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**Area of Specialization:** Philosophy of Mind and Biomedical Ethics.

**Area of Competence:** Applied Ethics, Epistemology, and Metaphysics.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy,  
Department of Philosophy and Classics,  
The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Fall 2022-Current

Instructor, Doane University.

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b> in Philosophy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA	2015-2022
<b>MA</b> in Philosophy at the University of Kansas, USA	2014-2015
<b>BGS</b> in Philosophy with a Minor in Classics at the University of Kansas, USA	2011-2014
<b>AA</b> in the Humanities at Johnson County Community College, USA	2009-2011

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

"Analytic Phenomenology and the Inseparatism Thesis"

*Argumenta – Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (forthcoming).

Special Issue: *The Phenomenological Turn in Analytic Philosophy of Mind*

"Ectogestation and the Good Samaritan Argument"

*Journal of Law and the Biosciences* (2023).

doi.org/10.1093/jlb/lsad012

"The Limited Phenomenal Infallibility Thesis"

*Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* (2022).

doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2022.2096110

"Revisiting Moore's Anti-Skeptical Argument in 'Proof of an External World'"

*International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (2021).

doi.org/10.1163/22105700-bja10014

"Analytic Phenomenology and the Temporality of Consciousness"

*ASEBL Journal*, Volume 15, pp. 50-53, (2021).

"Replies to Kaczor and Rodger"

*Philosophy and Technology* (2021).

doi.org/10.1007/s13347-020-00439-y

"Ectogestation and the Problem of Abortion"

*Philosophy and Technology* (2020).

doi.org/10.1007/s13347-020-00427-2

**Book Review**

“Angela Mendelovici’s *The Phenomenal Basis of Intentionality*”  
*Philosophia Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* (2021).  
 doi.org/10.1007/s11406-020-00320-4

**Work In Progress**

*Ectogestation and The Future of Reproductive Rights: Technology, Justice, and Abortion*  
 Edited volume with Joonas Räsänen. Under review with Routledge

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****University of Texas at San Antonio:** Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy.

PHI 6973: Philosophy of Death [Graduate Seminar].	<i>Fall 2023</i>
PHI 3202: Biomedical Ethics.	<i>Fall 2023</i>
PHI 2123: Contemporary Moral Issues [Applied Ethics].	<i>Fall 2023; Spring 2024</i>
PHI 6973: Consciousness and Intentionality [Graduate Seminar].	<i>Spring 2023</i>
PHI 3083: Philosophy of Mind.	<i>Spring 2023</i>
PHI 1043: Critical Thinking.	<i>Fall 2022; Spring 2024</i>
PHI 2013: Basic Philosophical Problems.	<i>Fall 2022; Summer 2023</i>
PHI 3013: Philosophy of Religion.	<i>Fall 2022; Spring 2023</i>
PHI 3213: Ethics [Moral Theory].	<i>Fall 2022; Spring 2023</i>
PHI 1043: Introduction to Logic	<i>Spring 2024</i>

**Doane University:** Instructor.

PHI 210: Ancient & Medieval Philosophy.	<i>Spring 2022</i>
PRE 110: Philosophical Problems.	<i>Spring 2022</i>
PRE 111: Introduction to Ethical Theory.	<i>Fall 2021</i>
PHI 105: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking.	<i>Fall 2021</i>

**University of Nebraska, Lincoln:** Instructor.

PHIL 221: Introduction to Political Philosophy.	<i>Summer 2022</i>
PHIL 291: The Political Thought of Martin Luther King Jr.	<i>Spring 2022</i>
PHIL 213: Medical Ethics.	<i>Summer 17, 18; Spring 19</i>
PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy.	<i>Spring 18; Summer 19</i>
PHIL 106: Philosophy and Current Issues [Applied Ethics].	<i>Summer 20, 21</i>

