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## AOS

Epistemology and Political Epistemology, Philosophy of Science and Social Sciences,  
Philosophy of Technology

## AOC

Ethics, History of Philosophy

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<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	Postdoctoral Researcher– Delft University of Technology	2017– current
	Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow – Fordham University	2016–2017

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## EDUCATION

### Fordham University, Bronx, New York

Ph.D., Philosophy, May 2016

**Dissertation:** “Expert Knowing: A Propositional Account of (Scientific) Understanding”

**Committee:** *advisor*–Stephen Grimm (Fordham); Michael Strevens (NYU); Nathan Ballantyne (Fordham)

### Fordham University, Bronx, New York

M.A., Philosophy, 2011

### Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York

B.A., Liberal Arts: concentration in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, 2008

### Oxford University, Wadham College, Oxford, UK

One-year visiting student, Philosophy and Economics, 2008

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2017. “Understanding: Not Know-How,” *Philosophical Studies*. DOI 10.1007/s11098-017-0863-z

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**INVITED BOOK  
CHAPTERS**

“Epistemic Security” with Mark Alfano in *Vice Epistemology Theory and Practice*. Eds. Ian Kidd, Quassim Cassam, and Heather Battaly, Routledge. (under contract)

“Becoming Less Unreasonable” with Mark Alfano in *Overcoming Epistemic Injustice: Social and Psychological Perspectives*. Eds. Ben Sherman and Stacey Goguen, Rowman and Littlefield International. (under contract)

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**ARTICLES WITH  
REVISE AND  
RESUBMIT**

[title redacted] revise and resubmit at *Synthese*

[title redacted], with Kareem Khalifa revise and resubmit at *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

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**PEER-REVIEWED  
PRESENTATIONS**

“Idealizations and Understanding: Much Ado about Nothing?”  
2018 March, *Models and Simulations 8*; North Carolina

“Grasping Why”  
2017 November, OZSW Conference, Utrecht University; Netherlands

“The Epistemic (De)merits of Misleading Information”  
2017 September, 37<sup>th</sup> *Annual Dutch Flemish Day of Philosophy*, VU  
Amsterdam; Netherlands

“The Social Function of Understanding”  
2016 March, *PRP Social Epistemology Workshop*, Rutgers University;  
New Brunswick, NJ

“Inter-System Causal Explanations: Rethinking Renormalization”  
2015 November, *SWIP-Analytic Graduate Talks*, CUNY Graduate  
Center; NY, NY

“Valuable Understanding without Achievement”  
2016 June, *Varieties of Understanding Capstone Conference-  
Understanding seminar*, Fordham University; NY, NY  
2015 September, *Virtue Epistemology Conference*, KU Leuven;  
Belgium

“Transforming Knowledge into Understanding”  
2015 April, *Long Island Philosophical Society Conference*, St. Johns  
University; Queens, NY

“Idealizations, Truth, and Understanding”  
2015 February, Symposium Paper, *Central APA*, St. Louis, MI

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**PEER-REVIEWED  
PRESENTATIONS**

“Understanding from Testimony”

2014 October, *Central States Philosophical Association*, Northwestern University; Evanston, IL

2014 September, *Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium*, Washington & Jefferson College; Washington, PA

“Understanding without Epistemic Credit”

2014 September, *Collective Intentionality IX*, University of Indiana; Bloomington, IN

“Do Scientific Idealizations Threaten a Factive View of Understanding?”

