

Carla Merino-Rajme

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

- Princeton University
Ph.D., Philosophy 2007 – September 2013
Dissertation: “A Quantum Theory of Felt Duration”
Advisors: Mark Johnston, Sarah-Jane Leslie
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
M.A., Philosophy of Science 2004 – 2007
First in class
Thesis: “Names and Theoretical Terms,
the Problem of their Meaning and Reference”
Advisor: Maite Ezcurdia
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)
B.S., Industrial and Systems Engineering 1998 - 2002
Third in class

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind and Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Ethics, Logic
(Introductory to Intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill May 2015 – present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge September 2017 – December 2017
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Arizona State University August 2014 – May 2015
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- New York University August 2013 – July 2014
Bersoff Faculty Fellow and Assistant Professor

HONORS
(AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS)

Research Grant from the Faculty of Color and Indigenous Faculty Group, 2023
Institute of Arts and Humanities

Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2022
UNC Chapel Hill

Junior Faculty Development Award, 2018
UNC Chapel Hill, office of the provost

Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2018
Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill

Research and Study Assignment, Fall 2017
Leave sponsored by UNC, Philosophy Department
Visiting assistant professor at MIT

Nomination for the UNC 2016-17 Faculty Mentoring Awards
Sponsored by the Carolina Women's Leadership Council, UNC-Chapel Hill

Nomination for the Centennial Professorship Award
Arizona State University, Spring 2015

Winner of the Inaugural Marc Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind
The award included the publication of the paper "A Quantum Theory of Felt Duration" in the journal *Analytic Philosophy* and \$8,000

Nomination by the Philosophy Department at Princeton University for the Graduate School Teaching Award
Princeton University, 2013

Graduate School Fellowship
Princeton University, 2007-2012

Ph.D. Scholarship
CONACYT, 2007 (Declined)

Graduate School Scholarship
UNAM, 2005-2007

M.A. Scholarship
CONACYT, 2004-2007

Norman Sverdlin Prize (awarded to the best Philosophy M.A. thesis)
UNAM, 2008

Antonio Caso Medal (awarded to the first in class at the M.A. level)
UNAM, 2008

Academic Excellence Award
ITESM, 2002

Procter & Gamble Scholar
2000-2002

DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

\$7,000 University DEI grant for the Philosophy Department to appoint graduate students to support the development of more inclusive syllabi in our courses
Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion's Office, UNC Chapel Hill

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PRODUCTS OF SCHOLARSHIP (PUBLICATIONS)

Refereed Articles

Ezcurdia, M. and Merino-Rajme, C. "*De Se Names*", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming

Merino-Rajme, C. (2022), "The Fragmentation of Felt Time", *Philosopher's Imprint*

Merino-Rajme, C. (2015) "Why Lewis' appeal to natural properties fails to solve Kripke's rule-following paradox", *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 172, pp. 163-175.

Merino-Rajme, C. (2014) "A Quantum Theory of Felt Duration" *Analytic Philosophy*, Vol. 55, No. 3, September 2014, pp. 239-275.
(Winner of *Marc Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind*)

Merino-Rajme, C. (2013) "Comment on "Specialness and Egalitarianism"", *Thought, A Journal of Philosophy* Vol 2, No. 3, pp. 258-263.

Book reviews

Merino-Rajme, C. (2017) "Review of *Minding Time* by Carlos Montemayor"
Crítica, Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía.

Other publications

Merino-Rajme, C. (2009) "How similar is 'Julius' to 'Phlogiston'?" in M. Carrera and V. Morato (eds.) *Language, Knowledge and Metaphysics: Selected Papers from the First SIFA Graduate Conference*, London: College Publications, 2009.

Dissertation

Merino-Rajme, C. (2013) *A Quantum Theory of Felt Duration*, Doctoral Dissertation, Princeton University, pp. 143.

Experiencing Time, [blog entry](#) for Philosop-her

Fall 2015

Interviews

Interviewed for the *Endeavors Magazine—UNC Research* article [“The Time Tracker”](#) by Alyssa Lafaro

Interviewed for the *Tampa Bay* article “Coronavirus has warped our sense of time” by Zachary T. Sampson

SELECTED TALKS

Title: TBD Spring 2024
Metaphysics Conference (Princeton University)

Experiencing the Passage of Time Summer 2024
University of California, Davis

*2024 Meeting for the American Association for Mexican
Philosophers*

Southern Methodist University Fall 2023

Experiencing the flow of time Spring 2023
Western Michigan University

Sobre la experiencia del paso del tiempo Fall 2022
Red Iberoamericana de Filosofía de la mente (Online talk in Spanish)

On the experience of the passage of time (in Spanish) Spring 2021
Talk given as part of the series “Construyendo Puentes entre la filosofía y la neurociencia” organized by Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico and Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (Lab on Dreams and Memory).

