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AOS: Philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

AOC: Metaphysics, logic, critical thinking, early modern philosophy, applied ethics, mathematics (I successfully passed exams in linear algebra, analytic geometry, three exams in mathematical analysis at the Department of Electronic Engineering, Università di Parma)

Education

<i>Period</i>	<i>Title or activity</i>	<i>Institution</i>
From 03.2018 to 01.2019	Postdoctoral fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science	Tokyo Metropolitan University
From 02.2015 to 08.2017	Advanced Postdoc Mobility fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation	University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and University of Southern California (USC)
From 09.2013 to 07.2014	Postdoc	Université de Genève
From 01.2003 to 24.10.2012	PhD in philosophy	Université de Genève
From 12.1996 to 06.2002	Laurea quadriennale (i.e. Bachelor's and Master's Degree) in philosophy	Università di Parma

Current position

From 10.2020-: Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy, History and Cultural Studies, Tokyo Metropolitan University (host researcher: Prof. Youichi Matsusaka).

(In 2022 I will conclude my research period at Tokyo Metropolitan University. From 2022 I will be a María Zambrano fellow at the University of Valencia, Next Generation E.U. funding grant, and then a Lise Meitner fellow at the University of Vienna, *Austrian Science Fund.*)

Previous positions (*excluding teaching activities, which are listed on pp. 2-3*)

From 06.2019 to 04.2020: Visiting Researcher, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Tokyo (host researcher: Prof. Fujikawa).

From 03.2018 to 01.2019: Postdoctoral fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science at Tokyo Metropolitan University (host researcher: Prof. Naoya Fujikawa).

From 09.2017 to 02.2018: Research Scholar, Philosophy Department, UCLA (supervisor: Prof. Kaplan).

From 02.2015 to 08.2017: Advanced Postdoc Mobility fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation. I visited the Philosophy Departments of UCSB (supervisor: Prof. Nathan Salmon) for 6 months, UCLA (supervisor: Prof. David Kaplan) for 25 months and simultaneously USC (supervisor: Prof. Scott Soames) for 12 months.

From 03.2012 to 08.2012: Short-Term Scholar, Columbia University (New York).

From 01.2008 to 08.2009: Visiting student (and Doc Mobility fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation during the first nine months), New York University (NYU). Supervisors: Professors Kit Fine and Stephen Schiffer.

From 01.2006 to 06.2007: Visiting student, University of Sheffield. Supervisor: Prof. Jennifer Saul.

From 01.2003 to 24.10.2012: PhD student in Philosophy, Université de Genève.

Title of the final dissertation: *Believing without Modes of Presentation*.

Members of the PhD committee: Prof. Kevin Mulligan (main supervisor), Université de Genève; Prof. Marco Santambrogio (co-supervisor), Università di Parma; Prof. Kit Fine (external examiner), NYU; Prof. François Recanati (external examiner), Collège de France.

Mention très honorable avec les félicitations du jury à l'unanimité.

<https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:34013>

From 12.1996 to 06.2002: Student (*laureando*) in Philosophy, Università di Parma.

Title of the final dissertation: *La distinzione de dicto-de re nelle attribuzioni di credenza* (tr.: *The de dicto-de re distinction in belief ascriptions*).

Supervisor: Prof. Marco Santambrogio.

110 out of 110 summa cum laude.

Training attended

- École Thématique *Esprit Science Metaphysique*, CNRS, Ramatuelle (France), 2005.
- NYU Summer School in Analytic Philosophy, Firenze, 2003.
- NYU Summer School in Analytic Philosophy, Parma, 2000 and 2001.

Approved research projects and other awards

- *Millian Russellianism, Nonexistence and Cognitive Propositions*, Tokyo Metropolitan University. Funded by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. 03/03/2018 - 02/02/2019. About € 35.000.
- *Russellianism*, UCSB, UCLA and USC. Funded by Swiss National Science Foundation. 01/02/2015 - 30/08/2017. About € 115.000.
- *The Logic of Belief Sentences*, NYU. Funded by Swiss National Science Foundation. 01/01/2008 - 30/09/2008. About € 30.000.
- *Le Basi Linguistiche dei Processi Mentali*, Università di Parma. Funded by Fondazione Banca Cariparma. 01/01/2007 - 30/06/2007. About € 10.000.
- *Bourse de la Fondation Schmidheiny*, Université de Genève. Funded by the Schmidheiny Foundation. 01/09/2005 - 31/08/2006. About € 20.000.
- *IRIS - Les Concepts Formels*, Université de Genève. 2001-2004. About € 600.000; P.I. Kevin Mulligan. My fellowship was about € 20.000.
- Further awards from the Université de Genève, each about €1000-4000:
 - Bourse doctorale, 2012;
 - Bourse Amiel, 2004;
 - Bourse Flournoy, 2004;
 - Bourse Spir, 2004;
 - Prix Humbert de la Philosophie, 2004.

