

## CONTACT

## INFORMATION

Department of Philosophy,  
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## EDUCATION

**PhD Student, Philosophy**  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI

2020-present

**PhD Student, Philosophy**  
**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY

2018-2020

**Masters of Arts, Philosophy**  
**Simon Fraser University**, Burnaby, BC, Canada  
Pro-Paper: *Smart Shopping for Inductive Methods*  
Supervisor: Endre Begby

2018

**Bachelors of Arts, Philosophy**  
**Iowa State University**, Ames, Iowa

2015

## PUBLICATIONS

*Journal Articles*

1. Maxwell, M. and Sober, E. (2023) "Gradualism, Natural Selection, and the Randomness of Mutation — Fisher, Kimura, and Orr, Connecting the Dots." *Biology & Philosophy*

TALKS,  
& COMMENTS*Contributed Talks*

1. "Prospects for a counterfactual account of junk DNA", *International Society for the History Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology Biennial Meeting*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, July 9-15th, 2023.
2. "Precision in the Art of Navigation: a study of significant figures in Norie's Epitome of Practical Navigation", *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting*, York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 27-29th, 2023.
3. "The Evidence-Observation Distinction in Observation Selection Effects", *27th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association*, Baltimore, MD, November 11-14th, 2021.
4. Maxwell, M. & Sober, E., "Gradualism, Mutation, and Natural Selection—Darwin, Fisher, and Kimura", *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology Biennial Meeting 2021 (Virtual)*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, July 13-20th, 2021.
5. "Bayesian Sensitivity and the Law", *Western Canadian Philosophical Association 2019 Meeting*, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta, October 25, 2019.

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6. “Ockham, Miracles, and Causal Regularity”, *4th Annual Johns Hopkins University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference: What is Philosophy? and Other Topics in Meta-philosophy*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, October 12, 2019.
  7. “Bridging Accuracy and Epistemic Merit”, *Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference: Uncertainty and the Limits of Knowledge*, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, March 17, 2019.
  8. “Smart Shopping for Inductive Methods”, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association 2016 Meeting*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, October 29, 2016.
  9. “Blocking the Path of Inquiry: Fine and Peirce on Acceptance”, *Science and Values in Peirce and Dewey*, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, April 26, 2016.

### ***Comments***

1. “Introspective Disagreement and Skepticism,” Kateryna Samoilova (California State University–Chico), *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Seattle, April 13, 2017.

### ***Public Lectures***

1. Maxwell, M. & Sober, E., “Gradualism, Mutation, and Natural Selection—Darwin, Fisher, and Kimura”, Evolution Seminar Series, JF Crow Institute for the Study of Evolution, UW-Madison, April 7, 2022
2. “Why is racial profiling wrong?,” Simon Fraser Benevolent Society  
November 3, 2017

### ***Poster Presentations***

1. “Bridging Accuracy and Epistemic Merit” *Formal Epistemology Workshop 2019*, Turin, Jun. 19-21, 2019. (Accepted. Could not attend.)

## **AWARDS**

### ***Academic Awards***

#### *University of Rochester*

1. Outstanding Essay Award 2019

#### *Simon Fraser University*

1. Philosophy Graduate Research Paper Award 2016

#### *Iowa State University*

1. Socrates Scholarship  
Awarded for best philosophy paper. 2014

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### ***Grants***

1. National Science Foundation Travel Grant 2023
2. University of Rochester Arts, Sciences and Engineering  
Graduate Student Association Travel Grant 2019

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	3. Simon Fraser Graduate Student Society Professional Development Grant	2016
	<b><i>Fellowships</i></b>	
	1. University of Wisconsin-Madison Philosophy Summer Fellowship	2023
	2. Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship	2017
TEACHING	<b><i>Primary Instructor</i></b>	
	<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	
	1. Philosophy and the Sciences (PHIL 220)	S2024
	2. Contemporary Moral Issues (PHIL 341 Small Class Format)	F2023
	<b><i>Teaching Assistant</i></b>	
	<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	
	1. Contemporary Moral Issues (PHIL 341)	S2022
	2. Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101)	F2021, F2022
	3. Ethics in Business (PHIL 243)	F2020
	<i>University of Rochester</i>	
	1. Environmental Justice (PHIL 230)	S2020
	2. Moral Problems (PHIL 103)	F2019
	3. Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (PHIL 257)	S2019
	<i>Simon Fraser University</i>	
	1. Philosophy of Science (PHIL 144)	S2018
	2. Knowledge and Reality (PHIL 100w) Introductory metaphysics and epistemology with an emphasis on writing.	F2015, S2016, Su2017, F2017, Su2018
	3. Moral Problems (PHIL 120w) Introductory applied ethics with an emphasis on writing.	Su2016, F2016
RESEARCH	<b><i>Project/Research Assistantships</i></b>	
	<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	
	1. Project Assistant to Elliott Sober	S2021, Su2021, S2022, Su2022, S2023, Su2023
	<i>Simon Fraser University</i>	
	1. Co-Author of SFU Philosophy Teaching Assistant Handbook	Su2018
	2. Philosophy of Science Experiential Learning Program	S2018
	3. GRE Study Group Facilitator	F2017
	4. FASS Forward Pilot Program Assistance to at risk students in their first term at university.	F2017
	5. Solid Pathways Initiative Critical thinking skills for indigenous high school students.	Su2017

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SERVICE

***Boards and Councils***

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| 1. UW-Madison Graduate Association of Philosophy<br>Director of Professional Service | 2022-2023 |
| 2. Simon Fraser Graduate Student Society<br>Philosophy Caucus Representative         | 2015-2018 |

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