

# LUCA OLIVA

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-	Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track	<i>University of Houston</i>
2020-21	Associate Professor, Instructional	<i>University of Houston</i>
2014-20	Assistant Professor, Instructional	<i>University of Houston</i>
2024	Visiting Assistant Professor	<i>University of Insubria</i>
2022	Visiting Assistant Professor	<i>University of Bergamo</i>
2019	Lecturer	<i>University of Vienna</i>
2017	Lecturer	<i>Institute Vienna Circle</i>
2016-17	Academic Visitor	<i>University of Oxford</i>
2015	Lecturer	<i>Institute Vienna Circle</i>
2015	Visiting Assistant Professor	<i>University of Bergamo</i>
2012-14	Adjunct Professor	<i>University of Houston</i>
2011-14	Adjunct Professor	<i>University of St. Thomas, Houston</i>
2010-11	Adjunct Professor	<i>Salem State University</i>
2008-11	Adjunct Professor	<i>Boston College</i>
2005-07	Lecturer	<i>University of Milan</i>

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### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2019-	Director of <i>Liberal Studies</i>	<i>University of Houston</i>
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### AREAS OF INTERESTS

AOS	Epistemology, Philosophy of Mathematics, Ethics and Metaethics
AOC	Theories of Knowledge and Truth, Logic and Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Normativity

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### EDUCATION

2007	DAAD Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy University of Freiburg in Germany
2006	Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Milan Dissertation: <i>Objectivity and Normativity in Kantian Philosophy</i> Graduate Director: Paolo Casalegno
2001	B.S. Philosophy, University of Milan
2000	Socrates-Erasmus Student, Department of Philosophy University of Freiburg in Germany

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### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books	<b>Intuition and Cognition in Kant.</b> ( <i>underway</i> ) <b>Capacities-First Philosophy.</b> <i>Topoi's Special Issue</i> , 2026. ( <i>forthcoming</i> )
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- Papers
- "**Rickert and Frege on Mathematics.**" (under review)
  - "**Readings of Carnap's Quasi-Analysis.**" *Humana Mente - Journal of Philosophical Studies* 47, 2025. (forthcoming)
  - "**Kantian Externalism and Its Issues.**" C. Horn and R. Schäfer (eds), *Kant's Project of Enlightenment*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2025. (forthcoming)
  - "**Reichenbach's Relativized A Priori.**" Y. Kappes, A. Passinsky, and J. De Rizzo (eds), *Facets of Reality. Contemporary Debates*. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2024: 572-83.
  - "**Parrini on the A Priori in Logical Empiricism.**" *Humana Mente - Journal of Philosophical Studies* 45, 2024: 19-64.
  - "**Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein.**" A. Pichler, E. Heinrich-Ramharter, F. Stadler (eds), *100 Years of Tractatus Logico Philosophicus*. Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2023: 451-60.
  - "**The Roots of Wittgenstein's Analyticity.**" H. Hrachovec and J. Mácha (eds), *Platonism*. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2022: 132-4.
  - "**Rickert's Philosophy of Mathematics.**" E. Zalta (ed), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Spring 2022.
  - "**Kantian Externalism from Riehl to Putnam.**" R. Meer and G. Motta (eds), *Kant in Österreich: Alois Riehl und der Weg zum kritischen Realismus*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2021: 251-295.
  - "**On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics.**" V. Waibel, M. Ruffing, D. Wagner (eds), *Natur und Freiheit*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018: 1395-1403.
  - "**Wittgenstein's Quasi-Intuitionism.**" G.M. Mras, P. Weingartner, B. Ritter (eds), *Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics*. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2018: 174-177.
  - "**On Kantian Intuitions.**" P. Muchnik and O. Thorndike (eds), *Rethinking Kant 5*. North America Kant Society Series. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018: 71-92.
  - "**Perceptions, Intuitions, and Mathematics. A Kantian Perspective.**" C. Limbeck-Lilienau and F. Stadler (eds), *The Philosophy of Perception and Observation*. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2017: 177-181.
  - "**Paolo Parrini's Il Valore della Verità.**" *Kantian Review* 20/3, 2015: 467-78.
  - "**Kant and the Neo-Kantians on Mathematics.**" N. de Warren and A. Staiti (eds), *New Approaches to Neo-Kantianism*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015: 406-47.
  - "**Il Senso dei Valori nell'Etica Rickertiana.**" *Idee* 67, 2008: 85-102.

