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Specialization **Philosophy of Mind | Philosophy of Cognitive Science**

Competence **Logic | Decision Theory | Philosophy of AI**

Education

Since 2020 **PhD in Philosophy**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

— Dissertation Title: Wanting in Time (Tentative)

— Committee: Chandra Sripada (Chair), Peter Railton, James Joyce, and Rick Lewis

2024-2025 **Department Visitor**, *New York University, Department of Philosophy*

— Sponsor: David Chalmers

Since 2022 **Certificate in Cognitive Science**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

2018–2020 **BPhil (Master) in Philosophy**, *Trinity College, University of Oxford*, Grade: Distinction

2014–2017 **BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics**, *Magdalen College, University of Oxford*, Grade: First Class

Work in Progress

Under Review [Paper on diachronic rationality]

Draft "What Stands to Desire as Perception Stands to Belief?"

Draft "Machine Theory of Mind and the Structure of Human Values"

In Progress "A Conflation of Valences"

In Progress "What is Reward?"

Publications

2017 "What Makes Discrimination Wrong?", *Journal of Practical Ethics*, Vol. 5(2):105-113

Awards

2022 **Final Prize**, *AI Alignment Awards*

— Awarded to 'Generative Theory of Mind and the Value Misgeneralization Problem'

2022 **AI Risk Analysis Award**, *NeurIPS ML Safety Workshop*

— Awarded to 'Alignment as a Dynamic Process'

2017 **Elizabeth Anscombe Thesis Prize**, *University of Oxford*

— Awarded to the best undergraduate philosophy thesis across the university

2017 **Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics**, *University of Oxford*

— Awarded to the best submitted essay in practical ethics by an undergraduate student

Grants and Scholarships

- 2024 **Short Term Residency Grant**, *Institute for Humane Studies*, \$12,000
- 2024 **Junior Fellowship**, *Institute for Humane Studies*, \$6,000
- 2023 **Early Career Grant**, *Open Philanthropy*, \$40,700
 - Grant to buy out teaching for the project 'Alignment and the Structure of Human Values'
- 2023 **Adam Smith Fellowship**, *Mercatus Center*, \$10,000
- 2023 **Global Priorities Fellowship Renewal**, *Forethought Foundation*, ~\$6,300
- 2022 **Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship**, *Mercatus Center*, \$7,000 (*Declined*)
- 2022 **Global Priorities Fellowship**, *Forethought Foundation*, ~\$6,300
- 2018 **Clarendon Scholarship**, *University of Oxford*, ~\$70,000
 - Full scholarship for the BPhil
- 2018 **Erik and Göran Ennerfelt International Scholar**, *EGE-Fonden*, ~\$14,000

Presentations

- "What Stands to Desire as Perception Stands to Belief?"**
 - NYU Mind Seminar Group | New York, 2024
 - NYU Graduate Work in Progress Group | New York, 2024
 - Michigan Candidacy Seminar | Michigan (Online), 2024
- "The Paradox of Self-Criticism"**
 - IHS Junior Fellowship | Raleigh, 2024
- "Machine Theory of Mind and the Structure of Human Values"**
 - NeurIPS MP2 Workshop | New Orleans, 2023 (Declined due to illness)
- "Reinforcement Learning as a Model of Human Evaluative Cognition"**
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology | Louisville, 2023
- "Penelope and the Drinks"**, *Central APA*, Denver, CO
 - Central APA | Denver, 2023
 - Second Lake Como Summer School on Economic Behaviours | Como, 2022
 - Filosofidagarna | Lund, 2022
 - Rocky Mountains Philosophy Conference | Boulder (Online), 2021
 - Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference | Brown (Online), 2021
- "Alignment as a Dynamic Process"**, *NeurIPS ML Safety Workshop*
 - NeurIPS ML Safety Workshop | Online poster, 2022
- "Why Do We Spontaneously Cooperate?"**, New Orleans, LA
 - PPE Society Sixth Annual Meeting | New Orleans, 2022
- "Is Reward Enough for Humans?"**, University of Michigan
 - The Weinberg Institute Cognitive Science Seminar Series | Michigan, 2022
- "Communication, Omission, and Sexual Consent"**
 - MIT-Michigan Social Philosophy Workshop | Cambridge, 2022
- "What Makes Discrimination Wrong?"**, University of Oxford
 - Presentation for the Uehiro Prize of Practical Ethics | Oxford, 2017

Teaching

- Summer **Introduction to Formal Logic (Primary Instructor)**, *University of Michigan*,
2024 *Ann Arbor*

Winter 2023 **Critical Reasoning**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
Fall 2022 **Critical Reasoning**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
Spring 2022 **Introduction to Political Economy**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
Fall 2021 **Minds and Machines**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Service

2023-2024 **Admissions Committee Graduate Representative**
2023-2024 **Ethics Bowl Coach**
2023 **Philosophers' Annual Co-Editor**
2022-2023 **Graduate Student Working Group Organizer**
2021-2022 **Picnic Organizer**
2021-2022 **Social Chair**
2020-2021 **COMPASS Organizer**

Research Workshop Participation

2023 **The Ethics of Consciousness**, *Rice University, Paris, France*
2022 **Second Lake Como Summer School on Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurements, and Policies**, *University of Milan, Como, Italy*

Other writing

2019 **"Why gender studies are generally misunderstood"**, *Expressen*
— Popular text in Swedish on social construction
2018 **"AI: The Consequences for Human Rights: Initial findings on the expected future use of AI in authoritarian regimes"**, *Governance of AI Project Report*
— Report submitted to the Tom Lantos Commission of Human Rights, US House of Representatives
2018 **"Where is the Meaning of Art?"**, *Medium*

Employment

2018 **Research fellowship**, *Governance of AI Project*, Future of Humanity Institute, University of Oxford
— Researched the impact of short-term developments in AI-technology on authoritarian governance
2013-2016 **Substitute teacher**, *Public schools in Gävle, Sweden*
— Worked at elementary and high schools during vacations
2014 **Intern**, *Accenture*, Sydney, Australia
— Worked on a public health project in Sydney during a sabbatical year

Extracurriculars

2016-2017 **Founder and President**, *Project Access, Sweden*
— Founded a non-profit to help disadvantaged high-school students apply to international top-universities, which is still active
2015-2016 **President**, *Oxford Scandinavian Society*
— Oversaw a growth of 150-250 members, and invited and interviewed former Swedish PM Fredrik Reinfeldt