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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Spring 2025 (Expected)
PhD in Philosophy — Candidacy obtained 2024
Dissertation: On the Attentional Structure of Spontaneous Thought
Committee: Gabriel Greenberg (advisor), Pamela Hieronymi, Josh Armstrong, Michael Rescorla, Wayne Wu (external)

San Francisco State University Fall 2018
M.A., Philosophy — Passed with Distinction
Thesis: The Construction of Self: Episodic Memories, Narrativity, and Coherence
Committee: Carlos Montemayor, Isabelle Peschard, Vadim Keyser

Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Perú 2008
B.A., Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind (Attention), Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Memory, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Science, Latin American Philosophy, Philosophy of Emotions

PUBLICATIONS

"Doubts or Debts? A Serious Game Study on How Uncertainty Under Scarcity Affects Delay of Gratification" (co-author) forthcoming at *Theory and Decision* 2026

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"On Automatic Introspection" (under review at *Philosophical Studies*) 2026
"Memory and Internal Attention" 2026
"The Dynamics Mind-Wandering" 2026
"Epistemic Emotions and Zetetic Norms" 2023
"A Critique of Factualist Accounts of Reasons for Action" 2021
"Personal Identity and Quasi-memories in Parfit's View" 2021

PRESENTATIONS

"Memory and Internal Attention" 2026
Issues in Philosophy of Memory 5

"On Automatic Introspection" 2025-2026
Valencia Philosophy Lab Summer School
UCLA Wug Labs (invited)
Language, Rationality & Cognition — Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (invited)

"Spontaneous and Voluntary Introspection" 2023

Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 49th Annual Meeting
30th Conference, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
1st Annual Web Conference, International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind

"Epistemic Emotions and Zetetic Norms" 2023
Emotions, Reasons, and Rational Agency Graduate Conference — University of Tennessee, Knoxville

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Q-Memories?" (invited) 2019
Cologne-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop — Universität zu Köln

"Serendipity in Modern History of Science" 2018
Bucharest Graduate Conference on History and Philosophy of Science

"A New Account of Serendipity" 2018
Bay Area Philosophers of Science Meetings — SFSU

"Los componentes del lenguaje. Historia de una idea" 2009
V Symposium of Philosophy — PUCP, Lima, Perú

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship 2026-2027
- $37,000 fellowship funding
- $10,500 grant award

Self-Control in Context Summer School — Universidad del Externado de Colombia 2023–24
John Templeton Foundation funded project
- $8,000 group research fund to conduct experiment and co-author paper on self-control
- $1,500 travel and stipend award

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA 2021–22
Under the supervision of Professor Gabriel Greenberg
- $6,000 stipend award

Memory, Space, and Time Workshop — University of Arizona 2022
- Travel award for most promising students

Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, UCLA 2021
Under the supervision of Professor Pamela Hieronymi
- $6,000 stipend award

California Pre-Doctoral Program Award — Sally Casanova Scholar 2018–19
- $5,000 stipend to study under the supervision of a professor

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA 2022
Research on introspection under the supervision of Professor Gabriel Greenberg

Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, UCLA 2021
Research on philosophy of action under the supervision of Professor Pamela Hieronymi

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UC Irvine 2019

Research on philosophy of memory under the supervision of Professor Sven Bernecker

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Commentator, American Philosophical Association 2022
Comments on Tyler Hildebrand's "Rationalism without the A Priori"

Organizing Committee Member, 17th Annual USC-UCLA Graduate Conference 2022

Referee, 16th Annual USC-UCLA Graduate Conference 2021

Co-organizer, Philosophy of Memory in the Bay — SFSU 2020

TEACHING

As Instructor (UCLA)

Philosophy of Psychology	2025
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	2024

As Lecturer

Critical Thinking	2019

As Graduate Teaching Instructor

Introduction to Philosophy of Arts	2018
Critical Thinking	2016–17
Introduction to Philosophy	2016

As Teaching Assistant (Selected)

Philosophy of Psychology — Tyler Burge	2025-2026
Philosophy of Language — Nathan Salmon	2024
Philosophy of Mind — Michael Rescorla	2022
Philosophy of Mind — Carlos Montemayor	2018
Minds, Brains, and Computers — James Blackmon	2016–17

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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