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Areas of Interest:

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Epistemology

Education

Texas Tech University *Sept. 2023 – in progress.*

Masters of Arts in Philosophy

Macalester College *Sept. 2019 – May 2023.*

B.A. in Philosophy and B.A. in Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude

3.89 GPA

University of St. Andrews *Sept. 2021 – December 2021.*

Study Abroad

Courses in philosophy and computer science

Research Conducted

Research in African and Indian Philosophy, Summer 2020

Advised by Geoffrey Gorham

Helped to develop and integrate topics from African and Indian philosophy into courses at Macalester College.

Presentations, Publications and Awards

“An Account of Simplicity in Hume’s ‘Of Self Love’” presented at Truman State University for the Philosophy and Religion Conference. Fall 2022.

“Mind-Independence, Real Natural Kinds, and Unification Principles”. Published in *Aporia*, vol. 33. Spring 2023

The Jakob Laub Prize in Philosophy. Presented by the Macalester Philosophy Department. Spring 2023.

Programs Attended

The Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy. Summer 2022.

Graduate level seminars conducted by University of Colorado-Boulder

Pittsburgh Summer Program in Philosophy of Science. Summer 2022.

Graduate level seminars conducted by the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh in addition to faculty from the Department of Philosophy at Carnegie Mellon University.

Teaching and Relevant Academic Work Experience

Introduction to Critical Thinking. Preceptor. January. 2021 – May. 2021 • (12 hrs/week)

Taught by Diane Michelfelder. Graded homework assignments and held office hours for

students.

Ethics. Preceptor. January. 2022 – May. 2022 • (12 hrs/week)

Taught by Amy Ihlán. Graded homework assignments and held office hours for students.

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Preceptor. January. 2023 – May. 2023 • (12 hrs/week)

Taught by Geoffrey Gorham. Plan to grade homework assignments and hold office hours for students.

Macalester Journal of Philosophy. Editor. January 2022- May 2022

Edited in-house philosophy journal and selected papers for publication.

Philosophy Courses Taken

Introduction to Philosophy, Geoffrey Gorham, Fall 2019

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Janet Folina, Spring 2020

Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy, William Wilcox, Fall 2020

Ancient and Medieval Philosophies, Geoffrey Gorham, Fall 2020

Ethics, Samuel Asarnow, Fall 2020

Reading Philosophy, Jade Fletcher, Fall 2021, *taught at the University of St. Andrews*

Modern Philosophy, Geoffrey Gorham, Spring 2022

Advanced Symbolic Logic, Janet Folina, Spring 2022

Philosophy of Mathematics, Janet Folina, Fall 2022

Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Geoffrey Gorham and Hannah Kim, Fall 2022

Honor's Independent Study in Natural Kinds, Geoffrey Gorham, Fall 2022

Contemporary Epistemology, Samuel Asarnow, Spring 2023

Non-Academic Work and Experience

Macalester Acapella. Previous Leader of the Macalester Traditions.

Editor, 2019-20

Edited articles for local southern Wisconsin historian David Stanfield on Native American and early American history

Hospice, 2020

Trained by Fairview Health Services as a hospice worker