Teaching activities

From 09.2014 to 12.2014: Temporary lecturer (for BA and MA students) in Philosophy of Language, Université de Fribourg.

From 09.2013 to 07.2014: Postdoctoral researcher and temporary lecturer (with Kevin Mulligan & by myself) in Philosophy of Language (*Suppléant post-doctorant*), Université de Genève.

From 09.2012 to 06.2013: Adjunct Professor in Formal Logic, in Metaphysics, and in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Rutgers University (Camden, USA).

From 09.2010 to 12.2011: Adjunct Professor in Informal Logic, CUNY York College (New York).

From 09.2009 to 12.2011: Adjunct Professor in Logic of Everyday Reasoning, Rowan University (Glassboro and Camden, USA).

From 09.2006 to 06.2007: Tutor (i.e. teaching assistant) in Mind, Brain and Personal Identity, in Matters of Life and Death, and in History of Philosophy, University of Sheffield.

From 09.2004 to 08.2005: Teaching assistant (with Julien Deonna and Ghislain Guigon) in Theoretical Philosophy (viz. philosophy of language and philosophy of mind), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne.

Overall, I have taught, during and after my PhD, 19 courses in symbolic logic, critical thinking, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, applied ethics, modern and contemporary philosophy, history of philosophy at 7 universities in Switzerland (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Université de Genève, Université de Fribourg), UK (University of Sheffield) and USA (Rowan University, CUNY and Rutgers University). They included one MA course (Fribourg) and two online courses (Sheffield and Rutgers). Three courses required teamwork: the one at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne was taught with Julien Deonna and Ghislain Guigon, and one at the Université de Genève was taught with Kevin Mulligan; the two online courses, especially the one at Rutgers, required close collaboration with the academic administration. The high quality of my teaching is shown in several evaluations from students that reach the score of 4.70 over 5.00, in an evaluation from Prof. Timothy Kirk, a CUNY faculty observer, who evaluated a course of mine as “excellent”, and in a letter from Prof. Richard Hyland, a distinguished professor of the Law School of Rutgers-Camden University, who attended one of my logic courses in spring 2013. In his (non-confidential) letter, Prof. Hyland wrote:

Prof. Bonardi is a highly effective teacher, and the course was absolutely terrific. Though he is always extremely well prepared, he remains appropriately humble in front of the class so that there is no pretention or condescension at any moment. He is exceptionally clear, and the pace of the course is just right. The undergraduate students I spoke with have the same view of the class that I do. There were a couple of students who seemed to have inadequate preparation for the course. When they asked questions, I tried to imagine how I myself would have responded. Most of the time I had no idea how I would clear up their confusion. But Prof. Bonardi always knew the right thing to say. He intuited exactly where these students were stumbling, and he always managed to get them over the hump, or, at the very least, help them enough so they could discuss the matter with him at greater length during the break. ... At every moment during the semester we knew exactly why we were examining the questions before us. ... I will admit that I am glowing from the efficiency with which Prof. Bonardi managed to convey this material and the pleasure I received as I learned it.

Reviewing activities & conference organization

- I have served as a reviewer for the journals *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Dialectica*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Manuscrito*, *Teorema* and *The Philosophical Forum*.
- I helped to organize a couple of conferences/workshops in Geneva in 2004-05 and a conference in Sheffield in 2006.

Memberships

- Research group *eidōs*, the *Centre of Metaphysics*, Philosophy Department, Université de Genève.
- American Philosophical Association.
- *International Exchange Alumni*, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State (from 2016, invited).

Referees

- *Youichi Matsusaka*, Department of Philosophy, History and Cultural Studies, Tokyo Metropolitan University, matsusak@ybb.ne.jp
- *Naoya Fujikawa*, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Tokyo, fjnaoya@gmail.com
- *David Kaplan*, UCLA, kaplan@ucla.edu, +1(310) 825-4641
UCLA Department of Philosophy, 390 Portola Plaza, 321 Dodd Hall, Box 951451, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1451, USA

- *Nathan Salmon*, UCSB, nsalmon@philosophy.ucsb.edu , +1(805) 893-7488
UCSB Department of Philosophy, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3090, USA
- *Kit Fine*, NYU, kit.fine@nyu.edu , +1(212) 998-8320
NYU Department of Philosophy, 5 Washington Place, New York City, NY 10003, USA
- *Kevin Mulligan*, Université de Genève, Kevin.Mulligan@unige.ch , +41 22 379 70 50
Département de Philosophie, rue de Candolle 2, 1205 Genève, Switzerland
- *Marco Santambrogio*, Università di Parma, mrcsntmbrg@gmail.com
- *Scott Soames*, USC, soames@usc.edu
- *Jennifer Saul*, University of Waterloo, jennifer.saul@uwaterloo.ca
- *Richard Hyland*, Rutgers University, hyland@camden.rutgers.edu

Languages

- English: advanced level
- French: advanced level
- Italian: mother tongue
- Latin: elementary level

Publications

- Rational Belief and Dialetheism. *Intercultural Pragmatics* 18(3): 309-335. Thematic issue: *Pragmatics and Philosophy*, 2021.
<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/ip-2021-2016/pdf>
Ranking: Q1 (language and linguistics).

