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PROFILE

Learner and educator holding a Master's in Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, bringing a professional, warm, and authentic attitude. Utilizing analytical, communication, and conceptual thinking skills honed during post-graduate studies to empower teams and individuals for success.

EDUCATION

- 2023 Tilburg University, MA in Philosophy of Mind and Psychology.
Thesis Topic: *Situationism, Factitious Virtue, and the Relevance of Traditional Virtue Ethics: A Conceptual Analysis of Bullying & Mental-health in American Youth.*
- 2021 York University, BA in Psychology with Honors.
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CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2025 5th European Experimental Philosophy Conference, forthcoming poster presentation.
University of East Anglia, Poster Topic: *Perceptions of Virtue: An Experimental Approach*
- 2025 5th International Conference on Philosophy of Mind: Natural and Artificial Intelligence, Online Presentation.
University of Porto. Talk Topic: *The Detail in Cognitive Architecture*
- 2025 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Georgia, Alabama. Talk Topic:
The good in evil deeds: Exploring moral ambiguity and developmental contexts in adolescent behavior
- 2024 50th Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Center of Inquiry. Talk Topic:
Russell Style Questions
- 2024 Exploring Identity and Virtue in the Context of Human-AI Interaction, University of Ljubljana.
Talk Topic: *Intuitive Judgements of Awareness in AI Systems*
- 2024 Social Cognition in VR, University of Bucharest, Online Presentation. Talk Topic:
Picturing Virtual Reality
- 2023 24th annual Ethics Across the Curriculum: Designing Just Futures, James Madison
University. Talk Topic: *Fabricating ChatGPT – A Philosophical Analysis*
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Sep 2024 – Present Humber College, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Science Part-time Professor.
 - Teaching Psychology and Philosophy courses to thirty-to-forty students per class.
 - Creating assessment criteria and following course outlines, materials, and procedures.
 - Maintaining a safe and inclusive learning environment that inspires learning and collaboration.
- Aug 2024 – Present BeAstro Inc. (<https://beastro.org>) Founder & Director.
 - Leading a team of Agents to help support schoolteachers in the Greater Toronto Area.
 - Overseeing operation and delegation within a non-profit sector.
 - Contributing to the goal of assisting teachers in the education system.
- Sep 2023 — Jun 2024 Ontario College of Arts & Design Teacher Assistant.
 - Oversaw over eighty students per semester in an Introduction to Psychology course.
 - Performed various responsibilities (e.g., grading) that aided in student learning.
 - Responded in a timely manner to address students concerns.
- Sep 2023 — Jun 2024 Roots Private School Afterschool & Supply Teacher.
 - Learned the uniqueness and skills of students in every elementary grade level as per subject.
 - Provided personal tutoring to children, revealing and utilizing their individual strengths.
 - Communicate with staff and colleagues to identify and help fill the gaps in the child's learning.
- Aug 2023 — Jul 2024 Go Beyond Academy English Teacher.
 - Worked individually and in small groups with kids ages 12-17 teaching English and Social Science.
 - Practiced distinctive approaches focused on maximizing the personal potential of each student.
- Feb 2018 — Jun 2022 Speakedia Language Learning, Tutor Doctor English, Social Science Tutor.
 - Used a tailored approach aimed at identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each student.
 - Prepared custom lesson plans as per the Ontario curriculum and social composition of students.

Feb 2019 — Aug 2020	Distress Centers of Greater Toronto	Crisis Responder, Volunteer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served as a first-responder for callers in need of mental and emotional support. Connected to three major priority lines: Canadian Suicide Prevention Service, CAMH and EMS. Increased service access by operating within a framework of cultural competency, including the promotion of diversity in all areas of service. 	
Jan 2017 — Apr 2020	InLight Network, York University	Co-founder, Volunteer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified how the transition from high school to post-secondary was difficult for many and co-created a club to help fill this niche. Co-lead the club where post-secondary students mentored eleventh and twelfth graders in order to ease unexpected challenges commonly faced during the transition to post-secondary education. Worked in a paradigm of prevention and comfort, meeting students at their high schools, and by speaking their language, mentors provided advice on a more relational level. 	
Jul 2015 — Aug 2016	Public Outreach Fundraising	Fundraiser (Summer Job).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gained valuable experience in communication with multitudes of different people. Reached top-of-the-office numbers in terms of consistent performance two summers in a row 	

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaker
French: Proficient

Hebrew: Working knowledge
Russian: Highly Proficient

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTREST

English Literature, Yoga, Goju-ryu Karate,
Screenplay writing

CERTIFICATIONS

TESOL and TEFL.
National Lifeguard and CPR(C) & AED.

LINKS

Website: (<https://mpaskaru.com>)

REFERNCES – References available
upon request