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EDUCATION

Trinity College Dublin 2022 – 2026

BA Mathematics & Philosophy (Single Honours Philosophy Pathway)

- **First Class Honours.** Awarded Entrance Exhibition Award.
- Coursework spanning formal logic, mathematical proof, set theory, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, moral psychology, history of philosophy (esp. Ancient Greek), probability and statistics; elective modules in chemistry and literary theory.

Dublin City University (DCU) 2019 – 2020

Early University Entrance

- Completed modules: Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mathematical Sciences.

Centre for Talented Youth Ireland 2016 – 2019

Various Courses

- Completed courses: Theoretical Physics, Computer Sciences, Advertising & Marketing, Robotics, Cryptanalysis, Medicine & Microbiology.

Drogheda Grammar School 2016 – 2022

Leaving Certificate (Terminal Secondary School Examination)

- Leaving Certificate: 625 CAO points (Maximum).
- DATS Standardised Testing: 99th percentile.
- Subjects: Applied Mathematics, Art, Computer Science, English, History, Irish, Mathematics, Physics.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Published

- “The Misguided Debate Over Existential Import” – *Trinity Student Philosophy Review IV*, 2026.
- “Dogma at the Limits of Thought” – *Daedalus I*, 2026.
- “Reassessing Cantorian Cardinality” – *Trinity Student Philosophy Review III*, 2025.

Under Review

- “Conceptual Idealism Is Not Metaphysical: Hofweber on Facts and Effability” (submitted for consideration in *Analysis*).
- “Believing Without Desiring, Desiring Without Believing: Against the Motivation Argument for Desire As Belief” (submitted to *Global Undergraduate Awards*).
- “Unfeeling, Unmotivated, Uninclined: A Metaphysical Dilemma for the Natural Kind Reward Theory of Desire” (submitted to *Global Undergraduate Awards*).
- “Against ‘Framelessness’ in Environmental Aesthetics” (submitted to *Global Undergraduate Awards*).

In Preparation

- “Peirce’s Importance for Reforming Infinite Set Theory”.
- “Imagination and Modal Knowledge: Defending Kripke from Hill”.
- “Early Wittgenstein’s Alleged Solipsism”.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

“Preserving Functionality in Ambiguity-Motivated Debates in Logic” [Poster] <i>Universality and Indifference: Is Logic Neutral?</i> , LMU Munich, Germany	Nov 2026
“A Case for Adding Philosophy to Ireland’s Leaving Certificate” [Paper] <i>Oxford Philosophical Society & Maynooth Inaugural Conference</i> , Maynooth University	Sep 2026
“Conceptual Idealism and the Language-Metaphysics Gap” [Paper] <i>Logic of Metaphysics</i> , Universität Potsdam, Germany	Sep 2026
“Plato’s Good is Not a Form” [Accepted – Unable to attend: Funding] <i>SOPhiA</i> , University of Salzburg, Austria	Sep 2026
“The Misguided Debate Over Existential Import: Ambiguity and Aristotle’s Categorical Forms” [Accepted – Unable to attend, though Organisers petitioned TCD for funding] <i>9th World Congress on the Square of Opposition</i> , UQAM, Montréal	Jun 2026
Imagination Day [Attendee] – University of St Andrews	May 2026
The Non-Conference [Attendee] – Queen’s University Belfast	May 2026
Philosophy of Mathematics [Attendee] – Université de Lille	Jun 2025

TEACHING & MENTORING

Representative, Olympiad Judge, & Philosophy Coach <i>Modus Ponens Institute</i> • Introduced Irish secondary schools to philosophy. • Coached teams in preparation for Olympiad participation. • Judged international Olympiads.	August 2026 – Present
Freelance Mathematics, Philosophy & Logic Tutor <i>Self-employed (GoStudent, SuperProf, FindTutors, AFEPI)</i> • One-to-one and group tutoring; students aged 6–21, neurodiverse learners. • Subjects: Primary and Junior Cycle Mathematics, Leaving Certificate Mathematics, and undergraduate Philosophy and Logic. • Developed customised lesson plans; set and marked assignments and assessments. • Managed client base, scheduling, and finances independently.	2022 – Present
Residential Assistant <i>Centre for Talented Youth Ireland (CTYI)</i> • Supervised and mentored academically gifted students on CTYI’s residential summer programme. • Organised student activities and events; provided academic and pastoral support.	July 2023
Mentor & Prefect – <i>Drogheda Grammar School</i>	2021 – 2022
Cinnire (Mentor) – <i>Campa Gaeilge</i>	August 2019

ACADEMIC SERVICE & EXTRACURRICULAR

Founder & Director <i>Philosophy for the Leaving Certificate</i> • Independently authored a policy proposal for introducing Philosophy as a Leaving Certificate subject in Ireland, and built an accompanying campaign website, national petition, and primary research survey of students, teachers and employers (philosophyforleavingcertificate.com). • Proposal raised at (Upper House of Irish Parliament).	July 2026 – Present
English Language Editor <i>MetaScientia: Journal of the History and Philosophy of Science</i> (peer-reviewed, open-access) • Edit accepted manuscripts for English-language grammar and clarity ahead of publication.	July 2026 – Present

Other Extracurriculars

- **The Irish Philosophical Society** – Member Dublin, Ireland.
- **The Metaphysical Society** – Member & *Daedalus* Contributor Trinity College Dublin.
- **The Philosophical Society (Phil)** – Member Trinity College Dublin.
- **The Historical Society (Hist)** – Member Trinity College Dublin.
- **All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad** – Competitor Dublin City University.
- **Dublin 22** – Invited Participant Common Purpose Ireland.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Entrance Exhibition Award** – Trinity College Dublin.
- **All Ireland Mathematics Award** – Irish Mathematics Teachers Association.
- **Award for Visual Art & Community Contribution** – Drogheda Grammar School.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The following roles were concurrent with full-time study to support and independently fund my degree.

MiriamSimon.ie – Digital Media Writer & Editor	2018 – Present
Gerry's Fresh Foods – Sales Assistant	2024 – 2025
Saba To Go – Front of House Staff	2022 – 2024
O'Sullivan's Safety – Receptionist / Administrative Assistant	2021 – 2022
Choice – Sales Assistant	2019 – 2021
Internships: Accenture, Arup, ExitEntry, Indaver	(temporary placements) 2019 – 2020

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- **Language, Proof and Logic**, Stanford University, Online - Certified.
- **Classroom Strategies for Inquiry-Based Learning**, University of Texas Austin, Online - Audited.
- **Paradox and Infinity**, MIT, Online - Audited.
- **Technical:** $\LaTeX$, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Data Entry & Analysis.
- **Compliance:** Garda Vetted; Tusla - Children First; Manual Handling Certificate.
- **Creative:** Graphic Design; Copywriting; Oil Paint; Sculpture.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Prof. John Divers Professor of Moral Philosophy & Head of Philosophy Trinity College Dublin	diversj@tcd.ie
Prof. James Levine Associate Professor of Philosophy Trinity College Dublin	jlevine@tcd.ie
Prof. Vasilis Politis Professor of Philosophy Trinity College Dublin	vpolitis@tcd.ie
Dr. Richard Teague Teaching Fellow in Philosophy Trinity College Dublin	teaguer@tcd.ie
Dr. Tom Farrell Surgeon Prosector, Anatomy and Regenerative Medicine Royal College of Surgeons Ireland	tfarrell@rcsi.ie