

ULF HLOBIL

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy, Concordia University
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Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Logic

AOC Philosophy of Action, Metaethics, Philosophy of Psychology, Moral Psychology

Biographical Information

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTRÉAL
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

OTHER POSITIONS

2018– GRIN (*Le groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité*)
Responsable de l'axe normativité et connaissance

2017– CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR EPISTEMOLOGY
Vice-president

2015–2016 UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG
Doctoral Fellow at the *Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism*

Academic Background

EDUCATION

2016 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *What Is Inference?*
Committee: R. Brandom, J. McDowell, J. Shaw, K. Setiya

COLOMBIA UNIVERSITY
Visiting Doctoral Student (2012–2013)

2010 UNIVERSITY OF TRIER
Magister Artium (\approx M.A.) in Philosophy (distinction)

2008 UNIVERSITY OF TRIER
Diplom (\approx M.Sc.) in Psychology

AWARDS, HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Publons Refereeing Award: *Top 1% in Arts and Humanities*. (2017)
- Saxonian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, one year scholarship (2015)
- Elizabeth Baranger Award for Excellence in Teaching, finalist (2012)
- Mellon First-Year Graduate Fellowship (2010)
- Graduate School Deans Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh (2009)
- J. William Fulbright Scholarship (2009)
- Essay Prize in Philosophy, Philipps-University Marburg (2008)

LANGUAGES

German, English, Latin (*latinum* proficiency certificate), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)

Research

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS (PEER REVIEWED)

- Ulf Hlobil (2019). "Inferring by Attaching Force." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2018.1564060>.
- Katharina Nieswandt and Ulf Hlobil (2018). "Virtues for the Imperfect." *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-018-9676-3>.
- Ulf Hlobil (2018). "Goodness-Fixing Isn't Good Enough: A Reply to McHugh and Way." *Mind*, doi: 10.1093/mind/fzy035.
- Ulf Hlobil (2018). "We Cannot Infer by Accepting Testimony." *Philosophical Studies*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-018-1142-3>.
- Ulf Hlobil (2018). "Faithfulness for Naive Validity." *Synthese*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-1687-x>.
- Ulf Hlobil (2018). "The Cut-Free Approach and the Admissibility-Curry," *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7(1): 40–48.
- Ulf Hlobil (2016). "Social Norms and Unthinkable Options." *Synthese* 193(8): 2519–2537.
- Ulf Hlobil (2016). "Chains of Inferences and the New Paradigm in the Psychology of Reasoning." *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 7(1): 1–16.
- Ulf Hlobil and Katharina Nieswandt (2016). "On Anscombe's Philosophical Method." *Klesis Revue Philosophique* 35: 180–198.

Reprinted in:

John Haldane (ed.) (2019). *The Life and Philosophy of Elizabeth Anscombe* (pp. 42–61). Exeter: Imprint Academic.

Ulf Hlobil (2015). "There are Diachronic Norms of Rationality." *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 4(1): 38–45.

Ulf Hlobil (2015). "Anti-Normativism Evaluated." *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 23(3): 376–395.

Ulf Hlobil (2014). "Against Boghossian, Wright and Broome on Inference." *Philosophical Studies* 167(2): 419–429.

Ulf Hlobil, Chaturbhuji, R., Aley, A., Sankara, S. & Kurupath, R. (2008). "Impaired Facial Emotion Recognition in Patients with Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Associated with Hippocampal Sclerosis (MTLE-HS): Side and Age at Onset Matters." *Epilepsy Research* 80(2-3): 150–157.

REFEREED ARTICLES IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (REFEREED CONFERENCES)

Ulf Hlobil (2018). "Choosing Your Nonmonotonic Logic: A Shopper's Guide." In Pavel Arazim and Tomáš Lávička (eds.) *The Logica Yearbook 2017* (pp. 109–123), College Publications: London.

Ulf Hlobil (2017). "When Structural Principles Hold Merely Locally." In Pavel Arazim and Tomáš Lávička (eds.) *The Logica Yearbook 2016* (pp. 53–67), College Publications: London.

Ulf Hlobil (2016). "A Nonmonotonic Sequent Calculus for Logical Expressivist Inferentialists." In Pavel Arazim and Michal Dancak (eds.) *The Logica Yearbook 2015* (pp. 87–105), College Publications: London.