Philosophers like e.g. Carpintero, Corazza, Salmon, Voltolini have published in this linguistics journal.

- The “Cicero”/“Cicero” Puzzling Case. *Theoria* 87(3): 628-642.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/theo.12300>
Ranking: Q1.
- Coordination, Understanding and Semantic Requirements. In M. Dumitru, *Metaphysics, Meaning, and Modality: Themes from Kit Fine*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020.
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/metaphysics-meaning-and-modality-9780199652624?cc=ro&lang=en&#>
Citations (that I was able to found / I am aware): 2 (Fine, Yoon).

Kit Fine has replied to the objections raised in this article of mine in his five-page “Comments on Paolo Bonardi’s ‘Coordination, Understanding and Semantic Requirements’”, included in the same volume. (The volume also includes contributions on Fine’s philosophy from Bob Hale, Graeme Forbes, Gideon Rosen, Penelope Mackie, Gary Ostertag, Joseph Almog, Fabrice Correia, Friederike Moltmann, etc.) This article of mine is also mentioned/discussed in Chulmin Yoon’s chapter “Semantic Relationism”, *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*, forthcoming.

- Frege’s Puzzle and Cognitive Relationism: An Essay on Mental Files and Coordination. *Disputatio* 12(56): 1-40, 2020.
https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/disp/12/56/article-p1.xml?fbclid=IwAR2VC48n4ulOpJ10UVIKEn7fowJhR-jQMg1Fsx4G0LMe6Jm3s1NI_G7rphI
Ranking: Q1.
- Manifest Validity and Beyond: An Inquiry into the Nature of Coordination and the Identity of Guises and Propositional-Attitude States. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 42(5): 475-515, 2019.
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10988-018-9245-z>
Ranking: Q1. *Citations* (that I was able to found / I am aware): 3 (Grano, Recanati, Yoon).

This is, in my opinion, my most important paper. François Recanati has replied to an objection raised in it in “Mental Files”, *The Cambridge Handbook of the Philosophy of Language*, 2021. The paper is also mentioned/discussed in Chulmin Yoon’s “Semantic Relationism”, *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*, forthcoming.

- Kaplan's Counterexample to Quine's Theorem. *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 95(2): 196-223, 2018. <http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/18756735-000034>
Ranking: Q2 (it was Q1 in 2016, when I submitted the paper to this journal).
- Names of Truth Bearers, and "That"-Clauses: A Dilemma for Millians. *Theoria* 83(3): 175-184, 2017. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/theo.12128/full>
Ranking: Q1.
- Semantic Relationism, Belief Reports and Contradiction. *Philosophical Studies* 166(2): 273-284, 2013. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11098-012-0017-2>
Ranking: Q1. *Citations* (that I was able to found / I am aware): 5 (Faroldi, Heck, Lima, Ostertag, Pryor).
This paper was included in the reading material of a graduate course taught by Prof. Jim Pryor at NYU in fall 2012 (<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/courses/hyper/index.html>) and is mentioned in the second edition of *Blackwell's Companion to the Philosophy of Language*, 2017.
- Critical notice of: Eros Corazza, *Reflecting the Mind. Indexicality and Quasi-Indexicality*. *Dialectica* 62(1): 135-141, 2008. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1746-8361.2007.01139.x>
Ranking: Q1.
- Arguments against the Fregean Model of "That"-Clauses: a Comment on Vignolo. *Abstracta* 3(2): 162-175, 2007. <http://abstracta.oa.hhu.de/index.php/abstracta/article/view/70>
- The Fregean Theory of Belief Reports and Anaphora. In P. Hanna, *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies*. Athens: Atiner, 2008. https://www.atiner.gr/docs/2008Hanna_CONT.htm

Research achievements

The judgments on my PhD dissertation expressed by my external examiners, Fine and Recanati, in their (non-confidential) reports were extremely positive. Recanati wrote:

La thèse est remarquable et digne de publication ... [Bonardi] fait preuve d'originalité, de clarté, de concision, et d'une parfaite maîtrise du sujet. ... Il s'agit de tout point d'une thèse exceptionnelle, qui fait indubitablement et significativement avancer la réflexion sur ces sujets.

