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## *Education*

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University of California at Riverside

**PhD in Philosophy**

Los Angeles, California

Fall 2019 to present

Brandeis University

**MA in Philosophy**

Boston, Massachusetts

Fall 2017 to Spring 2019

- Thesis: "Reasoning First Rationality"
- Advisors: Dr. Berislav Marušić, Dr. Eli Hirsch
- Philosophy GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Overall GPA: 3.97/4.00

Rice University (SRC)

**BS in Computer Science**

Houston, Texas

Fall 2012 to Spring 2016

- Comp Sci GPA: 3.68/4.00
- Overall GPA: 3.61/4.00

Southridge High School

IB Diploma

Portland, Oregon

Fall 2010 to Spring 2012

## *Teaching Experience*

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Brandeis University

Philosophy Department

**Biomedical Ethics**

Spring 2019

with Dr. Eli Hirsch

- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

**Neuroethics**

Fall 2018

with Dr. Brendan Cline

- Taught class when the professor was unavailable.
- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

**Aesthetics**

Spring 2018

with Dr. Andreas Teuber

- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

## **Varsity Tutors**

Contractor / Certified Tutor

online + Miami, Florida  
Fall 2016 to Summer 2017

- Tutored high school and undergraduate students in a variety of subjects, ranging from writing to coding to SAT test prep.

## **Rice University**

### **Applied Math Department**

**Introduction to Computational Engineering** Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

with Dr. Steven Cox, Dr. Franklin Kenter, and Dr. Illya Hicks

- Taught class when the professor was unavailable.
- Taught 1 recitation of ~15 students ~1 time/week.
- Created and assigned 2 original homework assignments.
- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

### **Computer Science Department**

**Principles of Parallel Programming** Spring 2015, Spring 2016

with Dr. Vivek Sarkar and Dr. Eric Allen

- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

**Reasoning About Algorithms** Fall 2015

with Dr. Swarat Chaudhuri

- Taught 1 recitation of ~10 students ~2 times/week.
- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

**Computational Thinking** Fall 2013, Fall 2014

with Dr. Scott Rixner

- Taught 1 recitation of ~15 students ~3 times/week.
- Held office hours, graded assignments+exams, etc.

## ***Recent Personal Projects***

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{<https://nicholashh.github.io/phil-ranker>}

Fall 2018

{<https://github.com/nicholashh/arch/blob/master/note>}

Summer 2019

## ***Academic Research***

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### **Rice University**

#### **Philosophy Department**

**Dr. Timothy Schroeder**

Summer 2016 to Summer 2017

- Prototyped an open-source website (and accompanying database) of assertions and arguments made by professional philosophers.

### Computer Science Department

#### **Dr. Swarat Chaudhuri**

Summer 2015 to Fall 2015

- Investigated a computational definition of ethical fairness.
- Investigated formal methods assurances of fairness.
- Investigated post hoc verification of fairness.

#### **Dr. Vivek Sarkar**

Spring 2015

- Investigated optimal parallel `map` implementations.
- Contributed to the parallel computing suite Habanero Java.

#### **Dr. Luay Nakhleh**

Summer 2014

- Investigated introgressed genes in the *mus musculus* genome.
- Applied clustering algorithms to protein-protein interaction network data to confirm previously identified genome patterns.
- Identified previously unknown introgressed gene candidates.

#### **Dr. Devika Subramanian**

Spring 2013

- Applied machine learning algorithms to medical data.

### ***Professional Work***

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#### **Shepherd Artisan Coffee**

Miami, Florida

Barista

Fall 2016

- Learned to make cappuccinos.

#### **Jones McClure Publishing**

Houston, Texas

Software Development Intern

Summer 2013

- Prototyped a mobile version of the existing desktop website.

#### **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District**

Portland, Oregon

Swim Coach / Swim Instructor / Lifeguard

Summer 2010 to Summer 2012

- Coached the swim team; taught swim lessons; guarded lives.

### ***Volunteer Work***

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#### **The OpenDota Project** {<https://www.opendota.com>}

online

Co-Founder / DevOps / Public Relations

Fall 2014 to present

- Writes and edits blog posts, as needed.
- Trained in site maintenance and administration.

- Involved in initial planning of site.

**Rice University Queer Resource Center**

Houston, Texas

Co-Founder / First President

Fall 2014 to Spring 2016

- Wrote a successful funding proposal to the Rice Undergraduate Student Association and was approved by the student body to receive \$5,000.
- Facilitated discussion among ~20 disparate committees ~2 times/month.
- Headed the Sexual Assault Committee, co-headed Ally Training Committee, worked to hire a part-time staff person to support the Center, investigated founding a queer support group, and created the Center's website.

**Out for Undergrad Technology Conference**

San Francisco, California

Student Participant (selected by admissions committee)

25-27 September 2015

- Attended the conference (which is dedicated to helping high-achieving LGBTQ+ undergraduates in technological STEM fields reach their full potential in their careers).

**Sid Richardson College Academic Fellows Program**

Houston, Texas

Academic Fellow (Computer Science)

Fall 2014 to Spring 2016

- Held "open office hours" in which any student in any class could get help on any topic (related to computer science).
- Taught various "workshops" (related to computer science).
- Oversaw computer science fellowship within the college.

**Rice University Peer Academic Advisor Program**

Houston, Texas

Academic Advisor

Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

- Academically advised students within the college.

**Rice University Student Ambassador Program**

Houston, Texas

Student Ambassador

Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

- Gave tours of the university to "distinguished" guests.