BOOK, EDITED AND TRANSLATED

Katharina Nieswandt and Ulf Hlobil (eds.) (2014). *G.E.M. Anscombe: Aufsätze* (translated by Katharina Nieswandt and Ulf Hlobil). Berlin: Suhrkamp. (400 pages)

Reviews:

- Perler, Dominik. Was soll das sein, eine moralische Pflicht? *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Dec. 10, 2014.
- Kietzmann, Christian (2015). G.E.M. Anscombe: Aufsätze. *Philosophische Rundschau*, 62(1): 88–92.

BOOK REVIEWS

Ulf Hlobil (2017). "A Handbook for Social Change: Bicchieri's *Norms in the Wild*" *Metascience* 26(3): 459–462.

Ulf Hlobil (2010). "Review of Timo-Peter Ertz's *Regel und Witz*." *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 64(3): 416–419.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ulf Hlobil (2018). "Extensions of Non-Monotonic and Non-Transitive Atomic Bases." In Thomas Piecha and Peter Schroeder-Heister (eds.) *Proof Theory. Proceedings of the Workshop held at Unilog'2018 in Vichy, 25 June 2018* (pp. 15–29), University of Tübingen: Tübingen. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15496/publikation-25225>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PAPERS (REFEREED)

- 2018 “Extensions of Non-Monotonic and Non-Transitive Atomic Bases,” UNILOG 2018, Vichy, France (June)
- “Naive Admissibility in the Cut-Free Approach,” Canadian Philosophical Association 2018, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (June)
- “Naive Admissibility in the Cut-Free Approach,” ALFAn-Philologica 2018, Villa de Leyva, Colombia (May)
- “Naive Admissibility in the Cut-Free Approach,” American Philosophical Association Central Division 2018, Chicago, Illinois, USA (Feb.)
- 2017 “Virtues for the Imperfect” (together with Katharina Nieswandt), Eleventh Annual Conference of the Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, Felician University Rutherford Campus, New Jersey, USA (Oct.)
- “Choosing Your Nonmonotonic Logic: A Shopper’s Guide,” Poznań Reasoning Week, Adam Mickiewicz University, Department of Logic and Cognitive Science, Poznan, Poland (July)
- “Choosing Your Nonmonotonic Logic: A Shopper’s Guide,” Logica 2017, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic, Hejnice, Czech Republic (June)
- 2016 “Grounding Logic on Defeasible, Material Implications” (with Daniel Kaplan), 5th Workshop On Philosophical Logic, Argentinean Society of Philosophical Analysis (SADAF), Buenos Aires, Argentina (Nov.)
- “When Structural Principles Hole Merely Locally,” Logica 2016, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Hejnice, Czech Republic (June)
- “Nonmonotonicity for Expressivist Inferentialist,” Philologica IV, Universidad de los Andes / Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia (Feb.)
- 2015 “A Nonmonotonic Sequent Calculus for Logical Expressivist Inferentialists,” Logica 2015, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Hejnice, Czech Republic (June)
- 2014 “The ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normativity: Anscombe on Hume’s Circle” (K. Nieswandt and U. Hlobil), Prague International Colloquium on the Nature of Rules and Normativity, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic (Sep.)
- “Anti-Normativism Evaluated,” Cracow Workshop in Analytical Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland (June)
- 2013 “The Normative Significance of Consequence Relations,” XVII Congresso Interamericano de Filosofia, SIF 2013, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil (Oct.)
- “The Normative Significance of Validity,” Tenth Annual Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA (March)

- “The Normative Significance of Validity,” Thirty-Seventh Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., USA (Feb.)
- 2012 “Meaning is a Normative Concept,” Inferentialism in the Philosophy of Language, Mind, and Action, UNED, Madrid, Spain (Oct.)
- 2011 “Meaning is a Normative Concept,” Prague International Colloquium on the Normativity of Meaning, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic (April)
- 2008 “Philosophy as Ancilla Scientiae?” Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany (June)