Fine wrote:

[Bonardi's] treatment of subsystems of belief is much more systematic and rigorous than Davidson's. ... In my opinion, the material on belief subsystems is the most significant contribution of the thesis. It is good to have a reasonably systematic account of the notion, which, to my knowledge, has not previously been given; and the notion is one that should be of interest to anyone in the philosophy of language or mind, regardless of their other views.

Later on, in his "Comments on Paolo Bonardi's 'Coordination, Understanding and Semantic Requirements'" (*Metaphysics, Meaning, and Modality: Themes from Kit Fine*, 2020), Fine described himself as someone who "has written extensively and illuminatingly on direct reference theory". On my paper "Manifest Validity and Beyond" (*Linguistics and Philosophy*, 2019), which introduces important changes in the novel Millian-Russellian account developed in my PhD thesis, an anonymous reviewer wrote:

This paper makes an original and significant contribution to the growing literature on 'coordination' (sometimes known as 'de jure coreference'), an important topic in the philosophy of language. The author raises a number of cogent objections to extant accounts of the phenomenon (e.g. in terms of mental files), and outlines a novel view of their own, based on the concept of an 'occurrence of a Russellian proposition'. The use of this concept also makes the paper relevant to current debates on the nature of propositions. I believe many philosophers (and linguists interested in foundational issues) could benefit, as I did, from reading this challenging paper

Talks

2020:

- Talk, Seoul National University (South Korea)
- Talk, Yonsei University (South Korea)

2019:

- Talk, Université de Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

- Talk, University of Tokyo
- Talk, University of Hiroshima
- Central Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, Denver
- Talk, Osaka University
- Talk, University of Nagoya (Japan)
- Talk, University of Hokkaido (Japan)

2018:

- Workshop in honor of Graham Priest's 70th birthday (invited speakers: Graham Priest, Achille Varzi, etc.), Kyoto University
- Workshop *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 15*, Keio University, Tokyo
- Talk, Osaka University
- Talk, Okayama University (Japan)
- Workshop, University of Tokyo
- Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of California Santa Barbara
- Pacific Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, San Diego
- Talk, *Van Leer Jerusalem Institute*, Jerusalem
- *Israeli Philosophical Association Conference*, Haifa
- Eastern Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, Savannah

2017:

- *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Munich (Germany)
- *The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*, New York University
- Talk, Philosophy Department, Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada)
- Lecture, Philosophy Department, Carleton University, Ottawa

2016:

- Talk, Philosophy Department, New York University Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)
- Talk, Philosophy Department, University of Hong Kong
- Talk, Philosophy Department, Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- Lecture at the *Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics*, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University
- Talk, Department of Philosophy, History and Cultural Studies, Tokyo Metropolitan University
- Talk, Philosophy Department, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City

2015:

- *Thinking the Same: A Workshop on Mental Files* (with François Recanati, David Papineau, Angel Pinillos, Robin Jeshion, etc.), Istanbul (invited)
- Conference *Existence, Non-Existence and Intentionality* (with Alberto Voltolini, Francesco Berto, Peter Simons, Gianfranco Soldati, etc.), Université de Genève (invited)
- Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of California Santa Barbara
- Central Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, Saint Louis

2014:

- Talk on Mental Files, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris
- Talk on Modes of Presentation, *PhilEAs* Conference, Université de Genève (invited)
- *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, University of Bucharest
- Workshop *Constructing the World* (invited speakers: David Chalmers, Martine Nida-Rümelin, etc.), Université de Fribourg
- Pacific Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, San Diego

2013:

- Conference *The Philosophy of Kit Fine* (invited speakers: Kit Fine, Fraser MacBride, Fabrice Correia, etc.), Comabbio (Italy)

- *Swedish Congress of Philosophy*, University of Stockholm
- Congress of the *Canadian Society for Philosophy*, University of Victoria

2012:

- Eastern Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, Atlanta
- The *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*, New York University (invited)

2009:

- Computational Logic Seminar, Department of Mathematics, City University of New York (invited)

2008:

- *CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, New York
- Central Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, Chicago

2007:

- Congress of the *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Université de Genève
- *Second International Conference on Philosophy*, University of Athens
- Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of Sheffield
- Seminar, Philosophy Department, Università di Parma (invited)

2006:

- *British Postgraduate Analytic Philosophy Conference*, University of Warwick (commentator)
- Congrès de la *Société de Philosophie Analytique (SoPhA)*, Aix-en-Provence
- Congress of the *German Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Freie Universität, Berlin
- Congress of the *Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan
- Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of Sheffield

2005:

- *Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*, University of Manchester
- *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, University of Lisbon
- Congress of the *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, University of Lund (Sweden)

2004:

- *Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*, University of Kent (UK)
- Congress of the *Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy*, University of Murcia
- *Geneva-Barcelona Meeting*, University of Barcelona
- Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Department, Université de Genève