of Consent in Complex Document Acts" [P]
Social Ontology 2019 (6th Biennial ENSO Conference)
Tampere University, Finland

04/09/2019   "Artworks as Capital" (with M. Bertolino) [P]
Philosophy of Art (8th Dubrovnik Conference)
Dubrovnik, Croatia

08/22/2018   "Felicity Conditions of Document Acts" [P]
Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality (ISOS Conference)
Tufts University, MA, USA

09/18/2017   "What is a Speculative Bubble?" [P]
Connections (Annual International Multi-Disciplinary Conference)
G. F. Abela Junior College, Malta

POSTER PRESENTATION

30/03/2023   "Towards a Realism-based Ontology of Finance"
IAD days
Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data, University at Buffalo, NY, USA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SUNY NIAGARA
Spring 2025   Primary Instructor – Introduction to Philosophy

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
Winter 2023   Primary Instructor – Contemporary Moral Problems
Summer 2023   Primary Instructor – Introduction to Ethics

Winter 2023	Primary Instructor – Contemporary Moral Problems
Summer 2022	Primary Instructor – Critical Thinking
Winter 2022	Primary Instructor – Critical Thinking
Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant to Neil E. Williams – Philosophy of Science
Spring 2022	Teaching Assistant to David Hershenov – Medical Ethics
Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant to Duane Long – Contemporary Moral Problems
Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant to Lewis Powell – Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant to David Braun – Philosophy of Mind

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Spring 2024	Research Assistant to Neil E. Williams – Metaphysics
Fall 2023	Research Assistant to Neil E. Williams – Metaphysics
Spring 2023	Research Assistant to Neil E. Williams – Metaphysics
Spring 2021	Research Assistant to Barry Smith – Applied Ontology
Spring 2020	Research Assistant to Barry Smith – Applied Ontology

SERVICE

EVENT ORGANIZATION

04/12/2024	Co-organizer of *Davidfest – A Workshop in Honor of David Braun*
	Richardson Hotel, Buffalo, NY
11/03/2023	Co-organizer of *Grounding Powers* (Workshop)
	Richardson Hotel, Buffalo, NY
05/07/2022	Lead organizer of *Ontology of Finance* (Workshop)
	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
03/31/2021	Lead organizer of *Classifying Philosophy: Problems and Strategies* (Workshop)
	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Winter 2020	Abstracts Reviewer for *Philosophy of Sex and Love* (Graduate Conference)
	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

INVITED REFEREEING
Applied Ontology, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, *Rivista di Estetica*

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2019-2024   Graduate Scholarship
            5 years of full PhD funding: tuition, stipend, and health insurance
            University at Buffalo

2019-2023   Dean's Scholarship
            $4000 per year
            University at Buffalo

2023   Hourani Memorial Fund for Teaching Ethics
            $3000
            University at Buffalo

2023   Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award
            $1000
            Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo

2022   Grant for the organization of the workshop "Ontology of Finance"
            $600
            ISOS (International Social Ontology Society)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

APA (American Philosophical Association)
ISOS (International Social Ontology Society)
NCOR (National Center for Ontological Research)
LabOnt - Center for Ontology

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

DAEMEN UNIVERSITY
Foundations of learning and instruction   Mark Brown
Intro to disability and inclusive education Mark Brown
Intro to educational assessment and IEP   Giorgianna Sorrentino
Inclusive practices in elementary literacy   Angela Stockman
Inclusive practices in math   Giorgianna Sorrentino
Methods for classroom management   Colleen Wilkinson
Action Research Literacy Intervention   Angela Stockman
Equity and social justice in education   Mary Sorrels

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Metaphysics	Neil E. Williams
Social ontology	Neil E. Williams
Philosophy for the intelligence analyst	Barry Smith
Time, tense, and temporal perspective	Maureen Donnelly
Aesthetics	Alex King
Social and political philosophy	Ryan Muldoon
Teaching philosophy	Lewis Powell
History of modern philosophy	Lewis Powell
Financial economics I	Sally Abell
Financial economics II	Sally Abell
Philosophy of language	David Braun
Modal logic	David Braun
Metaphysics and ethics of transhumanism	David Hershenov

UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Ontology	Maurizio Ferraris
Theoretical philosophy	Maurizio Ferraris
Mind & Language	Alberto Voltolini
Philosophical arguments	Diego Marconi
Philosophy of art	Tiziana Andina
History of philosophy I	Guido Bonino
History of philosophy II	Paolo Tripodi
History of ideas	Guido Bonino
Philosophy of literature	Carola Barbero
Metaphysics	Graham Harman
Bioethics	Maurizio Mori
Games, preferences, and decisions	Paolo Maffezioli

LANGUAGES

Italian (native speaker), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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