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EDUCATION	<b>Stanford University</b> , Ph.D., Philosophy DISSERTATION: <i>Statistics and Probability in Criminal Trials</i>	2007–2013
	<b>University of Amsterdam</b> , M.Sc., Logic M.SC. THESIS: <i>Formalizing Legislation in the Event Calculus</i>	2005–2007
	<b>Catholic University of Milan</b> , B.A., Philosophy	2001–2004
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Arizona State University</b> ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, <i>School of Historical, Philosophical &amp; Religious Studies</i>	from 2020
	<b>Lehman College, City University of New York</b> ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, <i>Department of Philosophy</i>	2014–2020
	<b>Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton</b> INFOSYS FELLOW, <i>School of Social Science</i>	2016–2017
	<b>Stanford University</b> LECTURER, <i>Department of Philosophy</i>	2014
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Evidence and probability; risk and decision-making; algorithmic fairness; statistics in the law	
GRANTS/ AWARDS	ASU Seed Grant	2022–2023
	PSC-CUNY Research Grant	2020–2021
	Faculty Fellowship Publication Program, CUNY	2019–2020
	Summer Seminar in the Philosophy of Statistics, Virginia Tech	2019
	PSC-CUNY Research Grant	2016–2017
	Infosys Fellowship, IAS, Princeton	2016–2017
	Scholar Incentive, Lehman College, CUNY	2016–2017
	PSC-CUNY Research Grant	2015–2016
	Huygens Scholarship, Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation	2006–2007
JOURNAL ARTICLES	<b>“A Probabilistic Analysis of Cross-examination Using Bayesian Networks”</b> <i>Philosophical Issues (a supplement to Noûs)</i> , 31(1): 41–65	2021
	<b>“When Statistical Evidence Is Not Specific Enough”</b> <i>Synthese</i> , 199: 12251–12269	2021
	<b>“Profile Evidence, Fairness and the Risks of Mistaken Convictions”</b> (w/ Collin O’Neil) <i>Ethics</i> , 130(2): 147–178	2020
	<b>“Proof Paradoxes and Normic Support: Socializing or Relativizing?”</b> <i>Mind</i> , 129(516): 1269–1285	2020

JOURNAL ARTICLES (cont'd)	<b>"Trial by Statistics: Is a High Probability of Guilt Enough to Convict?"</b> <i>Mind</i> , 128(512): 1045-1084	2019
	<b>"Can Probability Theory Explain Why Closure Is Both Intuitive and Prone to Counterexamples?"</b> <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 175(9): 2145-2168	2018
	<b>"Epistemic Closure, Assumptions and Topics of Inquiry"</b> <i>Synthese</i> , 191(16): 3977-4002	2014
SHORT (< 5,000 words)	<b>"Plausibility and Reasonable Doubt in the Simonshaven Case"</b> <i>Topics in Cognitive Science</i> , 12(4): 1200-1204	2020
	<b>"Plausibility and Probability in Juridical Proof"</b> <i>International Journal of Evidence and Proof</i> , 23(1/2)	2019
ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES	<b>"Legal Probabilism"</b> (w/ Rafal Urbaniak) <i>Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i>	2021
EDITED VOLUMES	<b>"Evidence and Decision Making in the Law"</b> Guest editor with Bart Verheij <i>Artificial Intelligence and Law</i> , 28, special issue	2020
CHAPTERS/ PROCEEDINGS	<b>"Evidential Reasoning"</b> (w/ Bart Verheij) Bongiovanni, Postema, Rotolo, Sartor, Valentini and Walton (eds) <i>Handbook of Legal Reasoning and Argumentation</i> , Springer	2018
	<b>"Betraying Davidson: The Quest for the Incommensurable"</b> Carrara and Morato (eds) <i>Language, Knowledge and Metaphysics</i> , College Publications	2009
	<b>"The LKIF Core Ontology of Basic Legal Concepts"</b> (w/ Hoestra, Breuker and Boer) Casanovas, Biasiotti, Francesconi and Sagri (eds) <i>Proceedings of the Workshop on Legal Ontologies and Artificial Intelligence Techniques</i>	2007
