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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2023–present

Full Professor of Philosophy, UCLouvain Saint-Louis – Brussels. Researcher at the Prospéro Centre: Language, Image and Knowledge. Coordinator of the “Language, Action, Knowledge” research program.

2015–2023

Professor of Philosophy, Université Saint-Louis – Brussels. Researcher at the Prospéro Centre: Language, Image and Knowledge. Coordinator of the “Language, Action, Knowledge” research program.

2014–2015

Maîtresse de conference in Philosophy, Epistemology and History of Psychology, Université Paris Cité (former Paris Descartes). Researcher at CERMES3 (CNRS, UMR 8211).

2011–2014

Postdoctoral Researcher funded by the Flanders Research Foundation (FWO), CLEA (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), on epistemology of human action and psychological explanation.

2010–2011

Postdoctoral researcher, CNRS (IHPST, UMR 8590), history and epistemology of psychology, under the supervision of F. Parot.

2010

Qualified by the French National University Council (CNU) in sections 17 (Philosophy) and 72 (Epistemology, History of Science and Techniques).

2005–2009

PhD in Contemporary Philosophy, joint supervision between Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne and the University of Kent. Advisors: Ch. Chauviré and J. Tanney. Thesis title: “En termes de langage”: l’articulation entre intention, action et langage dans l’œuvre de GEM Anscombe.

Defended in 2009 with highest honors (Très Honorable avec les Félicitations du Jury).

2004–2005

Magistère in Contemporary Philosophy (Ecole Normale Supérieure Ulm/Paris I/Paris IV), including DEA (Master's) in Philosophy, Paris I.

Thesis: *Sartre et Wittgenstein: Deux critiques de l'inconscient freudien*, with highest distinction.

Also earned a BA in Psychology, Paris VII (Diderot).

2003–2004

Magistère in Contemporary Philosophy (ENS Ulm/Paris I/Paris IV), including MA in Philosophy, Paris I.

Thesis: *Sartre et Wittgenstein lecteurs de Freud*, with highest distinction.

2002–2003

Magistère in Contemporary Philosophy (ENS Ulm/Paris I/Paris IV), including BA in Philosophy, Paris I.

2000–2002

DEUG in Philosophy, Université Paris I, with honors.

RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

2013 & 2012 – Visiting scholar, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, hosted by Prof. Richard Moran. Funded by FWO and Harvard.

2007–2009 – Doctoral research at the University of Kent under Julia Tanney. Funded by SECL and Région Île-de-France.

2006 – Research fellow at Brown University, RI, USA. Funded by Brown University and Université Paris 1.

2008 – Research at the Wittgenstein Archives, University of Bergen, Norway. Funded by FMSH and University of Bergen.

2008 – BPPA Wittgenstein Masterclass, University of East Anglia.

Various short-term research stays in Oxford (UK), Chicago (USA), Bergen (Norway).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

FWO Visiting Grant (Harvard, 2013).

Treilles Foundation Prize (2009).

Various research mobility grants (Île-de-France, FMSH, UK, Norway, Brown University).

RESEARCH PROJECT PARTICIPATION

Co-president, *Ecole des Sciences Philosophiques et Religieuses*, UCL SLB (Since 2024).

Member, *Material Intentionality* research project, University of Chicago in Paris (since 2025)

Member, *(Women) In Parenthesis* research project, Durham University (since 2023)

Co-PI, ARC Project *AutonomiCap*, UCL SLB (2019–2024).

Member, *Action Network*, University of Leipzig.

Member, CNRS GDRI PLOCo – *Ordinary Language Philosophy* (2013–2016).

Member, FWO Research Community – *Integrating Worldviews*, VUB (2011–2013).

Member, *British Wittgenstein Society*, University of Herdforshire (since 2009).

Member, *Apprentissage et Sens Commun* (A.S.C.), CURAPP-ESS (UMR 7319: CNRS/UPJV) & COSTECH (UTC). (2006-2008)

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

(Since 2008; selection)

2023 – Analytic Philosophy and the “Oxford Quartet”, UCLouvain SLB, FNRS, ESPR.

2023 – The Concept of Intention: History and Contemporary Perspectives, USL-B & CNRS MoDyCo.

2022 – The Limits of Subjectivity in Context, international conference, USL-B.

2019 – Elizabeth Anscombe 1919–2019, international symposium, USL-B.

2018 – Narrative and Literature in Social Sciences, MESHS Lille – USL-B.

2018 – The Limits of Language, international conference, USL-B.

2017–present – *Language Action Vérité* Seminar

2010–2015 – *Psychother* seminar (IHPST, ANR program).

