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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

Applied Ethics (AI and Animal), 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 Unembodied AIs”
- “*Many Minds* Swamps Everyday Morality”

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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