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**Areas of specialization:** Epistemology; Ethics

**Areas of competence:** Philosophy of Science; Metaethics

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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-       Maître d'enseignement (≈UK Senior Lecturer), École de technologie supérieure  
2020-22    Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University (funded by SSHRC)  
2019-20    Research Agent, Commission de l'éthique en science et en technologie

## EDUCATION

- 2014-19    PhD Philosophy, Université de Montréal  
            Dissertation title: *The Normativity of Epistemic Rationality*  
2017-18    Doctoral Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University  
2017        Visiting Doctoral Student, Uppsala University  
2012-13    MA Philosophy, Université de Montréal  
            Dissertation title: *Les sciences sociales devraient-elles être neutres?*  
2009-11    BA Political Science and Philosophy, Université de Montréal

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Book

With Thomas Mekhaël, *L'éthique et le génie québécois. Entre perfectionnisme institutionnel et délibération éthique*. Montréal: Presses de l'Université du Québec (under contract)

### Refereed Articles

“The Comparison Problem for Approximating Epistemic Ideals”, *Ratio*, forthcoming, DOI: [10.1111/rati.12347](https://doi.org/10.1111/rati.12347)

“Imperfection, Accuracy, and Structural Rationality”, *Erkenntnis*, DOI: [10.1007/s10670-022-00571-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-022-00571-5)

“Structural Rationality and the Property of Coherence”, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, DOI: [10.1111/papq.12404](https://doi.org/10.1111/papq.12404)

- “Transformative Experiences, Rational Decisions and Shark Attacks”, *Inquiry*, DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2021.1953578](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2021.1953578)
- With Charles Côté-Bouchard, “Epistemic Consequentialism, Veritism, and Scoring Rules”, *Erkenntnis*, DOI: [10.1007/s10670-021-00426-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-021-00426-5)
- With David Montminy, “Immodesty and Permissivism”, *Synthese*, 200.4 (article #266), 2022: 1-21. DOI: [10.1007/s11229-022-03758-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03758-z)
- “Optimizing Individual and Collective Reliability: A Puzzle”, *Social Epistemology*, 36.4, 2022: 516-531.
- “Adversariality and Ideal Argumentation: A Second-Best Perspective”, *Topoi*, Special Issue: Adversariality in Argument, 40.5, 2021: 887-898
- “Peer Disagreement and the Bridge Principle”, *Topoi*, Special Issue: Disagreement—Epistemological and Argumentation-Theoretic Perspectives, 40.5, 2021: 1213-1223
- “Should Agents Be Immodest?”, *Analytic Philosophy*, 62.3, 2021: 235-251
- “False Beliefs and Misleading Evidence”, *Theoria*, 87.3, 2021: 520-541
- “Consistency, Obligations, and Accuracy-Dominance Vindications”, *Dialectica*, 74.1, 2020: 139-156.
- “The Explanatory Role of Consistency Requirements”, *Synthese*, 197.10, 2020: 4551-4569
- “A Puzzle about Knowledge, Blame and Coherence”, *Acta Analytica*, 34.4, 2019: 493-503
- “Epistemic Akrasia and Epistemic Reasons”, *Episteme*, 16.3, 2019: 282-302
- “One Standard to Rule Them All?”, *Ratio*, 32.1, 2019: 12-21
- [Value-Laden Sciences, Value-Free Procedures] « Sciences normatives, procédures neutres », *Philosophia Scientiae*, 22.2, 2018: 37-57
- “Epistemic Uniqueness and the Practical Relevance of Epistemic Practices”, *Philosophia*, 45.4, 2017: 1721-1733
- With Félix Schneller. [Axiological Neutrality, from Virtuous Professors to Institutional Requirements] « La neutralité axiologique, vertu professorale ou exigence institutionnelle? », *Penser l'éducation*, 40.1, 2017: 25-44
- [Why Deliberate? From Epistemic Benefits to Public Justification] « Pourquoi délibérer? Du potentiel épistémique à la justification publique », *Philosophiques*, 43.1, 2016: 23-48
- [Toleration, Deliberation and Scientific Neutrality] « Tolérance libérale et délibération : l'apport de la neutralité scientifique », *The Ethics Forum*, 11.1, 2016: 4-28
- [Rethinking Axiological Neutrality. Objectivity, Autonomy and Public Deliberation] « Repenser la neutralité axiologique. Objectivité, autonomie et délibération publique », *European Journal of Social Sciences*, 53.1, 2015: 199-225

### Conference Proceedings

- With David Montminy. “Testing Minimax for Rational Ignorant Agents”: 541-553, in *Logic, Rationality, and Interaction*, edited by A. Baltag *et al.*, LNCS 10455, Berlin, Springer, 2017.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- [The Value-Free Ideal of Science] « Neutralité scientifique », in M. Kristanek (ed.), *l'Encyclopédie Philosophique*, 2018, <<http://encyclo-phil.fr/neutralite-scientifique-a/>>.

