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AREAS

Specialization: Epistemology, Ethics, Language
Competence: Early Modern, Logic, Metaethics, Metaphysics, Mind

EDUCATION

Yale University expected 2020

Ph. D in Philosophy

Dissertation: *On the Epistemology of Concepts*

Committee: Zoltán Gendler Szabó (chair), Keith DeRose, Daniel Greco, Jason Stanley

Oxford University 2015

B. Phil. in Philosophy (with Distinction)

Clarendon Scholar

Thesis: *Objective Value and Practical Rationality* (Advisor: Ralf Bader)

Supervisions: Ethics (Alison Hills), Metaphysics (Timothy Williamson)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2013

B. A. in Philosophy (with Highest Honors) & Linguistics

Thesis: *Slurs and Conventional Implicature* (Advisor: Dorit Bar-On)

PUBLICATIONS

“A Plea for Inexact Truthmaking” forthcoming

Linguistics and Philosophy

“Counterfactual donkeys don’t get high” 2018

Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22

“Counterfactual Double Lives” 2017

Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Having a Concept Has a Cost”

“Stupefying”

“Offsetting”

“Value Priority Monism”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- “Having a Concept has a Cost”
accepted for Eastern APA (symposium), Philadelphia January 2020
- “Partiality and Objective Value”
Formal Ethics 2019, Ghent University June 2019
2019 Pacific APA (colloquium), Vancouver April 2019
Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks, UT-Austin November 2018
19th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference November 2015
- “Stupefying”
ECOM “Communication, Context, Conversation” Workshop, UConn May 2019
- “A Plea for Inexact Truthmaking”
NASSLLI 2018 (poster), Carnegie Mellon June 2018
Hyperintensional Logics and Semantics Workshop, Ghent University December 2017
- “Counterfactual Double Lives”
21st Amsterdam Colloquium December, 2017
- “Counterfactual Donkeys Don’t Get High”
Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Potsdam September 2017
- *Comments on Kit Fine’s “Compliance and Command”
2015 Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference March 2015
- *Comments on Danny Fox’s “Children Interpret Disjunction as Conjunction”
Mind, Logic and Language Workshop, Hebrew University of Jerusalem May 2013

TEACHING as teaching assistant at Yale

- Intro to Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant Spring 2019
(under Michael Della Rocca)
- Moral Skepticism Fall 2018
(under Shelly Kagan)
- Propaganda Spring 2018
(under Jason Stanley)
- First-Order Logic Fall 2017
(under Kenneth Winkler)

SERVICE

Reviewing

Noûs, Yale Philosophy Graduate Conferences, Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conferences

Academic Organizing

Half-Baked Ideas founder and organizer (2018–)
(informal grad student WIP meetings, with baked goods)
Conceptual Ethics Reading Group organizer (2019)
ELMM City Working Group organizer (2018); co-organizer (2017, 2019–)
Yale Semantics Reading Group organizer (Fall 2017–2018); co-organizer (2019)
Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference co-organizer (2016, 2017)
Stalnaker Reading Group organizer (2015)
Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference co-organizer (2014)

Departmental Service

Graduate Representative (2019)
Teaching Representative (2018)
Prospective Students Committee (2016, 2017)

Outreach

Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl judge (2018)

HONORS & AWARDS

Research Fellowships

William Henry Hurlbut Scholarship (dissertation fellowship) 2019–2020
Clarendon Scholarship (competitive merit scholarship) 2013–2015
UNC Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$3,000) 2012

Travel Grants

APA Graduate Travel Stipend (2020, 2019); Yale Conference Travel Fund Award (2019);
NASSSLI Scholarship (2012); Leshner Educational Opportunity Fund (2012)

Honors

Phi Beta Kappa 2012

GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSEWORK

* indicates audited

Language, Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Mind
while at Yale

*Recent Work in Epistemology (DeRose and Williamson) 2018
Moral and Epistemic Dilemmas (Greco) 2017
Philosophy of Language (Szabó and Williamson)

GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSEWORK, CONT.

* indicates audited

Inquisitive Semantics and Counterfactuals (Champollion (NYU))	
*Implicature and Pragmatic Theory (Horn)	
Language and Power (Stanley)	2016
Personal Identity (Winkler)	
*Knowledge and Action (Stanley and Williamson)	
*Pragmatics (Horn)	
Situations and Events (Szabó)	
Philosophy of Action (Della Rocca)	2015
Recent Work in Epistemology (DeRose)	
while at Oxford	
*Epistemology (Hawthorne and Fricker)	2014
*Topics in Metaphysics (Hawthorne and Williamson)	
*Metaphysics (Williamson)	
*Philosophical Logic (Studd)	
*Philosophy of Language and Logic (Williamson)	2013
*Proseminar (Parsons)	
while at UNC	
Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems (Simmons)	
Syntactic Theory II (Hendrick)	
Modal Logic (Simmons)	2012
Mathematical Linguistics (Pertsova)	
Syntactic Theory I (Hendrick)	
Semantic Theory I (Terry)	2011
Philosophy of Language (Bar-On)	
Philosophy of Mind (Lycan)	
Topics in Philosophy of Science (Roberts)	
First Order Metalogic (Simmons)	2010
Ethics	
while at Yale	
*Deontology (Kagan)	2019
*Recent Work in Ethical Theory (Darwall)	2018
*Metaethics (Darwall)	
Theories of the Good (Kagan)	2016
Normative Ethics (Kagan)	2015
while at Oxford	
*Defensive Harm (McMahan)	
*Topics in Value Theory (Bader and Greaves)	2014
*On What Matters (Crisp and Parfit)	
*Proseminar (Crisp)	2013
History	
while at Yale	
Early Modern Ethics (Darwall)	2016
Spinoza (Della Rocca)	

GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSEWORK, CONT.

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First-Year Seminar (Della Rocca and Franks) while at Oxford	2015
Hume's Moral Philosophy (Kail) while at UNC	2014
Kant's <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> (R. M. Adams) Davidson (Bar-On and Nelson)	2012
Locke, Berkeley, Hume (Blackburn)	2011
History and Philosophy of Linguistics (Hendrick) Late Wittgenstein (Nelson) Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (Reeve)	
Early Analytic (Neta) Plato's <i>Republic</i> (Reeve)	2010

OTHERTechnical Proficiencies: Python, Haskell, HTML/CSS, \LaTeX , git**Research Assistant**

Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Group PI: Dorit Bar-On	2011–2013
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UNC Language, Cognition, Brain Lab PI: Peter C. Gordon	2010–2013
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(programming in MATLAB, Perl, Python; independent research on (i) use of eye-tracking for correcting ocular ERP artifacts, (ii) Broad Autism Phenotype, using methods from distributional semantics)

Summer schools in Language, Logic, and Information

NASSLLI 2012, '14, '16, '18

ESSLLI 2013, '14, '15