On why agents are not instantaneous Spring 2020
Stanford University, *Varieties of Agency Workshop* (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Phenomenal Temporal Fragmentation Fall 2019
UNC- Tübingen Conference at UNC Chapel Hill

On Felt Flow

Metaphysics in the Mountain Workshop, presentation	Spring 2019
University of Pittsburgh, colloquium talk	Fall 2018
College of William and Mary, colloquium talk	Fall 2018

Felt Passage, UNC Chapel Hill
Department talk

Spring 2018

Phenomenal Temporal Fragmentation
MIT, WIP Seminar

Fall 2017

Knowledge Defeat and Self-Locating Belief (joint work with Nilanjan Das)
Latinx Philosophy Conference, Rutgers University

Spring 2017

De Se Names (joint work with Maite Ezcurdia)
Pre-APA Workshop on Transformative Experience
Junior Workshop on Metaphysics, Virginia Tech

Spring 2017

Minds, Time, and Epistemic Rationality (joint work with Nilanjan Das)
UNAM, keynote speaker at the Workshop for Associate Students

Fall 2016

Minds, Time, and Rationality (joint work with Barry Maguire)
Columbia-Barnard-Rutgers-Barnard-Columbia Mind Workshop
Workshop on Transformative Experience, UNC Chapel Hill

Summer 2016

Fall 2016

Music on the Train

First Conference of the Timing Research Forum,

- accepted contribution (declined due to schedule conflict)

Fall 2017

Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, Cambridge University

- paper selected from more than 130 submissions

Summer 2016

Syracuse University

Fall 2016

Talk given at the 9th encounter of the Association for
Mexican Philosophers in the US

UCLA, Colloquium talk

Fall 2015

SPAWN 2015--Consciousness

Summer 2015

Syracuse University with comments by Andre Gallois

Time and Causation

Summer 2015

Cologne, Germany

Causation-Laws-Dispositions-Explanation at the
Intersection of Sciences and Metaphysics Research Group

Mentoring Women in Philosophy 2015

Summer 2015

University of Massachusetts Amherst

<i>A puzzle about temporal experience</i>	
<i>Temporal Experience Workshop</i>	Summer 2015
organized by Brad Skow and Christina van Dyke	
Centre for Time, Sydney University	
<i>Ranch Metaphysics Conference</i> , organized by Laurie Paul	Spring 2015
with comments by Geoffrey Lee	
UNAM, IIF	Spring 2015
Symposium on The Experience of Time, Central APA	Spring 2015
with comments by Philippe Chuard	
Speaker for <i>Experience, Time, and Self Graduate Seminar</i>	Spring 2015
UNC Chapel Hill, (instructor: Laurie Paul)	
Sanders summa seminar on time and temporal experience	
<i>Why Lewis's natural properties can't solve Kripke's rule-following paradox</i>	
Arizona State University	Spring 2014
<i>On the Experience of Duration</i>	
UNC- Chapel Hill	Fall 2014
Tulane University, Mardi Gras in Mind Workshop	Spring 2014
Chapman University	Spring 2014
CUNY, Graduate Center	Fall 2013
New York University, Consciousness Group	Fall 2013
New York University, Emily Balcetus Lab	Fall 2013
University of Toronto, Workshop in Temporal Experience	Spring 2013
Rutgers University, American Association of Mexican Philosophers	Spring 2013
University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2013
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Spring 2013
Arizona State University	Spring 2013
Marquette University	Spring 2013
Princeton University, Luce Seminar in Philosophy and Psychology	Fall 2012
<i>De se Thoughts and Names</i> (joint work with Maite Ezcurdia)	
Workshop on Transformative Experience, UNC Chapel Hill	Spring 2016
University of Barcelona, Centered Content Workshop	Summer 2012
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	Summer 2012
Princeton University, Luce Seminar in Philosophy and Psychology	Spring 2012
<i>Against Consciousness of Instantaneous Slices</i>	
Northwest Workshop on Time and Rationality	Spring 2012
Princeton University, Princeton Philosophical Society	Spring 2012
Princeton University, Luce Seminar in Philosophy and Psychology	Spring 2012

