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CURRICULUM VITAE (Updated November 2026)

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Areas of Specialization: feminist philosophy, linguistic justice, social & political philosophy
Areas of Competence: ethics, philosophy of law, social philosophy of language

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer, 2025 - present
Philosophy & Religious Studies
Old Dominion University, VA, USA

EDUCATION

***PhD*, Philosophy - 2026**
Syracuse University, NY, USA
Thesis Title: 'A Normative Analysis of Nonnative Speaking'
Committee: Hille Paakkunainen (Chair), Kenneth Baynes, Amandine Catala

***MA*, Philosophy - 2015**
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
Thesis Title: 'Foundations of Normativity'
Committee: Irem Kurtsal Steen (Chair), Kenneth Westphal, Jack Woods

***BA*, Political Science and International Relations (Honors) - 2013**
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

***BA*, Philosophy (Honors) - 2013**
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Erasmus Program, Political Science - Spring 2012
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Marjorie Boulton Fellowship ($10,000)
Esperantic Studies Foundation, awarded annually to two doctoral students in the humanities or social sciences: 2025-2026

Dissertation Fellowship ($24,000)
Humanities Center at Syracuse University, awarded to two doctoral students in the humanities: 2023-2024

Travel Grants ($750 - $300)
American Philosophical Association: 2023, 2024
Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Philosophy Department, Syracuse University: 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
Philosophy Department, Bogazici University: 2015

RESEARCH

Dissertation: The standard account of linguistic agency in linguistic justice scholarship focuses on the instrumental role of language in communication and identity. Drawing from linguistics and feminist philosophy, I develop an alternative account which takes the articulation process as an integral part of linguistic agency and captures our intimate relationship with words themselves. This new perspective allows us to identify certain restrictions that nonnative speakers are prone to experience such as cognitive noise and alienation, which poses an impediment to their flourishing as linguistic agents and presents a new problem for linguistic justice theories. It also shows why, as opposed to the general opinion, new technologies will not solve all instances of linguistic injustice.

Peer-reviewed:

2) 'Muffling: Communicative Curtailment in Speech Production' *forthcoming* in *MIND*.

1) Epistemic challenges faced by non-native English speakers in philosophy: Evidence from an international survey. 2025. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*.
Peters, U. (first author), Çimendereli, Y. Ç., Davies, A., Gauvry, C., Inarimori, K., Klieber, A., Liu, S., Nottelmann, N., Russo, F., & Santos-Castro, J.

Under-revision in philosophy journals:
- A paper on the concept of nonnative speaker

In-progress:
"Linguistic Alienation and Linguistic Character"
"Inner Speech and Linguistic Justice"

Other Philosophical Output:
"An Existentialist Response to Babel Fish", in *Open for Debate*
"On the Duality of Dispossession: Scenes from Istanbul", co-authored MA thesis of İpek Hamzaoğlu for the Critical Studies at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, 2018.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (* refereed, ✝invited, #organized)

"The Concept of (Non)native Speaking"
Esperantic Studies Foundation Marjorie Boulton Fellows Panel, September 2026 ✝

Cagliari University, 6th European Experimental Philosophy Conference, September 2026 ✝
Manchester University, New Directions in Linguistic Justice, September 2024*
Duke University, International Social Ontology Society Conference, July 2024*
Creighton University, North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2024*
Bogazici University, 'Social Ontology Faces the Future', June 2024*

"Muffling and Linguistic Justice"
NOVA University of Lisbon, Varieties of Silencing Workshop, July 2026*

"Linguistic Justice in Academic Philosophy"
APA Eastern Division (Linguistic Justice Society), January 2026#

"An Existentialist Response to Babel Fish"
European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Panel on Linguistic Justice and Technology, August 2025 ✝ - declined due to visa restrictions

"Linguistic Alienation and Linguistic Character"
Stockholm University, Linguistic Justice Workshop, April 2025✝ - declined due to visa restrictions