**Southridge High School Speech and Debate Team**

Portland, Oregon

Capitan of Debate

2011-2012

**Southridge High School Swim Team**

Portland, Oregon

Co-Capitan

Winter 2011

***Awards and Honors***

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Max Kade Travel Grant

Summer 2018

Brandeis GSAS Scholarship Grant

Fall 2017

Sid Richardson Athenian Award

Spring 2016

Rice Alumni Pride Award

Fall 2015

Rice President's Honor Roll

Fall 2014, Fall 2015

John and Harriet Millington Scholarship	Fall 2014, Fall 2015
Lon Wilson Service Award	Spring 2015
Genevieve Parkhill Lykes Scholarship	Fall 2014
Bracht-Verlander Scholarship	Fall 2012
National Merit Quarterfinalist	Spring 2012
National Honor Society	2011-2012

## *List of Coursework*

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### Brandeis University

#### Philosophy Department

Mind — Burge, Millikan	<i>Graduate Seminar</i>	JS	A	Spring 2019
Language		EH	A	Spring 2019
Explanation and Causation		JM	A+	Spring 2019
Aristotle		PY	A	Spring 2019
Biomedical Ethics		EH	audit	Spring 2019
Rationality	<i>Independent Study</i>	BM	A	Fall 2018
Action		BM	A	Fall 2018
Kant — Pure Reason		KM	A+	Fall 2018
Metaethics — Parfit		EH	A	Fall 2018
Personal Identity		EH	audit	Fall 2018
Self-Knowledge		BM	audit	Fall 2018
Neuroethics		BC	audit	Fall 2018
Hume — Human Nature		JM	audit	Fall 2018
External World Skepticism	<i>Graduate Seminar</i>	BM	A	Spring 2018
Space and Time		EH	A	Spring 2018
Mathematical Logic		JM	A	Spring 2018
Wittgenstein — Investigations		EH	A	Spring 2018
Mind		JS	audit	Spring 2018
The Idea of God		PY	audit	Spring 2018
Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz		JM	audit	Spring 2018
Proseminar	<i>Graduate Seminar</i>	AT	A	Fall 2017
Ethics and Emotions		KM	A	Fall 2017
Existentialism — The French		BM	A	Fall 2017
Hegel — Phenomenology of Spirit		ES	A	Fall 2017

#### other departments

The Buddha	RELI	YF	audit	Spring 2019
History of Photography	ARTS	PK	audit	Spring 2019
Marx, Nietzsche, and 20 <sup>th</sup> c Radicalism	POLI	BY	A-	Fall 2017

### Rice University

### Philosophy Department

Continental Philosophy	SC	A-	Spring 2016
History of Philosophy	CS	B+	Fall 2013
Social and Political Philosophy	GS	A-	Spring 2013

### Computer Science Department

Advanced Topics in Object-Oriented Design	SW	B	Spring 2016
Advanced Computer Game Creation	JW	B+	Spring 2016
Tools and Models for Data Science	CJ	A	Fall 2015
Functional Programming	EA	A	Fall 2015
Operating Systems and Concurrent Programing	DJ	B	Spring 2015
Introduction to Computer Security	DW	A+	Spring 2015
Introduction to Object-Oriented Design	SW	A	Fall 2014
Reasoning About Algorithms	SC	A	Fall 2014
Compiler Construction	KC	A-	Fall 2014
Principles of Parallel Programming	VS	B	Spring 2014
Introduction to Computer Systems	AC	A-	Spring 2014
Introduction to Program Design	CJ	A	Fall 2013
Algorithmic Thinking	LN	A-	Spring 2013
Computational Thinking	DS	A	Fall 2012

### other departments

Linear Algebra	CAAM	ME	A	Fall 2013
Multivariable Calculus	MATH	NK	A-	Spring 2013
Fundamentals of Computer Engineering	ELEC	JC	B-	Spring 2013
Ordinary Differential Equations	MATH	SB	B-	Fall 2012
Introduction to Computational Engineering	CAAM	SC	A+	Fall 2012

### Southridge High School

#### IB Coursework

(HL) English	5(/7)	2011-2012
(SL) Spanish	6	2011
(SL) Psychology	5	2011
(SL) Chemistry	audit	2010
(HL) Physics	6	2011-2012
(HL) Math	6	2011-2012
(SL) Environmental Systems and Societies	6	2012
Extended Essay ( <b>English</b> )	A	2012
Theory of Knowledge	B	2012

#### AP Coursework

US History	4(/5)	2010
Statistics	5	2010

### ***Standardized Test Scores***

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<b>GRE</b>			November 2015
· Writing:	4.5/6.0	(80 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Verbal:	161/170	(87 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Quantitative:	164/170	(88 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
<b>SAT</b>	2,300/2,400	(99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	October 2011
· Writing:	760/800	(99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Reading:	790/800	(99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Mathematics:	750/800	(97 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
<b>ACT</b>	33/36	(98 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	February 2010
· English:	34/36	(98 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Reading:	29/36	(86 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Math:	30/36	(94 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
· Science:	35/36	(99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	

### ***Language Proficiency***

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natural languages

- native/fluent: English
- moderate: Spanish, American Sign Language
- minimal: Latin

programming languages

- fluent: Java, Python, C, JS(/HTML/CSS), SQL, Matlab
- moderate: Bash, Scala, VB.Net

### ***Miscellaneous Information***

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preferred pronouns: “they/them/their”

citizenship/nationality: USA

Myers-Briggs: INFJ