

LUCA OLIVA

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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 Lecturer, University of Insubria
2022 Lecturer, University of Bergamo
2020-21 Instructional Associate Professor, University of Houston
2019 Lecturer, University of Vienna
2017 Lecturer, Institute Vienna Circle
2016-17 Academic Visitor, University of Oxford
2015 Lecturer, Institute Vienna Circle
2015 Lecturer, University of Bergamo
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
2005-07 Lecturer, University of Milan

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

EDUCATION

2007 DAAD Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy
University of Freiburg in Germany
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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

2027 Intuition and Cognition in Kant. *Underway*.
2026 Capacities-First Philosophy. *Special Issue of Topoi*, 2026: *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 "Rickert and Frege on Mathematics." *Under review*.

"Non-Analytic Necessity in Pap." *Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook*, 2026: *forthcoming*.

"The Basics of Carnap's Quasi-Analysis." *Humana Mente - 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 Mente - Journal of Philosophical Studies* 45, 2024: 19-64.

2023 "Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein." A. Pichler, E. Heinrich-Ramharter, 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: 251-295.

2018 "On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics." V. Waibel, M. Ruffing, D. Wagner (eds), *Natur und Freiheit*. Berlin/Boston: 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.

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: 177-181.

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

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 "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.

"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)

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 مؤسسۀ 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." <i>25th World Congress of Philosophy</i> (Rome, Italy)
		"Atomic Fact or State of Affairs? The Meaning of Sachverhalt in the Translations of Wittgenstein's <i>Tractatus</i> ." <i>25th World Congress of Philosophy</i> (Rome, Italy)
		"The A Priori in Logical Empiricism." <i>International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science – HOPOS</i> (University of Vienna)
		"Logical-Empiricist Variations of the A Priori." <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP</i> (University of Connecticut in Hartford and Wesleyan University in Middletown)
		"Kant and the Destiny of Metaphysics." <i>Conference on "Immanuel Kant. Nel Terzo Centenario della Nascita"</i> (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart)
2023		"Rickert's Quasi-Platonism in Mathematics." <i>APA Pacific Division Meeting</i> (Portland)
		"Einstein's Critique of Kant's Mathematical Intuitionism." <i>Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series</i> (University of St. Thomas, Houston)
		"Saying and Showing in Wittgenstein." <i>44th International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)
		"Analyticity and the A Priori in Parrini's Epistemology." <i>The Third Way of Paolo Parrini</i> (University of Florence, Italy)
		"How to Be Evil." <i>CCS Faculty Seminar</i> (University of Houston)
2022		"Knowledge and Truth in Russell and Putnam" (University of Bergamo, Italy)
		"The Roots of Wittgenstein's Analyticity." <i>43rd International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> (Kirchberg am Wechsel in Austria)
		"Frege and Rickert on Mathematics." <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP</i> (Shanxi University 山西大学)
2021		"Analyticity in Wittgenstein." <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP</i> (University of Vienna)
2020		"The Roots of Evil." <i>CCS Faculty Seminar</i> (University of Houston)
2019		"Wittgenstein's Quasi-Intuitionism." <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – SSHAP</i> (Boston University)
2018		"Platonism vs. Intuitionism." <i>ACPA Conference Meeting</i> (San Diego)
		"Wittgenstein's Quasi-Intuitionism" (Short Version). <i>41st International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)
2017		"Perceptions, Intuitions, and Mathematics. A Kantian Perspective." <i>40th International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria)
		"Intellectual Intuitions and A Priori Knowledge." <i>Institute Vienna Circle</i> (University of Vienna)
		"Comment on Reed Winegar's <i>Kant on Intuitive Understanding and Things in Themselves</i> ." <i>APA Central Division Meeting</i> (Kansas City)
		"Comment on Justin Shaddock's <i>Kant's Conceptualism</i> ." <i>APA Eastern Division Meeting</i> (Baltimore)
		"Comment on Sebastian Luft's book <i>The Space of Culture</i> ." <i>SPEP Conference Meeting</i> (Memphis)
2016		"Kantian Intuitionism." <i>Foundational Studies Bristol Research Seminar</i> (University of Bristol, UK)
		"Comment on Andrew Roche's <i>Kant's Second Analogy and the Representation of Causality</i> ." <i>NAKS Biennial Meeting</i> (Emory University)
		"Normativity and Society." <i>CCS Seminar Series</i> (University of Houston)
2015		"On Kantian Intuitions and Mathematics." <i>The 12th International Kant Congress</i> (University of Vienna)
		"Intuitions and Mathematical Induction." <i>Institute Vienna Circle</i> (University of Vienna)
		"Comment on Melissa Merritt's <i>Kant on Virtue as a Skill</i> ." <i>APA Pacific Division Meeting</i> (Vancouver)
2014		"On Normativity" (University of Bergamo, Italy)
		"Kant and the Neo-Kantians on Mathematics." <i>North American Kant Society Biennial Meeting</i> (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 ¹ , University of Houston
2019-	Problem Solving ² , University of Houston
2016-19	Science and Philosophy of Religion, University of Houston
2016-19	Being Human: Mind, Behavior, Evolution, University of Houston
2016-19	Evil and Injustice, University of Houston
2012-18	Introduction to Liberal Studies, University of Houston
2012-18	Liberal Studies Senior Seminar, University of Houston
2013-14	Modern Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, Houston
2013-14	Philosophy of Art and Beauty, University of St. Thomas, Houston
2013-14	Ethics, University of St. Thomas, Houston
2010-11	Logic and Critical Reasoning, Salem State University
2008-11	Philosophy of The Person, Boston College
2004-07	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Milan