### Research Reports for Public Agencies

Commission de l'éthique en science et en technologie (*qua* policy advisor in charge of research and writing), *The Internet of Things, Privacy, and Surveillance*, Québec, 2020, 45 p.  
URL: <<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/4165677>>

### Edited Volumes

With Stéphane Lemaire, Christine Tappolet and Patrick Turmel (eds.). « Dossier : La métaéthique et ses implications normatives. En hommage à Ruwen Ogien. (Circa 1949-2017) ». *The Ethics Forum* 14.1, 2019 : 26-189

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### Peer-reviewed Talks

- “The Comparison Problem for the Approximation of Epistemic Ideals”, CPA virtual congress, May 17 2022
- “What Second-Best Epistemology Could Look Like”, CPA virtual congress, May 31 2021
- “A Puzzle About the Optimization of Collective Reliability”, CPA congress, Vancouver, June 1-4 2019
- “Immodesty in Social Contexts”, CPA congress, Vancouver, June 1-4 2019
- “Apparent Reasons and Second-Best Epistemology”, *Saint-Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, Saint-Louis (MO), May 19-21 2019
- “A Puzzle About the Optimization of Collective Reliability”, *SEP Meeting*, Toronto, May 17-19 2019
- “Epistemic Teleology and the Normativity of Apparent Reasons”, French Society for Analytic Philosophy congress, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), July 2-5 2018
- “Epistemic Teleology and the Normativity of Apparent Reasons”, *The Future of Normativity* conference, University of Kent (UK), June 28-30 2018
- “Epistemic Akrasia, Rational Closure and Lotteries”, CPA congress, Montreal, June 4-7 2018
- “Epistemic Inconsistency and Irrationality: A Methodological Contribution”, *Epistemology and its History*, Ottawa, Canada, October 19-21 2017
- With David Montminy. “Testing Minimax for Rational Ignorant Agents”, *The International Conference on Logic, Rationality and Interaction (LORI)*, Sapporo, Japan, September 11-14 2017
- With David Montminy, “Credence Permissiveness and Scoring Rules”, *University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference*, Rochester (NY), October 21 2016
- “Are There Plausible Cases of Interpersonal Epistemic Permissiveness?”, *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, EHESS, Paris, July 4 2016
- With Félix Schneller, “Axiological Neutrality and Academic Freedom: from Virtuous Professors to Institutional Requirements”, Workshop *Au milieu des fluctuations historiques: quel rôle pour l'université aujourd'hui?*, ACFAS, Montréal, May 9-13 2016
- “Why You (Almost) Never Find Yourself in an Epistemically Permissive Situation”, *Epistemic Normativity Conference (Post-graduate workshop)*, KU Leuven, Belgium, November 8 2015
- “Rational Requirements and Collective Intentions”, French Society for Analytic Philosophy congress, UQÀM, Montréal, June 19 2015

With Félix Schneller, “Axiological Neutrality and Academic Freedom: from Virtuous Professors to Institutional Requirements”, *International Workshop on Affective, Moral and Civic Education*, Université de Montréal, May 20 2015

### Other Presentations

(Invited speaker) [Formal Coherence and the Separateness of Requirements] « La normativité de la cohérence et l'inséparabilité des exigences », Séminaire de métaéthique, Université de Rennes, April 14 2023

(Invited speaker) [Two Institutional Perspectives on the Internet of Things] « Deux perspectives institutionnelles sur l'Internet des objets », Webinaires de l'Institut intelligence et données (IID), Université Laval, February 10 2023

(Invited speaker) [A New Strategy for Vindicating the Normativity of Coherence] « Une nouvelle stratégie pour justifier la normativité de la cohérence », French Society for Analytic Philosophy congress, Université de Neuchâtel (Switzerland), July 18-20 2022

“What Second-Best Epistemology Could Look Like”, Workshop *Philosophie de l'économie II*, ACFAS, Université Laval, May 11 2022

“Formal Coherence and the Separateness of Requirements”, Workshop *Philosophie de l'économie I*, ACFAS, Université de Sherbrooke, May 7 2021

“Ziliotti, E., Calling Things by their Name: An Inquiry into the meanings of Meritocracy, Hierarchy, and Democracy”, commentary, *Workshop on Hierarchies*, Université de Montréal, January 28-29 2021

“In Praise of Epistemic Modesty”, Workshop *Recherches récentes en philosophie analytique*, Université de Montréal, March 8 2019

“Worsnip, A., Disagreement as Interpersonal Incoherence”, commentary, *Saint-Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, Saint-Louis (MO), May 20-22 2018

