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### EMPLOYMENT

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**Université Laval**, Quebec City

January 2020-present

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

### EDUCATION

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**University of Toronto**

2015-2020

Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: *Rational Hope*

Supervisors: Sergio Tenenbaum and David Barnett. Committee: Jennifer Nagel, Philip Clark.

Externals: Jonathan Weisberg (University of Toronto), Sarah Stroud (UNC Chapel Hill).

Awarded the **David Savan Dissertation Prize**.

Université Laval

2013-2015

M.A. in Philosophy.

Université Laval

2009-2012

B.A. in Philosophy.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Emotion

### REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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10. (2025). "From Reasons for Emotion to Reasons for Belief and Back." *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 4(103). Advance online publication. (Invited book symposium on *Belief as Emotion*, Miriam Schleifer McCormick.) [doi.org/10.1007/s44204-025-00330-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s44204-025-00330-7)
9. (2025). "Les émotions correctes : entre représentation et motivation." *Igitur: Arguments philosophiques*, 15(1): 1–13. (Invited book symposium on *La nature des émotions: Une introduction partisane*, Samuel Lépine.) [doi.org/10.57763/igitur.v15i1.73](https://doi.org/10.57763/igitur.v15i1.73)
8. (2024). "Emotions and Strength of Will." *The Ethics Forum/Les Ateliers de l'éthique* 18(2): 40–43. (Invited book symposium on *Philosophy of Emotion: A Contemporary Introduction*, Christine Tappolet.) [doi.org/10.7202/1118207ar](https://doi.org/10.7202/1118207ar)
7. (2024). "Interpersonal Hope and Loving Attention." *The Philosophical Quarterly* 0(0): 1–20. Advance online publication. [doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqae142](https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqae142)
6. (2024). "Hope: A Solution to the Puzzle of Difficult Action." *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*: 1–24. [doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2024.2320315](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2024.2320315)
5. (2023). "On the Epistemic Costs of Friendship: Against the Encroachment View." *Episteme: A Journal of Individual and Social Epistemology* 20(2): 247–264. [doi.org/10.1017/epi.2021.23](https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2021.23)

4. (2022). "Hope as a Source of Grit." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 8(33): 264–287. [doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2234](https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2234)
3. (2022). "A Higher-Order Approach to Diachronic Continence." *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 11(1): 51–58. [doi.org/10.5840/tht2022912](https://doi.org/10.5840/tht2022912)
2. (2021). "Hope: Conceptual and Normative Issues." *Philosophy Compass* 16(3): 1–11. [doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12724](https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12724)
1. (2018). "Recent Trends in Evolutionary Ethics: Greenbeards!" *Biology and Philosophy* 33(1–2): 16–38. Co-authored with Joseph Heath. [doi.org/10.1007/s10539-018-9627-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-018-9627-1)

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

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1. (Accepted, forthcoming in 2026). "Les émotions d'incertitude et la rationalité de l'action." In Lemaire, S., Lépine, S. (eds.), *La variété des émotions*. Paris: Éditions Elliot.

## PAPERS IN PREPARATION

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3. "Paper on games and the capacity for perseverance."
2. "When Blame Gets Nosy: Epistemic Blame and Minding One's Business." *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. (Commissioned; invited contribution to a book symposium on *Epistemic Blame: The Nature and Norms of Epistemic Relationships*, Cameron Boulton; in preparation.)
1. "Paper on despair and the participant stance." Co-authored with Miriam McCormick. Under review.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

#### **Striving for Balance: Difficult Long-Term Goals and the Well-Rounded Life**

- Devotion, Existential Commitment, and Ethics, Boston, MA, March 2026

#### **Investing Hope, Instilling Hope**

- Eastern American Philosophical Association (APA), Montreal, QC, January 2023.
- The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (PPA), New Orleans, LA, November 2022.
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Boulder, CO, August 2022 (online).
- Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), June 2022 (online).

