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Education

Ph.D. in Cognitive Science
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities ⟨Minneapolis, MN⟩
AUG 2021–present ⟨in progress⟩
Primary advisor: Peter Hanks
Secondary advisor: TBD

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities
MAY 2021
Advisor: Peter Hanks
⟨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

AOS: Cognitive Science, Metaphysics/Meta-ontology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic, Psychology of Logic, Nietzsche, Pragmatism, Philosophy of Project Management

AOC: Metaethics, Moral Theory, Ai ("machine") Ethics, Political Philosophy, Ai Alignment, Philosophy of Religion, Medieval Jewish & Islamic Philosophy, Eastern Philosophy, History of World Religions, Jewish Studies/Rabbinical literature, Historical Jesus Studies

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

- ϕ PHIL 1004W: *Intro to political philosophy* — TA + Section leader ⟨FALL 2021⟩

ϕ PHIL 1001: *Intro to logic* — TA, Mid-term grading ⟨FALL 2021⟩

α ARTH 3464: *Art since 1945* — TA ⟨SPRING 2022⟩

π AMIN 1003W: *American Indians in MN* — TA ⟨SPRING 2022⟩

π CSCL 3323: *Science and culture* — TA ⟨SPRING 2022⟩

Essay Grader, Sophia Learning Inc.
JUN 2021–present, MPLS, MN
⟨English Composition, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Religious Studies, et al⟩

Arabic Language Tutor, Panther Academic Support Services (PASS), University of Wisconsin
⟨SPRING 2016⟩

Scholarships & Awards

2017. Phi Beta Kappa (ΦΒΚ), Wisconsin Η ⟨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

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

2017. Arabic Language Ideology ⟨summer⟩, pilot study in Rabat, Morocco

2017. Philosophy of Prof. Y. Leibowitz ⟨spring⟩, independent research & translation

Presentations & Departmental Talks

2022 January, "First things first—An alternative approach to the introduction of ethics".
—Presented as part of the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division annual conference in Baltimore, MD.
—APA/AAPT Teaching Hub, special poster session (transitioned to online).

2022 January, "Value frames and the godlike position: Another look at machine metaethics."
—WIP presentation in the Philosophy Department of University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

Works in Progress

Metaphysics and management: A consideration of project ontology. (under review)
Value frames and the godlike position: Another look at machine metaethics. (in progress)
The death of god and the collapse of meaning: Nihilism as broken theism. (in progress)
On nature by J.S. Mill, with introduction and commentary. (planning stage)

Affiliations & Memberships

Cognitive Science Society (CSS)
American Philosophical Association (APA)

Service

2022. *Member*, Spring Research Day 2022 Committee (Center for Cognitive Sciences, UMN)
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)