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## SELECTED TALKS

- 2025
  - "Mathematical Similarities between Frege and Rickert." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy* – SSHAP (University of Jena).
  - "Kinds of A Priori." *8th Arthur Pap Lecture, Institute Vienna Circle* (University of Vienna)
  - "Science and Mathematics in Neo-Kantianism." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (San Francisco)
  - "Carnap on Analyticity and the A Priori." Webinar Series on *Reconstructing Carnap. The Aufbau Project, a Century Later* (University of Naples "Federico II" & University of Florence, Italy)
- 2024
  - "Externalism and Correspondence in Kant." The 2nd International Conference on *Kant and the Contemporary World*. Iranian Research Institute for Philosophy (IRIP) in Tehran, Iran - مؤسسه پژوهشی حکمت و فلسفه ایران
  - "Kantian Externalism and Its Issues." *14th International Kant Congress* (University of Bonn and the Kant Society, Germany)
  - "Reichenbach's Relativized A Priori." *45th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel in Austria)
  - "The Logical Reduction of Kantian Intuitions." *25th World Congress of Philosophy* (Rome, Italy)

- "Atomic Fact or State of Affairs? The Meaning of Sachverhalt in the Translations of Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*." *25th World Congress of Philosophy* (Rome, Italy)  
 "The A Priori in Logical Empiricism." *International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science – HOPOS* (University of Vienna)  
 "Logical-Empiricist Variations of the A Priori." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP* (University of Connecticut in Hartford and Wesleyan University in Middletown)  
 "Kant and the Destiny of Metaphysics." *Conference on "Immanuel Kant. Nel Terzo Centenario della Nascita"* (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart)  
 "Rickert's Quasi-Platonism in Mathematics." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (Portland)
- 2023 "Einstein's Critique of Kant's Mathematical Intuitionism." *Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series* (University of St. Thomas, Houston)  
 "Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein." *44th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)  
 "Analyticity and the A Priori in Parrini's Epistemology." *The Third Way of Paolo Parrini* (University of Florence, Italy)  
 "How to Be Evil." *CCS Faculty Seminar* (University of Houston)
- 2022 "Knowledge and Truth in Russell and Putnam" (University of Bergamo, Italy)  
 "The Roots of Wittgenstein's Analyticity." *43rd International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel in Austria)  
 "Frege and Rickert on Mathematics." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP* (Shanxi University 山西大学)
- 2021 "Analyticity in Wittgenstein." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP* (University of Vienna)
- 2020 "The Roots of Evil." *CCS Faculty Seminar* (University of Houston)
- 2019 "Wittgenstein's Quasi-Intuitionism." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP* (Boston University)
- 2018 "Platonism vs. Intuitionism." *ACPA Conference Meeting* (San Diego)  
 "Wittgenstein's Quasi-Intuitionism" (Short Version). *41st International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)
- 2017 "Perceptions, Intuitions, and Mathematics. A Kantian Perspective." *40th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)  
 "Intellectual Intuitions and A Priori Knowledge." *Institute Vienna Circle* (University of Vienna)  
 "Comment on Reed Winegar's *Kant on Intuitive Understanding and Things in Themselves*." *APA Central Division Meeting* (Kansas City)  
 "Comment on Justin Shaddock's *Kant's Conceptualism*." *APA Eastern Division Meeting* (Baltimore)  
 "Comment on Sebastian Luft's book *The Space of Culture*." *SPEP Conference Meeting* (Memphis)
- 2016 "Kantian Intuitionism." *Foundational Studies Bristol Research Seminar* (University of Bristol, UK)  
 "Comment on Andrew Roche's *Kant's Second Analogy and the Representation of Causality*." *NAKS Biennial Meeting* (Emory University)  
 "Normativity and Society." *CCS Seminar Series* (University of Houston)
- 2015 "On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics." *The 12th International Kant Congress* (University of Vienna)  
 "Intuitions and Mathematical Induction." *Institute Vienna Circle* (University of Vienna)  
 "Comment on Melissa Merritt's *Kant on Virtue as a Skill*." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (Vancouver)
- 2014 "On Normativity" (University of Bergamo, Italy)  
 "Kant and the Neo-Kantians on Mathematics." *North American Kant Society Biennial Meeting* (Temple University, Philadelphia)

