

# LUCA OLIVA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### APPOINTMENTS

2021-2020-21	Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track	<i>University of Houston</i>
2019-2014-20	Associate Professor, Instructional Program Director of Liberal Studies	
2012-14	Assistant Professor, Instructional Adjunct Professor	
2024	Visiting Assistant Professor	<i>University of Insubria</i>
2015, 2022	Visiting Assistant Professor	<i>University of Bergamo</i>
2019	Lecturer	<i>University of Vienna</i>
2015, 2017	Lecturer	<i>Institute Vienna Circle</i>
2016, 2017	Academic Visitor	<i>University of Oxford</i>
2011-14	Adjunct Professor	<i>Uni of St. Thomas in 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>

### AREAS OF INTERESTS

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

### 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

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books	Heinrich Rickert - L'Uno, L'Unità, e il Numero Uno. L. Oliva (ed). Milano: Cusl, 2008. La Validità come Funzione dell'Oggetto. Milano: Franco Angeli, 2006 ( <i>second edition underway</i> ).
Papers	"Carnap on Analyticity." <i>Humana Mente</i> , 2025: <i>forthcoming</i> . "Kantian Externalism and its Issues." C. Horn and R. Schäfer (eds), <i>Kant's Project of Enlightenment</i> . Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024: <i>forthcoming</i> . "Reichenbach's Relativized A Priori." Y. Kappes, A. Passinsky, and J. De Rizzo (eds), <i>Facets of Reality. Contemporary Debates</i> . Kirchberg am Wechsel: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2024: 572-83. "Parrini on the A Priori in Logical Empiricism." <i>Humana Mente</i> , 2024: 1-46.

- "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.
- "Review Essay: 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 "Rickert and Frege on Mathematics." *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy* – SSHAP (University of Jena).
- "Rethinking Pap's Functional A Priori." *7th 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)
- 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." *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)

## TEACHING

2019-	Knowledge and Methods <sup>1</sup> Interdisciplinary Problem Solving <sup>2</sup>	University of Houston
2016-19	Science and Philosophy of Religion Being Human: Mind, Behavior, Evolution Evil and Injustice	
2012-18	Introduction to Liberal Studies Liberal Studies Senior Seminar	
2024	Kantian Normativity (graduate seminar)	University of Insubria
2023	Kinds of Evil (graduate seminar)	
2022	Knowledge and Truth (graduate seminar)	University of Bergamo
2015	Philosophy of Mathematics (graduate seminar)	
2019	Mathematical Intuitionism (graduate course)	University of Vienna
2015-17	Philosophy of Science (graduate seminar)	Institute Vienna Circle
2013-14	Modern Philosophy Philosophy of Art and Beauty Ethics	Uni of St. Thomas Houston
2011	Business Ethics (graduate course)	
2010-11	Logic and Critical Reasoning	Salem State University
2008-11	Philosophy of The Person	Boston College
2006	Phenomenology (graduate seminar)	University of Milan
2004-07	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	

## 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 <i>University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog</i> (since Fall 2024). Organizer of the <i>Cognitive Capacitism from Kant to Carnap</i> session of <i>The 25th World Congress of Philosophy</i> , Sapienza University of Rome, Aug 1-8. Chair: Luca Oliva. Speakers: Caterina Del Sordo, Kristina Engelhard, and Naomi Osorio-Kupferblum. Organizer of the <i>Knowledge and Mathematics in Kant</i> session of <i>The 25th World Congress of Philosophy</i> , Sapienza University of Rome, Aug 1-8. Chair: Annalisa Coliva; Speakers: Mirella Capozzi, Luca Oliva, and Daniel Sutherland. Session Chair, <i>The 25th World Congress of Philosophy</i> , Sapienza University of Rome. Session Chair, <i>The Fifteenth Biennial Congress of HOPOS</i> , University of Vienna. Session Chair, <i>The Twelfth Annual Conference of SSHAP</i> , University of Connecticut and Wesleyan University. Session Chair, <i>American Philosophical Association (APA)</i> , Pacific Division (Portland).
2023	Host of the <i>Ethics and Normativity Seminar Series</i> at the University of Houston from the Spring Term to the present. Member of the editorial board of the academic journal <i>CQIIA Rivista</i> (University of Bergamo Press). Peer reviewer for the journal <i>Materiali per una Storia della Cultura Giuridica</i> . (Bologna: Il Mulino).

<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).

- 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 Award (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 <i>7th Arthur Pap Lecture of the Institute Vienna Circle</i> at the University of Vienna Invited Speaker for the thirteenth annual conference of the <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)</i> 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 Award, 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
1998-2005	Teaching Fellowship, University of Milan in Italy

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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)