

# Rory Harder

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

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## Academic Employment

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

## Education

### GRADUATE

2015–2021    PhD in Philosophy, University of Toronto, ABD  
                 *Expected Defense:* November 2021  
                 *Dissertation Title:* Joint Action and Communication, With a Focus on Demonstratives  
                 *Committee:* Imogen Dickie (co-supervisor), Nate Charlow (co-supervisor), Philip Kremer  
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

## Papers

### IN PROGRESS

Clearing up Clouds: Underspecification in Demonstrative Communication (*Revise and Resubmit, Synthese*)

Salience and Deixis in the Anaphora Resolution of Demonstratives and Definite Descriptions (*Submitted*)

Joint Attention and Communication (*In Preparation*)

Understanding Demonstratives Together (*In Preparation*)

## 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  
*PhiLang2021*
- 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*
- 2017 Inferences and Neutrality of the Deliberative Ought  
*Semantics Research Group* (University of Toronto Department of Linguistics); *Computational Linguistics Seminar* (University of Toronto Department of Computer Science)

## Teaching

### COURSE INSTRUCTORSHIPS

- 2020 Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year, Online, Rutgers University*)  
Special Topics in Philosophy: Frege's Puzzle (*3rd year, Online, University of Toronto*)

2019 Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year, Rutgers University*)  
Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*3rd year, University of Toronto*)

#### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS (AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO)

2013–2018 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*)

#### OTHER

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

## Scholarships & Awards

#### GRADUATE

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 annually to 125 Canadian graduate students in the social sciences and humanities.*

2016–2019 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000)  
*Awarded to about 22% of applicants, who are Canadian graduate students in the social sciences and humanities.*

#### UNDERGRADUATE

2015 The George Kennedy Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto  
*Awarded annually to a graduating philosophy student.*

2012 Socrates Award, Department of Philosophy, Trent University  
*Awarded annually to a philosophy student in each of the second and third years.*

## Professional Activity

2020 GRADUATE STUDENT COORDINATOR for Institutional Strategic Initiative in Language and Cognition, University of Toronto

2017 ATTENDEE at 29th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information

2016 ATTENDEE at Seventh North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information

REFeree and COMMENTATER for Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto

## References

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