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EDUCATION

Columbia University, PhD in Philosophy

New York, NY, 08/2023 – 05/2029

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- GRE: Verbal 170/170 (99%), Quantitative 169/170 (93%), Analytical writing 5.5/6 (97%)

Vassar College, BA in Philosophy with Honors, Minor in Math

Poughkeepsie, NY, 09/2019 – 05/2023

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- SAT: 1590/1600

Oxford University, St. Anne's College, Visiting student

Oxford, UK, 10/2022 – 06/2023

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

PhD-level technical courses

Columbia University

- Analysis & Probability I
- Theoretical Statistics I

Masters-level technical courses

Columbia University

- Machine learning
- Probability Theory
- Statistical Inference
- Linear Regression Analysis

Relevant graduate philosophy courses

Columbia University

- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Language
- Probability and Decision Theory
- Theory of Knowledge
- Set Theory

UNDERGRADUATE PUBLICATIONS

“Plato’s Tripartite Categorization of Normative Reasons”, *Prometheus*, Johns Hopkins University

Spring 2022

- Presented a creative reading of a central passage in Plato’s oeuvre.
- Connected the passage to contemporary debates in ethics.
- Won Best Essay prize at *Prometheus*, a competitive undergraduate journal at Johns Hopkins University.

“Plato and the Problem of Tragedy”, *Logos*, Stanford University

Spring 2022

- Argued for a different way of understanding Book X of Plato’s *Republic*.
- Discussed the connection between Plato’s conception of tragedy and his theory of justice.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Baoplan, Research Intern

New York, NY, 05/2025 – 08/2025

- Developed rigorous formal semantics for a version-controlled data lake system (“Git for data”), establishing the logical foundations for branched data lineage and atomic commits.
- Designed and implemented a first-order logic specification formalized in **Alloy**, utilizing automated model finding to verify the consistency and correctness of the proposed versioning primitives.

Founder Institute, Program Associate Intern

New York, NY, 03/2025 - 09/2025

- Mentor and support 25+ founders for the pre-seed startup accelerator, providing personalized feedback, guidance on assignments, and logistical coordination.
- Participate in weekly training sessions covering startup development stages, venture strategy, and entrepreneurial best practices.

Columbia University, Graduate Teaching Assistant

New York, NY, 09/2024 - Present

- Lead two weekly recitation sessions in Symbolic Logic for 100+ students, focused on analytical problem-solving.
- Received a teaching effectiveness score of 4.5/5 in student evaluations.

Floyd Philosophy Education, *Founder/Program Developer*

Hangzhou, China, 05/2018 – 08/2020

- Organized 3 in-person camps that introduce philosophy to 100+ Chinese students.
- Led marketing team which led to 300+ total applicants.
- Won National 3rd prize at UN Development Program (UNDP) China Nonprofit Competition in 2019.

SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Languages: English (Native), Mandarin (Native)

Technical Skills: Python, R, Scheme, LaTeX, Office Suite

Phi Beta Kappa

05/2023

Philip Nochlin Prize for Best Senior Thesis

05/2023