

# Rory Harder

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AOS Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind  
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

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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

2024 Nietzsche on Justice, *Forthcoming at the Washington University Review of Philosophy*

### IN PROGRESS

[A paper on knowledge-first mindreading and epistemology], *Revised and Resubmitted*  
[A paper on speech act theory], *Under Review*  
Reference in a Language Game, *Manuscript in Preparation*

Demonstratives Contribute Conventional Implicatures, *Manuscript in Preparation*  
Dynamic Semantics as Constraint Semantics, *Manuscript in Preparation*

## Presentations

- 2025 Act and Speech Act, *Society for Analytic Philosophy (SoPhA) 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?, *American Philosophical Association (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*  
Perspectives in Demonstrative Semantics, *WeSLLI 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 ( <i>Supervising Undergraduate TAs, University of Toronto</i> )
2016–2018	Philosophy Don ( <i>Tutor and Residence Assistant, Trinity College, University of Toronto</i> )

## Grants

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

## Service

2025	CHAIR at the APA Eastern Division Meeting
2024	CO-ORGANIZER of two philosophy of language workshops at University College Dublin
2023	COMMENTATOR at the APA Eastern Division Meeting and the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, JUDGE at the Ontario High School Ethics Bowl
2022	CHAIR at the APA Pacific Division Meeting
2020	GRADUATE STUDENT COORDINATOR for an institutional strategic initiative in language and cognition at the University of Toronto
Refereeing	<i>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</i>

## References

Research	IMOGEN DICKIE, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Imogen.Dickie@utoronto.ca">Imogen.Dickie@utoronto.ca</a></i>
	NATE CHARLOW, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Nate.Charlow@utoronto.ca">Nate.Charlow@utoronto.ca</a></i>
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	GUY LONGWORTH, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:G.H.Longworth@warwick.ac.uk">G.H.Longworth@warwick.ac.uk</a></i>
Teaching	RACHEL BARNEY, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Rachel.Barney@utoronto.ca">Rachel.Barney@utoronto.ca</a></i>