

Dr. Rory Harder

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AOS Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind
AOC Epistemology, Logic, History of Philosophy (early analytic, early modern)

Employment

2023–2025 Postdoctoral Fellow (funded by the Irish Research Council), University College Dublin
Project Title: Institution and Conversation
2022–2023 Assistant Professor (part-time, teaching stream), University of Toronto
2019–2020 Sessional Lecturer, Rutgers University

Education

2015–2022 PhD in Philosophy, University of Toronto
Dissertation Title: Joint Action and Communication, with a Focus on Demonstratives
Committee: Imogen Dickie (co-supervisor), Nate Charlow (co-supervisor), Phil Kremer, David Barnett (internal examiner), Guy Longworth (external examiner)
2019 VISITING STUDENT in Linguistics, Rutgers University, *Host Supervisor:* Simon Charlow
2011–2015 BA (HONS) with High Distinction in Philosophy (Specialist) and History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (Minor), University of Toronto

Papers

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023 Clearing up Clouds: Underspecification in Demonstrative Communication
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2023.26>
2022 Joint Attention and Communication
Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, <https://10.1080/0020174X.2022.2074101>

IN PROGRESS

[A paper on Nietzsche on justice]
Under Review at Washington University Review of Philosophy
[A paper on knowledge-first epistemology]
Under Review at Philosophical Studies
[A paper on the formal semantics of demonstratives and definite descriptions]
Revised and Resubmitted at Linguistics & Philosophy
Speech Acts and Non-Ideal Philosophy of Language
Manuscript in Preparation

Presentations

- 2024 Knowledge-First Mindreading and Epistemology, *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Open Session* (UK)
- 2022 Updates Beyond Semantics and Pragmatics, *Context, Cognition, and Communication Conference* (Poland)
- 2021 Joint Attention: The Window Into Other Minds?, *American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting Symposium Session* (USA)
Joint Attention and Communication, *Mutual Knowledge 40 Workshop* (UK)
A Puzzle About Demonstrative Understanding, *The Seventh International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics* (Poland)
- 2020 The Grammar of Reference, *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*
Perspectives in Demonstrative Semantics, *WeSSLLI Student Session* (USA), *Szklarska Poreba Workshop* (Poland)
- 2019 Clearing up Clouds, *APA Pacific Colloquium Session* (USA)
- 2018 Clearing up Clouds, *Context, Cognition, and Communication Conference* (Poland)
- 2017 Inferences and Neutrality of the Deliberative Ought, *APA Pacific Colloquium Session* (USA), *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting* (Canada)

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR WITH SOLE RESPONSIBILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- 2023 PHLA10: Reason and Truth (*1st year*)
PHLB58: Reasoning under Uncertainty (*2nd year*)
PHLD87: Advanced Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*4th year*)
- 2022 PHLC95: Topics in the Philosophy of Mind: Animal Minds (*3rd year*)
PHL100: Introduction to Philosophy: Historical (*1st year*)
- 2020 PHL390: Special Topics in Philosophy: Frege's Puzzle (*3rd year, Online*)
- 2019 PHL340: Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Conception (*3rd year*)

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR WITH SOLE RESPONSIBILITY AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

- 2020 PHL109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year, Online*)
- 2019 PHL109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making (*1st year*)

TUTORIAL TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- 2021 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (*2nd year, online*)
- 2018 Ancient Philosophy (*2nd year*)
- 2017 17th- and 18th-Century Philosophy (*2nd year*)
- 2016 Probability and Inductive Logic (*2nd year*), Knowledge and Reality (*2nd year*)
- 2013–2014 Introduction to Philosophy (*1st year*)

OTHER

- 2021–2022 Super-TA for the Socrates Project (*Supervising Undergraduate TAs, University of Toronto*)
2016–2018 Philosophy Don (*Tutor and Residence Assistant, Trinity College, University of Toronto*)

Scholarships

- 2023–2025 IRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (€105,604)
Awarded annually, by the government of Ireland, to about 12% of applicants.
2019 SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (\$6,000CAD)
Awarded annually, by the government of Canada, to about 125 applicants.
2016–2019 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000CAD)
Awarded annually, by the government of Canada, to about 22% of applicants.

Service

- 2024 CO-ORGANIZER of the Dublin Philosophy of Language Workshop
2023 COMMENTATOR at APA Eastern Division Meeting
COMMENTATOR at Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
JUDGE at Ontario High School Ethics Bowl
2022 CHAIR at APA Pacific Division Meeting
Refereeing *Philosophers' Imprint, Topoi*

References

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