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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley	2023-ongoing
M.A., Philosophy, Brandeis University	2021-2022
Thesis: "Process Monism"	
B.A., Washington University in St. Louis	2017-2021

Research Interests

Metaphysics
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Perception
Philosophy of Science
History of Philosophy
Philosophy of Fiction

Talks & Presentations

"The Weight of Worlds"
- UC Berkeley Wollheim Society, 2/14/25
"Fictive Artifacts Remastered"
- UC Berkeley Wollheim Society, 7/27/24
"Modality and Metaphysical Rationalism"
- UC Berkeley Wollheim Society, 3/1/24
"Process, Emergence, and Monism"
- Brandeis Graduate Student Series, 9/30/22

Commentary

Comments on Nora Heinzelmann, "The Metaphysics and Politics of Xenophobia", 5/30/25
- LMU-Berkeley Conference: *Metaphysics and Politics Across the History of Philosophy*
Comments on Irene Romero Suarez, "Is Factual Knowledge Artistically Relevant in Fiction?", 5/3/25
- Berkeley-London Graduate Student Conference
Comments on Filipp Matveev, "On the Coherence of Naturalized Metaphysics", 4/5/25
- Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Student Conference
Comments on Jerome Romagosa, "OSR and Underdetermination in the Structure of Space in Quantum Mechanics", 4/27/24
- Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Student Conference

Teaching Experience

GSI for Professor Ezra Rubenstein, PHILOS 5: *Science and Human Understanding* (UC Berkeley 2024)
Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter Epstein, 213PHIL-35A: *Philosophy of Science* (Brandeis 2022)

Teaching Assistant for Professor Jerry Samet, 213PHIL-131A: *Philosophy of Mind* (Brandeis 2021)

Institutional Service

Wollheim Society Graduate Student Talks Organization (Berkeley 2023-2024)

Berkeley Philosophy Colloquium Reception Organization (Berkeley 2023-2024)

Academic References

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