"Cognitive Noise and Agency in Nonnative Speaking"
Salzburg University, 'Inner Speech and Moral Cognition', June 2024✝
Galway University, 'Mapping Attention: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow', April 2024*
Utrecht University, 'Communication, Language, and Agency', September 2023*

"Muting and Linguistic Justice"
APA Central Division (Symposium), January 2024*

"Phenomenology of Nonnative Speaking"
Linguistic Justice Society, March 2023✝
APA Eastern Division (Colloquium), April 2023*
New Orleans Philosophical Conference, LA, November 2022*
Practical Philosophy Working Group, Istanbul, December 2019✝

"Cosmopolitanism and The Duty to Know"
University of Minho, Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, Braga, June 2015*

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"An Existentialist Account of Linguistic Agency"
Humanities Center, February 2024
"Muting and Linguistic Justice
Philosophy Department ABD Workshop, November 2023
Philosophy Department Working Papers, April 2022
"Nonnative Speaking"
Philosophy Department Working Papers, October 2019
"Normativity of Concepts"

Philosophy Department WAGM Working Papers, October 2018

"The Duty to Know"

Philosophy Department WAGM Working Papers, October 2016

INVITED PUBLIC TALKS

"Linguistic Alienation"

Halbuki Language Initiative, November 2024

"Phenomenology of Nonnative Speaking"

Boston University Minorities and Philosophy Talks, Boston, MA, May 2021

Imbala Cultural Center, 'Language, Politics, and Identity", Jerusalem, January 2021

İnsancil Hegel Reading Group, Istanbul, March 2020

COMMENTARIES

"A Defense of Silencing Claim", Yuna Won

APA Eastern Division, January 2025

"Chicanx Triangulation: Distinct from Double Consciousness?", Leonel Alvarez Ceja

The Creighton Club Conference, October 2024

"Representations of OCD in Moral Philosophy", Jared Smith

APA Central Division, February 2022

"Ascriptivism and Inclusion: Gender Norms and Gender Roles", Rowan Bell

Syracuse University Philosophy Department ABD Workshop, December 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor, Old Dominion University (Fall 2025 to Fall 2026)

Ethics and Metaethics

upper-level undergraduate and graduate course

Love, Sex, and Desire

intro-level undergraduate course

Philosophy of Law

upper-level undergraduate and graduate course

Introduction to Ethics

intro-level undergraduate course

Primary Instructor, Syracuse University (Fall 2020 to Spring 2025)

Philosophy of Feminism

(x6 semesters) - upper-level undergraduate course

Social and Political Philosophy

(x3 semesters) - upper-level undergraduate course

Introduction to Logic

intro-level undergraduate course

Ethics and Media Professions

intro-level undergraduate course

Philosophy of Love & Sex
intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Moral Theory
intro-level undergraduate course

Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University (Fall 2015 to Fall 2021)
Ethics and Media Professions (A. Faller and W. Osborne)
(x2 semesters) intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Political Thought (D. Rasmussen and G. Morgan)
(x2 semesters) intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Logic (M. Heller)
intro-level undergraduate course
Ethics and Contemporary Issues (L. Thomas)
(x2 semesters) intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Ethics (S.Gorovitz)
intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology (R. Van Gulick)
intro-level undergraduate course

Teaching Assistant, Bogazici University (Spring 2014 to Spring 2015)
Introduction to Logic II (I. Ilhan)
intro-level undergraduate course
Introduction to Logic I (I. Inan)
intro-level undergraduate course
Critical Thinking (K. Soyhun)
intro-level undergraduate course

Teaching Mentor, Syracuse University
University wide TA Orientation in 2022, 2021, 2020 (competitive selection)

SELECTED SERVICE WORK (* indicates paid position)

