

# RODRIGO BORGES

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS: Epistemology.

AOC: Philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, and history of philosophy (Plato, Aristotle and Descartes).

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

2007–2015 PhD in Philosophy at Rutgers University, USA.

Thesis Title: Knowledge from Knowledge: An Essay on Inferential Knowledge; Committee: Peter Klein (supervisor), Ernest Sosa, Duncan Pritchard, Claudio de Almeida.

2005–2007 MA in Philosophy at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Thesis Title: Skepticism, Contextualism and the Transmission of Justification; Supervisor: Claudio de Almeida.

2001–2004 BA in Philosophy at Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018–present University of Florida. Lecturer.

2016–2018 Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Assistant Professor.

- 2015–2016 FAPESP Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil.
- 2014–2015 Rutgers University. Adjunct Faculty.
- 2014 Montclair State University. Adjunct Faculty.
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#### GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Beyond 120 Research Mentorship Award in Humanities. University of Florida.
- 2023 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund.
- 2022 Rothman Faculty Summer Fellowship.
- 2019 Faculty Travel Award.
- 2015 University-wide Teaching Award (nominated by the Rutgers Philosophy Department).
- 2014–2015 Graduate Assistantship. Rutgers University.
- 2012–2014 Teaching Assistantship. Rutgers University.
- 2007–2012 Fulbright Scholarship.
- 2012 Summer Mellon Grant.
- 2011 Rutgers Graduate Travel Grant.
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#### CURRENT RESEARCH

I am currently working on a book manuscript titled ‘Knowledge After Gettier’ for the Synthese Library of Philosophy (Springer Publishing) on the nature of knowledge and the role of the so-called ‘Gettier Problem’ in shaping our understanding of this important notion. The Gettier Problem is said to have shattered the traditional definition of knowledge as *justified true belief*. The book argues that this is a mistaken notion. Once we carefully study the argument in support of the Gettier Problem, we find no good reason to reject the traditional account of knowledge. In order to show this, I develop novel theories of *epistemic justification* and *philosophical paradox*. The upshot is that Gettier presented us with a soluble *paradox* about epistemic justification, not a *refutation* of the traditional account of knowledge as justified true belief. If I am right, it turns out that knowledge *after* Gettier is, contrary to what most believe, just as it was *before* Gettier - justified true belief.

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#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Monographs

- *Knowledge After Gettier*. Springer. (forthcoming)

## Edited Volumes

- *New Essays on the Foundation of Knowledge and Justification: Epistemological Explorations*. Co-edited with Ted Poston and Jonathan Matheson. Springer. (forthcoming).
- *Illuminating Errors: New essays on Knowledge from Non-Knowledge* (Studies in Epistemology Series, Routledge). Co-edited with Ian Schnee. (2024)
- *Knowledge and Justification: New Perspectives* Special Issue of *Synthese* (2021).
- *Knowledge, Scepticism, and Justification: Themes from Klein*. Co-edited with Branden Fitelson and Cherie Braden. Synthese Library. (2019)
- *Special Epistemology Issue of Manuscripta* (v.40;n.4, 2017). Guest Editor.
- *Explaining Knowledge: New Essays on the Gettier Problem* (2017). Co-edited with Peter Klein and Claudio de Almeida. Oxford University Press. (link to table of contents here)

## Papers

- A Puzzle about Human Fallibility. (under review).
- The Diachronic Threshold Problem (2022). *Philosophical Studies*, 179(1), 93–108.
- Defeating Objections to Group Knowledge (2021). *Socratically: a Festschrift in honor of Claudio de Almeida*.
- Knowledge from Knowledge (2020). *American Philosophical Quarterly*, v.57:3, p.283–297.
- Gettier and Externalism (2019). S. Hetherington (ed.) *The Gettier Problem*, Cambridge University Press.
- Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary in *Knowledge, Scepticism, and Justification*. (2019)
- On Pritchard's *Epistemic Angst* (2017). *Manuscripta*.
- Inferential Knowledge and The Gettier Conjecture (2017). in *Explaining Knowledge*.
- Introduction (2017). (with Peter Klein, and Claudio De Almeida). *Explaining Knowledge*.
- E=K and the Gettier Problem: A Reply to Comesaña and Kantin (2017). *Erkenntnis* 82(5), 1031-1041.
- Unreasonable Selflessness (2016). (with Felipe Medeiros). *Veritas* 61(3), 492-502.
- Bad Luck for the Anti-Luck Epistemologist (2016). *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. v.54(4). 463-479.
- A Failed Twist to an Old Problem: A Reply to John N. Williams (2016). *Logos and Episteme* VII, 1. (volume contains a rejoinder from Williams)
- On Synchronic Dogmatism (2015). *Synthese* 192 (11), 3677-3693.
- How to Moore a Gettier: Notes on the Dark Side of Knowledge (2014). *Logos and Episteme*, V 4, I 2, 2014, p.133-140.

