Rory Harder

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AOS	Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind
AOC	Epistemology (including formal), Logic

Academic Employment

2021–2022	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto
2019–2021	Part Time Lecturer, Rutgers University

Education

Graduate

2015–2022	PhD in Philosophy, University of Toronto
	Dissertation Title: Joint Action and Communication, With a Focus on Demonstratives
	Co-Supervisors: Imogen Dickie and Nate Charlow
2019	Visiting Student in Linguistics, Rutgers University
	Host Supervisor: Simon Charlow

Undergraduate

2012–2015	BA (Hons) with High Distinction in Philosophy (Specialist) and History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (Minor), University of Toronto
2011–2012	Trent University
2010–2011	Fleming College

Papers

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Accepted	Joint Attention and Communication
	Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy

[A paper on the formal semantics of demonstratives]
Revised and Resubmitted at Linguistics & Philosophy
[A paper on demonstratives and joint attention]
[A paper on the pragmatics of demonstratives]

Under Preparation

The Simple Theory of Joint Action
A Tale of Two Theories of Mind
A Heimian Solution to a Puzzle of Context-Sensitivity

Presentations

Refereed

2021	Joint Attention: The Window Into Other Minds?
	American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting (Symposium)
	Joint Attention and Communication
	Mutual Knowledge 40 Workshop
	A Puzzle About Demonstrative Understanding
	The Seventh International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics
2020	Perspectives in Demonstrative Semantics
	WeSSLLI Student Session; *Szklarska Poreba Workshop*
2019	The Affiliative Conception of Sense
	Communication, Context, Conversation Workshop
	Clearing up Clouds
	APA Pacific Division Meeting (Colloquium)
2018	Clearing up Clouds
	Context, Cognition, and Communication Conference
2017	Inferences and Neutrality of the Deliberative Ought
	APA Pacific Division Meeting (Colloquium); *Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting*

Invited

2020	The Grammar of Reference
	New York Philosophy of Language Workshop

Teaching

Course Instructorships at Rutgers University

2020   Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year, Online*)
2019   Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year*)

Course Instructorships at the University of Toronto

2020   Special Topics in Philosophy: Frege's Puzzle (*3rd year, Online*)
2019   Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*3rd 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*)

Teaching Assistantships at the University of Toronto

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

Scholarships & Awards

2020–2021   Doctoral Completion Award ($14,859)
Merit-based award for graduate students at the University of Toronto.
2019–2020   Ontario Graduate Scholarship ($15,000)
Merit-based scholarship for graduate students at public universities in Ontario.
2019   SSHRC CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement ($6,000)
Awarded to 125 applicants, Canadian graduate students in social sciences and humanities.
2016–2019   SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship ($105,000)
Awarded to 22% of applicants, Canadian graduate students in social sciences and humanities.

Professional Activity

2022   Chair at APA Pacific Division Meeting
2020   Graduate Student Coordinator for Institutional Strategic Initiative in Language and Cognition, University of Toronto
2016   Referee and Commentater for Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto

Graduate Coursework

History	Seminar in Plato; Consciousness Then and Now
Ethics	Controlling Attitudes; Valuing, Narrative, and What Matters in Life
LEMM	Perception and Epistemology; Vagueness; Mind or World; Semantics for Philosophy; Formal Epistemology; Metasemantics; Frege; Deductive and Inductive Logic
Linguistics	Topics in Event Semantics; Introduction to Syntactic Theory

Dissertation

Title
Joint Action and Communication, With a Focus on Demonstratives

Summary
My dissertation develops a view of human communication according to which it is the joint activity of making sense of one another, as fellow agents, in virtue of our actions. I consider the relationship between communication and joint attention in order to show how my view provides a superior successor to orthodox Griceanism. I also motivate my view by using it to explain how there can be successful communication, involving a demonstrative, despite the interlocutors not settling on one or another object as referent. Finally, I address a challenge, which arises for any Gricean view of communication, of explaining what is special about linguistic communication. My answer is based on a formal semantics for demonstratives and related expressions, and draws upon the tradition of dynamic semantics.

References

Research
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