Reviewer, Journal of Social Philosophy, Philosophical Psychology (x2), Philosophy and Technology, Synthese
Co-creator, Cagliari Statement on Linguistic and Conceptual Justice in AI - 2026
Founder, 'Linguistic Justice Society' at the American Philosophical Association - 2025
Co-organizer, Linguistic Justice Society, 2022 - present
Co-organizer, Barcelona Principles for a Globally Inclusive Philosophy, 2021 - present
President* (elected), SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, 2022 - 2023
Organizer*, SU Philosophy Women and Gender Minorities, 2021 - 2022
Co-Representative*, SU MAP Chapter, 2019 - 2020
Representative*, SU MAP Chapter, 2018 - 2019
Co-Organizer, SU Philosophy Women's Group Working Papers, 2015 - 2016
Co-Organizer*, SU Philosophy Graduate Conference, 2015 - 2016

PROGRAMS ATTENDED (Competitive Selection)

The Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy Summer School (2018)
Law on the Bosphorus: Current Trends in Human Rights Law (2013)
Global Relations Forum Young Scholars Seminars (2012 - 2013)

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Anadolu Kultur inc. (Oct 2017 – July 2018)

Project Assistant: Developed culture and art projects that promote intercultural and interlinguistic exchange, prepared international grant applications, executed projects and led the follow-up processes.

Didaskali Theater (May 2012 – May 2014)

Producer: Co-produced the Turkish-French theatre company's projects.

Embassy of the Turkish Republic in Moscow, Russia (July – Aug 2012)

Intern – Assisted 2nd secretaries of the embassy; prepared informative summaries on relevant issues to be sent to other units of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented the embassy in various platforms.

LANGUAGES **Turkish** (Native), **English** (Fluent), **French** (Fluent)

REFERENCES

Hille Paakkunainen - hpaakkun@syr.edu
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Kenneth Baynes - krbaynes@syr.edu
Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Amandine Catala - catala.amandine@uqam.ca
Professor, Department of Philosophy, Université du Québec à Montréal

Filippo Contesi - filippo.contesi@gmail.com
Assistant Professor, Department of Pedagogy, Psychology, Philosophy, University of Cagliari

Kara Richardson (Teaching Reference) - kricha03@syr.edu
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

GRADUATE COURSES (* indicates audit)

Social and Political Theory

Alienation*	Keshav Singh	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall20)
Social Philosophy of Language*	Luvell Anderson	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall19)
19th Century German Political Philosophy	Frederick Beiser	Syracuse Philosophy (Spring19)
Oppression and Freedom	Kara Richardson, Kenneth Baynes	Syracuse Philosophy (Spring17)
Constitutional Law	Nathan A. Sales	Syracuse Law (Spring17)
International Security	Brian Taylor	Syracuse Maxwell (Spring17)
Pro Seminar: Moral and Political Philosophy	David Sobel	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall15)
Modern Foundations of Justice	Kenneth Westphal	Bogazici Philosophy (Fall14)
Arendt*	Zeynep Gambetti	Bogazici Pol. Sci. (Spring14)
Global Justice	Yildiz Silier	Bogazici Philosophy (Spring13)

Language, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Mind

Concepts*	Kevan Edwards	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall21)
Metaphysics of Ethics*	Ben Bradley, Kristopher McDaniel	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall18)
Metaphysics	Kristopher McDaniel	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall16)
Powers and Laws of Nature	Kim Frost	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall16)
Pro Seminar: History of Philosophy	Frederick Beiser	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall16)
Pro Seminar: LEMM	Janice Dowell	Syracuse Philosophy (Spring16)
Philosophy of Action	Kim Frost	Syracuse Philosophy (Spring16)
Philosophy of Mind: Free Will	Derk Pereboom	Cornell Philosophy (Spring16)
Epistemic Normativity	Nathaniel Sharadin	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall15)
Logic and Language	Janice Dowell	Syracuse Philosophy (Fall15)
Metaethics	Irem Kurtsal Steen	Bogazici Philosophy (Spring14)
Rationalities	Berna Kilinc	Bogazici Philosophy (Spring14)
Philosophical Problems	Ilhan Inan	Bogazici Philosophy (Spring14)
Modal Logic	Ali Karatay	Bogazici Philosophy (Fall13)