“The Explanatory Role and the Normativity of Consistency”, *Philosophy Talk-Shop*, Harvard University, March 1 2018

“Epistemic Akrasia and Reasons-Responsiveness”, *Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy*, Uppsala University, April 20 2017

“Epistemic Akrasia and Reasons-Responsiveness”, *Journées du GRIN 2017*, Université de Montréal, March 16 2017

“Palmira, M., Disagreement, Significance and Revision”, commentary, *Faces of Disagreement Conference*, Université de Montréal & McGill University, May 26-28 2016

(Invited speaker) [Public Justification and the Epistemic Benefits of Deliberation] « Le potentiel épistémique de la délibération et l'exigence de justification publique », Post-graduate workshop in social and political philosophy, Université Paris 1, February 16 2016

## TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

### Teaching

At École de technologie supérieure:

- Ethics of artificial intelligence (ETH610), Fall 2023.
- Health, technology, and society (TIN504), Summer 2022 and Winter 2023.
- Leadership and collective responsibility (LRC110), Winter 2023.
- Professional ethics for engineers (PEP110), Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Winter 2022 and Summer 2023.
- Environment, technology, and society (TIN503), Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 and Fall 2022.

At Université de Montréal:

- Problems in ethics (PHI1400), Fall 2018.
- Ethics for professionals in homeland security (PHI2990), Winter 2018 and Winter 2019.
- Ethics for urban planning professionals (PHI6990), Fall 2017, Summer 2018 and Fall 2018.

### Pedagogical development

With Éric Francoeur, creation of a hybrid course in professional ethics (PEP110), École de technologie supérieure (2018-2021).

With Christian Nadeau, creation of online ethics courses (PHI2990 and PHI6690), Université de Montréal (2012-2018).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Conference Organization

Organization of the roundtables titled *Variété des parcours professionnels en philosophie* I and II, SPQ congress, May 12 2022 (5 participants) and June 5 2023 (5 participants)

With Stéphane Lemaire, Christine Tappolet and Patrick Turmel, coorganizer of the *Meta-Ethics and its Normative Implications* workshop, May 2-4 2018, Montréal, Canada

Under the supervision of Christine Tappolet, Sarah Stroud, Andrée-Anne Cormier and Michele Palmira, support in the organization of the *Faces of Disagreement* conference, May 26-28 2016, Montréal, Canada (15 talks, 15 commentaries and 1 roundtable)

Under the supervision of Christine Tappolet, Sandra Lapointe and Alain Voizard, support in the organization of the French Society for Analytic Philosophy congress, June 17-20 2015, Montréal, Canada (5 keynotes, 2 symposia, 12 roundtables and 78 talks)

Under the supervision of Christine Tappolet and Fabrice Correia, support in the organization of the young researcher workshop *Metaethics and Metametaphysics*, French Society for Analytic Philosophy, March 1-3 2014, Ovronnaz, Switzerland (16 talks)

**Service for Societies and Research Groups**

- 2022-23 Director of the axis “Norms of practical and epistemic rationality”, Interuniversity research group on normativity (GRIN)
- 2022-25 Board member, Academic Affairs, Société de Philosophie du Québec

**Other**

- 2017- Reviewer for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Igitur*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *The Ethics Forum*, and *Theoria*
- 2018 Voluntary work for *Les Classiques des sciences sociales* (open access, francophone social sciences library). Online proofreading and editing of Condorcet's *Discours préliminaire* (56 000 words, 175 pages)

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

- 2023 SSHRC Connection Grant, Co-Applicant, with Christophe Point (Sherbrooke, Principal Investigator), Marie-Josée Drolet (UQTR), Gilles Beauchamp (McGill) and François Claveau (Sherbrooke), 25 000\$
- 2022-24 SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Principal Investigator, 67 310\$
- 2022 FRQSC Individual Start-Up Grant, Principal Investigator, 15 000\$
- 2020-22 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 90 000\$
- 2020-22 FRQSC B3 Postdoctoral Fellowship, 110 000\$ (declined in part)
- 2017-18 SSHRC Michael-Smith Foreign Study Supplement, 6 000\$
- 2016-19 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship, 105 000\$
- 2015-18 FRQSC B2 Doctoral Scholarship, 60 000\$ (declined after the first year)

**PRIZES AND DISTINCTIONS**

- 2020 Social Epistemology Network early career award. Paper title: “A Puzzle About the Optimization of Collective Reliability”
- 2019 Doctoral Dissertation awarded with highest distinction
- 2016 With Félix Schneller, best student essay prize, awarded by the Québec Philosophical Society. Paper title: “Axiological Neutrality, from Virtuous Professors to Institutional Requirements”
- 2015 With Félix Schneller, prize (1 000\$) for a presentation at the *On Affective, Moral and Civic Education* Conference, awarded by the Centre for Research in Ethics