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EDUCATION

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|---------------|---|---|
| Starting 2022 | Ph.D. Student in Psychology Advisor: Tania Lombrozo, Ph.D. Concepts and Cognition Lab | Princeton University |
| 2016 – 2020 | B.A. Philosophy, with distinction, <i>summa cum laude</i> Senior thesis: Implicit questions shape information preferences Advisors: Frank Keil, Ph.D. and Joshua Knobe, Ph.D. | Yale University |
| Spring 2019 | Visiting Student, Hilary and Trinity terms | St Catherine's College, University of Oxford |

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2021 | Centennial Fellowship | Princeton University |
| 2020 | Henry Edwards Ellsworth Senior Thesis Prize | Yale University |
| 2019 | Jonathan Edwards Senior Mellon Forum Research Grant | Yale University |
| 2019 | Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society | Yale University |
| 2019 | St. Catherine's College Book Prize (in Meta-Ethics tutorial) | University of Oxford |
| 2019 | St. Catherine's College Book Prize (in Phil. of Logic tutorial) | University of Oxford |
| 2018 | Light Fellowship (study abroad at Seoul National University) | Yale University |

PUBLICATIONS AND REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (Forthcoming). Understanding 'Why': How implicit questions shape explanation preferences.

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Knobe, J. (2021). Teleology beyond explanation. *Mind & Language*.

Joo, S., Yousif, S. R., & Keil, F. C. (2021). What is a 'mechanism'? A distinction between two sub-types of mechanistic explanation. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder, & K. Tebmar-Raible (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1609-1271). Vienna, Austria: Cognitive Science Society.

Joo, S., Yousif, S. R., & Keil, F. C. (2020). Implicit questions shape information preferences. In S. Denison., M. Mack, Y. Xu, & B.C. Armstrong (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1265-1271). Toronto, ON: Cognitive Science Society.

Ahl, R.E., DeAngelis, E., Stephenson, A., **Joo, S.,** & Keil, F.C. (2018). It's complicated: Children identify relevant information about causal complexity. In T.T. Rogers, M. Rau, X. Zhu, & C. W. Kalish (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 88-93). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

MANUSCRIPTS

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (Under review). Understanding 'How': Two kinds of mechanistic explanations underlie known explanation preferences.

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (Under review). Are we teleologically essentialist?

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (In prep). Children understand the pragmatics of 'why' questions.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (2021, July). *What is a 'mechanism'? A distinction between two sub-types of mechanistic explanations*. Poster presented at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (2021, June). *Understanding 'Why': How implicit questions shape explanation preferences*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. (Postponed due to COVID-19).

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (2021, April). *How children understand the pragmatics of 'why' questions*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Joo, S., Yousif, S.R., & Keil, F.C. (2020, July). *Implicit questions shape information preferences*. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

TALKS

Reasons and Decision Lab (Lake Forest College, Paul Henne), October 2021, *Teleology & Explanation*

SELECTED PHILOSOPHY COURSEWORK

* Indicates cross-listing as a graduate-level course

+ Indicates audited course

Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science

- Directed Reading in Reduction (Mark Maxwell)
- * Phil. of Physics (Adam Caulton; Oxford)
- Phil. of Mind (Roger Teichmann; Oxford)
- * Phil. of Quantum Mechanics (Elizabeth Miller)
- * Teleology & Mechanism (Paul Franks)

Ethics

- * Cognitive Science of Morality (Joshua Knobe)
- Meta-Ethics (Andre Nilsen; Oxford)

History of Philosophy

- * + Subjectivity & Objectivity (Paul Franks)
- * History of Analytic Philosophy (Paul Franks)
- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Paul Franks)

Philosophy of Logic and Language

- Phil. of Logic & Lang. (Sebastian Sunday; Oxford)
- * Mathematical Logic (Sun-joo Shin)
- * Modal Logic (Sun-joo Shin)
- + Language & Convention (Zoltan Szabo)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2017 – 2020 | Yale University: Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning (Writing Tutor) |
| Summer 2019 | JHU Center for Talented Youth; Introduction to Philosophy (Teaching Assistant) |
| Summer 2017 | Yale Young Global Scholars (Instructor) |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

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| 2020 – 2022 | Postgraduate Research Associate Cognition and Development Lab Advisor: Frank Keil, Ph.D. | Yale University |
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Memberships

Cognitive Science Society

STUDENTS ADVISED

Jessie Cheung (Yale '24)
Bluebelle Carol (Yale '25)
Alicia Mazzurra (Yale '24)