#### **Hope and Sincerity**

- Central American Philosophical Association (APA), February 2021 (online).
- Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), June 2020 (online).

#### **Practical Hope**

- Philosophical Moral Psychology: An International Meeting of Classic and Empirically Informed Philosophy, Salzburg, Austria, July 2020 (online).
- Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA), San Francisco, CA, April 2020 (online).

#### **Hope as the Attitude of Gritty Agents**

- Central American Philosophical Association (APA), Chicago, IL, February 2020.

#### **From Epistemic Instrumentalism to Pragmatism**

- Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), Vancouver, BC, June 2019.

### **The Stakes of Epistemic Partiality**

- Eastern American Philosophical Association (APA), New York, NY, poster presentation, January 2019.

### **A Higher-Order Approach to Diachronic Continence**

- Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA), San Diego, CA, March 2018.

### **Easy Knowledge of Our Own Intentions**

- Eastern American Philosophical Association (APA), Savannah, GA, poster presentation, January 2018.
- Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2017.
- Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame, IN, April 2017.

### **Is Enkrasia a Requirement of Rationality?**

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder, CO, poster presentation, August 2016.
- 5th Annual Congress of the “Society for Analytic Philosophy” (SoPhA), UQAM, Montréal, QC, June 2015.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### **Self-Respect at the Margins: When Hope Is All That’s Left**

- Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, Université de Genève, March 2026.
- Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland, March 2026.

### **Engaging Ethically with Fundamental Despair**

- Temple University Philosophy Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA, November 2025.

### **Vers une philosophie de la radicalisation: Enjeux éthiques et épistémologiques**

- Groupe Recherche Action sur les Polarisation Sociales (RAPS), Montréal, QC, November 2025.

### **From Reasons for Emotions to Reasons for Belief and Back**

- Invited Author-Meets-Critics on *Belief as Emotion*, Miriam Schleifer McCormick, Pacific Philosophical Association (APA), San Francisco, CA, April 2025.

### **Interpersonal Hope and Loving Attention**

- Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, July 2024 (online).
- Keynote at the Florida Philosophical Association (FPA), St. Petersburg, FL, February 2024.
- Invited Symposium “Hope, Optimism, and Agency”, Central American Philosophical Association (APA), New Orleans, LA, March 2024.

### **The Ethics of Giving Hope**

- Montreal Affective Lab, Université de Montréal, QC, January 2022 (online).

### **L’espoir de réaliser la justice de genre**

- Symposium de philosophie féministe, ULaval, QC, January 2022 (online).

### **L’espoir de réussir un projet difficile**

- Institut de Philosophie, Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland, March 2021 (online).

## Hope and Sincerity

- Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité (GRIN), Université de Montréal, QC. Symposium “Resilience in Action and Belief”, May 2021 (online).