REVIEWS	<b>"Douglas Walton: Argument Evaluation and Evidence"</b> (w/ Bart Verheij) <i>Argumentation</i> , 32(2)	2018
TRANSLATIONS	<b>"L'individualizzazione come decisione"</b> <i>Philosophical Readings</i> , 12(2) – Italian translation of Alex Biederdam, Franco Taroni and Silvia Bozza "The Decisionalization of Individualization," <i>Forensic Science International</i> , 266	2020
TALKS (*= <i>peer-reviewed</i> )	<b>"Accuracy and the Weight of Evidence"</b> (w/ Rafal Urbaniak) North Sea Group (Groningen/King's College/Lund), online	November 2022
	<b>"Artificial Intelligence for Judges"</b> (w/ Giulia Lasagni) Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon	November 2022
	<b>*"Cross-Examination with Bayesian Networks"</b> BayesiaLab Conference, online	October 2022
	<b>"Unanticipated Possibilities for Legal Probabilism"</b> Michele Taruffo Evidence Week, University of Girona	May 2022
	<b>"The Conjunction Paradox"</b> (w/ Rafal Urbaniak) Information Ethics Workshop, Northeastern University	Mar. 2022

TALKS (cont'd) (*=peer-reviewed)	*"Is Algorithmic Fairness Possible?" Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Baltimore	Nov. 2021
	"Resolving Algorithmic Fairness" (w/ Ruobin Gong) Australian National University	Nov. 2020
	*"Is Algorithmic Fairness Possible?" – postponed Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Baltimore	Nov. 2020
	"Probability and Conviction" – cancelled Netherland Institute for Advanced Study	Aug. 2020
	"Statistical <i>versus</i> Specific Evidence" University of California, San Diego, Halicioglu Data Science Institute	Mar. 2020
	*"Varieties of Statistical Evidence" – cancelled Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans	Mar. 2020
	"Profile Evidence, Fairness and the Risks of Mistaken Convictions" University of Alabama, Department of Philosophy	Jan. 2020
	"Is Algorithmic Fairness Possible?" Rutgers University	Nov. 2019
	"Comments on Dahlman's 'Statistical Evidence and the Futility of Lawful Conduct'" University of Groningen	Nov. 2019
	"Statistics in the Courtroom: What Is Wrong With Them?" University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Feb. 2019
	"Statistics in the Courtroom: Do They Threaten the Fair Trial?" Polytechnic University of Milan	Jan. 2018
	"Rethinking the Prosecutor's Fallacy" CUNY Graduate Center, Philosophy Colloquium	Nov. 2017
	*"Does More Evidence Lead to Fewer Errors?" High Performance Computing Center, University of Stuttgart	Oct. 2017
	*"A Two-dimensional Theory of Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" Truth and the Criminal Trial, University of Nottingham	June 2017
	"Statistics in the Courtroom: Do They Threaten the Fair Trial?" Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton	April 2017
	"Statistics in the Courtroom: Do They Threaten the Fair Trial?" University of Lausanne	Jan. 2017
	*"Can Probability Explain the Successes and Failures of Epistemic Closure?" XII SIFA Conference, University of Siena	Sept. 2016
	*"Fairness and Statistical Evidence" XII SIFA Conference, University of Siena	Sept. 2016
	*"Is a High Probability of Guilt Enough to Convict?" Legal Theory Research Group, University of Edinburgh	Jan. 2016

TALKS (cont'd) (*=peer-reviewed)	"Is a High Probability of Guilt Enough to Convict?"		June 2015
	International AI & Law Conference, University of San Diego		
	"Is a High Probability of Guilt Enough to Convict?"		May 2015
	University of Bayreuth		
	"Beyond a Reasonable Doubt: Probability and Certainty in Criminal Trials"		May 2015
	Catholic University of Milan		
	"Statistics, Eyewitnesses, and Fingerprints"		May 2012
International Conference on Law, Governance and Development, Bangalore			
"The Wells Effect, Lotteries, and Newspapers"		Aug. 2011	
