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## Employment

2023- Research Fellow, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro  
2020-2023 Research Fellow, Universidade Federal de Santa Maria  
2019-2020 Research Fellow, Rutgers University  
2017-2019 Research Fellow, Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia  
2015-2017 Research Fellow, Universidade Federal do Paraná  
2012-2013 Assistant Lecturer, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

## Education

2011-2015 PhD in Philosophy, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul  
DISSERTATION: *Prospects for a Theory of Delusion*  
2009-2011 MA in Philosophy, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul  
DISSERTATION: *Self-Deception and Delusion*  
2004-2008 BA in Philosophy, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

## Invited Positions

Jun-Aug 2023 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Birmingham  
Jan-Mar 2023 Visiting Research Fellow, Rutgers University  
Sep-Nov 2022 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Leeds

## Teaching

2022, 2023 Applied Ethics (UFESM, graduate)  
2018, 2019 Philosophy of Religion (FAJE, graduate)  
2016 Philosophy of Mind (UFPR, undergraduate)  
2016 Theory of Knowledge (UFPR, graduate)  
2015 Philosophy of Science (UFPR, graduate)  
2012 Ethics (UFRGS, undergraduate)  
2012 Introduction to Philosophy (UFRGS, undergraduate)  
2012 Philosophy and Literature (UFRGS, undergraduate)  
2012 Philosophy of Mind (UFRGS, undergraduate)

## Publications

*Note:* links to the publications are available by clicking their titles

- forthcoming *Afro-Brazilian Religions and Philosophical Methodology* (Cambridge University Press)
- forthcoming Self and Agency in Candomblé  
*Philosophies of Self: A Cross-Cultural Introduction* (Bloomsbury)
- forthcoming The Philosophy of Religious Studies  
*Religion*
- forthcoming Delusion and Double Bookkeeping  
*Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Delusion* (Routledge)
- forthcoming Hermeneutical Injustice in the Attribution of Psychotic Symptoms with Religious Content  
*Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*
- 2024 The Mythic Narratives of Candomblé Nagô and What They Imply About Its Supreme Being  
*Religious Studies*, FirstView: 1–17
- 2023 Awe at Natural Beauty as a Religious Experience  
(with Daniel De Luca–Noronha)  
*Síntese*, 50: 423–445.
- 2023 Afro-Brazilian Religions and the Prospects for a Philosophy of Religious Practice  
(with Fernando Carlucci)  
*Religions*, 14(2): 146
- 2022 Benign and Pathological Religious Experience  
*Psicopatologia Fenomenológica Contemporânea*, 11(1): 44–61
- 2021 Abrindo Caminhos em Filosofia da Religião pela Incorporação de Tradições Afro-Brasileiras  
*Revista Brasileira de Filosofia da Religião*, 8(2): 72–82
- 2021 Awe at Natural Beauty as Defeasible Evidence for the Existence of God  
(with Daniel De Luca–Noronha)  
*Manuscrito*, 44(4): 489–517
- 2019 Double Bookkeeping and Doxasticism about Delusion  
*Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*, 26(2): 111–119
- 2019 Delusion, Folk Psychology, and the Scientific Image  
*Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*, 26(2): 129–131
- 2018 The Acquisition of Religious Belief and the Attribution of Delusion  
*Filosofia Unisinos*, 19(3): 329–339
- 2018 Philosophy and the Cognitive Science of Religion  
*Filosofia Unisinos*, 19(3): 241–243

- 2018 The Doxastic Status of Delusion and the Limits of Folk Psychology  
*Schizophrenia and Common Sense* (Springer)
- 2018 A Classificação, Definição e Ontologia do Delírio  
*Introdução à Filosofia da Psiquiatria* (NEPFIL)
- 2016 Delusion as a Folk Psychological Kind  
*Filosofia Unisinos*, 17(2): 212-226
- 2016 The Philosophy of Psychiatry and Psychopathology  
*Filosofia Unisinos*, 17(2): 168-170
- 2016 The Natural Kind Status of Delusion  
*A Companion to Naturalism* (NEPFIL)
- 2016 The Classification, Definition, and Ontology of Delusion  
*Revista Latinoamericana de Psicopatologia Fundamental*, 19(1): 167-181
- 2015 Can Dispositionalism about Belief vindicate Doxasticism about Delusion?  
*Principia*, 19(3): 379-404
- 2015 Can Anosognosia vindicate Traditionalism about Self-Deception?  
*Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*, 44(2): 206-217
- 2015 Delírios e os Limites Explanatórios da Psicologia do Senso Comum  
*Intuitio*, 8(1): 185-197
- 2014 Is Self-Deception Pretense?  
*Manuscrito*, 37(2): 291-332
- 2014 A Note on the Dynamics of Psychiatric Classification  
*Minerva*, 18: 27-47
- 2013 Filosofia e Ficção: Uma Proposta Pedagógica  
*Diálogos com a Escola: Experiências em Formação Continuada em Filosofia na UFRGS* (Evangraf)
- 2012 Against the Deflationary Account of Self-Deception  
*HumanaMente*, 20: 67-84