## FUNDING, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Insight Development Grant (SSHRC), Emerging Scholar, 70,000 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2025-2027  |
| <b>Lead researcher</b> , “Toward a Philosophy of Radicalization: Ethical and Epistemological Issues.” Co-researchers: Laura Silva, Anne-Marie Gagné-Julien (ULaval).                                                                                                                                   |            |
| <b>Connection Grant (SSHRC), 20,000 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2024-2025  |
| <b>Co-researcher</b> with Arturs Logins (ULaval). For organizing the <i>Everything Agency Conference</i> ; <a href="http://www.fp.ulaval.ca/laval-everything-agencylagentivite-dans-tous-ses-etats">www.fp.ulaval.ca/laval-everything-agencylagentivite-dans-tous-ses-etats</a>                        |            |
| <b>Research Team Support Program (FRQSC), 400,000 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2022-2026  |
| <b>Co-researcher, Leader of the “Normativity and Affectivity” Research Axis</b><br>GRIN (Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité; <a href="http://grin.normativity.ca">grin.normativity.ca</a> ).<br>Main researcher: Aude Bandini, Université de Montréal.                          |            |
| <b>Research Support for New Academics (FRQSC), 55,000 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2021-2024  |
| <b>Lead researcher</b> , “Temporal Emotions: How Hope and Boredom Influence Action.”; <a href="http://frq.gouv.qc.ca/projet/les-emotions-temporelles-comment-lespoir-et-lennui-influencent-laction/">frq.gouv.qc.ca/projet/les-emotions-temporelles-comment-lespoir-et-lennui-influencent-laction/</a> |            |
| <b>Strategic Cluster Program (FRQSC), 1,697,500 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2020-2027  |
| <b>Co-researcher</b> , CRÉ (Centre de recherche en éthique; <a href="http://www.lecre.umontreal.ca">www.lecre.umontreal.ca</a> ).<br>Main researchers: Ryoa Chung (UdeM) and Kristin Voigt (McGill).                                                                                                   |            |
| <b>SSHRC Award for Participation in an International Conference, 3,250 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2020       |
| Competition open to ULaval philosophy faculty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |
| <b>David Savan Dissertation Prize, University of Toronto, 1,000 CAD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2021       |
| Awarded annually in recognition “of the excellence of a doctoral thesis in philosophy submitted and successfully defended by a student in the Graduate Department during the last calendar year”.                                                                                                      |            |
| Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), 15,000 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2018, 2019 |
| Canadian Doctoral Scholarship (SSHRC), 105,000 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2015       |
| John MacRory Award, University of Toronto, 5,000 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2015       |
| Masters Research Scholarship (FRQSC), 15,000 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2014       |
| Award for Participation in an International Conference (SSHRC), 700 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2014       |
| GRIN Master’s Scholarship, 2,500 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2013, 2014 |
| Canadian Master’s Scholarship (SSHRC), 17,500 CAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2013       |

## SELECTED CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND COMMENTS

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- Organizer (with Arturs Logins, ULaval), *ULaval Everything Agency Conference*, ULaval, QC, April 2024, April 2025. [www.fp.ulaval.ca/laval-everything-agencylagentivite-dans-tous-ses-etats](http://www.fp.ulaval.ca/laval-everything-agencylagentivite-dans-tous-ses-etats)
- Organizer (with Federica Berdini, GRIN and CRÉ), *Resilience in Action and Belief* workshop, Université de Montréal, QC, May 2021 (online).  
[www.lecre.umontreal.ca/%C3%A9v%C3%A8nement/resilience-in-action-and-belief](http://www.lecre.umontreal.ca/%C3%A9v%C3%A8nement/resilience-in-action-and-belief)

Comments on Ella Whiteley, “Salience-Based Tensions in Socially Progressive Initiatives.” American Philosophical Association (APA), Online. February 2025.

Comments on Anna Brinkerhoff, “Not So Irrelevant: The Epistemic Significance of Social Identity.” Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), Montreal, QC, June 2024.

Comments on Christine Tappolet, *Philosophy of Emotion: A Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge, 2023). Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ), Montreal, QC, November 2023.

Comments on Chrisoula Andreou, *Choosing Well* (OUP, 2022). Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ), Montreal, QC, June 2023.

Comments on Etye Steinberg, “Reflection and Responsibility for Attitudes.” Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), Montreal, QC, June 2018.

Comments on Asia Ferrin, “Value-Guided Automaticity.” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder, CO, August 2016.

“Between Ethics and Belief: Ethical Believing and the Epistemology of Ethics.” CONCEPT (Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition), University of Cologne, Germany, June 2019. Commentator-at-large.

