

# Samuel Boardman | CV

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## Employment

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### Postdoctoral Researcher

2024–2027

Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter an der Professur für Theoretische Philosophie

Institut für Philosophie

*Technische Universität Dresden*

## Education

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### PhD in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*)

2020–2023

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Dissertation title: The Surprise Account of Modal Competence

Supervisor: Prof. Barbara Vetter

### BPhil in Philosophy

2018–2020

*University of Oxford*

Dissertation title: The Modal Universe

Supervisor: Prof. Timothy Williamson

### BA(Hons) in Philosophy

2015–2018

*University of Manchester*

Dissertation title: David Lewis' Epistemology of Modality

Supervisor: Prof. Chris Daly

## Areas of Expertise

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Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

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Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

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## Publications

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Forthcoming. Core Imagination. *Philosophers' Imprint*. (w/ Tom Schoonen)

2023. Epistemologists of modality wanted. *Synthese* 202 (6):1-20. (w/ Tom Schoonen)

## Teaching Experience

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### Modal Knowledge

Primary instructor, 16-week undergraduate seminar

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Winter 2022–2023

## Selected Talks

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### The Acceptance Norm of Intention (w/ Sophie Kikkert)

2025

*Technische Universität Dresden*

Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action

## Acceptance as the Policy to Premise

2024

*Technische Universität Dresden*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## The Agentive Achievement of Acceptance (x3)

*Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf*

Topics in Language and Epistemology

*FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg*

The Value in Abilities

*Technische Universität Dresden*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## Knowledge of Graded Modality (x2)

*Technische Universität Dresden*

Workshop in Theoretical Philosophy

*Humboldt University Berlin*

Berlin WIP Seminar

## The Surprise Account of Modal Knowledge Acquisition (x3)

2022-2023

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Colloquium in

Theoretical Philosophy

*Human Abilities*

The Science & Philosophy of

Modal Thought Workshop

*Humboldt University Berlin*

GAP 11, Conference of the German

Society for Analytic Philosophy

## Epistemologists of Modality Wanted (x2) (w/ Tom Schoonen)

2022

*Universitat de València*

IV Blasco Disputatio

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## Core Imagination (w/ Tom Schoonen)

*Human Abilities: Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities*

Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality Workshop

## The Deontic Demarcation Challenge

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## From Modal Semantics to Modal Knowledge Acquisition

2021

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## Competence and Performance in the Modal Domain

*Freie Universität Berlin*

Colloquium in Theoretical Philosophy

## Knowledge of the Modal Universe

2020

*University of Manchester*

PhilChat2020

## Scholarships & Awards

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### Fee-waiver Bursary

2021

*Central European University*

€500 awarded to attend Identity: Logic and Metaphysics, an international graduate summer school

### PhD Fellowship

2020

*Capacities and the Good project at Freie Universität Berlin (DFG-funded)*

Full Cost Award received by one PhD student

### Fee-waiver Bursary

2019

*University of Urbino, Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Logic and the Philosophy of Science*

€180 awarded to the best applicants to the Urbino Epistemology Summer School

### **Burton Fund Award**

*University of Oxford*

Lady Margaret Hall Academic Development Fund

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award**

2018

*University of Manchester*

£1,000 awarded to 0.5% of the student population every year

### **Michael Polanyi Memorial Prize**

*University of Manchester*

Best third-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy

### **Michael Polanyi Memorial Scholarship**

2017

*University of Manchester*

Best second-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy

### **Michael Polanyi Logic Prize**

*University of Manchester*

Best second-year performance in Logic

### **Undergraduate Conference Support Fund**

*University of Manchester*

£200 awarded to attend University of Sheffield Undergraduate Conference

### **Elizabeth Wegner Prize**

2016

*University of Manchester*

Best first-year performance in (Single or Joint Honours) Philosophy

### **The Manchester Bursary**

2015

*University of Manchester*

£9,000 awarded to those with household income below £17,000

## **Professional Roles**

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### **Postdoctoral Researcher**

2024–2027

*The Nature and Norms of Acceptance* (DFG)

### **Doctoral Researcher**

2020–2023

*Capacities and the Good* (DFG)

### **Associated Researcher**

*Human Abilities: Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities* (DFG)

## **Conference & Workshop Organization**

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### ***Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action***

2025

*Technische Universität Dresden* | Norms and Nature of Acceptance DFG Project

### ***Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality***

2022

*Human Abilities: Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities*

### ***Capacities and the Good***

*FU Berlin* | Capacities and the Good DFG Project

## ***Epistemic Capacities and the Good***

*FU Berlin* | Capacities and the Good DFG Project

## ***PhilChat2017: Philosophy of Gender, Race, and Class***

*University of Manchester*

2017

## ***Open Minds XII***

*University of Manchester*

2016

## **Referee Work**

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Open Minds XII; 23rd Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference; Capacities and the Good Conference; Philosophical Studies; GAP Epistemology Section

## **References**

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### **Prof. Barbara Vetter**

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### **Prof. Moritz Schulz**

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