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## Areas of Interest

- Tier 1 Modal Logic and Semantics, Deontic Logic, Philosophy of Logic
- Tier 2 Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Analytic Metaphysics
- Tier 3 Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Existentialism

## Education

- 2020–202? **Ph.D. (in progress), Philosophy, UC Davis**
- 2017–2020 **M.A., Philosophy (with distinction), San Francisco State University**
  - My thesis was written under the supervision of Arezoo Islami, Carlos Montemayor, and Bas van Fraassen.
- 2010–2014 **B.A., Philosophy, SFSU**

## Academic Positions

- 2020– **Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, UC Davis**
- 2019–2020 **Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Philosophy, San Francisco State University**
- 2017–2018 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, SFSU**
- 2015–2017 **Substitute Teacher, Albany High School, Calabasas High School, Agoura High School**
- 2012–2014 **Grader, Department of Philosophy, SFSU**

## Publications

In development ...

## Presentations

- 2024 Conditional Obligation Logics — Feb 2024, Llemma Working Group, UC Davis
- 2021 Yablovian If-Thenism and Truthmakers for Pure Mathematics — Nov 2021, Llemma Working Group, UC Davis

## Teaching

### As Instructor of Record

SFSU *Critical Thinking* — S2019, F2019, S2020

### As Teaching Assistant

- UC Davis *Introduction to Bioethics* — for Patrick Skeels (S2024)
- Minds, Brains, and Computers* — for Jonathan Dorsey (W2024)
- Intermediate Logic* — for S. Kaan Tabakci (F2023), Jonathan Dorsey (F2021)
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Science* — for Tyrus Fisher (S2022)

*Appraisal of Scientific Reasoning* — for Hanti Lin (W2022) and Paulina Gonzalez-Gomez (F2020)

*Philosophy of Religion* — for Thor Harris (W2021)

SFSU *Philosophy and Personal Development* — for Kimbrough Moore (S2018, F2018)

*Introduction to Philosophy* — for Kimbrough Moore (F2017, S2018)

*Romanticism and Impressionism* — for George J. Leonard (S2014)

*Formal Logic* — for Isabelle Peschard (F2012, S2013)

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## Awards

2020 *Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence*, SFSU, Division of Graduate Studies

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## Affiliations

2020– *Llemma Working Group*, UC Davis

2012–2015 *Bay Area Philosophy of Science Working Group*, SFSU

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## Studies

### Seminars Taken

UC Davis *Recent Work in the Philosophy of Logic: Normativity, Pluralism, and Anti-Exceptionalism* — with Rohan French (S2022)

*Structural Realism* — with David Glick (F2021)

*The Epistemology of Scientific Inference: A Selective Overview from Newton, Hume, and Bayes to the 20th Century* — with Hanti Lin (F2021)

*Ancient Philosophy: Ancient Theories of Pleasure* — with Jan Szaif (S2021)

*Ethics: Anti-Natalism* — with Tina Rulli (S2021)

*Ockham's Razor(s) in Data Science* — with Hanti Lin (S2021)

*Advanced Logic* — with Rohan French (W2021)

*Proseminar on Metaphysics* — with Cody Gilmore (W2021)

*Philosophy of Science (Mathematics): As-If-ism* — with Elaine Landry (F2020)

*Proseminar on Naturalism in Contemporary Philosophy* — with Zoe Drayson (F2020)

SFSU *Philosophical Writing* — with David Landy (S2020)

*Revolutions in Mathematics II: Kuhn and Husserl* — with Arezoo Islami (F2019)

*Inductive Inference Since Goodman* — with Carlos Montemayor (F2019)

*Consciousness, Attention, and Cognitive Penetration* — with Carlos Montemayor (S2019)

*Cognitive Perspectives on Space and Time* — with Carlos Montemayor (F2018)

*Revolutions in Mathematics I: Kvasz* — with Arezoo Islami (F2018)

*Recent Philosophical Work on Consciousness* — with Carlos Montemayor (S2018)

*Foucault: The Care of the Self* — with Mohammad Azadpur (S2018)

*The Philosophy of Hegel* — with David Landy (F2017)

*Early Modern Philosophy* — with Alice Sowaal (F2017)

### Non-Seminars as Graduate

UC Davis *Modal Logic* — with Rohan French (S2022)

*Metalogic* — with Rohan French (W2022)

SFSU *The Nature of Religious Experience* — with Kyle Dupen (S2019)

*Philosophy and Mysticism* — with Jacob Needleman (F2018)

*Reading Circle on Spinoza* — with Alice Sowaal (S2018)

*Reading Circle on Hegel* — with David Landy (F2017)

### **Seminars Audited**

SFSU *Philosophical Issues in A.I.* — with Carlos Montemayor (F2019)

*The Myth of the Given* — with Mohammad Azadpur (S2019)

*The Philosophy of David Hume* — with David Landy (S2019)

### **Noteworthy as Undergraduate**

SFSU *Philosophy and Personal Development* — with Justin Tiwald (F2014)

*Chinese Philosophy and Religion* — with Justin Tiwald (F2014)

*Humanism and Mysticism* — with George J. Leonard (F2014)

*The Concept of God* — with Jacob Needleman (S2014)

*Philosophical Logic* — with Bas van Fraassen (S2013)

*Advanced Logic* — with Bas van Fraassen (F2012)

*Existentialism* — with Mohammad Azadpur (©2012)

### **Other**

IWR *Beginning Contemplative Practice* — with Steven Tainer, at Berkeley Buddhist Monastery (Institute for World Religions) (S2015, F2015, S2016)

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## **References**

Available upon request.