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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 **General-purpose institutional decisionmaking heuristics**, forthcoming in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.

Two paradoxes of bounded rationality, forthcoming in *Philosophers' Imprint*.

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

Tough enough? Robust satisficing as a decision norm for long-term policy analysis (w/Andreas Mogensen), forthcoming in *Synthese*.

Inquiry and the epistemic, *Philosophical Studies* 178.9 (2021): 2913-28.

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

SHORTER PIECES **Accuracy and coherence: Can bounded agents have both?**, forthcoming in *BJPS Short Reads*.

UNDER CONTRACT **Essays on longtermism** (w/Hilary Greaves and Jacob Barrett), edited volume under contract with Oxford University Press.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS **John Fell Fund**, University of Oxford 2022
Grant to support a workshop on inquiry

Center for Effective Altruism 2022
Event Support Grant (with Charlotte Siegmann)

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

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| | Dissertation Completion Fellowship , Harvard University | 2019-2020 |
| | GSC Travel Grant , Harvard University | 2019 |
| | Frank Knox Memorial Traveling Fellowship Harvard University | 2017-18 |
| | GSAS Predissertation Summer Fellowship Harvard University | 2015 |
| | Magill-Rhoades Scholarship , Haverford College | 2008-12 |
| AWARDS / HONORS (ACADEMIC) | Francis Bowen Prize , Harvard University Recognizes the best essay on a subject in moral or political philosophy. | 2020 |
| | Bechtel Prize , Harvard University Recognizes the best essay on a philosophical topic. | 2019 |
| | 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 |
| | Derek C Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching , Harvard University Harvard's highest graduate teaching award. 5 awarded annually university-wide. | 2019 |
| | 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 | “The zetetic turn and the procedural turn” | |
| (†) Refereed | <i>Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference</i> | July 2022 |
| | <i>Workshop on Norms of Inquiry</i> , Complutense University of Madrid | June 2022 |
| | <i>University of Zürich</i> | May 2022 |
| | <i>Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire Sur la Normativité (GRIN)</i> , Montreal | March 2022 |
| | <i>Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT)</i> , University of Cologne | January 2022 |

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| <i>Ideal and Non-Ideal Epistemology Seminar Series</i> (Organized by Robin McKenna and Michael Hannon) | December 2021 |
| “Norms of inquiry” | |
| <i>Central APA, Chicago, Illinois</i> | February 2022 |
| <i>Workshop on Inquiry, Southern Normativity Group</i> | September 2021 |
| <i>Aarhus University</i> | May 2021 |
| † <i>Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology</i> <i>Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky</i> | December 2020 |
| <i>Workshop on Bounded Rationality, Harvard</i> | October 2019 |
| “Three paradoxes of bounded rationality” | |
| † <i>Between Formal and Informal Methods in</i> <i>Philosophy, Warsaw</i> | September 2021 |
| <i>Group for Analytic Metaphysics and Epistemology</i> <i>Texas A&M</i> | July 2020 |
| † <i>British Society for the Philosophy of Science</i> <i>Conference, Kent</i> | July 2020 |
| “Existential risk pessimism and the time of perils” | |
| † <i>6th PPE society conference, New Orleans</i> | (November 2022) |
| <i>Tenth Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</i> | June 2022 |
| <i>Center for Population-Level Bioethics, Rutgers</i> | April 2022 |
| <i>Ninth Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</i> | March 2022 |
| “The scope of longtermism” | |
| <i>Legal Priorities Project, Harvard</i> | February 2022 |
| <i>Seventh Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</i> | June 2021 |
| “Inquiry and the epistemic” | |
| <i>Oxford Epistemology Group, Oxford</i> | November 2020 |
| <i>Inquiry Network</i> | November 2020 |
| “The dual deontic role of unpossessed evidence” | |
| † <i>Great Lakes Philosophy Conference</i> <i>Siena Heights University</i> | April 2021 |
| “Satisficing reclaimed” | |
| † <i>PLM Network Conference, St. Andrews</i> | August 2019 |
| <i>Bounded Rationality Reading Group, Oxford</i> | July 2019 |
| “Heuristics and longtermism” | |
| <i>Second Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, Oxford</i> | July 2019 |
| <i>Global Priorities Institute, Oxford</i> | June 2019 |
| <i>Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford</i> | 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

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

Oxford workshops on global priorities research

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| <i>Tenth Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> (with Loren Fryxell) | 2022 |
| <i>Ninth Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> (with Loren Fryxell) | 2022 |
| <i>Eighth Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> (with Loren Fryxell) | 2021 |
| <i>Seventh Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> (with Loren Fryxell, Rossa O’Keeffe-O’Donovan, and Benjamin Tereick) | 2021 |
| <i>Sixth Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> | 2021 |
| <i>Fifth Oxford workshop on global priorities research</i> (with Andreas Mogensen and Rossa O’Keeffe-O’Donovan) | 2020 |
| <i>Workshop on bounded rationality</i> (with Branden Fitelson and Ned Hall), Harvard | 2019 |
| <i>Harvard-MIT graduate philosophy conference</i> (with Kevin Dorst, Jen Nguyen, and Max Siegel), Harvard | 2015 |

Panels organized

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| <i>Inquiry</i> , Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology | 2020 |
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Reading groups organized

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| <i>Inquiry network, Work-in-progress group</i> (with Arianna Falbo and Dennis Whitcomb), Online. | 2020- |
| <i>The scope of longtermism</i> (with Hilary Greaves and Christian Tarsney), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford | 2021 |
| <i>Social justice and longtermism</i> (with Christian Tarsney), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford | 2020 |
| <i>Bounded rationality reading group</i> (with Sven Neth), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford | 2019 |
| <i>Epistemology reading group</i> (Four sessions. Unit on epistemic permissivism), ANU | 2018 |
| <i>Formal philosophy reading group</i> , Harvard | 2016 |
| <i>Accuracy-first reading group</i> , Harvard | 2016 |
| <i>Ethics and mathematics reading group</i> (with Zeynep Soysal), Harvard | 2013-14 |

Other organizing

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| <i>Open Student Workshop on Global Priorities Research</i> (w/Charlotte Siegmann), for members of traditionally underrepresented groups in global priorities research | (2022) |
| <i>GPI + WANBAM (Women and Non-Binary Altruism</i> <i>Mentorship) workshop</i> (w/Charlotte Siegmann) | 2021 |

Refereeing (* denotes multiple): *Analysis*, **Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, **Episteme*, **Erkenntnis*, **Mind*,

**Noûs*, Open Philanthropy, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, **Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, **Philosophical Studies*, Simon Institute for Longterm Governance, Southwestern Philosophical Society, *Utilitas*.

REFERENCES

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