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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, ongoing

M.S. Symbolic Systems, Stanford University, January 2018
Master's Thesis: "The Role of Optimality Claims in Cognitive Modelling"
Advisors: Thomas Icard, Todd Davies

B.S. Cognitive and Brain Sciences, *summa cum laude*, Tufts University, May 2015

B.S. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Tufts University, May 2015
Senior Honors Thesis (awarded highest thesis honors): "What Doesn't (Yet) Follow from the Enthusiasm about PEM" Advisors: Daniel Dennett, Brian Epstein

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Minds and Machines (PHIL99), Teaching Assistant
Philosophy Department, Stanford University, Fall, 2017

Alternative Societies (DLCL50), Graduate Facilitator
Division of Literatures, Cultures, & Languages, Stanford University, Winter, 2017

Minds and Machines (PHIL99), Teaching Assistant
Philosophy Department, Stanford University, Fall, 2016

Modern Religious Experience (DLCL50), Graduate Facilitator
Division of Literatures, Cultures, & Languages, Stanford University, Fall, 2016

The Theory of the Subject (DLCL50), Graduate Facilitator
Division of Literatures, Cultures, & Languages, Stanford University, Spring, 2016

Minds and Machines (PHIL99), Teaching Assistant,
Philosophy Department, Stanford University, Fall, 2015

Robots, Space, and Civilizations of the Future (EXP0003), Instructor
Experimental College, Tufts University, Fall, 2013

SELECTED TALKS

“Assessing Resource-Rational Analysis Approaches” presented at the Stanford Symbolic Systems Forum, April, 2017

“The Predictive Mind: Empirical Evidence and Philosophical Import” presented at the Stanford Symbolic Systems Symposium, February, 2017

“Philosophical Implications of Predictive Processing” presented as a guest in Daniel Dennett’s seminar “Bacteria to Bach” at Tufts University, March, 2015

LABORATORY RESEARCH

Human-Robot Interaction Laboratory, Research Assistant, Tufts University, Advisors: Matthias Scheutz, Megan Strait, 2014-2015

SERVICE

2013-2015 Interfaith Chair, Interfaith Student Council, Tufts University

2012- Co-Founder, Tufts Futurism Society, Tufts University

2012-2014 Co-Head, Tufts Futurism Society, Tufts University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Philosophy of Technology, Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

C, C++, Java, Python, Go, JavaScript, WebPPL, Unix, X86-64, Prolog, End-to-End Web Programming

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSEWORK IN PHILOSOPHY

Tufts University

A Logic - Brian Epstein

A Metaphysics - Brian Epstein

A Epistemology - Jody Azzouni

- A Philosophy of Mind - Stephen White
- A Philosophy of Science - George Smith
- A Philosophy of Language - Dilip Ninan
- A Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science - Daniel Dennett
- A Cognition of Society and Culture - Ray Jackendoff
- A Moral Psychology - Stephen White
- A- Modal Logic - Dilip Ninan
- A- Aristotle's Metaphysics - Christiana Olfert & George Smith
- A Senior Honors Thesis - Brian Epstein & Daniel Dennett

Stanford University

- A Philosophy of Neuroscience - Paul Skowkowski
- A Metalogic - Thomas Icard
- A Information, Computation, and Intelligence - Thomas Icard
- B+ Computation and Logic - Shane Steinert-Threlkeld
- A Social Dimensions of Scientific Knowledge - Helen Longino
- A Modal Logic - Johan van Benthem
- A Aristotle's De Anima - Alan Code
- A- Conceptual Foundations of Neuroscience - Rosa Cao
- Cr Scientific Philosophy from Kant to Kuhn - Michael Friedman