Rory Harder

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AOS	Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language
AOC	Epistemology, Logic, History of Philosophy (early analytic, early modern)

Employment

2025–2027   POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, Collège de France (funded by the European Research Council)
Project: Mental Files: New Foundations, *Principal Investigator:* François Recanati

2023–2025   POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, University College Dublin (funded by the Irish Research Council)
Project: Institution and Conversation, *Principal Investigator:* Elmar Unnsteinsson

2022–2023   ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (part-time, teaching stream), University of Toronto

2019–2020   SESSIONAL LECTURER, Rutgers University

Education

2015–2022   PHD in Philosophy, University of Toronto
Dissertation Title: Joint Action and Communication, with a Focus on Demonstratives
Committee: Imogen Dickie (co-supervisor), Nate Charlow (co-supervisor), Phil Kremer, David Barnett (internal examiner), Guy Longworth (external examiner)

2019   VISITING STUDENT in Linguistics, Rutgers University, *Host Supervisor:* Simon Charlow

2011–2015   BA (HONS) with High Distinction in Philosophy (Specialist) and History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (Minor), University of Toronto

Papers

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025   Knowledge-First Mentalizing: Concept-Based or Merely State-Based?
Synthese, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05213-1

2023   Clearing up Clouds: Underspecification in Demonstrative Communication
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2023.26

2022   Joint Attention and Communication
Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, https://10.1080/0020174X.2022.2074101

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

2025   Nietzsche on Justice
Washington University Review of Philosophy, https://doi.org/10.5840/wurop2025410

IN PROGRESS

[A paper on speech acts], *Under Review*
[A paper on the metasemantics of demonstratives], *Under Review*
[A paper on the formal semantics of demonstratives], *Under Review*
[A paper on the formal semantics of deictic features], *Manuscript in Preparation*
[A paper on copredication], *Manuscript in Preparation*

Presentations

2025 Act and Speech Act, *French Society for Analytic Philosophy International Congress* (France)

Manifesting Mental Files in Copredication, *Mental Files: New Foundations Workshop* (France)

2024 Knowledge-First Mindreading and Epistemology, *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Open Session* (UK)

A Non-Ideal Theory of Speech Acts, *Workshop on Genre and Conversation* (Iceland) & *Workshop on Interpretivism, Mental Fictionalism and Folk Psychology* (Estonia)

2022 Updates Beyond Semantics and Pragmatics, *Context, Cognition, and Communication Conference* (Poland)

2021 Joint Attention: The Window Into Other Minds?, *APA Pacific Division Meeting Symposium Session* (USA)

Joint Attention and Communication, *Mutual Knowledge 40 Workshop* (UK)

A Puzzle About Demonstrative Understanding, *The Seventh International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics* (Poland)

2020 The Grammar of Reference, *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop* (USA)

Perspectives in Demonstrative Semantics, *WeSSLLI Student Session* (USA) & *Szklarska Poreba Workshop* (Poland)

2019 Clearing up Clouds, *APA Pacific Colloquium Session* (USA)

2017 Inferences and Neutrality of the Deliberative Ought, *APA Pacific Colloquium Session* (USA) & *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting* (Canada)

Teaching

Courses Taught as Instructor with Sole Responsibility at the University of Toronto

2023 PHLA10: Reason and Truth (*1st year*)

PHLB58: Reasoning under Uncertainty (*2nd year*)

PHLD87: Advanced Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*4th year*)

2022 PHLC95: Topics in the Philosophy of Mind: Animal Minds (*3rd year*)

PHL100: Introduction to Philosophy: Historical (*1st year*)

2020 PHL390: Special Topics in Philosophy: Frege's Puzzle (*3rd year, online*)

2019 PHL340: Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*3rd year*)

Courses Taught as Instructor with Sole Responsibility at Rutgers University

2020 PHL109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year, online*)

2019 PHL109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year*)

Tutorial Teaching & Grading at the University of Toronto

2013–2021 PHL200: Ancient Philosophy (*2nd year*), PHL210: 17th- and 18th-Century Philosophy (*2nd year*), PHL232: Knowledge and Reality (*2nd year*), PHL100: Introduction to Philosophy (*1st year*), PHL245: Introduction to Symbolic Logic (*2nd year, online*), PHL246: Probability and Inductive Logic (*2nd year*)

Other

2021–2022 Super-TA for the Socrates Project (*Supervising Undergraduate TAs, University of Toronto*)

2016–2018 Philosophy Don (*Tutor and Residence Assistant, Trinity College, University of Toronto*)

Grants

2023–2025	IRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (€105,604)
	Awarded annually, by the government of Ireland, to about 12% of applicants.
2016–2019	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship ($105,000CAD)
	Awarded annually, by the government of Canada, to about 22% of applicants.

Service

2025	ASSISTANT EDITOR of the Mental Files PhilPapers category, CHAIR at APA Eastern Division Meeting and International Social Ontology Society Conference
2024	CO-ORGANIZER of two philosophy of language workshops at University College Dublin
2023	COMMENTATOR at APA Eastern Division Meeting and Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, JUDGE at Ontario High School Ethics Bowl
2022	CHAIR at APA Pacific Division Meeting
2020	GRADUATE STUDENT COORDINATOR for an institutional strategic initiative in language and cognition at University of Toronto
Refereeing	*The Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Philosophers' Imprint, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Topoi, Czech Academy of Sciences*

References

Research	IMOGEN DICKIE, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
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