PERFECT4 (Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference), Philadelphia, PA. “The Epistemology of the Normative”, November 2018. Commentator-at-large.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### GRADUATE TEACHING

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Philosophy of Hope and Optimism</i> (L'espoir et l'optimisme), ULaval               | <i>Fall 2025</i>   |
| <i>Ethics of Belief</i> (L'éthique de la croyance), ULaval                             | <i>Fall 2024</i>   |
| <i>Philosophy of Action: Collective Action</i> (L'action collective), ULaval           | <i>Fall 2023</i>   |
| <i>Death and Meaning in Life</i> (La mort et le sens de la vie), ULaval                | <i>Fall 2022</i>   |
| <i>Epistemic Injustice and Virtue</i> (Des injustices aux vertus épistémiques), ULaval | <i>Winter 2021</i> |
| <i>The Rationality of Emotion</i> (La rationalité des émotions), ULaval                | <i>Fall 2020</i>   |

### UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

*Philosophy of Emotion*, ULaval x1

*Philosophy of Action*, ULaval x1

*Moral Psychology*, ULaval x3

*Philosophy of Language*, ULaval x3

*Introduction to Epistemology*, ULaval x5

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS (TUTORIAL LEADER)

*Law and Morality*, UofT (2019); *Knowledge and Reality*, UofT (2019);

*Persons, Minds and Bodies*, UofT (2018)

**Nominated for the TA Teaching Excellence Award** (university-wide competition for tutorial leaders)

*Introduction to Ethics*, UofT (2018); *Introduction to Philosophy*, UofT (2017-2018)

### GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

8. Olivaux, Erika. *Réparations morales et épistémiques pour les victimes de violences sexuelles*. Ph.D. in progress since January 2024.

7. Marcotte, Romane. *Responsabilité et oppression: analyse féministe des attitudes réactives*. Ph.D. in progress since January 2024.
6. Lévesque, Laurence. *Penser le bien-être à l'aune de la réalisation des valeurs de Valerie Tiberius*. Ph.D. in progress since January 2024.
5. Rochelle, Vincent. *Temporalité émotionnelle et immortalité*. Ph.D. in progress since September 2023.
4. Floirat, Hugo. *La métaphysique de la responsabilité morale*. M.A. in progress since September 2024.
3. Belzile, Ariane. *Espoir et agentivité: le potentiel de la pratique utopique*. M.A. in progress since January 2024.
2. Raymond, Delphine. *La vertu de courage épistémique: un puissant levier de résistance pour les groupes marginalisés*. M.A. in progress since January 2022. Co-supervision with Donald Landes.
1. Labrie-Girard, Thierry. *Qu'espérer des pédagogies de l'espoir ? Une rencontre de la philosophie de l'espoir avec les pédagogies critiques*. M.A. in progress since September 2021.

#### PAST STUDENT SUPERVISION

4. Gravel, Ann-Sophie. (2024). *Rationalité de l'amour et ludification*. Graduate Faculty Honor Roll. Co-supervision with Patrick Turmel.
3. Lemelin, Antoine. (2023). *Le sentimentalisme moral de Jesse Prinz: une théorie métaéthique complète?* Graduate Faculty Honor Roll. Co-supervision with Patrick Turmel.
2. Chevalier, Flavie. (2023). *L'amnésie collective: une injustice épistémique*. Graduate Faculty Honor Roll.
1. Lecomte, Marion. (2022). *Calcul de risques dans la prise de décision éthique des comptables professionnels agréés*. Graduate Faculty Honor Roll. Co-supervision with Luc Bégin.

#### M.A. AND PH.D. THESIS COMMITTEES

3. Gagnon, Lucie. *L'identité personnelle chez Locke et chez ses héritiers* (Ph.D.).
2. Savard-Laroche, Sophie. *Enjeux épistémologiques de l'enseignement de la philosophie au collégial* (Ph.D.).
1. Jutras, Elizabeth. *Phénoménologie du vieillissement* (Ph.D.).

