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## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (Expected April 2027) 2021-

Dissertation: Essays on Perceptual and Intuitive Seemings

Committee: Brian Cutter (co-chair), Jeff Speaks (co-chair),  
Barbara Montero, Adam Pautz (external)

Summary: Philosophical inquiry begins with how things seem to us, both perceptually and intuitively. This dissertation investigates the metaphysical nature and epistemological significance of these seemings. I offer novel arguments against physicalist views of perceptual experience and develop an original solution to the Benacerraf Problem that illuminates how intuition can be non-accidentally correct about causally inert abstracta.

B.A. in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis 2014-2021

## Research

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence: Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of AI

## Papers

### PUBLICATIONS

Grounding Physicalism and Opaque Grounding. *Analysis* (forthcoming)

### UNDER REVIEW

A Puzzle for Reductive Representationalism (R&R at *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*)

Non-Accidental Intuition and Global Revelation (R&R at *Nous*)

Is Experiencing Scarlet Just a Way of Experiencing Red (R&R at *Analysis*)

The Significance Argument Against Physicalism

### IN PROGRESS

A paper on laws of appearance

A paper on the Benacerraf Problem

A paper on genealogical defeat

## **Teaching**

### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Mind and Technology (ND) Fall 2024

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics and Epistemology (ND) Fall 2023

Formal Logic (ND) Spring 2023

Introduction to Philosophy (ND) Fall 2022

## **Talks**

### PRESENTATIONS

“Non-Accidental Intuition and Global Revelation”  
*Ohio Philosophy Association* Apr 2026

“The Puzzle of Determinable-Determinate Exclusion”  
*UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference* Mar 2026  
*APA Central Division* Feb 2026

“Telling Colors Apart”  
*Florida Philosophy Association* Feb 2026  
*Iowa Philosophy Association* Nov 2025

“Grounding Physicalism and Opaque Grounding”  
*APA Central Division (Symposium)* Feb 2024

“A New Intentionalist Account of Attention”  
*Notre Dame Graduate Colloquium* Nov 2023

### COMMENTARY

“Partial Intentionalism”  
*APA Pacific Division* Mar 2025

“On the Epistemic Basis of Self-Ascriptions of Belief”  
*Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference* Apr 2024

“In Defense of Extreme Kantianism about Perception”  
*APA Central Division* Feb 2023

## **Assistantships**

Research assistant to Barbara Montero on her book: 2024-  
*Things that Matter: Actual-World Metaphysics and the Mind-Body Problem*

## **Service**

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|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Graduate Student Mentor (ND)             | 2024-2025 |
| Prospective Visit Graduate Fellow (ND)   | 2022-2025 |
| Graduate Cohort Representative (ND)      | 2022-2023 |
| Co-organizer of Graduate Colloquium (ND) | 2022-2023 |

## **Honors**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame             | 2021-      |
| APA Central Meeting Graduate Student Stipend                  | 2024, 2026 |
| Stenner Memorial Essay Prize for Undergraduates in Philosophy | 2021       |
| Dean's Award, Washington University in St. Louis              | 2014-2021  |

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