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Academic Stanford University

**Employment** Postdoctoral Fellow, McCoy Family Center for Ethics and Society

and Apple University, 2022-present

Education Northwestern University

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2022.

Dissertation: "Causal Models, Meaning, and Beliefs"

Committee: Sandy Goldberg, Fabrizio Cariani, Michael Glanzberg, and Lance Rips

Northwestern University M.A., Philosophy, 2018.

University of Notre Dame

B.S., Mathematics, magna cum laude, 2016.

Areas of AOS: Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of AI

Specialization AOC: Logic, History of Philosophy

**Publications** "A Causal Safety Criterion for Knowledge," Erkenntnis (2023)

https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-023-00678-3

"Backtracking Through Interventions: An Exogenous Intervention Model for Counterfactual Semantics," Mind & Language 38(4), 981-999 (2023)

https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12447

"Conditional Learning Through Causal Models," Synthese 199, 2415-2437 (2021)

https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02891-x

In Preparation "Machine Learning and Knowledge: Why Robustness Matters"

Under review; available on arXiv

"Statistical Generalization and the Ethics of Belief"

Under review; draft available

"Risk Scores, Knowledge, and Reasonable Rejection"

"Risk in Non-Consequentialist Choice Theory"

"A Structural Model for the Epistemology of Probability"

# Other Manuscripts

 $\hbox{``Triviality Results, Conditional Probability, and Restrictor Conditionals''}$ 

Available on Philpapers (2020)

"Learning as Hypothesis Testing" Available on Philpapers (2020)

#### Academic Talks

"Does Machine Learning Give Us Knowledge?" Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2023

"Trustworthiness and Knowledge from Machine Learning"\* Philosophy of Science Meets Machine Learning, 2023

"Knowledge, Causal Safety, and Shortcuts in Machine Learning"\* Causation in Kyoto, 2023

"Counterfactuals and Algorithmic Fairness" Philosophy, AI, and Society Workshop, 2023

"Statistical Generalization and the Ethics of Belief" Stanford Political Theory Workshop, 2023

"A Causal Safety Criterion for Knowledge" Stanford Logic and Formal Philosophy Seminar, 2022

"Generics, Stereotypes, and Causal Beliefs"\*
Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language, 2022

"Learning as Hypothesis Testing"\*
Progic: Combining Probability and Logic, 2021

"A Bayesian Approach to Conditionals Without Triviality"\* European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI), 2019 (\* indicates refereed talks)

# Conference Participation

Participant, Workshop on Teaching Professional Business Ethics Georgetown University, 2023

Chair, "Causation, determinism, and decision-making" Central APA, 2022

Commenter, "Might- and would-counterfactuals, indeterministic structural equations, and synchronized interventions" Central APA, 2021

### Teaching Instructor, Northwestern University

PHIL 110-CN: Intro to Philosophy, Fall 2021

#### Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

PHIL 210: History of Philosophy: Modern, Spring 2022

PHIL 260: Intro to Moral Philosophy, Fall 2019

CLASSICS 212: Rome: Culture and Empire, Spring 2019

PHIL 210: History of Philosophy: Ancient, Winter 2019 [4 sections] PHIL 254: Intro to the Philosophy of the Natural Sciences, Winter 2018

PHIL 150: Intro to Logic, Fall 2017

#### Professional Service

Coordinating Panelist, Ethics and Society Review Board, 2023-24

Secondary Reader, Undergraduate Thesis ("Killer Robots on the Battlefield"), 2023

Mentor for Technology and Racial Justice Graduate Fellowship, 2023

Vice President, Northwestern Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2020-21

TA Coordinator, Northwestern Philosophy Department, 2020-21

Reviewer for Philosophical Studies, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Synthese (x3), Erkenntnis, Linguistics and Philosophy, Acta Analytica (x2), Philosophia, and Theoria

# Languages

English (native), German (intermediate), French (basic),

and Skills Python, MATLAB, LATEX

#### References

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