

# LUCA OLIVA

04|19|26

## EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Milan  
Dissertation: *Objectivity and Normativity in Kantian Philosophy*  
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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## APPOINTMENTS

### Present

- 2021- Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), University of Houston  
2019- Director of Liberal Studies, University of Houston

### Past

- 2023-24 Visiting Professor, University of Insubria (Summer Term)  
2022 Visiting Professor, University of Bergamo (Summer Term)  
2020-21 Instructional Associate Professor, University of Houston  
2019 Lecturer, University of Vienna (Summer Term)  
2017 Lecturer, Institute Vienna Circle (Summer Term)  
2016-17 Academic Visitor, University of Oxford (Trinity Term)  
2015 Lecturer, Institute Vienna Circle (Summer Term)  
Lecturer, University of Bergamo (Summer Term)  
2014-20 Instructional Assistant Professor, University of Houston  
2012-14 Lecturer, University of Houston  
2011-14 Lecturer, University of St. Thomas, Houston  
2010-11 Lecturer, Salem State University  
2008-11 Lecturer, Boston College  
2007 DAAD Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Freiburg  
2005-07 Lecturer, University of Milan
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## HONORS

- 2026 Fulbright Specialist Award. Approved placement on the *Fulbright Specialist Roster* for a tenure of three years, peer-reviewed by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and World Learning.
- 2025 Invited 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.
- 2021 Leadership Award. *Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy* (University of Houston), funded and awarded by Dean's Office.
- 2020 Teaching Award. *Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence*, University of Houston. I was also nominated by my department for this award in 2018.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

- 2028 Kantian Mereology. *Book Project Underway*.  
 2026 Capacities-First Philosophy. *Special Issue of Topoi*, 2026. Co-edited with N. Osorio-Kupferblum: *forthcoming*.

**Papers**

- 2027 "Kantian Externalism and Its Issues." C. Horn, M. Ruffing, and R. Schäfer (eds), *Kant's Project of Enlightenment*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2027: *forthcoming*.  
 2026 "Non-Analytic Necessity in Pap." In F. Stadler, M. Collodel, and D. Kuby (eds), *Paul Feyerabend and Austrian Philosophy*. Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook, Vol. 31, 2026: *forthcoming*.  
 "The Basics of Carnap's Quasi-Analysis." *Humana Mentis - Journal of Philosophical Studies* 48, 2026: *forthcoming*.  
 2024 "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 Mentis - Journal of Philosophical Studies* 45, 2024: 19-64.  
 2023 "Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein." A. Pichler, E. Heinrich-Ramharther, and F. Stadler (eds), *100 Years of Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2023: 451-60.  
 2022 "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. N. Zalta and U. Nodelman (eds), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2024 Edition). URL = <<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/heinrich-rickert/math.html>>.  
 2021 "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: 251-95.  
 2018 "On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics." V. Waibel, M. Ruffing, D. Wagner (eds), *Natur und Freiheit*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2018: 1395-403.  
 "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: 174-7.  
 "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.  
 2017 "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: 177-81.  
 2015 "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.  
 2008 "Il Senso dei Valori nell'Etica Rickertiana." *Idee* 67, 2008: 85-102.

## SELECTED TALKS

**Invited**

- 2025 "Mathematical Similarities between Frege and Rickert." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy* – SSHAP (University of Jena).  
"Images of Evil and Related Theories." University of Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2024 "Kinds of A Priori." *8th Arthur Pap Lecture, Institute Vienna Circle* (University of Vienna)  
"Kant and the Destiny of Metaphysics." *Conference on "Immanuel Kant. Nel Terzo Centenario della Nascita"* (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart)
- 2023 "Einstein's Critique of Kant's Mathematical Intuitionism." *Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series* (University of St. Thomas, Houston)  
"Analyticity and the A Priori in Parrini's Epistemology." *The Third Way of Paolo Parrini* (University of Florence, Italy)
- 2022 "Knowledge and Truth in Russell and Putnam" (University of Bergamo, Italy)
- 2017 "Intellectual Intuitions and A Priori Knowledge." *Institute Vienna Circle* (University of Vienna)
- 2016 "Kantian Intuitionism." *Foundational Studies Bristol Research Seminar* (University of Bristol, UK)
- 2015 "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)
- 2013 "Kant's Mereology." *Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series* (University of St. Thomas, Houston)
- 2012 "Is Kant a Four-Dimensionalist?" *Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series* (University of St. Thomas, Houston)
- 2007 "Introduzione all'Epistemologia Rickertiana." *Neo-Kantian Epistemology Conference* (University of Urbino)
- 2006 "L'Etica di Heinrich Rickert." *Ethics and History Conference* (University of Palermo)

