

# *Jack Bartholomew Johnson*

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## ***Education***

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PhD (ongoing)  
2022 – present

**The University of Western Ontario, Canada**  
Thesis title: *Explaining Quantum Equilibration*  
Supervisor: **Wayne Myrvold**  
**Comprehensive Exam** passed with **Distinction**.  
Co-organiser of the LMP Graduate Conference 2025.

Combined Masters  
& Undergrad (1<sup>st</sup> class)  
2015 – 2019

**The University of Oxford, St. Edmund Hall, UK**  
Master of Physics and Philosophy  
**First Class (GPA 4.0 -- 77.8% -- UK standards)**

Master's thesis rated top in philosophy that year at Oxford ([find prize here](#)). Participated in college rowing and debate club. Special subjects: thermal and statistical physics.

School and college

**Bay House Sixth Form, Gosport, UK**  
A-Level (3A\*) (Maths, Further Maths, Physics); AS-Level (4A); EPQ (A\*); GCSE (9A\*; 2A; B).

## ***Employment History***

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Sep 2022 – Present

**Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Western Ontario**  
Taught introduction to philosophy, including metaphysics, epistemology, moral philosophy, practical ethics and political philosophy. Duties include teaching tutorials, planning (including presentations and discussion topics and structures), and grading short and long written assignments.

Jun 2024 – Sep 2024

**Research Assistant: Rotman Institute Think Tank**  
Assisted in research and planning of projects in the think tank project **Computational Epistemology**. Temporary contract.

Jul 2022 – Jan 2024

**Script Writer: freelance**  
For YouTube science and mathematics communication channel *Up and Atom* (find a video I wrote and storyboarded [here](#)).

Sep 2020 – May 2022

**Graduate Nuclear Safety Engineer: AWE, Aldermaston, UK**  
Specialisation: Computational Physics  
Fundamental research, software development, physics simulation. Extensive use of physics principles, statistics, and computer science.

Jul 2019 – Present

**Private Tutor: freelance**  
Tuition in physics, maths, and philosophy up to A-level standard. Average rating: [five stars](#). Approx. **650 hours** taught.

## *Awards and Honours*

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- 2024                    **Distinction** in comprehensive exam for **Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy**.  
University of Western Ontario.
- 2019                    **Elizabeth Anscombe Prize** for best undergraduate philosophy thesis  
(university-wide), University of Oxford
- Gibbs Prize** for best performance in Physics and Philosophy part C philosophy  
papers, University of Oxford
- Schools Prize** for exceptional exam performance, University of Oxford
- 2018                    **Gibbs Prize** for best performance in Physics and Philosophy part B philosophy  
papers, University of Oxford
- Open Scholarship** (awarded for excellent exam performance), University of  
Oxford
- 2017                    **Gibbs Prize** for exceptional performance in Part A Practical work, University  
of Oxford
- Open Exhibition** (awarded for excellent exam performance), University of  
Oxford
- Progress Prize** for exceptional improvement in exam performance, University  
of Oxford
- 2015                    **Bay House EPQ Prize** for best Extended Project Qualification in cohort
- 2013                    **Ogden Trust Physics Prize** for outstanding performance in physics, The  
Ogden Trust

## *Academic Publications*

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- 2018                    “The Utility of Idle Explanations”, *British Journal of Undergraduate  
Philosophy* 12(1)

## *Speaking*

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- 2021                    **Science, Knowledge, and Issues in Defence**, AWE, Berkshire, Co-hosted and  
moderated fortnightly debate society, giving extended topic introductions.
- 2018                    **British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy Annual Conference**, London  
School of Economics, UK. Title: “The Utility of Idle Explanations”.
- EF Academy Oxford Philosophy Society**, EF Academy, Oxford, UK. Title:  
“To what extent can science give us knowledge of reality?”