## Talks

- 2023 Why Doesn't Candomblé Have a Problem of Evil? (UnB, LARA)
- 2023 Expanding the Philosophy of Religion by Engaging with Afro-Brazilian Traditions (UnB, FAJE)
- 2023 The God and Gods of Candomblé (Birmingham)
- 2023 How Do We Represent God's Emotional Life? (PUC-Rio, FAJE)
- 2023 Evil and Suffering in Candomblé, an Afro-Diasporic Brazilian Religion (Waseda)
- 2022 Afro-Brazilian Traditions and Philosophy of Religion (UFJF, FAJE, UFBA, UFRJ, UFRGS)
- 2022 How can Afro-Brazilian Traditions Inform the Philosophy of Religion? (Birmingham, Leeds)
- 2022 The Divine and the Experience of Natural Beauty (UnB)
- 2022, 2023 Epistemic Injustice in the Attribution of Psychosis with Religious Content (Leeds, PUC-Rio)

- 2021 What is the Role of Phenomenology in Psychiatric Explanation? (APPH)
- 2021 What Epistemic Injustices Affect Users in Mental Health Clinical Contexts? (APPH)
- 2021 Is there a Continuum Between Psychosis and Normality? (APPH)
- 2021 What Are Mental Disorders? (APPH)
- 2020 Mental Illness and Epistemic Injustice (UFSM)
- 2019 Religious Belief and the Attribution of Delusion (UFRGS, UFSM)
- 2019 Cognitive Science of Religion: Questions, Themes, and Approaches (UFRGS)
- 2018 Religious Beliefs and Pathological Beliefs (Loyola)
- 2018 Psychosis and Imputability (FAJE)
- 2018 The Nature of Delusion (UFPR)
- 2017 The Cognitive Status of Religious Beliefs (FAJE)
- 2017 The Definition of Delusion in the DSM-5 (Unicamp, Loyola)
- 2016, 2017 Pathologies of Belief (UFPEL, FAJE)
- 2016 The Epistemology of Delusion (Unicamp)
- 2016 The Natural Kind Status of Delusion (FCMSCSP)
- 2015, 2016 Philosophy and Psychopathology (UFSM, UFPR)
- 2015 Belief Attribution in Marginal Cases (UFRGS)
- 2015 Essentialism about Psychiatric Categories (PUCPR)
- 2015 What does the Epistemology of Delusion entail about its Ontology? (UFPR)
- 2013 How to Proceed in the Scientific Study of Consciousness (UFRGS, UNIFESP)
- 2013 Delusions, Folk Psychology, and Levels of Explanation (UFSM, UFRGS)
- 2012, 2013 The Role of Philosophy in Cognitive Science (UFRGS, UFSM)
- 2011, 2012 Can Anosognosia Explain Self-Deception? (UFRGS, PUCPR)
- 2009 The Possibility of Self-Deception (Unisinos, PUCRS, UFRJ)

## Events

- 2023 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Workshop at FAJE, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- 2023 *Expanding the Philosophy of Religion by Engaging with Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Conference at UnB, Brasília, Brazil
- 2023 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Roundtable at PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2022 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Workshop at UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- 2022 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Workshop at UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2022 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Roundtable at UFBA, Salvador, Brazil
- 2022 *Philosophy of Religion and Afro-Brazilian Traditions*  
Roundtable at FAJE, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- 2018 *The Cognitive Bases of Religious Belief*  
Roundtable at Centro Loyola, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

- 2017 *Philosophy and Mental Health*  
Roundtable at Centro Loyola, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- 2017 *The Existence of God*  
Public debate at FAJE, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- 2015 *Philosophical Perspectives on Psychiatry and Psychopathology*  
Workshop at UFPR, Curitiba, Brazil
- 2013 *Philosophy and Cognitive Science*  
Workshop at UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

## Editorial work

*Note:* links to the issues are available by clicking their titles

- forthcoming Special Issue on the Philosophy of Religious Studies for *Religion*
- forthcoming Special Issue on Engaging Philosophically with Afro-Brazilian Religions for *Religious Studies*
- 2018 Special Issue on the Philosophy and Cognitive Science of Religion for *Filosofia Unisinos*
- 2016 Special Issue on the Philosophy of Psychiatry and Psychopathology for *Filosofia Unisinos*

## Awards

*Note:* links to the grant descriptions are available by clicking their numbers

- 2023-2025 Research Fellowship, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (grant #62693)
- 2021-2024 Research Grant, John Templeton Foundation (grant #62101)
- 2020-2021 Research Grant, Brazilian Association for the Philosophy of Religion (grant #61556)
- 2019-2020 Research Fellowship, University of Houston (grant #61253)
- 2017-2019 Research Fellowship, Coordination for Advanced Training of Graduate Personnel
- 2015-2017 Research Fellowship, Coordination for Advanced Training of Graduate Personnel
- 2011-2015 PhD Scholarship, Coordination for Advanced Training of Graduate Personnel
- 2009-2011 MA Scholarship, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development

## Languages

Portuguese (native); English (fluent); French, Spanish (reading proficiency)