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Education

Brown University	2020–2025
Ph.D. candidate, Philosophy	
Dissertation: “Papers on Well-being and Consciousness”	
Defense date: April 2, 2025	
Committee: Ryan Doody, Jamie Dreier, Caspar Hare, Adam Pautz	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2018–2020
Non-degree student	
Tufts University	2019–2020
Non-degree student	
Harvard University	2003–2007
A.B., Applied Mathematics	
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	

Areas of specialization

AI Ethics, Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of competence

Metaethics, Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic

Publications

“Dualism Leads to Many Minds,” (forth.) *Synthese*

“Vague Perception,” (2024) *Philosophical Studies*, 181(5), 977–999

Works in progress

“The Unhappy Conclusion” (under review)

“Experience Machines and Experiencing Machines: The Welfare of Disembodied AIs”

“*Many Minds* Swamps Everyday Morality”

Presentations

(* indicates invited)

“The Unhappy Conclusion”

APA Eastern Division (main program) Jan 2025
Value Additivity: Prospects and Problems, Lund University Apr 2024

“Experience Machines and Experiencing Machines: The Welfare of Disembodied AIs”

APA Central Division (main program) forth., Feb 2025
New England Workshop on Metaphysics* Oct 2024
Midwest Ethics Symposium: AI, DePauw University Apr 2024

“*Many Minds* Swamps Everyday Morality”

Rice-University of Houston graduate philosophy conference Nov 2023

Comments

On Tim Smartt’s “Scepticism about Epistemic Blame”

Brown University graduate philosophy conference Apr 2022

Teaching experience

Sole instructor

Animal ethics Brown University Fall 2023

Teaching assistant

Political philosophy (Estlund) Brown University Fall 2024

Moral theories (Arpaly) Brown University Spring 2024
incl. three guest lectures

Status anxiety (Reginster) Brown University Spring 2023
incl. guest lecture

Nietzsche (Reginster) Brown University Fall 2022

Logic (Schechter) Brown University Fall 2021

Philosophy of sex (Heck) Brown University Summer 2021

Teaching qualification

Sheridan Teaching Seminar Program Fall 2022

Professional service

Judge, Rhode Island High School Ethics Bowl 2021, 2023

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Invited lecture, Rhode Island School of Design Taxidermy Club	2023
Co-organizer, Brown University graduate philosophy conference	2021

Graduate coursework

(* indicates audit)

Ethics and political philosophy: Moral philosophy* (Hare), Measuring value (Dreier), Rawls’s *A Theory of Justice* (Estlund and Larmore), Structural injustice (Estlund), Ethics (Unger)

Metaethics and moral psychology: Metaethics* (Khoo and Schapiro), Free will and moral responsibility (Arpaly), Agency (Schapiro)

Mind, metaphysics and epistemology: Physicalism* (Pautz and Spencer), Perception (Hill and Pautz), Epistemology (Azzouni)

Logic and language: Vagueness and indeterminacy (Khoo and Spencer), Logic (McGee), Modal logic and metaphysics* (Ninan), Chomsky (Azzouni and McConnell)

History: Descartes (Simmons), Hellenistic ethics (Kress)

Non-academic employment

The Baupost Group (investment management)	2009–2018
The Blackstone Group (financial advisory)	2007–2009

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