**University of Nebraska, Lincoln:** Teaching Assistant.

Embedded Ethics (research and course design).	<i>Fall 21; Spring 22 Thompson &amp; White</i>
PHIL 213: Medical Ethics [Synchronistic Online].	<i>Fall 19; Spring 20, (Co-taught), Bronfman</i>
PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy.	<i>Fall 15, 18, Hayaki; Fall 16, McKittrick</i>
PHIL 106: Philosophy and Current Issues [Applied Ethics].	<i>Spring 16, Becker</i>
PHIL 105: Philosophy of Food.	<i>Spring 17, McLearn</i>
PHIL 110: Introduction to Logic.	<i>Fall 17, Casullo</i>

**John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Lancaster PA:** Instructor.

Philosophy of Mind.	<i>Summer 2018</i>
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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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NSF Grant. EFRI BRAID: Fractional-order neuronal dynamics for next generation memcapacitive computing networks (\$2,000,000)	<i>Academic Years 23/24/25/26</i>
Department of Philosophy Hinman Research Fellowship (\$14,000)	<i>Academic Years 20/21</i>
Graduate Studies Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (\$1,000)	<i>Academic Years 19/20</i>
Graduate Student Travel Award, UNL (\$500)	<i>Spring 20</i>
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, APA Eastern Division, January 2020 (\$300)	<i>Spring 20</i>
Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology 2019 Meeting Travel Award (\$300)	<i>Spring 19</i>
Chancellor's Fellowship (\$4,000 per academic year)	<i>Academic Years 15/16/17</i>
Yarick-Morgan Prize for Excellence: KU Honors Department, (\$10,000)	<i>Academic Year 14/15</i>
Warner Morse Prize: Metaphysics and Epistemology, KU Dept. Philosophy (\$200)	<i>Spring 14</i>
Brownstein-Skidmore Prize: KU Dept. Philosophy (\$1,500)	<i>Spring 13</i>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### University and Department

UTSA Dept. Philosophy and Classics. Graduate Advisor of Record.	<i>23/24</i>
UTSA Dept. Philosophy and Classics. MA Thesis Committee Member.	<i>23/24</i>
UTSA Dept. Philosophy and Classics. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>23/24</i>
UTSA Dept. Philosophy and Classics. Student Honors and Awards Committee.	<i>22/23</i>
UTSA College of Liberal and Fine Art, Philosophy and Classics Open House.	<i>22/23</i>
UNL Nebraska Community of Learners: Understanding Diversity Through Inclusion.	<i>20/21</i>
UNL Philosophy Dept. Graduate Student TA Orientation.	<i>17/20</i>
UNL Graduate Student Research Colloquium Coordinator.	<i>18/19, 19/20</i>
UNL Graduate Student Association Department Representative.	<i>16/17, 17/18</i>

### Chairing

CSPA Meeting 2022, "Logic", UNL.	<i>April 2022</i>
CPA Congress 2021, "Philosophy of Mind", Virtual	<i>June 2021</i>
New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, Virtual	<i>May 2021</i>
APA Eastern Division 2021, "Colloquium: Ontological Pluralism", Virtual	<i>January 2021</i>
APA Central Division 2020, "Colloquium: On Pain", Chicago, IL.	<i>February 2020</i>
Ethics and Broader Considerations of Technology Bazaar, UNL.	<i>November 2019</i>

### Ad Hoc Referee

*Philosophia Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*  
*Philosophy & Technology*  
*Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy*  
*Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- "Exploring World Religion: Thinking About the Transcendent"
- Keynote Speaker, Office of First Year Experience, Texas A&M at San Antonio. *April 2023*

