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Education

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

Areas of specialization

AI and Animal Ethics, Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of competence

Metaethics, Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic

Publications

“Dualism Leads to Many Minds,” (2025) *Synthese*, 205(2)

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

Works in progress

“It’s Good to Have a Body, Even if You’re an AI” (under review)

“The Unhappy Conclusion” (under review)

“More Options, More Blame” (under review)

“*Many Minds Swamps Everyday Morality*”

Presentations

(* indicates invited)

“More Options, More Blame” Duke-UNC graduate philosophy conference	Mar 2025
“It’s Good to Have a Body, Even if You’re an AI” APA Central Division (main program)	Feb 2025
New England Workshop on Metaphysics*	Oct 2024
Midwest Ethics Symposium: AI, DePauw University	Apr 2024
“The Unhappy Conclusion” APA Eastern Division (main program)	Jan 2025
Value Additivity: Prospects and Problems, Lund University	Apr 2024
“ <i>Many Minds Swamps Everyday Morality</i> ” 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
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Teaching experience

Sole instructor

Animal ethics	Brown University	Fall 2023
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Teaching assistant

Political philosophy (Estlund)	Brown University	Fall 2024
Moral theories (Arpaly) incl. three guest lectures	Brown University	Spring 2024
Status anxiety (Reginster) incl. guest lecture	Brown University	Spring 2023
Nietzsche (Reginster)	Brown University	Fall 2022
Logic (Schechter)	Brown University	Fall 2021
Philosophy of sex (Heck)	Brown University	Summer 2021

Teaching qualification

Professional service

Judge, Rhode Island High School Ethics Bowl	2021, 2023
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

References

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David Christensen (teaching)
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