2013	"Kant's Mereology." <i>Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series</i> (University of St. Thomas, Houston)
2012	"Is Kant a Four-Dimensionalist?" <i>Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series</i> (University of St. Thomas, Houston)

## TEACHING

## Undergraduate

2019-	Knowledge and Methods <sup>1</sup>	<i>University of Houston</i>
2019-	Problem Solving <sup>2</sup>	<i>University of Houston</i>
2016-19	Science and Philosophy of Religion	<i>University of Houston</i>
2016-19	Being Human: Mind, Behavior, Evolution	<i>University of Houston</i>
2016-19	Evil and Injustice	<i>University of Houston</i>
2012-18	Introduction to Liberal Studies	<i>University of Houston</i>
2012-18	Liberal Studies Senior Seminar	<i>University of Houston</i>
2013-14	Modern Philosophy	<i>University of St. Thomas, Houston</i>
2013-14	Philosophy of Art and Beauty	<i>University of St. Thomas, Houston</i>
2013-14	Ethics	<i>University of St. Thomas, Houston</i>
2010-11	Logic and Critical Reasoning	<i>Salem State University</i>
2008-11	Philosophy of The Person	<i>Boston College</i>
2004-07	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	<i>University of Milan</i>

## Graduate

2024	Kantian Normativity (spring seminar)	<i>University of Insubria</i>
2023	Kinds of Evil (spring seminar)	<i>University of Insubria</i>
2022	Knowledge and Truth (spring seminar)	<i>University of Bergamo</i>
2019	Mathematical Intuitionism	<i>University of Vienna</i>
2017	Philosophy of Science (spring seminar)	<i>Institute Vienna Circle</i>
2015	Philosophy of Science (spring seminar)	<i>Institute Vienna Circle</i>
2015	Philosophy of Mathematics (spring seminar)	<i>University of Bergamo</i>
2011	Business Ethics	<i>University of St. Thomas, Houston</i>
2006	Phenomenology (spring seminar)	<i>University of Milan</i>

## SERVICE

2025	Doctoral committee member for Jaka Makuc, a PhD candidate in the Philosophy Department at the University of Bologna, Italy. Dissertation title: <i>'Handlung' and 'Leistung' in Husserl's Phenomenology</i> .
2024	Member of the executive board for the <i>Reconstructing Carnap</i> webinar series affiliated with the University of Florence (since Fall 2024) together with Caterina del Sordo (University of the Basque Country) and Silvano Zipoli Caiani (University of Florence). Member of the <i>University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog</i> (since Fall 2024).

<sup>1</sup> The *Knowledge and Methods* course analyses theories of truth and epistemic methods. It focuses on various issues in epistemology and the philosophy of science, varying its syllabus over time as follows: *Theories of Truth* (2024-2025), *Knowledge and Truth* (2022-2024), *Externalism and Correspondence* (2021-2022), *Introduction to Epistemology* (2020-2021), and *Knowledge and Normativity* (2019-2020).

<sup>2</sup> The *Interdisciplinary Problem Solving* course focuses on moral reasoning and questions of applied ethics. Every semester, it ranges on various issues of ethics and meta-ethics, modifying its syllabus as follows: *Kantian Normativity* (2024-2025), *The Problem of Evil* (2023-2024), *Normative Ethics* (2022-2023), and *Ethical Theories* (2019-2022).

