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## Employment

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Rutgers University, John Templeton postdoctoral fellow, 2020-present  
Princeton University, lecturer, 2019-2020

## Education

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Princeton University, PhD in Philosophy, 2010-19  
Brown University, MA in Philosophy, 2007-10  
Northwestern College, BA in Philosophy and English Literature, 2002-06

## Research

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AOS: metaphysics, philosophy of math and science, philosophical logic  
AOC: Buddhist philosophy

## Honors

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Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University, 2014-15  
Princeton University Fellowship, 2010-14  
American Graduate Fellowship, Council of Independent Colleges, 2008-10  
Norman Vincent Peale Scholarship, Northwestern College, 2002-06

## **Publications**

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1. “A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation” (with Yoaav Isaacs), *Episteme* 10 (3) : 269-28 2013

## **Selected Papers in Progress**

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4. The Paradox of Counterfactual Tolerance (under review)
3. Near Closeness and Conditionals (under review)
2. Nominalism and Immutability
1. Relational Possibility

## **Talks and Lectures**

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25. “Near Closeness and Conditionals”, guest lecture for Introduction to Philosophical Logic, a seminar at Princeton University led by John Burgess, March 2021
24. “The Paradox of Counterfactual Tolerance”, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, January 2021
23. Comments on Eric de Araujo’s “Pluralisms from Possibilities”, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, January 2021
22. Peter Fritz’s “Propositional Potentials”, guest lecture for Topics in Metaphysics, a seminar at NYU led by Kit Fine, December 2020
21. “Applying Modal Mathematics”, guest lecture for Philosophy of Mathematics, a seminar at NYU led by Hartry Field, April 2020
20. “Relational Possibility”, The Fourth Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, January 2020
19. “How to be a Propositional Contingentist”, guest lecture for Formal Methods in Metaphysics, a graduate seminar led by Hans Halvorson and Boris Kment, Princeton University, December 2019
18. “The Paradox of Counterfactual Tolerance”, University of Toronto philosophy department colloquium, January 2019
17. “The Paradox of Counterfactual Tolerance”, The Fourth Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium, November 2018
16. “Relational Possibility”, University of Victoria, Language and Essence conference, October 2018

15. “Relational Possibility”, Issues on the (Im)possible VI Conference, Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, August 2018
14. Comments on Collier’s “God Exists in All Possible Worlds: Anselmian Theism and Genuine Modal Realism”, Issues on the (Im)possible VI Conference, August 2018
13. Comments on Zee Perry’s “Mereology and Metricality”, 4th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Milan, Italy August 2018
12. “On Comparing”, Princeton University Philosophical Society, October 2013
11. “On Comparing”, Princeton University Dissertation Seminar, April 2013
10. “Molinism Without Manipulation”, Saint Thomas Summer Seminar in the Philosophy of Religion, July 2013
9. Comments on Emanuel Viebahn’s “Invarientism about Might and May”, Oxford-Princeton Graduate Workshop, June 2013
8. “Beth Definability”, guest lecture for Hans Halvorson’s Intermediate Logic, May 2013
7. “A New Prospect for Creedal Aggregation” (with Yoaav Isaacs), Rutgers-Princeton-Penn Social Epistemology Workshop, April 2013
6. “From Kinds to Oughts”, Princeton University Philosophical Society, April 2012
5. “Saving Ordinary Counterfactuals”, Oxford Graduate Conference, July 2013
4. “Saving Ordinary Counterfactuals”, Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference, April 2010
3. “Saving Ordinary Counterfactuals”, Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, April 2010
2. “Saving Ordinary Counterfactuals”, Arché Graduate Conference, September 2009
1. “Disagreement About Epistemic Status”, Responsible Belief in the Face of Disagreement Conference, Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands, August 2009

## Teaching

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12. Buddhism, Science, and the Self (PHI 369) Rutgers University, head instructor, Spring 2022
11. Science and Religion (PHI 265), Rutgers University, head instructor, Fall 2020
10. Introduction to Moral Philosophy (PHI 202), Princeton University, preceptor for Johan Frick, Fall 2019

9. Introduction to Logic (PHI 201), Princeton University, preceptor for Hans Halvorson, Spring 2019
8. Buddhist Philosophy (REL 281), Princeton University, preceptor for Jonathan Gold, Spring 2017
7. Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (PHI 203), Princeton University, preceptor for Gideon Rosen, Fall 2016
6. Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (PHI 203), Princeton University, preceptor for Gideon Rosen, Spring 2016
5. Introduction to Moral Philosophy (PHI 202), Princeton University, preceptor for Geoffery Sayer-McCord, Fall 2015
4. Philosophy of Mind (PHI 315), Princeton University, preceptor for Frank Jackson, Fall 2013
3. Intermediate Logic (PHI 312), Princeton University, preceptor for Hans Halvorson, Spring 2012
2. Theory of Knowledge (PHI 313), Princeton University, preceptor for Thomas Kelly, Fall 2012
1. Introduction to Logic, Brown University, assistant instructor for Richard Heck, Spring 2009

## **Service to the Profession**

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Referee for Analysis, 2021-present

Referee for Synthese, 2020-present

Referee for Nous, 2013-present

Referee for Philosophical Studies, 2012-present

Research Assistant for Boris Kment, with my work being related to his book *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning*, 2013-14

Reviewer, Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2013

Reviewer, Brown Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2008-09

Research Assistant for Donald Wacome, with my work being related to his book *The Material Image*, 2005-06

## References

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Shamik Dasgupta, UC Berkeley  
Boris Kment, Princeton University  
Hartry Field, New York University  
Ted Sider, Rutgers University  
John Burgess, Princeton University  
Hans Halvorson, Princeton University