

Curriculum Vitae

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**1. Biographical Information**

Date of Birth: 11 July 1993  
Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia  
Nationality: Australian  
Current Residence: South Bend, Indiana U.S.  
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**2. Education**

2022–present **University of Notre Dame**

PhD in the History and Philosophy of Science  
Specialisation Track: History  
Thesis: “Nature, Experience, and Inflation: General Price Rises in Early Modern Europe”

2018–2020 **University of Melbourne**

Graduate Diploma in Arts (Advanced)  
Specialisation: History and Philosophy of Science  
Thesis: “The Abstract Monetary Sign and Paper Money’s Technical Production” (Dwight Final Assessment Prize for History and Philosophy of Science)

2015–2016 **University of Melbourne**

Master of Science  
Specialisation: Mathematics  
Thesis: “Soliton Theory and Orthogonal Polynomials”

2012–2014 **University of Melbourne**

Bachelor of Science  
With majors in: Mathematical Physics

2006–2011 **St Michael’s Grammar School**

Victorian Certificate of Education

### 3. Awards

1. I am receiving a **University Presidential Fellowship** for the duration of my PhD at the University of Notre Dame. The fellowship is awarded to recognise and support promising graduate students in the humanities and social sciences; it offers students full tuition and augmented stipend for up to five years.
2. I was awarded the **Dwight Final Assessment Prize** for History and Philosophy of Science in 2020 for my thesis “The Abstract Monetary sign and Paper Money’s Technical Production.” The prize is awarded annually for the highest ranked honours/graduate thesis in the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Melbourne.

### 4. Teaching

- Fall 2025      **University of Notre Dame**  
Reilly Center for Science Technology and Values  
Instructor of Record and Course Designer  
“Statistics & Its Discontents” (STV 30020)
- 2023–2024      **University of Notre Dame**  
Department of History  
Teaching assistant  
(“Crime, Heredity, and Insanity,” Fall 2023; “War in Modern History, 1452–Present,” Spring 2024)
- 2017–2022      **University of Melbourne**  
School of Mathematics and Statistics  
Academic tutor  
(Real Analysis; Vector Calculus; Calculus 2; Linear Algebra)

### 5. Professional Service

- 2025              **Notre Dame Graduate First Year Conference**  
Session chair: Intellectual history.
- 2025              **Notre Dame Annual HPS Conference 2025: Science and the Imagination**  
(website [here](#)). Member of the conference organizing committee.  
Jobs included: website design, conference planning, budgeting,  
applying for grants, chairing, managing events
- 2021–2022      **The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia (UPJA)**  
Referee for history and philosophy of science

## 6. Funding and Grants

1. February 27, 2026. Downes Memorial Fund. University of Notre Dame. Graduate School Professional Development Award. Conference travel funding (\$1560).
2. January 23, 2026. Young Scholar Award. Award of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) and the History of Economics Society (HES) for their joint 2026 Annual Conference (€1000).
3. April 16, 2025. Nanovic Institute for European Studies. University of Notre Dame. Research Grant. Project: “Experiencing Inflation in Early Modern England” (\$700).
4. April 8, 2025. The Franco Family Institute for Liberal Arts and the Public Good. University of Notre Dame. Graduate Student Research Award. Project: “Experiencing Inflation in Early Modern England” (\$1000).
5. May 5, 2024. Notebaert Professional Development Fund. University of Notre Dame. Graduate School Professional Development Award. Conference travel funding (\$500).

## 7. Talks

1. “The voice of God and Nature versus the Wrath of God: Las Casas, Azpilcueta, and New World Inflation.” Joint Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET) and the *History of Economics Society* (HES), Université Côte d’Azur, Nice, France. May 26–29, 2026.
2. “ ‘*Omnium rerum charitatem*’ Copernicus, Astrometeorology, and the Dearness of All Things.” *Midwest Junto for the History of Science*. Perdue University, West Lafayette, IN. April 17–19, 2026.
3. “Individual Prices and Causal Explanation in the Bodin-Malestroit Debate.” *The History of Economic Thought Society Annual Conference*. University of Greenwich, London, UK. September 4–6, 2024.
4. “Individual Prices and Causal Explanation in the Bodin-Malestroit Debate.” *History of Economic Society Annual Conference*. Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile. July 14–17, 2024.
5. “John Locke, ‘Intrinsic Value,’ and Commodity Theories of Money.” *Graduate First Year Conference*. University of Notre Dame. May 10–11, 2023.
6. “Paper Money Experiments: News from China to Western Europe (1250–1400).” *HAPSAT Conference 2021: Global and Local Networks*. University of Toronto. June 11–13, 2021.

7. “Depoliticisation, Technical Discourse, and Paper-Money.” *HPS Seminar Series*. University of Melbourne. Wednesday 21 October, 2020. <https://www.hpsunimelb.org/past-seminars-2020>.

## 8. Publications

1. Review of *The Age of Paper: The Bank Note, Communal Currency and British Society, 1790s–1830s*, by Hiroki Shin. *Contributions to Political Economy*, 44/1 (2025), 219–224. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cpe/bzaf005>.
2. “The Fear of Excess: An Intellectual History of Paper Money in Eighteenth Century Britain.” *Interdisciplinary History of Ideas*, 11/22 (2022), 1–41. [doi.org/10.13135/2280-8574/6064](https://doi.org/10.13135/2280-8574/6064).
3. “The 1783 Proposal for a Readymade Note at the Bank of England.” *Financial History Review*, 29/1 (2022), 72–97. [doi.org/10.1017/S0968565021000123](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0968565021000123).
4. “Depoliticisation, Technical Discourse, and Paper-Money: A Case Study in the Bank Restriction Period.” *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 14/2 (2021), 225–239. [doi.org/10.1080/17530350.2020.1812420](https://doi.org/10.1080/17530350.2020.1812420).