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## Max Gee: Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

University of California, Berkeley  
PhD Philosophy

Berkeley, CA

Brown University  
Bachelor of Arts

Providence, RI  
Graduated May 2008

University of Oxford  
Visiting Students Program

Oxford, UK  
Oct 2006–Jun 2007

### Dissertation

*Modeling and Instrumental Rationality*

Models in decision theory are used across disciplines in explanations, predictions, and evaluations of human action whether or not that action is ideal or rational. Each of these tasks place different requirements on the model. Within the domain of modeling instrumentally rational human behavior, the problem is that none of the traditional models returns results that seem correct generally. The core problematic cases arise within the context of preference change and choice under uncertainty. I develop a new way of looking at the epistemology of economic modeling that illuminates justifiable modeling approaches in these domains. My contention is that once we apply relatively uncontroversial results from the philosophy of language to the discussion of the mind and the application of formal models, it becomes clear how decision theory can represent these kinds of situations.

Committee: Niko Kolodny, Lara Buchak, and David Ahn.

### Fellowships and Awards

Eugene Cota-Robles Graduate Fellow  
UC Berkeley Graduate Division

2008-2010

Bachelor of Arts, with Honors  
Brown University

May 2008

### Graduate Coursework

- In Philosophy  
Philosophy of Decision Theory

Lara Buchak

Philosophy of Game Theory	Lara Buchak
Contemporary Debates in Epistemology	Branden Fitelson
Introductory Logic	Daniel Warren
Metalogic	Daniel Warren
Contractualism and its Critics	Véronique Munoz-Dardé
Aristotle	Dorothea Frede
Leibniz's Metaphysics	Daniel Warren
Metaphysics	Sedth Yalcin
• In Economics	
Mathematical Tools for Economists	Robert Anderson
Microeconomics A	
Decision Theory	David Ahn
Game Theory	Shachar Kariv
Microeconomics B	
Contract Theory	Botond Kőszegi
General Equilibria	Robert Anderson
• In Mathematics	
Multivariable Calculus	Michael Hutchings
Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	John Wagoner

### Teaching

- As Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
 

Individual Morality and Social Justice	Markus Kohl	Summer 2010
Philosophical Methods	Geoffrey Lee	Fall 2010
Philosophy of Mind	John Searle	Spring 2011
Introduction to Logic	Justin Bledin	Summer 2011
Philosophical Methods	Daniel Warren	Fall 2011
Introduction to Logic	Luke Misenheimer	Summer 2012
Philosophy of Game Theory	Lara Buchak	Spring 2013
- Other Teaching
 

Economics Tutor	Brown University	Fall 2007–Spring 2008
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### Talks

- ‘Reasons, Utility, and Morality’ Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley Spring 2009

### Professional Service

- President, Graduate Assembly, Fall 2013—Spring 2014
- Committee on the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities, Academic Senate, Spring 2013
- Director of Equity, Unity, and Assembly Diversity, Graduate Assembly, Spring 2013
- Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, Fall 2008—Spring 2009