**Peer-Reviewed**

- 2026 "Apriority and Implicit Definitions in Pap." *International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* – HOPOS (Ohio State University)  
"Fregean Elements in Rickert's Philosophy of Mathematics." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (Online)
- 2025 "Science and Mathematics in Neo-Kantianism." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (San Francisco)
- 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)  
"Rickert's Quasi-Platonism in Mathematics." *APA Pacific Division Meeting* (Portland)
- 2023 "Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein." *44th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)
- 2022 "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)
- 2019 “Wittgenstein’s Quasi-Intuitionism” (Extended Version). *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)
- 2015 “On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics.” *The 12th International Kant Congress* (University of Vienna)
- 2014 “Kant and the Neo-Kantians on Mathematics.” *North American Kant Society Biennial Meeting* (Temple University, Philadelphia)
- 2007 “La Filosofia dei Valori.” *Italian Philosophical Society Congress* (University of Verona)
- 2006 “La Filosofia della Matematica di Heinrich Rickert.” *Life, Imagination and Community Conference* (University of Cagliari)
- “Ontologia e Verità tra Neo-Kantismo e Fenomenologia.” *Phenomenology Conference* (University of Milan)
- 2004 “Transcendence and Subjectivity.” *Subjectivity and Transcendence Conference (Center of Research for Subjectivity, University of Copenhagen)*
- 2003 “Lineamenti di Ontologia nella Logica Crociana.” *Benedetto Croce National Conference* (University of Milan)
- 2002 “Eugen Fink sul Criticismo Kantiano.” *Kant and Phenomenology Conference* (University of Milan)

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate

- 2019- ILAS 2350 - Knowledge and Methods<sup>1</sup>, University of Houston  
ILAS 4350 - Problem Solving<sup>2</sup>, University of Houston
- 2016-19 RELS 3396 - Science and Philosophy of Religion, University of Houston  
ANTH 3396 - Being Human: Mind, Behavior, Evolution, University of Houston  
ILAS 4350 - Evil and Injustice, University of Houston
- 2012-18 ILAS 2350 - Introduction to Liberal Studies, University of Houston  
ILAS 4350 - Liberal Studies Senior Seminar, University of Houston
- 2013-14 PHIL 3317 - Modern Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, Houston  
PHIL 4331 - Philosophy of Art and Beauty, University of St. Thomas, Houston  
PHILC 2301 - Ethics, University of St. Thomas, Houston
- 2010-11 PHL 125 / PHL 226 - Logic and Critical Reasoning, Salem State University
- 2008-11 PHIL 1070-02/03 - Philosophy of The Person I and II, Boston College
- 2004-07 Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Milan

### Graduate

- 2024 Kantian Normativity (Summer Seminar), University of Insubria
- 2023 Kinds of Evil (Summer Seminar), University of Insubria
- 2022 Knowledge and Truth (Summer Seminar), University of Bergamo
- 2019 180178 KU - Mathematical Intuitionism (Summer Course), University of Vienna
- 2017 Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (Summer Seminar), Institute Vienna Circle
- 2015 Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (Summer Seminar), Institute Vienna Circle  
Philosophy of Mathematics (Summer Seminar), University of Bergamo
- 2011 MBA 5325 - Business Ethics, University of St. Thomas, Houston
- 2006 Phenomenology (Seminar), University of Milan

<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).

