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APPOINTMENT

2024– **Research Scholar**
Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, USA
James Buchanan Fellow
Mercatus Center, George Mason University

2023–2024 & **Visiting Research Scholar**
2019–2020 *Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, USA*

EDUCATION

2024 **PhD (History & Philosophy of Science)**
University of Toronto, Canada
Thesis: “How to Leap Without Looking: The Role of Habits in Rational Life”
Committee: Joseph Berkovitz (co-chair), Cheryl Misak (co-chair), Kevin D. Hoover (Duke University), Michael Kremer (external, University of Chicago), and William E. Seager (internal)

2016–2017 **PhD Student (Economics)**
University of New Hampshire, USA

2016 **MA (Economics), First Class Distinction**
University of New Hampshire, USA

2015 **BA (Economics)**
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran

INTERESTS

AOS History of Analytic Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Social Sciences (esp. Economics), and Theories of Rationality

AOC History of Political Economy, Social Epistemology, and Business Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024 [Frank Ramsey’s Anti-Intellectualism](#)
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy, 12 (2), 1–31

2022 [Frank Plumpton Ramsey and the Politics of Motherhood](#)
Journal of the History of Economic Thought, 44 (4), 489–508
*Winner of the JHET Early Career Scholar Award from the History of Economics Society in 2024 and the Young Scholars Grant from the European Society for the History of Economic Thought in 2019

Articles Under Review or in Progress (Drafts Available)

[On the Bloomsbury Group and the Intellectualism Debate]
[On Keynes’s Aesthetics and Social Philosophy] (with Bradley W. Bateman)
[On the Apostles Society and the Epistemology of Disagreement] (with Mehdi Ebrahimpour)
[On a Pragmatist Epistemology of Rationality]
[On Economic Rationality in Uncertain Environments]

Book Chapters

in progress Frank Ramsey's Politics (invited contribution)
The Cambridge Companion to Frank Ramsey, edited by Pedro G. Duarte and Cheryl Misak,
Cambridge University Press

Public Writings

2024 "Keynes, His God, and the Futile Escapes from History and Philosophy" (in Farsi)
Donya-e-Eghtesad Newspaper

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 JHET Early Career Scholar Award (for the best article published in *the Journal of the History of Economic Thought* by an early career scholar in 2021-2023), History of Economics Society (500 USD)

2024 James Buchanan Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University (8,000 USD)

2024 The Samuels Young Scholar Award, History of Economics Society (500 USD)

2023 The Samuels Young Scholar Award, History of Economics Society (600 USD)

2023 Research Fellowship, Center for the History of Political Economy, Economics Department, Duke University (28,000 USD)

2022 Doctoral Completion Award, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto (13,300 CAD)

2022 Graduate Student Scholarship for Studies in History of Ideas, The Robert & Moira Sansom Ideas Foundation, London Community Foundation (10,000 CAD)

2022 Academic Achievement Award, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto (4,300 CAD)

2019 Research Fellowship, Center for the History of Political Economy, Economics Department, Duke University (16,000 USD)

2019 Mary H. Beatty Fellowship, University of Toronto (10,000 CAD)

2019 The Samuels Young Scholar Award, History of Economics Society (600 USD)

2017 Top-Up Award, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto (5,000 CAD)

2017 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto (45,000 CAD)

2016 Summer Research Fellowship, University of New Hampshire (3,000 USD)

2016 Elizabeth Bogan Award (for outstanding academic achievement), University of New Hampshire (2,500 USD)

SELECTED GRANTS

2024 Early-Career Scholars Research Fund (for archival research at the University of Cambridge), History of Economics Society (1,500 USD)

2023 Travel Grant, Young Scholars Initiatives Pre-Conference Workshop, Latin American Association for the History of Economic Thought (600 USD)

2023 Conference Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto (650 CAD)

2019 Research Travel Grant (for study at Duke University), School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto (6,450 CAD)

2019 Research Travel Grant (for study at Duke University), Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto (3,000 CAD)

2019 Young Scholars Grant, European Society for the History of Economic Thought (300 Eur)

2017	Young Scholars Grant, European Society for the History of Economic Thought (300 Eur)
2016	Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of New Hampshire (200 USD)

