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

Forthcoming	Nietzsche on Justice, *Washington University Review of Philosophy*

Presentations

2025	Act and Speech Act, *French Society for Analytic Philosophy International Congress* (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 at the University of Toronto

2021	PHL245: Introduction to Symbolic Logic (*2nd year, online*)
2018	PHL200: Ancient Philosophy (*2nd year*)
2017	PHL210: 17th- and 18th-Century Philosophy (*2nd year*)
2016	PHL246: Probability and Inductive Logic (*2nd year*)

	PHL232: Knowledge and Reality (*2nd year*)
2013–2014	PHL100: Introduction to Philosophy (*1st 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	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

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