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EDUCATION

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| Macalester College <i>Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Psychology (GPA: 4.0/4.0)</i> | August 2024 – May 2028 <i>St. Paul, MN</i> |
| Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR) <i>5-Day applied rationality & decision-making workshop</i> | November 2025 <i>San Francisco, CA</i> |
| Mahindra United World College of India <i>International Baccalaureate Diploma</i> | August 2021 – May 2023 <i>Pune, India</i> |
| Bundesrealgymnasium Innsbruck <i>High School Diploma</i> | September 2015 – July 2021 <i>Innsbruck, Austria</i> |

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| Upcoming Spring 2026 Positions <i>Macalester College</i> | January 2026 – May 2026 <i>St. Paul, MN</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Assistant, Morality & Social Cognition Lab• Teaching Assistant for Principles of Economics• Independent research project on the effect of AI use on learning & motivation; journal submission in May 2026 | |
| First Author, Crisis of Meaning & Conspiracy Belief Study <i>MF Specialized University Oslo & University of Oslo</i> | August 2025 – Present <i>Oslo, Norway</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First author and corresponding author on research examining the relationships between crisis of meaning, conspiracy belief, and worldviews among 1,000 participants• Collaborated with two researchers at the University of Oslo and MF Specialized University Oslo• Completed manuscript, submitted for peer review in January 2026 | |
| Co-Author for In-Class Research – AI & Cognitive Psychology <i>Macalester College (Research in Psychology II)</i> | August 2025 – Present <i>St. Paul, MN</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed, executed, and wrote survey study examining AI use impact on critical thinking | |

WORK & ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE

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| Founder & Creator <i>YouTube Channel (18K Subscribers)</i> | November 2023 – Present <i>Remote</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built educational YouTube channel from 0 to 18K subscribers in 12 months, 700K viewers, 10M impressions• Sole ownership of complete production pipeline: research, scriptwriting, filming, editing, and graphic design• Academic video essays & interviews on neuroscience, psychology, and philosophy | |
| Organizational Psychology for Fortune 500 Company <i>Medtronic</i> | August 2024 – December 2024 <i>Minneapolis, MN</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted 1-on-1 interviews with heads of talent acquisition & management to assess recruiting practices• Delivered recommendation presentation to heads of talent on optimizing talent recruitment | |
| Founder <i>Anterior Mid-Cingulate Cortex Cohort</i> | August 2024 – October 2024 <i>Remote</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created four-week course curriculum on self-discipline; led twice-weekly sessions for 19 paying participants | |
| Founder <i>Mental Cortex Community</i> | March 2024 – August 2024 <i>Remote</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded productivity-focused community reaching 200 members (50 paying) | |
| Sales Consultant <i>Swarovski</i> | July 2023 – August 2023 <i>Wattens, Austria</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulted customers on jewelry purchases at the company's flagship location | |
| Marketing Intern <i>P8 Marketing</i> | May 2022 – June 2022 <i>Innsbruck, Austria</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created 3 marketing campaigns for Austrian hotel chains for customers under 30 | |

AWARDS & HONORS

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| Davis UWC Scholarship <i>Scholarship promoting global understanding and cultural exchange</i> | 2024 – 2028 |
| Kofi Annan Scholarship <i>Awarded for excellence in internationalism and civic engagement</i> | 2024 – 2028 |
| Turck Honor Scholarship <i>Awarded for demonstrating special academic potential</i> | 2024 – 2028 |
| Macalester Summer Internship Grant (MSIG) <i>Merit-based grant supporting internships in unpaid positions</i> | Summer 2025 |
| Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR) Scholarship <i>Scholarship for applied rationality workshop</i> | November 2025 |
| UWC Scholarship <i>Scholarship awarded to students admitted to UWC</i> | 2021 – 2023 |
| Dean's List <i>Awarded for academic excellence each semester</i> | August 2024 – December 2025 |
| Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place Nationally with Distinction, classical guitar + flute duo</i> | 2018 |
| Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place in State with Distinction, classical guitar + flute duo</i> | 2018 |
| Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place in State, classical guitar soloist</i> | 2017 |

COURSEWORK

Macalester College

- **Fall 2025:** Research In Psychology II (PSYC301), Circuits of Motivation & Movement (PSYC394), Behavioral Economics (ECON294), World Religions & World Religions Discourse (RELI136)
- **Spring 2025:** Cognitive Neuroscience (PSYC244), Research In Psychology I (PSYC201), Game Theory (ECON294), Applied Multivariable Calculus I (MATH135)
- **Fall 2024:** Principles of Economics (ECON119), Industrial & Organizational Psychology (PSYC258), Western Classical Music (MUSI100), Philosophy of Love & Friendship (PHIL100)

Mahindra United World College of India

- **IBDP Higher Level Subjects:** Psychology, Chemistry, English Language & Literature
- **IBDP Standard Level Subjects:** German Literature, Biology, Mathematics

LANGUAGES

German (native), Italian (native), English (fluent), Latin (reading proficiency)

NOTE

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