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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Career

- 09/2017 - Lecturer in Philosophy, Cardiff University
- 03/2017-09/2017 Postdoctoral Researcher, ConceptLab, University of Oslo.  
PI: Herman Cappelen.
- 12/2016-03/2017 Visiting Fellow, University of California Riverside and University of California Irvine.  
Sponsors: Peter Graham and Sven Bernecker.
- 10/2013-12/2016 Doctoral Researcher, University of St Andrews and KU Leuven.

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### Education

- 12/2016 PhD in Philosophy, University of St Andrews/KU Leuven
- Thesis: 'Assertion: The Context Sensitivity Dilemma'
  - Supervisors: Jessica Brown, Patrick Greenough, Roger Vergauwen.
  - External Examiner: Timothy Williamson
  - *summa cum laude with the congratulations of the examination committee (98%)*
- 07/2013 MA in Philosophy, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy
- Thesis: 'Transitivity of Value Ordering'
  - *summa cum laude (89,9%, first in class, best results in five generations)*
- 07/2012 BA in Philosophy, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy
- Thesis: 'Decision Strategies Behind the Rawlsian Veil'
  - *summa cum laude (85,99%, first in class)*

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### Awards and Grants

- May 2017 Conference Funding. Awarded by: CSMN, University of Oslo (EUR 15.000)
- July 2015 JuMo Early Career Mobility Funding: 9 months research stay at UC Riverside and UC Irvine.  
Sponsors: Peter Graham and Sven Bernecker. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 14.500)
- September 2015 Conference Funding. Awarded by: FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) (EUR 3.000).
- September 2015 Conference Funding. Awarded by: Van de Wieiefonds (EUR 1.500).
- October 2014 Doctoral Research Allowance. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 6.750).

October 2013      Doctoral Research Scholarship. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 105.000).

## Research

AoS                  Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Language

AoC                  Philosophy of Mind, Value Theory, Applied Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Media and  
Communication Theory, Feminist Philosophy

## Publications (for links and PDF's see <http://www.mona-simion.com/research.html>)

### Published/Accepted for Publication

- Forthcoming. The Explanation Proffering Norm of Moral Assertion. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- Forthcoming. No Epistemic Norm for Action. *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
- Forthcoming. How to Be an Anti-Reductionist (with C. Kelp). *Synthese*.
- Invited. The Constitutive Norm View of Assertion (with C. Kelp). In Goldberg, S. (ed), *Oxford Handbook of Assertion*. Oxford University Press.
- Invited. Epistemic Virtues and Virtues with Epistemic Content (with C. Boulton and C. Kelp). In Greco, J. and Kelp, C. (eds.), *Virtue Theoretic Epistemology: New Methods and Approaches*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2017. Criticism and Blame in Action and Assertion (with C. Kelp). *Journal of Philosophy*, 114(2): 76-93.
- 2017. The 'Should' in Conceptual Engineering. *Inquiry*. Online First.
- 2017. Commodious Knowledge (with C. Kelp). *Synthese*, vol 194/5: 1487-1502.
- 2017. Epistemic Norms and He Said/She Said Reporting. *Episteme*, 14 (4): 413-422.
- 2017. Hoops and Barns: a New Dilemma for Sosa (with C. Boulton, F. Broncano-Berrocal, P. Dimmock, H. Ghijsen and C. Kelp). *Synthese*. Online First.
- 2016. Assertion: Knowledge is Enough. *Synthese*, 193(10), 3041-3056.
- 2016. Knowledge, Rational Credibility, and Assertion: The Scoreboard. *Epistemic Reasons, Epistemic Norms and Epistemic Goals*, ed. M. Grajner and P. Schmechtig. DeGruyter Berlin/Boston.
- 2016. Norms of Belief (with C. Kelp and H. Ghijsen). *Philosophical Issues*, vol. 26/1: 375-392.
- 2016. Assertion: Just One Way to Take It Back. *Logos & Episteme*, vol. 7/3: 385-391.
- 2016. The Tertiary Value Problem and the Superiority of Knowledge (with C. Kelp). *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 53/4: 397-411.
- 2016. Perception, History and Benefit. *Episteme*, 13 (1), 61-76.
- 2016. Non-Probabilistic Decision Strategies Behind the Veil. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 50(3), 557-572.

### Miscellaneous

- 2015. Epistemic Norms, 9-11 November. *The Reasoner* 10 (1): 103.

