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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 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 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]
Sopha 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
Universidade 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

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 Maffezoli

LANGUAGES

Italian (native speaker), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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