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “Towards a Self-Sufficient Inferentialism,” SADAF Workshop: Validity and Metainferences, Buenos Aires, Argentina (December)
- “Do the Virtues Make You Happy?” (together with Katharina Nieswandt), Enhancing Human Dignity: The Virtues and Practical Reason, Udine, Italy (November)
- “The Taking Condition and the Guise of the Good,” Auburn University Philosophical Society, Auburn, USA (November)
- “The Taking Condition and the Guise of the Good,” International Conference “Inference in Action,” Munich, Germany (October)
- “Do the Virtues Make You Happy?” (together with Katharina Nieswandt), Teleological Structures in Human Life: A Workshop with Anselm W. Müller, University of Leipzig, Germany (July)
- “On Weighing Reasons with Defeaters,” Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité (GRIN), Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada (April)
- “Revolutionary Virtues?” (Katharina Nieswandt and Ulf Hlobil), Workshop on Virtue and Moral Reasoning under Oppressive Social Conditions, Concordia University, Canada (Feb.)
- “What Does it Take to Be a Normative Creature?,” CCD Brownbag Talk, Psychology Department, Concordia University, Canada (Feb.)
- 2017 “Virtues for the Imperfect” (together with Katharina Nieswandt), Network Meeting: Practical Thought and Good Action, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany (July)
- “The Importance of Being Immoral,” Language-Mind-Society Center, Univerzita Hradec Králové, Czech Republic (May)
- “Defeasibility Between Failures of Cut and Relevance,” Workshop: Logics of Consequence, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (March)
- 2016 “Practical Inference and the Guise of the Good,” Haifa University, Israel (Jan.)
- 2015 “Das Schließen und seine Rechtfertigung,” Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle (Nov.)

“Breaking the Rules in Order to Change the World: Making Norms Visible,” Center for the Study of Language, Mind and Society, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic (Sep.)

“Logic for Inferentialist Expressivists,” Logicko-filosofický seminář, Prague (Sep.)

2013 “What Does ‘Therefore’ Mean?” The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York, USA (Feb.)

2012 “Against Boghossian, Wright and Broome on Inference,” Graduate Student Workshop in Philosophy, Columbia University, USA (Nov.)

AS COMMENTATOR

2018 “Comments on Griffin Klemick’s: ‘McDowell, Moral Realism, and Reflective Self-Scrutiny,’” CPA 2018, Montreal, Canada (June)

2014 Comments on Marianna Bergamaschi Ganapini’s “Why the Conceptual Explanation of Transparency Fails,” Cracow Workshop in Analytical Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Poland (July)

Comments on Sebastian Becker’s “Contextualism about the Epistemic ‘Ought’ vs. Subjectivist Norms for Belief,” 16th Pitt-CMU Graduate Conference (Jan.)

2013 Comments on John Waterman’s “Skepticism and Semantic Blindsight,” Thirty-Seventh Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., USA (Feb.)

Comments on Raney Folland’s “Doxastic Attitudes Governed by a Principle of Coherence,” Tenth Annual Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA (March)

FUNDING

2017–2020 *Fonds de recherche du Québec, Société et culture (FRQSC): Soutien à la recherche pour la relève professorale. Project: L’acte de raisonner : sa nature et ses règles* (2018-NP-206481). \$ 52.156 over three years.

2017–18: \$17 597

2018–19: \$16 962

2019–20: \$17 597

2017–2019 Collaborator in the research project *Man as a Normative Creature*; the principal investigator is Prof. Jaroslav Peregrin (University of Hradec Králové, and Czech Academy of Sciences). Funding Agency: University of Hradec Králové (funding scheme: excellence in research at UHK): CZK 3 600 000 ≈ CAD 209 304 over three years.

2016–2017 *Concordia University: Aid to Research Related Events, Publication, Exhibition and Dissemination Activities (ARRE): \$ 5.000*

Teaching

COURSES

At Concordia University:

2018–19: PHIL $\frac{416}{646}$. *Philosophy of Language: Relativism, Disagreement, and Perspectives*
PHIL 398. *Ethics and Epistemology in the Digital Age: Bullshit, Bots and Big Data*
PHIL 216. *Introduction to the Philosophy of Language*
PHIL 265. *Introduction to Metaphysics*

2017–18: PHIL 672. *Directed Study: Logical Pluralism and Anti-Exceptionalism*
PHIL 398. *Ethics and Epistemology in the Digital Age: Bullshit, Bots and Big Data*
PHIL 325. *Philosophical Psychology*
PHIL $\frac{414}{652}$. *Advanced Topics in Logic*
PHIL 220. *Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*

2016–17: PHIL 201. *Problems of Philosophy*
PHIL 232. *Introduction to Ethics*
PHIL 201. *Problems of Philosophy*

Elsewhere:

2017 *Animal Morality and Revolutionary Virtues* (summer school at the University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic)
2012 *Introduction to Logic* (teaching assistant)
2011 *Minds and Machines* (teaching assistant)