National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore			
"DNA evidence: the Illusionary Precision of Numbers"		Aug. 2011	
Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore			
*"Betraying Davidson: a Quest for the Incommensurable"		Sept. 2007	
First SIFA Graduate Conference, University of Padua			
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TEACHING (*=T.A.)	ASU	The Common Ground	Spring 2023
		Algorithmic Fairness	Fall 2021
		Bayesian Networks in Philosophy	Spring 2021
		Philosophy of Law	Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2021, 2022
		Ethics, Big Data and AI	Fall 2020
	LEHMAN	Asian Philosophies	Spring 2019
		Introduction to Logic	Spring 2019, 2020
		Is the Criminal Justice System Racist?	Spring 2018
		Philosophy of Law	Spring 2015, 2016, 2020
		Legal Reasoning	Fall 2015, 2017, 2019
		Critical Reasoning	Fall 2014, 2017, 2018; Spring 2015, 2016, 2018
		Problems of Philosophy	Fall 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019
	BAYREUTH	Math on Trial	Summer 2015
		Convicting the Innocent	Summer 2016
	STANFORD	Introduction to Logic	Spring 2014
		Probability and the Law	Winter 2013, 2014
		Political Philosophy*	Spring 2010
		Ancient Greek Philosophy*	Winter 2012
		First-order Logic (up to completeness)*	Winter 2009, Spring 2011
	QINGDAO	Introduction to Statistics	Summer 2013
Introduction to Philosophy		Summer 2013	
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REFEREEING	<i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Economics and Philosophy; Noûs; Journal of Ethics &amp; Social Philosophy; Philosophical Review; Episteme; Ethics; Philosopher's Imprint; Mind; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Analysis (×2); Philosophy Compass; International Journal of Evidence &amp; Proof; Philosophical Studies (×3); Law, Probability, and Risk; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophy of Science (×2); Applied Ontology; Erkenntnis; Synthese (×4); Artificial Intelligence and Law (×3); Frontiers in Sociology</i>		

ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES/ SYMPOSIA	<p>“Social Studies of Data” (w/ Ben Gansky) Arizona State University</p> <p>“Is Racial Equity Possible?” Lehman College, CUNY</p> <p>“Fighting Fake News with Math and Logic” Lehman College, CUNY</p> <p>“Evidence and Decision Making in the Law” (w/ Bart Verheij) King’s College London</p> <p>“Studying Evidence in the Law” (w/ Bart Verheij) University of San Diego</p> <p>“The Killing of Michael Brown and Eric Gardner” Lehman College, CUNY</p> <p>“Trial With and Without Mathematics” (w/ Bart Verheij) Stanford Law School</p>	<p><i>October 2022</i></p> <p><i>March 2019</i></p> <p><i>May 2018</i></p> <p><i>June 2017</i></p> <p><i>June 2015</i></p> <p><i>May 2015</i></p> <p><i>May 2014</i></p>
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SUPERVISION	<p>Samuel Thomas, “De Re Beliefs and Evidence in Legal Cases” M.A. Thesis in Philosophy (main advisor) Arizona State University</p> <p>Charles Barclay, “Formal Tools in the Law” Ph.D. Thesis in Philosophy (committee member) University of Maryland</p> <p>Tera Phelps, “Horror and Slasher Films: A New Perspective” B.A. Thesis in Philosophy Lehman College</p> <p>Tasmina Khair, “Philosophical Considerations of Juvenile Incarceration Trajectories from Adverse Childhood Experiences” B.A. Thesis in Philosophy Lehman College</p> <p>Lillian Rosado Barreto, “The Perpetuation of Mass Incarceration” B.A. Thesis in Political Science and Philosophy Lehman College</p> <p>Lino Hower, “Consequentialism and Rights” B. A. Thesis in Philosophy and Economics University of Bayreuth</p>	<p><i>2021</i></p> <p><i>2021</i></p> <p><i>2020</i></p> <p><i>2019</i></p> <p><i>2018</i></p> <p><i>2016</i></p>