2010-2019 – Research group on Elizabeth Anscombe, ENS/Université Paris 1.

2009 – Contemporary readings of Elizabeth Anscombe, ENS/Université Paris 1.

2008 – BPPA annual conference, University of Kent.

SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Mickaëlle Provost (Postdoc, FSR funding 2022-24 and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action 2024-26):

The Psychological Effects of Oppression. Anna Julia Cooper and Black Feminist Philosophy

Miranda Boldrini (Postdoc, 2021–2024): ARC Project *AutonomiCap*.

Benjamin Jobard (PhD, FSR funding 2021–2026): Contextualism and Plurality in Social Sciences.

Yunyan Deng (PhD, Chinese funding 2019–2024): Anscombe on Language and Morality.

Rosanna Wannberg (PhD, FRESH/FNRS funding 2018–2025): First-person authority and schizophrenia.

Daniele Lorenzini (Postdoc, Marie Skłodowska-Curie cofund 2017–2019): Subjects Made of Words.

Jeanne-Marie Roux (Postdoc, Marie Skłodowska-Curie cofund 2016–2019): Speech Between Act and Gesture.

Anaïs Jomat (PhD, FSR funding 2016–2023): Responsibility, Intention and Speech Acts.

PhD JURY AND COMMITTEE

2025: (Reviewer) Camille BRAUNE, supervised by Sandra LAUGIER and Isabelle ALFANDARY, Université Paris 1 : *Pour une nouvelle éthique de l'attention au langage : à partir de l'œuvre de la romancière et philosophe britannique Iris Murdoch (1919–1999)*

2025: (Reviewer) Sophie DE SPIEGELEIR, supervised by Yves CARTUYVELS and Nicolas MARQUIS, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles: *Sortir de l'internement. Une sociologie des pratiques professionnelles en psychiatrie légale : entre autonomie et dangerosité*

2024: (Reviewer and Chair) Blandine LAGRUT, supervised by Roger POUIVET and Peter GALLAGHER, Université de Lorraine: *Le réalisme moral d'Elizabeth Anscombe, une philosophie de l'intégrité*

2024: (Reviewer and Chair) Yiyang BAI, supervised by Jocelyn BENOIST, Université Paris 1 : *Le langage comme stratégie : une approche pragmatique de la communication*

2024: (Reviewer) Blandine LE FOLL, supervised by Jean-Philippe NARBOUX, Université Bordeaux Montaigne : *Le problème de l'expression chez Wittgenstein et Merleau-Ponty*

2023: (Reviewer) Damien COUET, supervised by Bruno GNASSOUNOU, Université de Nantes : *Les émotions politiques : action et passion en philosophie pratique*

2020: (Reviewer) Vivien KRYSTKOWIAK, supervised by A. BENMAKHLOUF, UPEC : *L'utilitarisme à l'épreuve de la philosophie contemporaine de l'action*

2019: (Reviewer) Miranda BOLDRINI, supervised by L. RAÏD (UPJV) and P. DONATELLI (Sapienza Università di Roma) : *Éthique, imagination et réalité chez Iris Murdoch*

2019: (Reviewer) Mathieu FRÈREJOUAN, supervised by Jocelyn BENOIST, Université Paris 1 : *Le mythe de la "perception sans objet" : l'hallucination au croisement de la philosophie et de la psychiatrie*

2018: (Reviewer) Mathieu CONTOU, supervised by Jocelyn BENOIST, Université Paris 1 : *Wittgenstein et Freud : un autre aspect*

ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member, FNRS, FRESH (2025-2026)

Chair, Department of Philosophy, USL-B (2017–2024).

Academic Secretary, Faculty of Philosophy, Letters and Humanities (2022–2025).

Scientific Committee Member, Doctoral School of Philosophy ED1, FNRS (2018–present).
Member, FNRS Scientific Publications Funding Commission (2019–2023).
Committee member, Philosophy Equivalence Commission, Wallonia-Brussels.
Selection committee member (various academic recruitment processes in France and Belgium).
Member of pedagogical, faculty and research councils (USL-B, Paris Descartes).

REVIEWING AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Boards: *Igitur*, *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*.
Reviewer for: *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Revue Philosophique de Louvain*, *Dialectica*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, and more.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Université Saint-Louis – Brussels (2013–present)
Université Paris Descartes, ENS Paris, Bordeaux 3, Lille 3, Paris Diderot
University of Kent (Assistant Lecturer, 2007–2009)

LANGUAGES

French: Native; English: Fluent (reading, writing, speaking); German: Good reading and oral comprehension; Italian: Basic reading level