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## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2027	Fulbright Specialist Grant, \$9000 + Airfare and Living Expenses.
2025	Global Faculty Development Fund, \$1400. Provost Faculty Travel Fund Award, \$1200.
2024	Research Fund, University of Insubria (Como-Varese), \$3,000.
2023	STARS Research Fund (Supporting Talents in Research), University of Bergamo, \$15,000.
2022	CLASS College Research Fund, University of Houston, \$3,000. Research Endowment, awarded by Dean Antonio Tillis, University of Houston, \$3,000.
2021	National Research University Fund Award, University of Houston, \$17,000.
2020	Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Houston, \$3,000.
2018	Global Faculty Development Fund, University of Houston, \$3,000.
2017	Global Faculty Development Fund, University of Houston, \$5,000.
2015	Research Fund, 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	MIUR Grant Awards, "Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research", €12,000.
2000-01	Socrates-Erasmus Scholarship, University of Freiburg in Germany, €10,000.

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## SERVICE

### University

2026	Member of the <i>Academic Honesty Hearing Panel</i> of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (University of Houston).
2025	Doctoral Committee Member for Jaka Makuc, a PhD candidate in the Philosophy Department at the University of Bologna, Italy. Dissertation title: ' <i>Handlung</i> ' and ' <i>Leistung</i> ' in <i>Husserl's Phenomenology</i> .
2024	Member of the <i>University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog</i> , since Fall 2024 to present.
2022	Member of the <i>Search Committee for a Visiting Assistant Professor</i> in the CCS department (University of Houston). Member of the <i>Academic Honesty Hearing Panel</i> of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (University of Houston). Member of the <i>University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog</i> (Spring 2022 – Spring 2023). Member of the <i>Search Committee for a Religious Studies NTT Appointment</i> at the University of Houston.
2021	External Reviewer of the <i>Liberal Studies Department</i> of Texas A&M University-Commerce. Committee Member of the <i>Ross M. Lence Awards for Teaching Excellence</i> (University of Houston). Member of the <i>Science and Education Committee</i> (University of Bergamo), since April to present.
2020	External Reviewer of the <i>Humanities Program</i> of the University of Texas Permian Basin (Odessa).
2019	Director of the <i>Liberal Studies Program</i> at the University of Houston, since June to present. Chair of the <i>Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee</i> (University of Houston).
2018	Member of the <i>MCL Department Graduate Committee</i> (University of Houston).
2017	Member of the <i>Department Chair Search Committee</i> (University of Houston). Member of <i>College Scholarship Committee</i> (University of Houston). Member of the <i>Department Bylaws Committee</i> (University of Houston).

- 2014 Member of the *Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee* (University of Houston) until May 2020.
- 1998-05 Subject Expert (*Cultore della Materia*) in *Modern and Contemporary Philosophy*, University of Milan in Italy.

### Professional Service

- 2026 Organizer of the “Apriority and Scientific Method in Arthur Pap” symposium. *International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science – HOPOS* (Ohio State University). Co-Organizer with Erich Reck of “Mathematics in Neo-Kantianism and Early Analytic Philosophy.” *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Online, Apr 8-12. Chair: Erich Reck, Speakers: Scott Edgar, Luca Oliva, and Georg Schiemer.
- 2025 Session Chair, *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* (University of Jena).
- 2024 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, Ofra Rechter, 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 Session Chair, *44th International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria).
- 2021 Session Chair, *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* (University of Vienna).
- 2019 Session Chair, *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)* (Boston University).
- 2016 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).
- 2011 Session Chair, *North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Boston College).

### Referee

- 2026 Peer Reviewer for *Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy*.  
Peer Reviewer for *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio (RIFL)*, supported by the “Italian Society of Philosophy of Language.”
- 2025 Peer Reviewer for *Humana Mente: Journal of Philosophical Studies* (University of Florence, Italy).
- 2023 Peer Reviewer for the journal *Materiali per una Storia della Cultura Giuridica*. (Bologna: Il Mulino).
- 2020 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 Peer Reviewer for the *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*.
- 2018 Peer Reviewer for *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2017 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).

### Boards

- 2024 Member of the Executive Board for the *Reconstructing Carnap* webinar series together with Caterina del Sordo (University of Vienna) and Silvano Zipoli Caiani (University of Florence), since Spring 2024 to present.
- 2023 Member of the Executive Board for the *Ethics and Normativity Seminar Series* together with Luis Oliveira at the University of Houston, since Spring 2023 to present.

Member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *CQIIA Rivista* (University of Bergamo Press), since Fall 2023 to present.

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#### 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)  
The North American Neo-Kantian Society (NANKS)