SELECTED TALKS

2024	“In Search of Lost Reason: Ramsey, Keynes, and the Intellectualism Debate,” History of Economics Society – The Annual Conference, Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile, July 15 (online) (peer reviewed)
2024	“When There Was Nothing to Discuss,” Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy – The Annual Conference, University of Connecticut, Hartford, USA, June 27 (online) (peer reviewed)
2024	“The Historiography of Economic Thought: A Critical History of the Field” (in Farsi), Department of Economics, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, May 30 (invited)
2024	“In Search of Lost Reason: Ramsey, Keynes, and the Intellectualism Debate,” Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, Durham, USA, March 8 (invited)
2023	“John Maynard Keynes’s Anti-Intellectualism,” History of Economics Society - The Annual Conference, Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, June 24 (peer reviewed)
2023	“John Maynard Keynes’s Anti-Intellectualism,” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science - The Annual Conference, York University, Toronto, Canada, May 29 (peer reviewed)
2023	“John Maynard Keynes’s Anti-Intellectualism,” British Society for the History of Science - The Annual Postgraduate Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, April 1 (online) (peer reviewed)
2022	“Frank Plumpton Ramsey’s Anti-Intellectualist Theory of Judgement,” British Society for the History of Philosophy – The Annual Conference, The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, April 22 (online) (peer reviewed)
2021	“Frank Plumpton Ramsey’s Anti-Intellectualist Theory of Judgement,” HAPSAT Graduate Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, Dec 1 (online) (invited)
2021	“Intelligent Habits,” 2 nd Young Scholars Pragmatism Conference, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, October 11 (online) (peer reviewed)
2021	“A Commentary on Ludwig Wittgenstein’s <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> (Passages 1-43),” Five Sessions Virtual Workshop (in Farsi), Agora Philosophical Forum, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (invited)
2021	“Pragmatist Epistemology and Economic Methodology,” Three Sessions Virtual Workshop (in Farsi), Department of Economics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, Feb 27, March 1, and March 3 (invited)
2019	“Frank P. Ramsey: A Feminist Economist?,” Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, Durham, USA, Nov 8 (invited)
2019	“Pragmatism and Philosophy for Children (P4C),” Four Sessions Workshop (in Farsi), Agora Philosophical Forum, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada Aug 18, Aug 25, Sep 1, and Sep 8 (invited)
2017	“Frank Ramsey’s Anticipation of the Rational Expectations Hypothesis,” European Society for the History of Economic Thought - 21 st Annual Conference, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium, May 20 (peer reviewed)
2016	“The Rational Expectations Hypothesis and Imperfect Knowledge Economics: A Keynesian Interpretation of a Methodological Gap,” Institute for New Economic Thinking Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, October 21 (peer reviewed)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer

- 2022 “Historical Facts, Argument, and Narrative,” A Guest Lecture for “History of Mathematics After 1700” Course (HPS/MAT 391), University of Toronto, March 3
- 2019 “A Brief History of Mathematical Economics,” A Guest Lecture for “History of Mathematics After 1700” Course (HPS/MAT 391), University of Toronto, Feb 11
- 2019 “Money, Markets, and Nature,” A Guest Lecture for “Natural Science and Social Issues” Course (HPS 324), University of Toronto, Jan 22

Teaching Assistant

- 2023 The Science of Human Nature, *HPS110*, for Marga Vicedo & Mark Solovey
- 2019–2022 History of Mathematics After 1700, *HPS/MAT391*, for Sylvia Nickerson (×4)
- 2021 Knowledge and Reality, *PHL 103*, for Jennifer Nagel
- 2021 Business Ethics, *PHL 295*, for Eric Shoemaker
- 2021 Business Ethics, *PHL 295*, for Etye Steinberg
- 2018–2020 History of Mathematics Before 1700, *HPS/MAT 390*, for Craig Fraser (×2)
- 2020 Introductory Philosophy of Science, *HPS 250*, for Jamie Shaw
- 2020 How to Think About Science, *HPS 120*, for Denis Walsh
- 2020 Business Ethics, *PHL 295*, for Mason Westfall
- 2019 Probability and Inductive Logic, *PHL 246*, for Franz Huber
- 2018 Probability and Inductive Logic, *PHL 246*, for Jonathan Weisberg
- 2018 Introductory Philosophy of Science, *HPS 250*, for Hakob Barseghyan
- 2017 Scientific Revolutions I, *HPS 210*, for Adam Richter
- 2017 Macroeconomics, *Econ 401*, for Michael Goldberg
- 2015–2016 International Economics, *Econ 111*, for Loris Rubini (×2)
- 2016 Macroeconomics, *Econ 972*, for Michael Goldberg
- 2016 Money and Banking, *Econ 635*, Jaroslav Horvath

Private Tutoring

- 2021–2024 Philosophy for Children (P4C), for children between 9 and 13 years old
(Trained by [the Philosophy Foundation](#) in 2021)

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021–2024 Research Assistant to Cheryl Misak, University of Toronto
(Duties included commenting on Misak’s book manuscript *Oxford Pragmatism*)
- 2023–2024 Research Assistant to Joseph Berkovitz, University of Toronto
(Duties included reviewing the literature on ecological rationality)
- 2021–2022 Research Assistant to Joseph Berkovitz, University of Toronto
(Duties included writing a report on Gilbert Ryle’s account of induction)
- 2019 Research Assistant to Cheryl Misak, University of Cambridge
(Duties included archival research on John Maynard Keynes’s and Frank Ramsey’s collections at King’s College Archive Center for Misak’s book manuscript *Frank Ramsey: A Sheer Excess of Powers*)

