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Education

University of Arizona – Ph.D.	2026 (expected)
Brown University – Visiting Research Fellow	2021-2022
Pomona College – B.A.	2018

Areas of Specialization

Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics, Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Medical Ethics, Legal Philosophy, Environmental Ethics

Publications

"A Knowledge Problem for the Civic Friendship View of Political Liberalism"
Forthcoming in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Fellowships and Awards

Riesen Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay (2023-2024)
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Dissertation Fellowship, University of Arizona
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022)
Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (2019-2020, 2020-2021)
Graduate Access Fellowship, University of Arizona (Fall 2018)
W.T. Jones Prize in Philosophy, Pomona College (Spring 2018)

Selected Presentations

"Reasonableness Requires Good Reasoning"
APA Central Division, Feb. 2024
APA Eastern Division, Jan. 2024
Binghamton University Graduate Conference, Nov. 2023
Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference, Apr. 2023
University of Waterloo Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Mar. 2023
Kent State Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Mar. 2023

"Is it Anti-Democratic to Rely on Expert Testimony?" (under various titles)
Pitt-CMU Graduate Conference, Mar. 2023
UT Austin Graduate Conference, Feb. 2023
Manchester Workshops in Political Theory (MANCEPT), Sep. 2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug 2023
Workshop on Hierarchy, Democracy, and Meritocracy at the University of Southampton, May 2023
Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Apr. 2023

"A Knowledge Problem for Civic Friendship"
APA Central Division Poster Presentation, Feb. 2023

Comments on Will Fleisher's "Intellectual Courage and Inquisitive Reasons"

APA Central Division Meeting, Feb. 2022

"The Burdens of Judgment" (*Accepted but unable to attend due to COVID-19*)

PPE Society Fifth Annual Meeting, Feb. 2022

Comments on Audrey Powers's "Self-Defense, Domestic Violence, and the Conservative/Libertarian State"

University of Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, May 2021

"Disagreement and the Epistemic Standard of Justification in Public Reason Theory"

Manchester Workshops in Political Theory (MANCEPT), Sep. 2019

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record:

Medical Ethics (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

Independent Study on the Philosophy of Disability (Fall 2022)

Environmental Ethics (Spring 2022)

Law and Morality (Summer 2019, Summer 2020)

Teaching Assistant:

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Patrick Harless, Spring 2020)

Mind, Matter, and God (J. Christopher Maloney, Spring 2019)

Graduate Coursework

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Moral and Political Philosophy:

Rawls's "A Theory of Justice," (Estlund and Larmore, Brown University)*	Fall 2021
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Enforcing Morality (Wall)	Fall 2020
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Independent Study on Exploitation and Political Obligation (Christiano)	Spring 2020
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Independent Study on Public Reason (Wall)	Spring 2020
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Model Thinking in Political Philosophy (Gaus)	Fall 2019
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Action Theory and Free Will (McKenna and Sartorio)	Fall 2019
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Jurisprudence (Christiano and Sepe)	Spring 2019
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Virtue and Morality (Annas)	Spring 2019
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Toward Moral Science (Schmidtz)	Fall 2018
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Kant's Moral Theory (Timmons)	Fall 2018
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Epistemology:

Rational Belief and Self-Awareness (Christensen, Brown University)*	Spring 2022
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Philosophical Methodology (Weinberg)	Fall 2020
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Independent Study on Inquiry and Practical Reasons for Belief (Comesaña)	Fall 2020
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Defeaters in Epistemology (Comesaña)	Spring 2020
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Genealogical Arguments Against Rational Belief (Cohen and Comesaña)	Fall 2018
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Formal Philosophy:

Measuring Value (Dreier, Brown University)*	Fall 2021
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Philosophy of Logic (Turner)	Fall 2019
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Independent Study on Game Theory and Philosophy (Harless)	Spring 2019
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