### Under Review

- Assertion: The Context Sensitivity Dilemma (*Mind and Language*, Revise & Resubmit)
- *Assertion: A Function First Account* (Book Manuscript, with C. Kelp, Oxford University Press)
- A Puzzle for Epistemic WAMs (*Synthese*, Revise & Resubmit)
- The C-Account of Assertion: A Negative Result (with C. Kelp) (*Synthese*, Revise & Resubmit)
- Assertion Compatibilism
- Classical Invariantism and Assertion Functionalism
- Seeing and Believing: The Norm Commonality Assumption
- What Are Epistemic Norms?
- Knowledge First Functionalism
- Testimonial Contractarianism

### In Progress

- *Defeat*. Volume co-edited with Jessica Brown.
- *Assertion: Foundational Issues*. Volume co-edited with Herman Cappelen.
- Entry on 'Trust'. Commissioned, *Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*.
- *Assertion in Context* (Book Manuscript)
- *Epistemic Norms* (Book Manuscript)
- The Epistemic Improvement Account of Disagreement (with F. Broncano-Berrocal)
- Learning to See: How to (and How Not to) Deal with Strange and Fleeting Processes
- The 'No Moral Enhancement' View (with J. Adam Carter)
- Reasons as Indicators of Norm Compliance
- Conceptual Engineering as Mutation Engineering (with C. Kelp)

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## Talks

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|---------------|---|
| March 2018    | Testimonial Contractarianism. <i>Epistemology Seminar Series</i> , University of Edinburgh, UK.       |
| February 2018 | Conceptual Engineering as Mutation Engineering. <i>ConceptLab Workshop</i> , Zermatt, Switzerland.    |
| December 2017 | Testimonial Contractarianism. <i>Cardiff University Philosophy Seminars</i> , Cardiff University, UK. |
| December 2017 | Knowledge First: Normative Credentials. University of St Andrews, UK.                                 |
| December 2017 | Testimonial Contractarianism. University of Glasgow, UK.  |

- October 2017 Epistemic Norms: Action and Practical Reasoning. *Meeting of the European Normativity Network*, University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- October 2017 Knowledge First: Normative Credentials. *New Trends in Epistemology Workshop*, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- September 2017 Assertion: The Constitutive Norms View. *Assertion: Foundational Issues Workshop*, University of Oslo, Norway.
- September 2017 Blame as Performance. *Responding to Wrongdoing: Resentment, Blame, Forgiveness, Punishment Workshop*, University of Oslo, Norway.
- August 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Social Epistemology Summer School*, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain.
- July 2017 The Explanation Proffering Norm of Moral Assertion. *British Society for Ethical Theory conference 2017*, University of Bristol, UK.
- July 2017 The Normative Myth of the Belief/Assertion Parallel. *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association 2017*, Edinburgh, UK
- June 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism (Keynote Talk). *New Trends in Epistemology Graduate Conference*, University of Pavia, Italy.
- June 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Bled Philosophical Conferences 2017*, Bled, Slovenia.
- June 2017 Epistemic Virtues and Virtues with Epistemic Content. *Bled Philosophical Conferences 2017*, Bled, Slovenia.
- May 2017 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement (with Fernando Broncano-Berrocal). *Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy*, Lund University, Sweden.
- April 2017 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement (with Fernando Broncano-Berrocal). *Seminar of the Research Unit for Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Philosophy of Cognition*, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- April 2017 Epistemic and Practical Matters (with C. Kelp). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Leuven-Southampton Epistemic Normativity Workshop, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- February 2017 Disagreement Needn't Be Metalinguistic Negotiation. *Conceptual Engineering Workshop*, Zermatt, Switzerland.
- November 2016 Assertion, Context and the KK Strategy. *3<sup>rd</sup> PLM Masterclass with Timothy Williamson*, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, UK.
- November 2016 Learning to See. *3rd Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Workshop*, University of Cologne, Germany.
- October 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *SIUCC XXV (Seminario Interuniversitario de Ciencia Cognitiva)*. Workshop with Timothy Williamson. University of Valencia, Spain.
- July 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Paris, France.

- May 2016 Epistemic Norms: A Function First Account. *2<sup>nd</sup> Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- May 2016 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement. *Complex Disagreement Workshop*, University of St Andrews, UK.
- May 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *Attitudes and Agency: Epistemology Workshop*, University of Southampton, UK.
- March 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *The 5<sup>th</sup> Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- January 2016 How to Be an Anti-Reductionist. *Epistemic Dependence Workshop*, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain.
- November 2015 Assertion, Contextualism and Epistemic Goals. *The Leuven Epistemic Norms Conference*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- September 2015 Greco on Testimony. *Virtue Epistemology Pre-Conference Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- July 2015 No Epistemic Norm for Action. The Postgraduate Sessions of *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association 2015*, Warwick, UK.
- June 2015 Epistemic Norms and Norms with Epistemic Content. *Bled Philosophical Conferences*, Slovenia.
- April 2015 Epistemic Norms: The Commonality Assumption. *The 4<sup>th</sup> Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- February 2015 Assertion, Knowledge and Rational Credibility: The Scoreboard. *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*. KU Leuven, Belgium.
- January 2015 Function Talk in Epistemology. *The Leuven – Bristol Philosophy Workshop*, Bristol University, UK.
- November 2014 Assertion, Contextualism and Epistemic Goals. *Graz Young Epistemology and Philosophy of Logic Workshop*, University of Graz, Austria.
- September 2014 Perceptual and Testimonial Justification. *The Epistemology of Perception Pre-Conference Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- July 2014 The Tertiary Value Problem'. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Madrid, Spain.
- June 2014 Assertion: A Normative Framework. *Yonsei Philosophy Conference*, Seoul, South Korea.
- June 2014 The Tertiary Value Problem and the Superiority of Knowledge (with Christoph Kelp). Lignan University, Hong Kong.
- April 2014 Good Asserters. *The First Belux Colloquium in Epistemology: Knowledge and Language*. KU Leuven, Belgium.

