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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 **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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtue • Social epistemology • Saints, heretics, and atheists • Fundamentals of logic • Frege, Russell, and the early Wittgenstein • Logic and philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2019 Fall 2018 Spring 2017 Fall 2016 Fall 2016 Spring 2016
TALKS	“Inquiry and the epistemic”	
(*) Online due to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (*) <i>Oxford Epistemology Group</i> 	November 2020
	“Bounded level separation”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (*) <i>Group for Analytic Metaphysics and Epistemology</i> Texas A&M • (*) <i>British Society for the Philosophy of Science</i> <i>conference, Kent</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2020 July 2020
	“Norms of inquiry”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (*) <i>Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology</i> <i>annual meeting, Louisville, Kentucky</i> • <i>Workshop on bounded rationality, Harvard</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2020 October 2019
	“Satisficing reclaimed”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PLM Network conference, St. Andrews</i> • <i>Bounded rationality reading group, Oxford</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2019 July 2019
	“Heuristics and longtermism”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Second Oxford workshop on global priorities research, Oxford</i> • <i>Global Priorities Institute, Oxford</i> • <i>Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2019 June 2019 June 2019
	“Pure time-preference: some error-theoretic remarks”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Workshop on longtermism, Oxford</i> 	March 2019
	“Omission bias revisited”	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Australasian Association of Philosophy / New Zealand Association of Philosophy annual conference, University of Wellington, NZ</i> 	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*, June 2018
Australian National University
- *Yale graduate philosophy conference*, Yale April 2017
- *UT-Austin graduate philosophy conference*, UT-Austin April 2017
- *Northwestern/Notre Dame graduate epistemology conference*, April 2017
Notre Dame
- *BARSEA epistemology workshop*, Cambridge University February 2017
- *UConn graduate philosophy conference*, November 2016
University of Connecticut Storrs

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
Developed content for MOOC “Logical Reasoning”.
Instructor: Ned Hall
- **Harvard Precollege Passport Program**, Instructor 2019
Developed interactive lecture, “The magnificent puzzles of Raymond Smullyan”
Class size \approx 100 students
- **Lawrence International High School**, Mathematics teacher 2012-13

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Conferences organized

- *Bayesianism and its rivals* (Postponed due to COVID-19) October 2020
(with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard
- *Workshop on bounded rationality* October 2019
(with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard

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

Panels organized

- *Inquiry*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology December 2020

Reading groups organized

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

Other service:

- **Refereeing:** *Dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *PPQ*, *Phil. Studies*.

REFERENCES

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