

# Matthew Rachar

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024- Postdoctoral Researcher, *Freie Universität Berlin*  
2021- Lecturer, *Douglas College*  
2019-2021 Postdoctoral Researcher, *University of Vienna*

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING

AOS Action Theory, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy  
AOC Philosophy of Mind, Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science

## EDUCATION

2014-2019 PhD in Philosophy, *CUNY Graduate Center*  
2012-2014 MA in Philosophy, *University of Vienna*  
2004-2009 BA in Philosophy, *University of British Columbia*

## PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

forthcoming [A Pathology of Group Agency](#). *Social Theory and Practice*.

2024 [Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency](#). *Noûs*, 58(1): 271-288.  
[Friendship, Morality, and Collective Action](#). *Journal of Social Ontology*, 10: 1-45. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.  
[Condorcet-Style Paradoxes for Majority Rule with Infinite Candidates](#), *Australasian Journal of Logic*, 21(3), p. 123-140.

2023 [Response to Löhr: Why We Still Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#). *Philosophical Quarterly*, 73(4): 1067-76. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2022 [Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action](#), *Philosophical Quarterly* 72(2): 478-507. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2021 [Quasi-Psychologism about Collective Intention](#), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24: 475-488.

2019 [Normativity in Joint Action](#), *Mind & Language* 34(1): 97-120. Co-authored with Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2018 [Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action](#), *Philosophical Psychology* 31(6): 831-849.

2016 [Hegemony, Power, and Social Reality in Gramsci and Searle](#), *Journal of Political Power* 9(2): 227-247.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2023 Collective Intentions. in Sellers, M.N.S., and Kirste, Stephan (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer. Co-authored with Jules Salomone-Sehr.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

‘\*’ indicates invited talks

2023 Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*. Vienna.

Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Stockholm.

Deciding Decision-Making Away. *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*. With Jules Salomone-Sehr.

\* Two Kinds of Sociality. *Purdue University, Normativity and Cognitions Lab*.

2022 Two Kinds of Sociality. *Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality*. Vienna.

\* Two Kinds of Sociality. *Approaching Collective Action Transdisciplinarily*, Workshop. Darmstadt.

Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Pacific APA*. Vancouver.

\* Conditional Intentions and Shared Agency. *Mississippi State University*. Department Colloquium.

2021 Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *Social Ontology XIII*. University of San Diego. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Charles University, Prague. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2020 Collective Action as Involvement. *Social Ontology XII*. Université de Neuchâtel. Online.

\* How We Act Together. *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility Workshop*. University of Gothenburg.

\* How We Act Together. *Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning*. NYU Abu Dhabi.

2019 Why We Need a New Normativism about Collective Action. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Athens, Greece. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

\* A Pathology of Group Agency. *Group Agency and Collective Responsibility*. University of Vienna.

2018 How We Act Together. *Social Ontology XI*. Tufts University.

2017 \* Normativity in Joint Action. *Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together*. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2016 Normativity in Joint Action. *Collective Intentionality X*. The Hague, Netherlands.

Normativity in Joint Action. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of St. Andrews. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

Normativity in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Louisville, Kentucky. With Javier Gomez-Lavin.

2015 Alignment and Commitment in Joint Action. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy  
Critical Thinking  
Introduction to Practical Philosophy  
Values and Contemporary Issues  
Business Ethics  
Environmental Ethics  
Social and Political Philosophy  
Philosophy of Mind  
Philosophy of Action

### PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

2018-2019 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, *LaGuardia Community College*  
Responsibilities: I designed writing-intensive courses in collaboration with faculty across the disciplines, with a special focus on low-stakes writing and scaffolded assignments.

### PUBLIC FACING TEACHING AND OUTREACH

2019 Literature and Philosophy, *Metropolitan Detention Center* in Brooklyn, as part of the Justice in Education initiative at Columbia University. (TA, Primary Instructor: David Velleman).

### TUTORING

2018-2019 Writing Center Associate, *LaGuardia Community College*  
Responsibilities: I worked with students in an individual setting according to the principles of Writing Across the Curriculum pedagogy on both their individual assignments and their writing more generally.

## SERVICE

### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2019 Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.  
2015-2017 Associate Managing Editor, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

#### REFEREEING

*Analysis, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Social Ontology, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Perspectives, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.*

#### ORGANIZING

Group Agency and Group Reasoning, *University of Vienna*.  
Social Ontology Reading Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.  
Workshop on Subjectivity, Normativity, and Acting Together, *Humboldt Universität*.  
Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, *CUNY Graduate Center*.  
Hate Speech and the Normativity of Communication, *CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (Keynote: Elisabeth Camp).

#### COMMITTEES

Lectures, Publications, and Research, *American Philosophical Association*  
Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, *Douglas College*  
Student Steering Committee, *CUNY Graduate Center*.