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Academic Employment

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellow, McCoy Family Center for Ethics and Society
and Apple University, 2022-present

Education

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2022.

Dissertation: “Causal Models, Meaning, and Beliefs”

Committee: Sandy Goldberg, Fabrizio Cariani, Michael Glanzberg, and Lance Rips

Northwestern University

M.A., Philosophy, 2018.

University of Notre Dame

B.S., Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, 2016.

Areas of Specialization

AOS: Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of AI

AOC: Logic, History of Philosophy

Publications

“A Causal Safety Criterion for Knowledge,” *Erkenntnis* (2023)

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-023-00678-3>

“Backtracking Through Interventions: An Exogenous Intervention Model
for Counterfactual Semantics,” *Mind & Language* **38**(4), 981-999 (2023)

<https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12447>

“Conditional Learning Through Causal Models,” *Synthese* **199**, 2415-2437 (2021)

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02891-x>

In Preparation

“Machine Learning and Knowledge: Why Robustness Matters”

Under review; available on arXiv

“Statistical Generalization and the Ethics of Belief”

Under review; draft available

“Risk Scores, Knowledge, and Reasonable Rejection”

	“Risk in Non-Consequentialist Choice Theory”
	“A Structural Model for the Epistemology of Probability”
Other Manuscripts	“Triviality Results, Conditional Probability, and Restrictor Conditionals” Available on Philpapers (2020)
	“Learning as Hypothesis Testing” Available on Philpapers (2020)
Academic Talks	“Does Machine Learning Give Us Knowledge?” Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2023
	“Trustworthiness and Knowledge from Machine Learning”* Philosophy of Science Meets Machine Learning, 2023
	“Knowledge, Causal Safety, and Shortcuts in Machine Learning”* Causation in Kyoto, 2023
	“Counterfactuals and Algorithmic Fairness” Philosophy, AI, and Society Workshop, 2023
	“Statistical Generalization and the Ethics of Belief” Stanford Political Theory Workshop, 2023
	“A Causal Safety Criterion for Knowledge” Stanford Logic and Formal Philosophy Seminar, 2022
	“Generics, Stereotypes, and Causal Beliefs”* Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language, 2022
	“Learning as Hypothesis Testing”* Progic: Combining Probability and Logic, 2021
	“A Bayesian Approach to Conditionals Without Triviality”* European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI), 2019 (* indicates refereed talks)
Conference Participation	Participant, Workshop on Teaching Professional Business Ethics Georgetown University, 2023
	Chair, “Causation, determinism, and decision-making” Central APA, 2022
	Commenter, “Might- and would-counterfactuals, indeterministic structural equations, and synchronized interventions” Central APA, 2021