2012 May, *Aim of Inquiry and Cognition*, University of Edinburgh; Edinburgh, Scotland

2012 April, *Fordham Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University; Bronx, NY

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**INVITED TALKS**

“Scraping social data”

2017 December, *Digital Humanities, Social Epistemology, & Virtue Theory in a Post-Truth Society*; Amsterdam

“Digital Humanities and Social Epistemology in a Post-Truth Society”

2018 March, Tilburg University

“Enabling Constructive Public Discourse on Social Media: A Case Study on

Vaccine Safety,” 2017 December, *Digital Humanities, Social Epistemology, & Virtue Theory in a Post-Truth Society*; Amsterdam

**COMMENTATOR**

2018 May, *Political Epistemology Conference*, University of London

2014 October, “Evaluating Moral Truth” by David Atenasio;

*Central States Philosophical Association*, Northwestern University; IL

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**IN PROGRESS  
RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“Scaffolding the Media for Intellectually Public Discourse,” with

the DHEPCAT research collective at TU Delft and TU/e, (funded by the John Templeton Foundation)

“Enabling Constructive Public Discourse on Social Media,” with the

DHEPCAT research Collective at TU Delft and TU/e, (funded by 4TU.NIRICT)

“Designing Artificial Advice Givers that Consider Perspective and

Affect in Reasoning” with Nava Tintarev and Mark Alfano, (funded by Delft Design for Values Institute)

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**PAPERS**            “The Epistemic and Social Value of Understanding” (under review)  
**IN**                    “Grasping Why”  
**PROGRESS**        “The Epistemic (De)merits of Misleading Information”  
                           “Algorithmic Diversification of Viewpoints in News: A case study with a commercial  
                           news aggregator” with Nava Tintarev, Daan Odijk, and Dror Guldin (under review)

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**TEACHING**            **TU Delft 2017–present:**  
                           (Tutor)  
                           Information Technologies and Values: 2 sections  
                           (Essay Grader)  
                           Ethics for Aerospace Engineering: 2 sections

**Fordham University 2012–2017:**  
                           (Instructor of Record)  
                           Philosophy of Science, PHIL 3266: 2 sections  
                           Philosophy of Human Nature, PHIL 1000: 9 sections  
                           Philosophical Ethics, PHIL 3000: 5 sections

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**FELLOWSHIPS**        2011 – 2016: Fordham University: Tuition Scholarship (\$89,000)  
**AND**                    2011 – 2016: Fordham University: Graduate Fellowship (\$122,000)  
**GRANTS**            2016: John Templeton Foundation: Varieties of Understanding Seminar  
                           Grant (\$600)  
                           2015: Fordham University: Summer Teaching Grant (\$5,000)  
                           2015: American Philosophical Association: Travel Grant (\$300)  
                           2015: Fordham University: Professional Development Grant (\$1,200)  
                           2015: Fordham University: Graduate Research or Writing Workshop (\$300)  
                           2014: Fordham University: Summer Teaching Grant (\$5,000)  
                           2014: Fordham University: GSA Travel Grant (\$300)  
                           2012: Fordham University: GSAS Research Support Grant (\$1,000)

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**WORKSHOPS**        **ICT with Industry 2017**  
                           Blendle: “Did I miss something?”: A complete and personal news selection  
                           2017 November; Leiden

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**SERVICE**            **Fordham University:**  
**DEPARTMENT**        Fordham Philosophical Society (Graduate Student Government):  
                           Elected Vice President, 2015-2016  
                           Elected Treasurer, 2014-2015  
                           Women & Minorities in Philosophy Reading Group: Co-founder 2014-2017  
                           Dissertation Colloquium: Organizer and moderator, 2013-2015  
                           Graduate Research and Writing Workshop: Co-founder and organizer,

2014-16

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**SERVICE  
PROFESSION**

Referee: *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Erkenntnis*  
*Journal of Philosophical Research*  
*American Philosophical Quarterly*

Session Chair: 2016 Varieties of Understanding Conference  
2016 Epistemology Colloquium, Eastern APA  
2015 Varieties of Understanding Conference  
2015 Long Island Philosophical Society Conference

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**REFERENCES**

Stephen Grimm  
Professor of Philosophy  
Fordham University

Michael Strevens  
Professor of Philosophy  
New York University

Kareem Khalifa  
Associate Professor  
Middlebury College

Mark Alfano  
Associate Professor  
Delft University of Technology  
Delft, Netherlands

Daryl Tress  
(*Teaching Reference*)  
Associate Professor  
Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies  
Fordham University

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