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AOS: Moral Psychology, Animal Cognition, Philosophy of Action

AOC: Practical Reason, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind & Perception

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, University of Chicago	since 2024
MA Philosophy, University of Vienna (<i>with distinction</i>)	2024
Thesis: <i>Reason Explanations and the Agent's Perspective</i>	
Supervisors: Paulina Sliwa & Niels de Haan	
BA Philosophy, University of Vienna (<i>with distinction</i>)	2022
BEd English, Philosophy & Psychology, University of Vienna	2022
Visiting student at University of Chicago (<i>fully funded</i>)	2021

PUBLICATIONS

Animal Rationality Through Higher-Order Reasons with Zsófia Virányi <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> .	<i>forthcoming</i>
Practical Animal Reasoning <i>The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia</i> .	2021
Übersehene Generische Maskulina with Marlene Valek <i>zisch: zeitschrift für interdisziplinäre schreibforschung</i>	2021
Either he stays, or you don't leave <i>Pocket Universe #3. silence</i>	2020

AWARDS

Ernst Freund Fellowship in Law and Philosophy (\$5000)	2025
WRoCAH PhD Scholarship, University of Leeds (£57,711) — <i>turned down</i>	2024
SGSAH PhD Scholarship, St Andrews (£57,711) — <i>turned down</i>	2024
Award for Outstanding Student Performance, <u>University of Vienna</u>	2019 - 2024
Non-EU-Exchange Stipend, <u>University of Chicago</u>	2021

WORK EXPERIENCE (EXCERPT)

Research Assistant for Agency, Rationality, and Epistemic Defeat (<u>ARED</u>) <i>Research with biologists on animals' responsiveness to reasons</i>	since 2024
Organizational Assistant to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid <i>Responsible for administrative work surrounding his research</i> <i>Responsible for co-organization of conferences and workshops</i>	2023 - 2024
Student Assistant to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid <i>Responsible for administrative work surrounding seminars and lectures</i> <i>Occasionally leading individual classes of these seminars</i>	2020 - 2023
Teaching Assistant <i>Leading weekly seminar-like sessions for first-year students</i>	2020 - 2023
Main Stage Manager, <u>Mid Europe</u> Wind Orchestra Festival Schladming <i>On-site communication with orchestras and conductors</i> <i>Master of Ceremony for afternoon and evening performances</i>	2017 - 2024

TALKS

On What It's Like to Act for a Reason

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
47th Annual Graduate Conference at UIUC March 2026

University of Vienna, AT (*invited speaker*) Dec 2025

University of Vienna, AT Dec 2022
Graduate Workshop on Action Theory

Animal Rationality Through Higher-Order Reasons

Stirling University, UK June 2025
Rational Animals Conference

University of Laval, QC April 2025
Second ULaval Everything Agency Conference

Florida State University, FL Oct 2024
Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK April 2024
LSE Workshop on Animal Minds for Early Career Researchers

Reason Explanations & the Agent's Perspective

University of Salzburg, AT
Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

Sept 2023

Actions, Reasons, and Animals

Central European University/University of Vienna, AT
European Congress of Analytic Philosophy

Aug 2023

Stockholm University, SE
Social Ontology Conference 2023

Aug 2023

University of Connecticut, USA
ECOM Kinds of Action Graduate Conference

Feb 2023

Practical Animal Reasoning

King's College London, UK
Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action

Oct 2022

University of Salzburg, AT
Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

Sept 2022

UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy

Nov 2022

University of Salzburg, AT
Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

Sept 2021

University of Geneva, CH (online)
International Conference for Students of Analytic Philosophy
**only talk by an undergraduate*

Aug 2021

Individuals, Thresholds, and Individual's Thresholds in Climate Change

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA (online)
Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference
**only talk by an undergraduate*

Feb 2021

On the Importance of Concept Possession Conditions

UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy

Nov 2020

ORGANIZATION

<u>1st UChicago WAMIP Graduate Conference</u> with Emily Shein	April 2026
<u>Chicago Talks on Agency 2026</u> Main organizer: Mikayla Kelley	April 2026
<u>Chicago Talks on Agency 2025</u> Main organizer: Mikayla Kelley	April 2025
<u>Workshop on Sharing Anscombean Intentions</u> Head of organization	Feb 2025
<u>13th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference</u> Head of organization	July 2024
<u>Workshop on Applying for MA Studies</u> co-organizer and panelist	April 2024
<u>Workshop “On Attention in Action” at SOPhiA 2023, University of Salzburg</u> Head of organization	Sept 2023
<u>12th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference</u> Head of organization	July 2023
<u>Workshop on PhD Applications</u> Head of organization	April 2023
<u>Graduate Workshop on Action Theory with Prof. Anton Ford (UChicago)</u> Head of organization	Dec 2022
<u>Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality Conference 2022</u> responsible for overseeing student aides and on-site support	Aug 2022
<u>11th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference</u> Co-organizer, co-responsible for funding, responsible for keynote speakers	July 2022
<u>10th Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Graduate Conference</u> Co-organizer, co-responsible for funding, technical support	July 2021

TEACHING

Guest Lecture at University of Vienna

Introduction to Practical Philosophy 2024
Primary Instructor: Angela Kallhoff

Teaching Assistant at University of Vienna

Introduction to Practical Philosophy 2020 - 2023
with Angela Kallhoff / Hans Bernhard Schmid

MA Seminar on Practical Rationality 2023
with Hans Bernhard Schmid

MA Seminar on Practical Rationality 2022
with Hans Bernhard Schmid

MA Seminar on Philosophy and Economics 2021
with Hans Bernhard Schmid

MA Seminar on Collective Responsibility 2020
with Hans Bernhard Schmid

Introduction to Academic Writing in Philosophy 2020
with Eva Bobst

SERVICE

Organizer for UChicago's Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter 2025

Judge for Midwest Ethics Bowl 2025

Volunteer guitar teacher for UChicago's South Side Free Music Program 2025

Judge for Midwest Ethics Bowl 2024

Chairperson of the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy 2022 - 2024

Vice-Chairperson of the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy 2020 - 2021

Referee for the British Undergraduate Review 2020

Writing Mentor, University of Vienna, AT 2020 - 2021

Peer Mentor, University of Vienna, AT 2019 - 2020

HOBBIES & OTHER

I played guitar & bass in Fritsch & The Jims, Sara Brandy & The Jims, and Amanda

I helped translate and edit scripts for movies/short films/short stories for my friend Daniel Simair

I did some editing work for Prof. Angela Kallhoff's "Der Mensch – das moralische Tier"

I also read the final proofs for Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid's "We, together"

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES

German: Native

English: Native-like (C2) [TOEFL 2021: 119/120]

French: Simple conversational and writing skills (A2)