**Conference Talks**

- “Naturalizing Phenomenal Intentionality”  
 ▪ International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind *December 2023*
- “Mereological Phenomenal Intentionality: A Proposal”  
 ▪ APA Central Division: poster session, Denver, CO, *February 2023*
- “The Temporal Shape of Conscious Experience” (with Adam Thompson)  
 ▪ Central States Philosophical Association *April 2022*
- “Against Mendelovici’s Identity Phenomenal Intentionality Theory”  
 ▪ The Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, *May/June 2021*
- “Ectogenesis and Misogyny”  
 ▪ 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Texas Graduate Virtual Conference, *May 2021*  
 ▪ Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Virtual Conference University of North Carolina, *April 2021*  
 ▪ Ethics in Action: Great Lakes Philosophy Virtual Conference Siena Heights University, *April 2021*  
 ▪ Bioethics and Law Virtual Conference: IRLaB, Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague. *December 2020*
- “Phenomenal Intentionality and Imaginative Presence”  
 ▪ Perspectives on Intentionality and Consciousness Postgraduate Virtual Philosophy Conference, University of Waikato, New Zealand, *March 20*
- “Revisability and Occurrent Belief”  
 ▪ APA Eastern Division, Virtual Meeting, *January 2021*
- “Limited Phenomenal Infallibility and Cognitive Phenomenology”  
 ▪ APA Eastern Division: poster session, Philadelphia, PA, *January 2020*  
 ▪ CSPA; Washington University in St. Louis, *October 2019*  
 ▪ Ohio Philosophical Association, Wittenberg University, Ohio, *April 2019*  
 ▪ 1<sup>st</sup> Annual New Orleans Graduate Philosophy Conference, Tulane University, *April 2019*
- “In Defense of Inflationism”  
 ▪ Department of Philosophy Faculty-Graduate Student Colloquium, UNL. *September 2019*  
 ▪ Workshop: Angela Mendelovici’s *The Phenomenal Basis of Intentionality* Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, *June 2019*
- “Ectogenesis, Abortion and the Anti-Infanticide Intuition”  
 ▪ 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference 2019, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas, *May 2019*
- “Cognitive Phenomenology and the Rubber Hand Illusion”  
 ▪ SOPHERE: *Image, Phenomenon, and Imagination in the Phenomenology of Religious Experience*, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, *November 2018*
- “Against Moore’s Anti-Skeptical Argument in ‘Proof of an External World’”  
 ▪ 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University, *October 2017*  
 ▪ 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gonzaga Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, *April 2015*

## **DISSERTATION ABSTRACT: RETHINKING PHENOMENAL INTENTIONALITY**

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My dissertation puts forward a critique of the Phenomenal Intentionality Theory (PIT). According to standard accounts of PIT, all genuine intentionality is either identical to or partly grounded in phenomenal consciousness. I argue that it is a conceptually significant mistake to construe conscious experiences in terms of token mental states that instantiate phenomenal properties. This mistake is predicated on ignoring an important difference in the temporal character—what I call the “temporal shape”—between states and properties as opposed to conscious experiences. States and properties lack a temporal shape, but conscious experience has a temporal shape. Thus, in order to adequately capture our phenomenology of temporality we need a mental ontology that adequately reflects this distinction.

A second aim of this dissertation is to defend a mereological account of phenomenal intentionality, which says that phenomenality and intentionality are related by being proper parts of a temporally unfolding, first-personal, subjective, mental event. On this approach, the conditions of satisfaction for an agent’s mental events just are the conditions of satisfaction for phenomenal intentionality. I explore the theoretical grounds for a mereological account of PIT in order to show that it does a better job of explaining difficult cases like the problem of unconscious thought (e.g., your belief that “grass is green”) than standard versions of PIT. Thus, we have *prima facie* support for a mereological account of phenomenal intentionality exactly where competing accounts fail.

## **REFERENCES**

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- Joseph Mendola**      *Dissertation Supervisor and Chair.* Professor of Philosophy, Dept. Philosophy UNL: [jmendola@unl.edu](mailto:jmendola@unl.edu)
- Colin McLearn**      *Dissertation Co-Chair.* Associate Professor of Philosophy, Dept. Philosophy, UNL: [mclear@unl.edu](mailto:mclear@unl.edu)
- Jennifer McKittrick**      *Teaching Reference and Committee Member.* Chairperson and Professor of Philosophy, Dept. Philosophy, UNL: [Jmckitricik2@unl.edu](mailto:Jmckitricik2@unl.edu)
- David Henderson**      *Committee Member.* Robert R Chambers Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Dept Philosophy, UNL: [dhenderson2@unl.edu](mailto:dhenderson2@unl.edu)
- Reina Hayaki**      *Teaching Reference.* Associate Professor of Philosophy, Dept. Philosophy, UNL: [rhayaki@unl.edu](mailto:rhayaki@unl.edu)
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