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Completed:
- Madeline Glowicki, *An Account of Willful Ignorance: Blameworthy Willful Ignorance, Praiseworthy Willful Ignorance, and Self-Deception*, M.A. Research Paper in Philosophy, Concordia University, second reader: Amandine Catala. (September 2018)
- In progress:
- George Christopoulos, *Epistemic Trust, Testimonial Justification and Stakes-Contextualism* (proposal accepted, finishing up MRP).
 - Kenji Lota, *Questions for Uniqueness* (proposal accepted).
 - Mansooreh Kimiagari, project on Anti-exceptionalism in the philosophy of logic. (working on proposal)
 - Joel Jordan (INDI program), project on the history and philosophy of logic and its relation to computer science. (working on proposal)

EXAMINATIONS (OF MAJOR RESEARCH PAPERS AS SECOND READER)

- 2018 May Laura Gallivan, *An Experiential, Inclusive Approach to Hope*, M.A. Research Paper in Philosophy, Concordia University, supervisors: Matthew Barker and David Morris. (May 2018)
- 2018 March Sean Boivin, *The Likelihood Principle: Objectivity and the Values and Science Debate*, M.A. Research Paper in Philosophy, Concordia University, supervisor: Matthew Barker.
- 2017 Sep. Gabrielle Polce, *An Analysis of Time's Involuntariness in Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology Through Habits and Their Constructive Interruption*, M.A. Research Paper in Philosophy, Concordia University, supervisors: Emilia Angelova and David Morris. (Sep 2017)
- 2016 Dec. Erik Nelson, *Logic without Regress: Fodor, Heidegger, and Inferences without Rules*, M.A. Research Paper in Philosophy, Concordia University, supervisor: Greg Lavers. (December 2016)

Service

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- Open House Presentations, Oct. 2018
- Department Hiring Committee, cluster hiring initiative in the area of "Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Communities and Cities" (2017–2018)
- Colloquium Series Organizer (2017–present)
- Undergraduate Program Committee (2016–present)
- Library Liaison (2016–2017)
- MRP-Work in Progress Meetings (2018–present)
- Together with Katharina Nieswandt: Open House Presentations, Feb. 2017, Oct. 2017
- Together with Katharina Nieswandt: *Philosophy & Society* part of department website: <https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/philosophy/about/phil-society.html>
- Reading Group on Logic (2017)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

REFEREE: 35 verified reviews. (Publons verified record available at: <https://publons.com/researcher/1286721/ulf-hlobil>)

Mind (×3); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*; *Nous* (×2); *Synthese* (×5); *Ethics* (×3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×2); *Philosophical Studies*; *Erkenntnis* (×3); *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Ratio* (×4);

Topoi; *Episteme*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (×2); *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; *Minds and Machines*; *Hegel Bulletin*; *Philosophical Explorations* (×2); *Les Ateliers de l'éthique* (×2); *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (×2); *Philosophical Papers*.

CONFERENCES: *Virtue and Moral Reasoning in a World of Oppression*, Concordia University, 2018 (together with Katharina Nieswandt; speakers included: Charlotte Witt, Elijah Millgram, Eric Wiland, Macalester Bell and more)

Epistemic Agents: Norms, Control and Responsibility in the Theory of Knowledge (*Canadian Society for Epistemology, annual meeting*), Université de Montréal, 2017 (together with Aude Bandini)

Logics of Consequence: Logical Inferentialism, Defeasible Reasoning, and Transitivity, Concordia University, 2017 (speakers included: Neil Tennant, David Ripley, Robert Brandom, Jaroslav Peregrin, Julien Murzi, Cathrine Hundleby, Marcus Rossberg, Christian Straßer and more)

What is Reasoning? The Unity and Distinctness of Theoretical and Practical Inference, University of Leipzig, 2016 (keynotes: Ralph Wedgwood and Julia Tanney)

A Spirit of Trust: Mediating the Immediate: The Consciousness Chapters of the Phenomenology, University of Leipzig, 2016 (lecture series and summer school with Robert Brandom)

MEMBERSHIP:

- CRÉ (*Centre de recherche en éthique*, Université de Montréal): membre régulière de l'axe éthique fondamental
- GRIN (*Le groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité*), responsable de l'axe normativité et connaissance
- Member of the *Canadian Philosophical Association* and the *American Philosophical Association*.
- *Canadian Society for Epistemology*, vice-president