

# DAVID THORSTAD

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<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>Global Priorities Institute, Oxford</b> Postdoctoral Research Fellow	July 2020-
	<b>Kellogg College, Oxford</b> Junior Research Fellow (Nonstipendary)	October 2020-
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Harvard University</b> , PhD in Philosophy	May 2020
	<b>Haverford College</b> , BA in Philosophy and Mathematics	May 2012
	<b>Global Priorities Institute, Oxford</b> , Visiting Fellow	Summer 2019
	<b>Australian National University</b> , Visiting Student	Summers 2017, 2018
	<b>London School of Economics</b> , Visiting Student	Academic Year 2017-18
	<b>Pembroke College, Oxford</b> , Visiting Student	Academic Year 2010-11
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>Permissive metaepistemology</b> , <i>Mind</i> 128.511 (2019): 907-26.	
<b>FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS</b>	<b>Provostial Fund for the Arts and Humanities</b> Harvard University, Conference Organization Grant (with Branden Fitelson and Ned Hall)	2020
	<b>GSC Travel Grant</b> , Harvard University	2019
	<b>Frank Knox Memorial Traveling Fellowship</b> Harvard University	2017-18
	<b>GSAS Predissertation Summer Fellowship</b> Harvard University	2015
	<b>Magill-Rhoades Scholarship</b> , Haverford College	2008-12
<b>AWARDS / HONORS (ACADEMIC)</b>	<b>Francis Bowen Prize</b> , Harvard University Recognizes the best essay on a subject in moral or political philosophy.	2020
	<b>Bechtel Prize</b> , Harvard University Recognizes the best essay on a philosophical topic.	2019
	<b>Summa Cum Laude</b> , Haverford College	2012
	<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> (as junior), Haverford College	2011
	<b>Collection Prizes</b> (all subjects), Pembroke College, Oxford	2010-11

<b>AWARDS / HONORS (TEACHING)</b>	<b>Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching in Extraordinary Times</b> , Harvard University	2020
	<b>Derek C Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching</b> , Harvard University	2019
	Harvard's highest graduate teaching award. 5 awarded annually university-wide.	
	<b>Certificates of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching (x6)</b> 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
<b>TALKS</b>  (* Online due to COVID-19	<b>“Bounded level separation”</b>	
	• (*) <i>Group for Analytic Metaphysics and Epistemology</i> Texas A&M	July 2020
	• (*) <i>British Society for the Philosophy of Science conference</i> , Kent	July 2020
	<b>“Norms of inquiry”</b>	
	• <i>Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting</i> , Louisville, Kentucky	December 2020
	• <i>Workshop on bounded rationality</i> , Harvard	October 2019
	<b>“Satisficing reclaimed”</b>	
	• <i>PLM Network conference</i> , St. Andrews	August 2019
	• <i>Bounded rationality reading group</i> , Oxford	July 2019
	<b>“Heuristics and longtermism”</b>	
	• <i>Second Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> , Oxford	July 2019
	• <i>Global Priorities Institute</i> , Oxford	June 2019
	• <i>Future of Humanity Institute</i> , Oxford	June 2019
	<b>“Pure time-preference: some error-theoretic remarks”</b>	
	• <i>Workshop on longtermism</i> , Oxford	March 2019
	<b>“Omission bias revisited”</b>	
	• <i>Australasian Association of Philosophy / New Zealand Association of Philosophy annual conference</i> , University of Wellington, NZ	July 2018
• <i>ANU modeling ethical theories reading group</i> Australian National University	July 2018	
<b>“Inquiry under bounds”</b>		
• <i>LSE work in progress group</i> , 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  
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* (with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard October 2020
- *Workshop on bounded rationality* (with Ned Hall and Branden Fitelson), Harvard October 2019
- *Harvard-MIT graduate philosophy conference* (with Kevin Dorst, Jen Nguyen, and Max Siegel), Harvard April 2015

### Panels organized

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

### Reading groups organized

- *Early Career Inquiry Network, Work-in-progress group* (with Arianna Falbo), Online due to COVID-19 2020
- *Bounded rationality reading group* (with Sven Neth), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford 2019
- *Epistemology reading group* (Four sessions. Unit on epistemic permissivism), ANU 2018
- *Formal philosophy reading group*, Harvard 2016
- *Accuracy-first reading group*, Harvard 2016
- *Ethics and mathematics reading group* (with Zeynep Soysal), Harvard 2013-14

### Other service:

- Refereeing: Mind, Noûs, PPQ, Phil. Studies.

### REFERENCES

#### **Ned Hall**

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#### **Warren Goldfarb** (Teaching Reference)

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