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## Networks

Steering Committee Member, Social Epistemology Network  
 Associate Researcher, ConceptLab, University of Oslo

Member, European Normativity Network (ENN)

## Teaching

### Areas of competence

epistemology, ethics, philosophy of language, logic, political philosophy, philosophy of mind, feminist philosophy, philosophy of science, history of analytic philosophy, modern philosophy, ancient philosophy, continental philosophy.

### Teaching experience

Moral and Political Philosophy (1<sup>st</sup> year BA)  
 Epistemic Norms (3<sup>rd</sup> year BA)  
 Philosophy of Language (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
 Great Works in Philosophy: Bertrand Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy* (1<sup>st</sup> year BA)  
 Theory of Knowledge – Advanced Course (MA)  
 Contemporary Debates in Epistemology Seminar (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
 Theory of Knowledge: Introduction (1<sup>st</sup> year BA)  
 Ethics Seminar: Moral Responsibility (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
 Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy: Metaphysics and Mind – Seminar (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
 Logic (1<sup>st</sup> year BA)  
 Philosophy of Language Advanced Course (MA)

### Supervision

PhD: 2017 – 2022 Daniela Rusu (feminist epistemology, epistemic injustice, pornography)  
 2017 – 2022 Paul Hampson (concepts, concept possession, semantic realism)

MA: 2016-2017: Daniela Rusu (epistemic injustice, virtue epistemology)

BA: 2017-2018: Felipe Rodrigues (ethics of autonomy, philosophy of law)  
 2017-2018: Georgia Parry (existentialism, freedom, love, self-knowledge)  
 2017-2018: Mollie O’Keeffe (Kant, bioethics)

## Professional Service

Webmaster <http://www.socialepistemologynetwork.com>

### Referee Work

Mind, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, American Philosophical Quarterly,

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, Episteme, Journal of Value Inquiry, Logique et Analyse, CEU Press.

#### Organization

September 2018	'6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Normativity Network'. Cardiff University
May 2018	'1 <sup>st</sup> Social Epistemology Network Conference', University of Oslo (with Andrew Peet)
May 2018	'Knowledge First: Themes from Tim Williamson' Workshop, Cardiff University
2017-2018	'Cardiff University Philosophy Seminars', Cardiff University (with Orestis Palermos)
September 2017	'Assertion: Foundational Issues', University of Oslo (with Herman Cappelen)
May-June 2017	'ConceptLab Visiting Speaker Seminar Series', University of Oslo (with Andrew Peet)
April 2017	'2 <sup>nd</sup> Leuven-Southampton Epistemic Normativity Workshop', KU Leuven.
December 2016	'Knowledge First' Conference, KU Leuven (with C. Kelp).
November 2015	'Epistemic Norms' Conference, KU Leuven (with C. Kelp).
March 2015	'Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference', Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
2014-2015	'Leuven Epistemology Group' Research Seminar Series
December 2014	Faculty Conference 'Truth', Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

#### Administration

2017-2018	Member, <i>Equality and Diversity Committee</i> , School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University.
2017-2018	Member, <i>Recruitment and Marketing Committee</i> , School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University.
2016	Co-founder (with L. Ferbinteanu): KU Leuven Mentorship Programme for Women in Philosophy, KU Leuven.
2014-2015	Member, '125 Years of KU Leuven Higher Institute of Philosophy' Committee.
2013-2014	Member, Permanent Teaching Committee – Doctoral Programme, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy.

#### Impact, Engagement, Knowledge Communication

May 2018	Organiser (with Orestis Palermos, Jon Webber and Huw Williams): Cardiff Philosophy Festival: Ethics and Technology, Techniquest Museum, Cardiff.
2017 -	Webmaster, <a href="http://www.socialepistemologynetwork.com">http://www.socialepistemologynetwork.com</a>
2015	KU Leuven Open Online courses in Philosophy, 'The Value of Knowledge' (with C. Kelp) ( <a href="https://hiw.kuleuven.be/eng/openonlinecourse/introduction-to-epistemology-1/unit-1-the-value-of-knowledge">https://hiw.kuleuven.be/eng/openonlinecourse/introduction-to-epistemology-1/unit-1-the-value-of-knowledge</a> )

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## Languages

Romanian	native
English	proficient
French	proficient
Spanish	intermediate
Italian	basic
German	basic
Dutch	basic

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## Research References

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