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## SUPERVISION

- 2025 Tomas A. Belloso. *The Philosophical Concept of Evidence in Law* (Honors Project, CLAS Scholar Award)
- 2024 Vincent Barnes. *The Transcendental Argument for the Existence of God as a solution to radical skepticism*. (Honors Project, CLAS Scholar Award)
- Nicholas Randazzo. *Two Competing Theories of Doubt: Hyperbolic versus Virtuous*. (Honors Project, University Scholar Award)
- 2023 Kate Rush. *The Leibnizian Metaphysical Response to Theoretical Underdetermination*. (Honors Thesis, highest honors, UF)
- Kate Rush. *The Computer Analogy Within Modern Philosophy of Mind*. (Research Project, CLAS Scholar Award)
- Sebastian Gillespie. *Resolving the Kripkenstein Rule-Following Paradox through Brandom's Hegel*. (Honors Thesis, high honors, UF)
- Sebastian Gillespie. *The Nature of Justification*. (Research Project, University Scholar Award)
- Denice Gonzales. *In Defense of Testimonial Knowledge*. (Honors Thesis, high honors, UF)
- Emily Vining. *Deciphering Negative Theology: A Response to the Charge of Self-Refutation*. (Honors Thesis, high honors, UF)
- 2022 Nicholas Conforti. *Justification in the Face of Skepticism*. (Honors Thesis, high honors, UF)
- 2019 Jordyn Lee. *In Defense of No False Lemmas*. (Honors Thesis, highest honors, UF)
- 2018 Aline Isaia-Spletstosser. *The Wisdom of Heraclitus*. (PhD, PUCRS)

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## COURSES TAUGHT

### Graduate Courses

Divine Illumination and Academic Skepticism

The Epistemology of AI: The Delegation/Verification Problem

Advanced Seminar in Epistemology

Survey in Epistemology.

Seminar on Knowledge and Certainty.

Philosophy of Mind (co-taught with Nythamar de Oliveira, Fabricio Pontin, and John Bolender).

Seminar on Defeasible Reasoning and Knowledge First Epistemology.

Seminar on Inferential Knowledge and Knowledge First Epistemology.

Seminar in Neurophilosophy (co-taught with Nythamar de Oliveira and Fabricio Pontin).

#### Undergraduate Courses

Rules and Reasoning.

Theoretical Reasoning.

Introduction to Philosophy.

Theory of Knowledge.

Logic

Philosophy of Science.

Symbolic Logic.

Ethics and Citizenship.

Foundations of Logical Reasoning.

Introduction to Philosophical Thinking and Ethics.

Theory of Knowledge.

Knowledge and Assertion (online and traditional).

Introduction to Logic (online and traditional).

Introduction to Philosophy (online and traditional).

Current Moral and Social Issues (online and traditional).

Current Movements in Philosophy.

Descartes, Locke and the Seventeenth Century (online).

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#### PRESENTATIONS

2023 Paper: *Paradox and Common Sense*. 2023 Meeting of the Southeastern Epistemology Conference, University of South Carolina, Spartansburg, SC.

Paper: *Paradox and Common Sense*. 2023 Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL.

Paper: *Do We Know that We do Not Know all Truths?* 2023 Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, New College, Sarasota, FL.

- 2022 Paper: *Knowledge After Gettier*. 2022 Southeastern Epistemology Conference, Loyola University.
- 2021 Paper: *Epistemic Kenosis*. 2021 Southeastern Epistemology Conference, University of Florida.
- Paper: *At the Threshold of Knowledge*. Brown Bag Meeting of CONCEPT, University of Cologne.
- 2020 Paper: *Defeating Objections to Group Knowledge*. 2020 Southeastern Epistemology Conference, University of Florida (online conference).
- 2019 Paper: *Fallibilism and Defeat*. 2019 Southeastern Epistemology Conference, East Carolina University.
- 2018 Paper: *Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary*. Wichita State University.
- Paper: *Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary*. University of Florida.
- Paper: *Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary*. East Carolina University, department talk.
- Paper: *Gettier and Externalism*. East Carolina University, public talk.
- Paper: *Social Media and the Common Good*. University of Florida, Food and Talk series.
- 2017 Paper: *Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary*. 1st Colloquium Contemporary Debates in Epistemology, Federal University of Santa Maria.
- Paper: *Knowledge, Despite Evidence to the Contrary*. XIII Epistemology Colloquium, PUCRS.
- Paper: *Knowledge: A Lifetime Commitment*. Workshop on Probability, PUCRS.
- Paper: *Knowledge and Certainty*. Philosophy Club, East Carolina University.
- 2016 Paper: *A Knowledge First Account of Defeasible Reasoning*. XVII Meeting of the National Association of Graduate Programs in Philosophy.
- Paper: *The Knowledge Norm of Inference*. XVI Academic Week of the Graduate Program in Philosophy at PUCRS.
- Paper: *Defeating Objections to Group Knowledge*. V Social Epistemology Conference.
- Paper: *A Knowledge-First Account of Epistemic Defeat*. IV Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. (Paper accepted)
- 2015 Paper: *Knowledge from Knowledge*. Second Epistemology Colloquium.

2014 Paper: *Knowledge from Knowledge*. Eighth Biennial University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference. Fall 2014 Meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association. 2014 Conference of the Florida Philosophical Association.

Paper: Reply to Brendan Murday's "On Klein's Argument for In-  
finitism" at the 2014 meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association Conference.

2013 Paper: *Inferential Knowledge and the Gettier Problem*. Swarthmore College - Epistemology reading group.

2012 Paper: *Selfless Assertions and Moore's Paradox*. Washington and Jefferson College – Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium; University of Minho, Portugal - National Meeting of the Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy (paper selected); 50th Annual Alabama Philosophical Society Conference (paper selected).

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## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSION

### Committees

UF: Graduate committee; undergraduate committee; graduate student organization advisor; epistemology working group (organiser).

### Referee

Oxford University Press

The Journal of Philosophy

The Journal of Philosophy

Acta Analytica

Philosophical Studies

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Canadian Journal of Philosophy.

Analysis.

Episteme.

Synthese.

The Southern Journal of Philosophy.

Topoi.

Veritas.

Manuscrito.