- On My Persistence*
 Humboldt University, Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Workshop Summer 2011
 UNAM, American Association for Mexican Philosophers Spring 2011
 Princeton University, Princeton Philosophical Society Fall 2010
- Some Remarks on McDowell's Account of Aristotelian Character-Virtue*
 Emory University, Graduate Conference Spring 2011
 Pacific APA, American Association for Mexican Philosophers Spring 2010
 Princeton University, Princeton Philosophical Society Fall 2009
- On How Lewis's Natural Properties Fail to do All the 'New Work' they were Called for*
 Princeton University, Sarah-Jane Leslie and John Hawthorne Seminar Spring 2010
 MIT, American Association for Mexican Philosophers Spring 2008
- Self-Constitution and Agency*
 UNAM, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas Fall 2010
 Princeton University, Princeton Philosophical Society Spring 2010
- How similar is 'Julius' to 'Phlogiston'?*
 (Paper chosen for publication in the proceedings of the conference)
 University of Padua, Language, Knowledge, and Metaphysics,
 SIFA Graduate Conference Fall 2007
- Invited Comments
- Comments on Kate's Elliott's "Where are the chances?"* Spring 2020
 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference Boise
 (Participation cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Comments on Mohan Matthen's "Dual Structure of Touch"* Fall 2019
- Comments on Alex Kerr's "Feeling a Beat"*
 Eastern APA, Philadelphia
 Symposium on the Perception of Space and Time
 organized by Susanna Siegel
- Commentator at large* Fall 2017
 New England Workshop on Philosophy of Time, Rhode Island College
- Comments on Alyssa Ney's Paper Physics and Fundamentality* Spring 2016
 Metaphysics on the Mountain 2
- Comments on Marleen Rozemond's Paper on Cudworth*
 Boulder Workshop on Metaphysics and Its History Spring 2016
- Comments on Carlos Montemayor's book "Minding Time"*
 Pacific APA, Author Meets Critics Session Spring 2015

- Comments on Jenann Ismael's and Jonathan Schaffer's* "Quantum Nonseparability as Common Ground" Spring 2014
Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- Comments on Susanna Schellenberg's "The Particular Elements of Perceptual Experience"* Summer 2014
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference,
- Comments for The Dialogue* Spring 2014
Harvard University, Roundtable on Analytic Philosophy in Spanish organized by Susanna Siegel
- Comments on Jorge Morales's Change Blindness and Consciousness* Spring 2012
Princeton University, American Association for Mexican Philosophers
- Comments on Michael Tye's "What is the Content of a Hallucinatory Experience?"* Fall 2010
University of Texas at Austin, UT-UNAM Encounter

Invited Workshops

- Transformative Experience Spring 2017
- Metaphysics in the Mountain 2 Spring 2017, Spring 2019
- Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop Summer 2014, 2016, 2017
- Epistemology of Normative Domains, New York University Spring 2014
- Consciousness and the Passage of Time, New York University Fall 2013
- Introspection, New York University Fall 2013
- Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference Summers of 2011, 2012 and 2014
- Metaphysics Ranch Conference 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Outreach

- Does Time Pass?* Fall 2023
Philosophy in 15 Minutes, UNC Chapel Hill
- What is Consciousness?* Spring 2023
Carolina Meadows Retirement Community
- Phenomenal Sorites* Spring 2018
Philosophy in 15 Minutes, UNC Chapel Hill

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

LECTURER

FALL 2023

- Phil 230H Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: The Philosophy of Experience and Reality, number of students: 24

- Phil 740 *Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Graduate level course, number of students: **11**

SPRING 2023

- Phil 230 *Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: The Philosophy of Experience and Reality*, number of students: **28**
- Phil 994 *Dissertation Research Seminar*, Graduate level course, (co-taught with Rosalind Chaplin), number of students: **9**

FALL 2022

- Phil 330, *Metaphysics*, number of students: **28**
- Phil 397, *Philosophy Research Seminar for Undergraduates (on the nature of consciousness)*, number of students: **12**

SPRING 2022

Research leave

FALL 2021

- Phil 740, *Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Graduate level course number of students: **11**
- Phil 330, *Metaphysics*, number of students: **22**
- Senior Thesis Advisor, number of students, 1

SPRING 2021

- Phil994 *Dissertation Research Seminar*, Graduate level course, (co-taught with Alex Worsnip), number of students: **10**
- Phil 330 *Metaphysics*, number of students: **27**
- Senior Thesis Advisor, number of students, 1

