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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 (ARED)* since 2024  
*Research with biologists on animals' responsiveness to reasons*

Organizational Assistant to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid 2023 - 2024  
*Responsible for administrative work surrounding his research*  
*Responsible for co-organization of conferences and workshops*

Student Assistant to Prof. Hans Bernhard Schmid 2020 - 2023  
*Responsible for administrative work surrounding seminars and lectures*  
*Occasionally leading individual classes of these seminars*

Teaching Assistant 2020 - 2023  
*Leading weekly seminar-like sessions for first-year students*

Main Stage Manager, Mid Europe Wind Orchestra Festival Schladming 2017 - 2024  
*On-site communication with orchestras and conductors*  
*Master of Ceremony for afternoon and evening performances*

## TALKS

### *On What It's Like to Act for a Reason*

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

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

Sept 2023

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

*Actions, Reasons, and Animals*

Central European University/University of Vienna, AT

Aug 2023

European Congress of Analytic Philosophy

Stockholm University, SE

Aug 2023

Social Ontology Conference 2023

University of Connecticut, USA

Feb 2023

ECOM Kinds of Action Graduate Conference

*Practical Animal Reasoning*

King's College London, UK

Oct 2022

Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action

University of Salzburg, AT

Sept 2022

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy

Nov 2022

University of Salzburg, AT

Sept 2021

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy

University of Geneva, CH (online)

Aug 2021

International Conference for Students of Analytic Philosophy

\*only talk by an undergraduate

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

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA (online)

Feb 2021

Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference

\*only talk by an undergraduate

*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 &amp; 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)