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AOS: Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action, Animal Cognition

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
Visiting student at University of Chicago (<i>fully funded</i>)	2021
BEd English, Philosophy & Psychology, University of Vienna	2022

PUBLICATIONS

Animal Rationality Through Higher-Order Reasons with Zsófia Virányi <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> . 76(2): 783–792.	2026
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

AWARDS & FUNDING

Hume Society Emerging Scholar Award (\$800)	2026
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

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

On What It's Like to Act for a Reason

Charles University Prague, CZ July 2026
Annual International Hume Society Conference

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

<i>Reason Explanations & the Agent's Perspective</i>	
University of Salzburg, AT	Sept 2023
<u>Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy</u>	
<i>Actions, Reasons, and Animals</i>	
Central European University/University of Vienna, AT	Aug 2023
<u>European Congress of Analytic Philosophy</u>	
Stockholm University, SE	Aug 2023
<u>Social Ontology Conference 2023</u>	
University of Connecticut, USA	Feb 2023
<u>ECOM Kinds of Action Graduate Conference</u>	
<i>Practical Animal Reasoning</i>	
King's College London, UK	Oct 2022
<u>Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action</u>	
University of Salzburg, AT	Sept 2022
<u>Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy</u>	
<u>UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy</u>	Nov 2022
University of Salzburg, AT	Sept 2021
<u>Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy</u>	
University of Geneva, CH (online)	Aug 2021
<u>International Conference for Students of Analytic Philosophy</u>	
<i>*only talk by an undergraduate</i>	
<i>Individuals, Thresholds, and Individual's Thresholds in Climate Change</i>	
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA (online)	Feb 2021
<u>Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference</u>	
<i>*only talk by an undergraduate</i>	
<i>On the Importance of Concept Possession Conditions</i>	
<u>UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy</u>	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

Teaching Assistant at UChicago

Introduction to Philosophy through Taylor Swift
with Mikayla Kelley 2026

Guest Lecturer 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

Peer Mentor for Undergrads at UChicago 2025

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

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

Judge for Midwest Ethics Bowl 2024 - 2025

Chairperson of the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy 2022 - 2024

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

Writing Mentor, University of Vienna 2020 - 2021

Peer Mentor, University of Vienna 2019 - 2020