FALL 2020

- Phil840 *Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind*, Graduate level course, number of students: **4**
- Phil230H *Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: The Philosophy of Experience and Reality*, number of students: **23**

SPRING 2020

- Phil700 *Protoseminar* (with Thomas Hofweber), First year graduate seminar, number of students: **5**
- Phil 330 *Metaphysics*, number of students: **29**

FALL 2019

- Phil994 *Dissertation Research Seminar*, Graduate level course, (co-taught with Ram Neta), number of students: **12**
- Phil230 *Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: The Philosophy of Experience and Reality*, number of students: **26**

SPRING 2019

- Phil700 *Protoseminar* (with Gillian Russell), First year graduate seminar, number of students: **8**
- Phil840H *Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind*, graduate seminar: **8**

FALL 2018

Parental leave

SPRING 2017

IAH fellowship

FALL 2017

Research and Study Assignment

SPRING 2017

- Phil54 *Thinking about time*, First year seminar, number of students: **24**
- Phil230H *Experience and Reality*, Honors section, number of students: **23**

Other teaching activities at UNC

- *MA Thesis writing workshop*, number of students: **8**

FALL 2016

- Phil440 *Philosophy of Mind*, Graduate and upper level undergraduate survey course, number of students: **9**
- Phil994 *Dissertation Research Seminar*, Graduate level course, (co-taught with Russ Shafer-Landau), number of students: **9**

SPRING 2016

- Phil54 *Thinking about time*, First year seminar, number of students: **24**
- Phil840 *Advanced Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind*, graduate course, (co-taught with Bill Lycan), number of students: **9**

FALL 2015

- Phil230, *Experience and Reality*, number of students: **28**
- Phil330, *Metaphysics*, number of students: **27**

SPRING 2015

- *Phil 334 Philosophy of Mind*, upper level course, Arizona State University, number of students: **41**
- *Phi332Metaphysics*, upper level course, Arizona State University, number of students: **39**

Fall 2014

- *Phi420/Phi570 Time and Mind*, graduate/upper level undergraduate seminar, Arizona State University, number of students: **12**
- *Phi332Metaphysics*, upper level course, Arizona State University, number of students: **41**

Spring 2014

- *Consciousness*, upper level undergraduate seminar, New York University, number of students: **20**
- *Central Problems of Philosophy*, introductory level course, New York University, number of students: **45**
-Teaching assistant: Chelsea Rosenthal

Other

- Instructor at SSNP (Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy) Duke University (Spring 2018, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

ADVISING

Main advisor

Honors Thesis, Rajeev Dutta, “Delusions are beliefs (Just not the kind you thought)”
UNC- Chapel Hill Spring –Fall 2021

Main advisor

M.A. Thesis Advisor, Zach Thornton Fall 2020
“An Explanation of Distinct Indiscernibles and the Nature of Identity”,
UNC- Chapel Hill

M.A. Thesis Advisor, Aliosha Celeste Barranco Lopez
“A Testable Model of Visual Awareness”, UNC- Chapel Hill Fall 2017

PhD Committee member

Yifan, Li, PhD	
Jackson, LeViness, PhD	
Zach Thornton, PhD	
Daniel Kokotajlo, PhD	
Lauren Townsend, PhD	Spring 2019

PhD Examination Committee Member

Minji Jang, PhD Thesis: Fitting Blame without Blameworthiness	Spring 2023
Phil Bold, PhD Thesis: Three Essays on Later Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics: Reality, Determination, & Infinity	Fall 2022
Dominik Berger, PhD Thesis: Believing as closing inquiry	Spring 2022
Matthew Hernandez PhD Thesis: Perceiving through the racial veil: the inner moral life of racism	Spring 2021
Aliosha Barranco Celeste PhD Thesis: Hinge Commitments as A-Rational Beliefs	Spring 2021
James Brantner, PhD Thesis: On Fiction: What It Is, What It Does, and Why We Care About It, UNC-Chapel Hill	Fall 2017
Krasi Filcheva, PhD Thesis: The Ineffable and Its Many Manifestations: A Neo-Kantian Approach, UNC-Chapel Hill	Fall 2017
Min Tang, PhD Thesis: Learning a New Language as a Transformative Experience, UNC-Chapel Hill	Fall 2020

