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Education

PhD, Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, NC

Aug 2023 - May 2028 (expected)

A.B., Philosophy with Honors and Computer Science *magna cum laude*

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Providence, RI

Sep 2017 - May 2021

- St. Anne's College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK — Visiting Student 2019 - 2020

Fellowships and Awards

Northeastern AIDE Summer Program

NORTHEASTERN ETHICS INSTITUTE

Boston, MA

Summer 2025

Parr Center Graduate Fellow

UNC PARR CENTER FOR ETHICS

Chapel Hill, NC

Fall 2023 - Present

Adams Fellow

CAROLINA PUBLIC HUMANITIES

Chapel Hill, NC

Fall 2024 - Spring 2024

Balter Fellow

UNC DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Chapel Hill, NC

Fall 2024 - Spring 2024

Mellon Fellow

MELLON FOUNDATION

Chapel Hill, NC

Fall 2023 - Present

Talks and Conference Presentations

Preserving the Meaningful: Distant Planets, Close Friendships, and Pencil Erasers

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2025: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.
- 2025: Duke-UNC Graduate Conference.

Comments

Jason Raibley's "Welfare, Prudence, and Changes in Value"

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ETHICS CONGRESS

Boulder, CO

August 2025

Teaching

Practical Ethics

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Chapel Hill, NC

Spring 2025

Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Chapel Hill, NC

Fall 2024

Empirical Research Experience

Research Assistant

PHYSICIANS IN PRISONS STUDY

- Help conduct research on legal and ethical issues physicians face in carceral settings.

Chapel Hill, NC
Summer 2024 - Present

Service

When Does Trust Go Wrong?

CAROLINA MEADOWS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

- Gave a 30-minute talk on the ethics of trust.

Chapel Hill, NC
Fall 2023

Graduate Student Council

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE

Chapel Hill, NC
Fall 2023 - Spring 2025

Graduate Student Mentoring

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chapel Hill, NC
Fall 2024 - Present

Selected Work Experience

Software Engineer I

DUOLINGO

- Developed, released, and maintained performance & stability features on the Android app.

Pittsburgh, PA
July 2021 - June 2023