- Organizer of the *Cognitive Capacitism from Kant to Carnap* session of *The 25th World Congress of Philosophy*, Sapienza University of Rome, Aug 1-8. Chair: Luca Oliva. Speakers: Caterina Del Sordo, Kristina Engelhard, and Naomi Osorio-Kupferblum.
- Organizer of the *Knowledge and Mathematics in Kant* session of *The 25th World Congress of Philosophy*, Sapienza University of Rome, Aug 1-8. Chair: Annalisa Coliva; Speakers: Mirella Capozzi, Luca Oliva, and Daniel Sutherland.
- Session Chair, *The 25th World Congress of Philosophy*, Sapienza University of Rome.
- Session Chair, *The Fifteenth Biennial Congress of HOPOS*, University of Vienna.
- Session Chair, *The Twelfth Annual Conference of SSHAP*, University of Connecticut and Wesleyan University.
- Session Chair, *American Philosophical Association (APA)*, Pacific Division (Portland).
- 2023 Host of the *Ethics and Normativity Seminar Series* at the University of Houston from the Spring Term to the present.
- Member of the editorial board of the academic journal *CQIIA Rivista* (University of Bergamo Press).
- Peer reviewer for the journal *Materiali per una Storia della Cultura Giuridica*. (Bologna: Il Mulino).
- Session Chair, *44th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria).
- 2022 Member of the Search Committee for a Visiting Assistant Professor in CCS at the University of Houston.
- Member of the *Academic Honesty Hearing Panel* of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (University of Houston).
- Member of the *University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog* (Spring 2022 – Spring 2023).
- Member of the Search Committee for a Religious Studies NTT appointment at the University of Houston.
- 2021 Master's Degree in Academic Leadership, *Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy* (University of Houston).
- Session Chair, *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* (University of Vienna).
- Reviewer of the Liberal Studies Department of Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- Committee Member of the Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence (University of Houston).
- Member of the Science and Education Committee (University of Bergamo) from April to present.
- 2020 Reviewer of the Humanities Program of the University of Texas Permian Basin (Odessa).
- Peer reviewer for the *Selection Committee of the North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Binghamton University).
- Peer reviewer for the *Selection Committee of the New Mexico - Texas Philosophical Society Meeting* (San Antonio).
- 2019 Program Director, Liberal Studies (University of Houston), since June to present.
- Chair of the *Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee* (University of Houston).
- Peer reviewer for the *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*.
- Session Chair, *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* (Boston University).
- 2018 Peer reviewer for the journal *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy*.
- Member of the *MCL Graduate Committee* (University of Houston).
- 2017 Member of the *Department Chair Search Committee* (University of Houston).
- Member of *College Scholarship Committee* (University of Houston).
- Member of the *Department Bylaws Committee* (University of Houston).
- Peer reviewer for *Kantian Review*.
- 2016 Peer reviewer for philosophy at Palgrave Macmillan.
- Peer reviewer for the *Selection Committee of the North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Emory University).

- Session Chair, *North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Emory University).  
 Session Chair, *American Philosophical Association (APA)*, Pacific Division (San Francisco).  
 Session Chair, *American Philosophical Association (APA)*, Central Division (Chicago).
- 2014 Member of the *Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee* (University of Houston) until May 2020.
- 2011 Session Chair, *North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Boston College).

#### AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 The Selected Speaker for the *8th Arthur Pap Lecture* of the *Institute Vienna Circle* at the University of Vienna  
 Invited Speaker for the thirteenth annual conference of the *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* at the University of Jena
- 2024 Research Fund, University of Insubria (Como-Varese), \$3,000
- 2023 STARS Research Fund, University of Bergamo, \$15,000
- 2022 National Research University Fund, University of Houston, \$17,000  
 CLASS College Research Fund, University of Houston, \$3,000  
 Dean Antonio Tillis's Research Endowment, University of Houston, \$3,000
- 2020 Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Houston, \$3,000
- 2018 Global Faculty Development Fund, University of Houston, \$3,000  
 Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence, Nomination, University of Houston
- 2017 Global Faculty Development Fund, University of Houston, \$5,000
- 2015 Seminar on Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Bergamo, €5,000
- 2006-07 DAAD Postdoctoral Scholarship, University of Freiburg in Germany, €1,000
- 2002-06 Graduate Scholarship, University of Milan in Italy, €48,000
- 2000-08 Grant Award "Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research", €12,000
- 2000-01 Socrates-Erasmus Scholarship, University of Freiburg in Germany, €10,000
- 1998-05 Teaching Fellowship, University of Milan in Italy

#### AFFILIATIONS

Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society (ALWS)  
 Institute Vienna Circle (Society for the Advancement of Scientific World Conception)  
 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)  
 The American Philosophical Association (APA)  
 The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)  
 The North American Kant Society (NAKS)