#### PAST COMMITTEES

11. Tremblay, Hugo. (2025). *Une théorie représentationnelle des concepts*. (Ph.D.)
10. Pelchat-Rochette, Adrielle. (2024). *Authenticité dans la notion beauvoirienne du dévouement*.
9. Peltier, Solène. (2024). *La relation entre la femme-patiente et son médecin*.
8. Coloma-Camara, Keba. (2023). *Le libre-arbitre et le déterminisme neuronal*. (Ph.D.)
7. Marcotte, Romane. (2023). *La morale existentialiste beauvoirienne et les éthiques du care*.
6. Girard, Philippe. (2022). *L'hypothèse de la «restriction calorique» et les théories évolutives du vieillissement*
5. Fleury-Giguère, Maxime. (2022). *Qu'est-ce qu'un trouble mental?*
4. Giorgis, Rodolphe. (2021). *La théorie des tropes comme solution au problème de l'exclusion causale*.
3. Blais, Kate. (2021). *Métaphore et similarité*.
2. Bisson, Keven. (2021). *Effective Altruism and the Institutional Critique's Moral Framework*.
1. Prigent, Alexandra. (2021). *Informatique affective*.

#### PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

Conference Czar, ULaval.

Fall 2022-present

With Jérôme Gosselin-Tapp. Organization of conferences targeting graduate students' research interests.

Methodology Workshop Organizer, ULaval.

2022-present

With Arturs Logins, Jérôme Gosselin-Tapp and Pierre-Olivier Méthot. The workshops focus on the methodological needs of graduate (especially international) students.

Philosophy of Radicalization Reading Group Organizer, ULaval.

2025-present

Presenter, ULaval's outreach event « Une nuit au musée de la philosophie » November 2025

Presentation on my SSHRC-funded project on radicalization,

<https://www.fp.ulaval.ca/evenements/une-nuit-au-musee-de-la-philosophie>

Analytic Philosophy Reading Group Organizer, ULaval.

2023-2025

With Laura Silva and Arturs Logins.

Guest on the podcast “En Marges” to discuss collective hope and activism. 2022

Project designed and produced by the Equity Committee of the Société de philosophie du Québec (SPQ) ([www.equite.laspq.org](http://www.equite.laspq.org)), in collaboration with the Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ) ([www.lecre.umontreal.ca](http://www.lecre.umontreal.ca)).

To listen to the podcast: <https://instagram.com/comiteequite?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

#### TEACHING IN COLLEGES (CEGEP)

Philosophy Teacher, Cégep de Victoriaville. Full time.

Winter 2015

Teaching Internship, Cégep de Limoilou.

Fall 2012

### **SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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#### INVOLVEMENT IN LEARNED SOCIETIES

Board of Directors, Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA). 2023-present.

Administrative Board, SoPha (Society for Analytic Philosophy, [sopha.univ-paris1.fr](http://sopha.univ-paris1.fr)), 2022-present.

Member of the American Philosophical Association (APA).

Member of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA).

Member of the Société de philosophie du Québec (SPQ).

#### SELECTED REFEREE SERVICE

Books: *Cambridge University Press* (2025)

Journals and edited volumes: *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2025), *Ergo* (2025), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2025), *Analysis* (2024), *Synthese* (2024), *Inquiry* (2024, 2025), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2024), *Ethics* (2023), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2023), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2023), *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (2023), *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2022, 2023), *Philosopher's Imprint* (2022), *Analytic Philosophy* (2022), *Res Philosophica* (2022), *Oxford University Press* (2022), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2021), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2021), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2021).

Conferences: *Canadian Philosophical Association* (2025), *Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop* (2022), *Symposium de philosophie féministe* (Université de Montréal, 2022), *Canadian Society for Environmental Philosophy* (2021), *University of Toronto Graduate Conference* (2017, 2018).

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES (UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL)

Member of the Fonds Routhier Grants Committee

2024-present

Member of the Graduate Programs Committee

2024-present

Member of the Library Advisory Committee

2022-present

Member of the Library Committee (Faculté de philosophie)

2020-present

Member of a hiring committee for bioethics

2024-2025

Member of a hiring committee for analytic philosophy

2021-2022

Department meetings secretary

2020-2021

Member of the Undergraduate Programs Committee

2020-2022

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Sergio Tenenbaum**

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**Prof. Jennifer Nagel**

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**Prof. Philip Clark**

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**Prof. Miriam Schleifer McCormick**

Lewis T. Booker Professor in Ethics  
University of Richmond  
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