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EMPLOYMENT **Global Priorities Institute, Oxford** July 2020-
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Kellogg College, Oxford October 2020-
Junior Research Fellow (Nonstipendary)

EDUCATION **Harvard University**, PhD in Philosophy May 2020
Haverford College, BA in Philosophy and Mathematics May 2012
Global Priorities Institute, Oxford, Visiting Fellow Summer 2019
Australian National University, Visiting Student Summers 2017, 2018
London School of Economics, Visiting Student Academic Year 2017-18
Pembroke College, Oxford, Visiting Student Academic Year 2010-11

PUBLICATIONS **The accuracy-coherence tradeoff in cognition**, forthcoming in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.

Inquiry and the epistemic, forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.

Permissive metaepistemology, *Mind* 128.511 (2019): 907-26.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS **Provostial Fund for the Arts and Humanities** 2020
Harvard University, Conference Organization Grant (with Branden Fitelson and Ned Hall)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University 2019-2020

GSC Travel Grant, Harvard University 2019

Frank Knox Memorial Traveling Fellowship 2017-18
Harvard University

GSAS Predissertation Summer Fellowship 2015
Harvard University

Magill-Rhoades Scholarship, Haverford College 2008-12

AWARDS / HONORS (ACADEMIC) **Francis Bowen Prize**, Harvard University 2020
Recognizes the best essay on a subject in moral or political philosophy.

Bechtel Prize, Harvard University 2019
Recognizes the best essay on a philosophical topic.

Summa Cum Laude, Haverford College 2012

	Phi Beta Kappa (as junior), Haverford College	2011
	Collection Prizes (all subjects), Pembroke College, Oxford	2010-11
AWARDS / HONORS (TEACHING)	Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching in Extraordinary Times , Harvard University	2020
	Derek C Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching , Harvard University	2019
	Harvard's highest graduate teaching award. 5 awarded annually university-wide.	
	Certificates of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching (x6) Harvard University:	2016-19
	Virtue	Spring 2019
	Social epistemology	Fall 2018
	Saints, heretics, and atheists	Spring 2017
	Fundamentals of logic	Fall 2016
	Frege, Russell, and the early Wittgenstein	Fall 2016
	Logic and philosophy	Spring 2016
TALKS	“Norms of inquiry”	
(* Online due to COVID-19	<i>Central APA</i> , Chicago, Illinois	(February 2022)
	<i>(*) Aarhus University</i>	May 2021
	<i>(*) Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting</i> , Louisville, Kentucky	December 2020
	<i>Workshop on Bounded Rationality</i> , Harvard	October 2019
	“Three paradoxes of bounded rationality”	
	<i>(*) Between Formal and Informal Methods in Philosophy</i> , Warsaw	(September 2021)
	“The scope of longtermism”	
	<i>(*) Seventh Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</i>	June 2021
	“Inquiry and the epistemic”	
	<i>European Epistemology Network</i> , Glasgow	(June 2022)
	<i>(*) Oxford Epistemology Group</i> , Oxford	November 2020
	<i>(*) Early Career Inquiry Network</i>	November 2020
	“The dual deontic role of unpossessed evidence”	
	<i>(*) Great Lakes Philosophy Conference</i> Siena Heights University	April 2021
	“Bounded level separation”	
	<i>(*) Group for Analytic Metaphysics and Epistemology</i> Texas A&M	July 2020

(*) *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Conference, Kent* July 2020

“Satisficing reclaimed”

PLM Network Conference, St. Andrews August 2019
Bounded Rationality Reading Group, Oxford July 2019

“Heuristics and longtermism”

Second Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, Oxford July 2019
Global Priorities Institute, Oxford June 2019
Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford June 2019

“Pure time-preference: some error-theoretic remarks”

Workshop on Longtermism, Oxford March 2019

“Omission bias revisited”

Australasian Association of Philosophy / New Zealand Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Wellington, NZ July 2018
ANU Modeling Ethical Theories Reading Group July 2018
Australian National University

“Inquiry under bounds”

LSE Work in Progress Group, London School of Economics February 2018

“Permissive metaepistemology”

ANU Epistemology Reading Group, Australian National University June 2018
Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale April 2017
UT-Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, UT-Austin April 2017
Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame April 2017
BARSEA Epistemology Workshop, Cambridge University February 2017
UConn Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Connecticut Storrs November 2016

TEACHING

As primary instructor at Harvard University

Rationality Spring 2020
Virtue Spring 2019
Social epistemology Fall 2018
Introduction to logic (Harvard Summer School) Summers 2018, 2019

As teaching fellow at Harvard University

Saints, heretics, and atheists Spring 2017
Fundamentals of logic Fall 2016
Frege, Russell, and the early Wittgenstein Fall 2016
Logic and philosophy Spring 2016

As grader at Harvard University

Topics in logic Spring 2017

Other teaching

Harvard edX, Content developer 2018-2020

Harvard Precollege Passport Program, Instructor 2019

Lawrence International High School, Mathematics teacher 2012-13

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Conferences organized

SERVICE

Bayesianism and its rivals (2022)
(with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard

Seventh Oxford workshop on global priorities research (2021)
(with Loren Fryxell, Rossa O’Keeffe-O’Donovan, and Benjamin Tereick)

Sixth Oxford workshop on global priorities research 2021

Fifth Oxford workshop on global priorities research 2020
(with Andreas Mogensen and Rossa O’Keeffe-O’Donovan)

Workshop on bounded rationality 2019
(with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard

Harvard-MIT graduate philosophy conference 2015
(with Kevin Dorst, Jen Nguyen, and Max Siegel), Harvard

Panels organized

Inquiry, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2020

Reading groups organized

Early Career Inquiry Network, Work-in-progress group 2020-
(with Arianna Falbo), Online due to COVID-19

Social justice and longtermism 2020
(with Christian Tarsney), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford

Bounded rationality reading group 2019
(with Sven Neth), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford

Epistemology reading group 2018
(Four sessions. Unit on epistemic permissivism), ANU

Formal philosophy reading group, Harvard 2016

Accuracy-first reading group, Harvard 2016

Ethics and mathematics reading group 2013-14
(with Zeynep Soysal), Harvard

Refereeing (* denotes multiple): AJP, CJP, Dialectica, *Episteme, Erkenntnis, *Mind, *Noûs, PPQ, PPR, Phil. Studies.

REFERENCES

Ned Hall

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