MA Committee Member

Genae Matthews, MA Thesis: What, if anything, is exceptional about indexicals?	Spring 2022
Minji Tang, MA Thesis: "Microaggressions"	Spring 2019
Dominik Berger, MA Thesis: What is Mental Fragmentation?	Spring 2018
Joanna Lawson, MA Thesis: "Felt Passage. An analysis of the subjective side of time's passage" UNC-Chapel Hill	Fall 2017
Daniel Kokotajlo, MA Thesis: "The Lesser Evil: A defense of self-sampling and centered conditionalization" UNC-Chapel Hill	Fall 2017

Honors Thesis Examination Committee

Elizabeth Beckman, Honors Thesis: "Empathy as direct perception"	Spring 2019
Ho-Nguyen, Loc Gia Hai Nha Doc, Honors Thesis, "An argument for existence monism: the argument from object duplication"	Spring 2019
Hunter Lewis, Martin, Honors Thesis: "Nozick's Self-Subsuming, Reflexive Agent: A Model for the Existence of Free Will"	Spring 2020
Ryan Kramer, Honors Thesis: "My Body Remembered": Trauma, Consciousness, and Bodily Memory	Spring 2020

Students advised elsewhere

BA Student

Senior Thesis Advisor

- Seok-Whee Nam, New York University, 2013

MA Students

Committee Member

- Bridger Landle, MA, Arizona State University, 2014

External PhD reviewer

2017

UNAM

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE*Diversity Committee, chair*

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

2023 – 2024

2022 – 2023

2015 – 2016

Diversity Liaison for the Philosophy Department

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

2023 – 2024

2022 – 2023

2015 – 2016

Diversity Committee, member

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

2019 – 2022

Admissions Committee, member

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

2023-2024

2022-2023

2019-2020

Publishing Workshop for Graduate Students, participant

Spring 2017, 2019

MarketBoost, mentor

2014 – 2015, 2016 – 2017, 2017 - 2018

A program to provide support from junior mentors to women on the philosophy job market

MA Thesis Writing Bootcamp

Spring 2017

UNC – Chapel Hill

North Carolina Highschool Ethics Bowl

2017, 2018, 2022, 2023

Judge at the semifinals

<i>Compass Workshop</i> , organizer A workshop aimed at underrepresented groups in philosophy Faculty advisor and organizer (fall 2015 and spring 2016) and invited panelist (spring 2017)	2015 – 2016, and Spring 2017
Speaker at <i>Academic Challenges: Dissertation PhD, job market, SWIP Analytic</i> – Mexico	Summer 2017
<i>Philosophy of Mind Reading Group</i> , organizer University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	Spring 2016
<i>Junior Search Committee</i> , member University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2016-2017
<i>Senior Search Committee on Kant</i> , member University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	Spring 2016
<i>PPE Postdoc Search Committee</i> (2 positions), member University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2015 - 2016
<i>Diversity Postdoc Search Committee</i> , member University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2015 - 2016
<i>Affirmative Action Committee</i> , chair University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2015-2016
<i>Colloquium Committee</i> , member University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	2015-2016
Advice on how to give talks to graduate students (in Spanish) UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTÓNOMA DE MÉXICO	Fall 2016
Rhodes Scholar Interview Preparation for a UNC BA student (with Barry Maguire)	2016
<i>Job Search Committee</i> , member Arizona State University	2014 - 2015
<i>Diversity Committee</i> , member Arizona State University	2014 - 2015
<i>Barrett Honors Faculty</i> Arizona State University	2014 - 2015
<i>Mind and Metaphysics Reading Group</i> , organizer Arizona State University, 2014	2014 - 2015

Panelist for *The Dialogue*, Harvard University, organized by Susanna Siegel Spring 2014
 Roundtable on Analytic Philosophy in Spanish

Event for Women in Philosophy, organizer Fall 2013
 New York University

American Association for Mexican Philosophers, president 2012
 Organized the 5th Meeting of the American Association for Mexican
 Philosophers at Princeton University

Graduate Student Workshop, co-organizer Summer 2012
 Institut Jean Nicod / Princeton University

Paper Tigers, co-organizer 2011-2012
 Faculty Talk Series, Princeton University

Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, co-organizer 2010, 2011

Princeton Social Events Committee, member 2008

Second Philosophy of Science Graduate Conference, co-organizer 2006-2007
 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Referee *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Philosophers' Imprint, Thought: A Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Analytic Philosophy, Dialectica, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Crítica, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Ergo.*

Member American Philosophical Association, American Association of Mexican
 Philosopher

OTHER NON-ACADEMIC RELATED EMPLOYMENT

The Boston Consulting Group 2003
 Associate, Mexico City
Procter and Gamble 2003-2004
 Assistant Brand Manager, Mexico City