

Joseph Carlsmith

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EDUCATION

Oxford University (St. John's College)

- DPhil student in Philosophy, Fall 2019 – present

New York University

- PhD student in Philosophy, Fall 2016 – Spring 2018 (I spent the academic year of 2017-18 in Oxford).

Oxford University (Merton College)

- BPhil/MPhil in Philosophy, June 2014. *Distinction*.
- Thesis Title: “Hypocrisy and Accountability,” supervised by Prof. John Gardner.

Yale University

- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (with honors), May 2012. *Summa cum laude*.
- GPA 4.0. One of thirteen in the class of 2012 elected to Phi Beta Kappa after four semesters.

EMPLOYMENT

- Research Analyst, *Open Philanthropy*, San Francisco, Fall 2018-present.
- Research Assistant to Dr. Toby Ord for his book *The Precipice: Existential Risk and the Future of Humanity*, *Future of Humanity Institute/Centre for Effective Altruism*, Oxford, Fall 2017-Summer 2018.

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

- Future of Humanity Institute DPhil Scholarship – University of Oxford
- MacCracken Fellowship – New York University
- Clarendon Scholarship – University of Oxford
- Warren Memorial High Scholarship Prize, awarded to the Yale senior majoring in the humanities who ranks the highest in scholarship.
- Calhoun College Fellows Cup, awarded to the Calhoun senior ranking highest in scholarship.
- E. Francis Riggs Memorial Prize, awarded to the student in Yale's freshman humanities program who “demonstrates the best knowledge of general culture by means of the distinction of his/her performance” (two students received the award that year).

PUBLICATIONS

- “How Much Computational Power Does It Take to Match the Human Brain?”, *Open Philanthropy Report*, September 2020, link [here](#), blog post summary [here](#).

PRESENTATIONS

- “Thoughts on Global Catastrophic Risk Research.” *Stanford Existential Risk Initiative*, June 2020.
- “Global Catastrophic Risk and Effective Altruism.” *Yale Effective Altruism*, March 2020.

- “Orienting Towards the Long-Term Future.” *Effective Altruism Global* (London), November 2017. Video [here](#).
- “Helping People, Creating People, and Shaping the Far Future.”
 - *Effective Altruism Global* (London), November 2017 (poster presentation and short talk). Video [here](#).
 - *Ethics of Giving Conference*, University of St. Andrews, May 2017. Video [here](#).
 - *Centre for Effective Altruism/Future of Humanity Institute*, Oxford, May 2017.
 - *NYU Washington Square Circle*, April 2017.
- “Mindfulness Meditation for Effective Altruists” (workshop).
 - *Centre for Effective Altruism*, June 2017.
 - *Effective Altruism Global*, August 2016.
 - *Centre for Effective Altruism*, Spring 2014.
- “Cause Prioritization for Non-Consequentialists,” short talk and poster presentation at *Effective Altruism Global*, August 2016.
- “Dispositional Hypocrisy and the Standing to Blame,” *Oxford University Ockham Society*, February 2014.
- “In Search of the Concept of Authority,” *2014 Warwick Graduate Conference in Legal and Political Theory*.
- “Reformulating the Fitting-Pleasure Theory of Well Being,” *2013 Understanding Value Conference*, Sheffield.
- “God, Evil, and the Ethics of Religious Belief,” invited lecture at *United World College of the Atlantic*, Jan 2013.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-organizer (with Prof. Jeff McMahan and Ketan Ramakrishnan), *Derek Parfit Memorial Conference*, Oxford University, May 2018.
- Co-organizer (with Prof. Samuel Scheffler), *NYU Ethics Forum* (series of talks in value theory at NYU), Spring 2017.
- Co-organizer (with seven others), *NYU/Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Spring 2017.
- Co-organizer (with Prof. David Chalmers and Rob Long), *NYU Reading Group on Advanced Artificial Intelligence*, Fall 2016 (the organizers were the main attendees).