Graduate

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

SERVICE

2026	Organizer of the “Apriority and Scientific Method in Arthur Pap” symposium. <i>International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science</i> – HOPOS (Ohio State University). Co-organizer with Erich Reck of “Mathematics in Neo-Kantianism and Early Analytic Philosophy.” <i>APA Pacific Division Meeting</i> , Online, Apr 8-12. Chair: Erich Reck, Speakers: Scott Edgar, Luca Oliva, and Georg Schiemer. Member of the <i>Academic Honesty Hearing Panel</i> of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (University of Houston). Peer reviewer for <i>Topoi</i> .
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 Husserl’s <i>Phenomenology</i> . Session Chair, <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)</i> (University of Jena). Peer reviewer for the journal <i>Humana Mente: Journal of Philosophical Studies</i> (University of Florence, Italy)
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).

¹ 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).

² 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).

	<p>Organizer of the <i>Cognitive Capacitism from Kant to Carnap</i> session of the <i>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.</p> <p>Organizer of the <i>Knowledge and Mathematics in Kant</i> session of the <i>25th World Congress of Philosophy</i>, Sapienza University of Rome, Aug 1-8. Chair: Annalisa Coliva; Speakers: Mirella Capozzi, Luca Oliva, and Daniel Sutherland.</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>The 25th World Congress of Philosophy</i>, Sapienza University of Rome.</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>The Fifteenth Biennial Congress of HOPOS</i>, University of Vienna.</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>The Twelfth Annual Conference of SSHAP</i>, University of Connecticut and Wesleyan University.</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>American Philosophical Association (APA)</i>, Pacific Division (Portland).</p>
2023	<p>Host of the <i>Ethics and Normativity Seminar Series</i> at the University of Houston from the Spring Term to the present.</p> <p>Member of the editorial board of the academic journal <i>CQIIA Rivista</i> (University of Bergamo Press).</p> <p>Peer reviewer for the journal <i>Materiali per una Storia della Cultura Giuridica</i>. (Bologna: Il Mulino).</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>44th International Wittgenstein Symposium</i> (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria).</p>
2022	<p>Member of the Search Committee for a Visiting Assistant Professor in CCS at the University of Houston.</p> <p>Member of the <i>Academic Honesty Hearing Panel</i> of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (University of Houston).</p> <p>Member of the <i>University Committee for Curriculum and Policy Development for the University of Houston Undergraduate Catalog</i> (Spring 2022 – Spring 2023).</p> <p>Member of the Search Committee for a Religious Studies NTT appointment at the University of Houston.</p>
2021	<p>Master's Degree in Academic Leadership, <i>Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy</i> (University of Houston).</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)</i> (University of Vienna).</p> <p>Reviewer of the Liberal Studies Department of Texas A&M University-Commerce.</p> <p>Committee Member of the Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence (University of Houston).</p> <p>Member of the Science and Education Committee (University of Bergamo) from April to present.</p>
2020	<p>Reviewer of the Humanities Program of the University of Texas Permian Basin (Odessa).</p> <p>Peer reviewer for the <i>Selection Committee of the North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting</i> (Binghamton University).</p> <p>Peer reviewer for the <i>Selection Committee of the New Mexico - Texas Philosophical Society Meeting</i> (San Antonio).</p>
2019	<p>Program Director, Liberal Studies (University of Houston), since June to present.</p> <p>Chair of the <i>Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee</i> (University of Houston).</p> <p>Peer reviewer for the <i>Journal of Transcendental Philosophy</i>.</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP)</i> (Boston University).</p>
2018	<p>Peer reviewer for the journal <i>Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy</i>.</p> <p>Member of the <i>MCL Graduate Committee</i> (University of Houston).</p>
2017	<p>Member of the <i>Department Chair Search Committee</i> (University of Houston).</p> <p>Member of <i>College Scholarship Committee</i> (University of Houston).</p> <p>Member of the <i>Department Bylaws Committee</i> (University of Houston).</p>
2016	<p>Peer reviewer for <i>Kantian Review</i>.</p> <p>Peer reviewer for philosophy at Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Peer reviewer for the <i>Selection Committee of the North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting</i> (Emory University).</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting</i> (Emory University).</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>American Philosophical Association (APA)</i>, Pacific Division (San Francisco).</p> <p>Session Chair, <i>American Philosophical Association (APA)</i>, Central Division (Chicago).</p>
2014	<p>Member of the <i>Mladenka-Fowler Scholarship Committee</i> (University of Houston) until May 2020.</p>

2011 Session Chair, *North American Kant Society (NAKS) Biennial Meeting* (Boston College).

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

2025 Global Faculty Development Fund, awarded by the UH Provost Diane Z. Chase, \$1400
 Provost Faculty Travel Fund Award, granted by the UH Provost Diane Z. Chase, \$1200
 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

2020 Dean Antonio Tillis's Research Endowment, University of Houston, \$3,000
 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)
 The North American Neo-Kantian Society (NANKS)

REFEREES

Andrew Chignell, Princeton University
 Annalisa Coliva, University of California, Irvine
 Juliet Floyd, Boston University
 James Garson, University of Houston
 Erich Reck, University of California, Riverside
 Friederich Stadler, University of Vienna
 Timothy Williamson, Oxford University and Yale University