2019–2020	Research Assistant to Cheryl Misak, University of Toronto (Duties included commenting on the economics and probability sections of Misak’s book manuscript <i>Frank Ramsey: A Sheer Excess of Powers</i>)
2016	Research Assistant to Jaroslav Horvath, University of New Hampshire (Duties included OECD economic data collection and analysis)
2016	Research Assistant to James R. Wible, University of New Hampshire (Duties included commenting on Wible’s book manuscript <i>Charles Sanders Peirce’s Pragmatism, Economics, and Mathematical Logic</i>)

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSION

2022-present	Reviewer , <i>Frontiers in Political Science, Business and Society Review</i>
2023–2024	Co-organizer , Historiography and Historical Methods Reading Group, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University
2022–2023	Member of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee , Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS)
2022–2023	Co-organizer , HAPSAT Graduate Workshop, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto
2020–2023	Graduate Student Mentorship , Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND OUTREACH

2022-present	Co-founder & Board Member , <i>The Fly-Bottle</i> (A not-for-profit organization based in Canada that aims to foster an Iranian society that values and actively participates in the advancement of collective knowledge. Its missions include establishing a virtual network for Iranian scholars in arts, social sciences, and humanities, and presenting their work to the public domain through outreach projects)
2022-present	Host for Philosophy Episodes , <i>The Fly-Bottle Podcast</i>

LANGUAGES

Farsi (Native)
English (Fluent)

SOFTWARE

SAS, STATA, and R

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Economic Association
American Political Science Association
British Society for the History of Philosophy
British Society for the History of Science
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science
History of Economics Society
History of Science Society

REFERENCES

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DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

“Look before you leap!” they say. I may not. This proverb captures the gist of the prevalent accounts of rationality. It suggests that one who wants to act in a rational way needs to deliberate about the relevant features of the context of action. I argue that there are cases in which people do not look before they leap, and yet they leap successfully because they possess certain capacities. I show that these capacities are rooted in one’s habits and in what it takes to put those habits into work in a right way. One who wants to leap successfully in a habitual way needs to cultivate the relevant reliable habits, know how to execute those habits, and know what habit to act from in the situation at hand. The result is an account of rationality that suggests “don’t look before you leap!” if certain conditions are met.

My account of rationality is informed by underexplored conceptual resources left by the Cambridge intelligentsia during the interwar period. I bring these resources to light by developing a historical narrative of the interdisciplinary debates on human nature and rationality that emerged in the wake of the Great War. The war experience prompted Cambridge-based psychologists, economists, and philosophers to explain the gap between observed and ideal human behavior in epistemic terms, arguing that this gap is due to human irrationality, rooted in humans’ natural tendency to leap without looking.

The anxiety about the rational status of the masses gave rise to two types of normative proposals in Cambridge: one advocating that individuals should always look cautiously before they leap, while the other suggested that individuals must cultivate a set of habits and capacities to enable them to leap rationally without looking when immediate action is necessary. Advancing normative proposals of the second type, the philosopher Frank Ramsey and the economist John Maynard Keynes left us rich conceptual resources to address what it takes for one to leap successfully without looking. I employ these resources to begin to construct an account of rationality that has us acting on intelligent habits in highly uncertain situations.

GRADUATE COURSES (* DENOTES AUDIT)

Philosophy of Science

Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science (Yiftach Fehige & Chen-Pang Yeang)
Introduction to Philosophy of Biology (Denis Walsh)
Philosophy of Probability (Joseph Berkovitz)
Philosophy of Physics (Michael Miller)
Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Social Sciences (Mark Solovey)*
Philosophy of Science: Consciousness and Action in Historical Context (Alexander Klein)*
Topics in Economic Methodology (James R. Wible)
Independent Study: Philosophy of Science (Val Dusek)
Independent Study: Mathematical Logic (Andrew Christie)

History of Science & Technology

History of Mathematics (Craig Fraser)
Introduction to the History of Technology II (Rebecca Woods)
The History of Classical Economic Thought (Kieran Furlong)*
History of Economic Thought (Bruce Elmslie)
Independent Study: Smith, Ricardo, and Sraffa (Bruce Elmslie)

Philosophy

Individual Reading: Pragmatism (Cheryl Misak)
Individual Reading: Frank Ramsey's Pragmatism (Cheryl Misak)
Pragmatism (Cheryl Misak)*
Topics in Analytic Philosophy: Ramsey and Wittgenstein (Cheryl Misak)
Social Epistemology (Joseph Berkovitz)
Causation (Kevin D. Hoover)*
Wittgenstein and Literary Studies (Toril Moi)*

Economics

Mathematical Economics (Aziz Saglam)
Econometric Skills (Karen Conway)
Probability Theory and Econometrics (Deniz Ozabaci)
Econometrics I (Karen Conway)
Econometrics II (Karen Conway)
Econometrics III (Ju-Chin Huang)
Advanced Economic Theory (Aziz Saglam)
Microeconomics I (Robert Mohr)
Microeconomics II (Aziz Saglam)
Environmental Valuation (Robert Mohr)
Environmental Economics: Theory & Policy (Ju-Chin Huang)
Macroeconomics I (Michael Goldberg)
Macroeconomics II (Loris Rubini)
International Finance (Michael Goldberg)
Research Skills (Karen Conway)