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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.

BOOK CHAPTER

2023 [“Why we need a computational ontology of finance \(and how philosophers can help build it\)”,](#) in E. Ippoliti, M. Vergara-Fernández, & F. Zennaro (Eds.), *Philosophy and finance: Ten open questions, Synthese Library*, Vol. 504, pp. 125-140), Springer Nature Switzerland.

ARTICLES IN REFERRED JOURNALS

2023 [“Ownership, preferences, and offers”](#), *Rivista di Estetica*, 84(3), 58-74.

2018 [“What is a Speculative Bubble?”](#), *Symposia Melitensis*, 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 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]

07/01/2025 “Artificial Interactive Systems as Non-Social Agents” (with F. Franda) [P]
Sophia 2025, International Congress
Nantes University, Nantes, France

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 2026 Primary Instructor – Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2026 Primary Instructor – Ethics: Morality, Law, and Politics

Fall 2025 Primary Instructor – Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2025 Primary Instructor – Ethics: Morality, Law, and Politics
Spring 2025 Primary Instructor – Introduction to Philosophy

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Winter 2024 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
Winter 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

2024-2025 Graduate Scholarship
Tuition reduction for the entire duration of the program
Daemen University

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
Critical issues in inclusive education	Mark Brown
Curriculum modifications	Rochelle Hoot
Postsecondary transition planning	Rochelle Hoot

Education technology

Caitilin Riegel

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Metaphysics
Social ontology
Philosophy for the intelligence analyst
Time, tense, and temporal perspective
Aesthetics
Social and political philosophy
Teaching philosophy
History of modern philosophy
Financial economics I
Financial economics II
Philosophy of language
Modal logic
Metaphysics and ethics of transhumanism

Neil E. Williams
Neil E. Williams
Barry Smith
Maureen Donnelly
Alex King
Ryan Muldoon
Lewis Powell
Lewis Powell
Sally Abell
Sally Abell
David Braun
David Braun
David Hershenov

UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Ontology
Theoretical philosophy
Mind & Language
Philosophical arguments
Philosophy of art
History of philosophy I
History of philosophy II
History of ideas
Philosophy of literature
Metaphysics
Bioethics
Games, preferences, and decisions

Maurizio Ferraris
Maurizio Ferraris
Alberto Voltolini
Diego Marconi
Tiziana Andina
Guido Bonino
Paolo Tripodi
Guido Bonino
Carola Barbero
Graham Harman
Maurizio Mori
Paolo Maffeioli

LANGUAGES

Italian (native speaker), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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