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## Education

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### **Ph.D. in Cognitive Science**

University of Minnesota—Twin Cities ⟨Minneapolis, MN⟩  
AUG 2021–present ⟨in progress⟩  
Primary advisor: Peter Hanks

### **M.A. in Philosophy, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities**

MAY 2021 ⟨Thesis “Demarcation & definition: The metaphysics of projects and their management considered”⟩

### **B.A. in Philosophy (Minor in Arabic Language), University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee**

DEC 2017 ⟨summa cum laude, honors in philosophy, certificate in MENA Studies⟩

## Areas of Specialization & Competence

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**S:** CogSci, Metaphysics/Meta-ontology, Phil. of Language, Phil. of Logic, Psych. of Logic, Pragmatism, Phil. of Project Management

**C:** Metaethics, Moral Theory, Ai (“machine”) Ethics, Political Phil., Ai Alignment, Phil. of Religion, Medieval Jewish & Islamic Phil., Eastern Phil., History of World Religions, Jewish Studies/Rabbinical literature, Historical Jesus Studies

## Scholarships & Awards

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2017. Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK), Wisconsin H ⟨eta⟩ Chapter  
2016. William J. Seidler Award, UWM Philosophy Department  
2016. Alan D. Corré Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center (UWM)  
2016. New Directions Scholarship  
2015. Nathan and Pearl Berkowitz Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center (UWM)  
2014. William F. Halloran Scholarship

## Fellowships & Grants

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2016–2017. Foreign Language Area Fellowship (FLAS), Center for International Education (UWM)  
2017. Undergraduate Research Grant ⟨summer⟩, Center for International Education (UWM)

**Languages:** Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish

## Research Experience

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2017. Arabic Language Ideology (summer), pilot study in Rabat, Morocco

2017. Philosophy of Prof. Y. Leibowitz (spring), independent research & translation

## Presentations & Posters

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**Tebbitt, B.J.** (2022 January), “First things first—An alternative approach to the introduction of ethics”. Poster to be presented at the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division annual conference, Baltimore, MD.

## Works in Progress

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**Tebbitt, B.J.** (under review), Metaphysics and management: A consideration of project ontology.

**Tebbitt, B.J.** (in progress), Value frames and the godlike position: Another look at machine metaethics.

**Tebbitt, B.J.** (in progress), The death of god and the collapse of meaning: Nihilism as broken theism.

**Tebbitt, B.J.** (planning stage), *On nature* by J.S. Mill, with introduction and commentary.

## Higher Education & Teaching Experience

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota

φ PHIL 1004W: *Intro to political philosophy*. (FALL 2021)

φ PHIL 1001: *Intro to logic*. (FALL 2021)

### Essay Grader, Sophia Learning Inc.

JUN 2021–present, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

### Instructive Tutor, Panther Academic Support Services (PASS), University of Wisconsin

(SPRING 2016)

## Affiliations & Memberships

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Cognitive Science Society (CSS)

American Philosophical Association (APA)

## Service

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2021. *Judge*, Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB)

2021. *Volunteer Adjudicator*, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (Alliance for Young Artists & Writers)

2020. *Volunteer Adjudicator*, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (Alliance for Young Artists & Writers)