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Areas of specialization: Epistemology; Ethics
Areas of competence: Philosophy of Science; Metaethics

Appointments

2022-	Professor (Teaching Stream), 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

"Coherence, First-Personal Deliberation, and Crossword Puzzles", *Philosophical Topics*, special issue: Beyond Evidence in Epistemology, forthcoming

With Victor Babin, "Two Philosophical Issues Surrounding the Structure of Public-Policy Recommendations", *Dialogue*, forthcoming

With Victor Babin, « Deux enjeux philosophiques entourant la structure des recommandations issues du secteur public », *Dialogue*, forthcoming

"Imperfection, Accuracy, and Structural Rationality", *Erkenntnis*, DOI: <u>10.1007/s10670-022-00571-5</u>

"Transformative Experiences, Rational Decisions and Shark Attacks", *Inquiry*, DOI: <u>10.1080/0020174X.2021.1953578</u>

With Charles Côté-Bouchard, "Epistemic Consequentialism, Veritism, and Scoring Rules", *Erkenntnis*, 88.4, 2023: 1741-1765.

"Structural Rationality and the Property of Coherence", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 104.1, 2023: 170-94.

"The Comparison Problem for Approximating Epistemic Ideals", *Ratio*, 36.1, 2023: 22-31.

With David Montminy, "Immodesty and Permissivism", *Synthese*, 200.4 (article #266), 2022: 1-21. DOI: <u>10.1007/s11229-022-03758-z</u>

"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

« 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, « La neutralité axiologique, vertu professorale ou exigence institutionnelle? », *Penser l'éducation*, 40.1, 2017: 25-44

« Pourquoi délibérer? Du potentiel épistémique à la justification publique », *Philosophiques* , 43.1, 2016: 23-48

« Tolérance libérale et délibération : l'apport de la neutralité scientifique », *The Ethics Forum*, 11.1, 2016: 4-28

« 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

« Neutralité scientifique », in M. Kristanek (ed.), *l'Encyclopédie Philosophique*, 2018, <http://encyclo-philo.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

With Victor Babin, "Why Policy Recommendations Are Poorly Structured," *Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics Conference 2023*, Toronto (CA), May 28 2023

"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

"Andreou, C. *Choosing Well: The Good, the Bad, and the Trivial* (OUP, 2023)", commentary, Author-meets-critics workshop, Centre de recherche en éthique, Montréal (CA), June 16 2023

(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, March 24 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.
- Healthcare, technology, and society (TIN504), Summer 2022, Winter 2023 and Winter 2024.
- Leadership and collective responsibility (LRC110), Winter 2023 and Winter 2024.
- Professional ethics for engineers (PEP110), Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Winter 2022, Summer 2023 and Fall 2023.
- Environment, technology, and society (TIN503), Fall 2020, 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

Creation of a course in ethics of distributed computing (ETH300), École de technologie supérieure (2023-2024)

Creation of a course in ethics of artifical intelligence (ETH610), École de technologie supérieure (2022-2023)

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 7 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

2022-24   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*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Igitur*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Res Philosophica*, *Synthese*, *The Ethics Forum*, and *Theoria*

2019-   Program committee member, Canadian Society for Epistemology congress (2019) and Canadian Philosophical Association congress (2024).

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 AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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