

# AYDIN MOHSENI

## *curriculum vitae*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

*AOS* Philosophy of Science, Artificial Intelligence, Formal Epistemology

*AOC* Philosophy of Statistics, Logic, Middle Eastern Philosophy

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*2022—* UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
*Present* **Department of Philosophy**  
Senior Research Fellow

*2021—* UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
*2022* **The Center for Philosophy of Science**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

### EDUCATION

*PhD* *2021* UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
**Logic and Philosophy of Science**  
Dissertation: *Essays on the Social Epistemology of Science*  
Committee: Simon Huttegger and Cailin O'Connor (co-chairs),  
Brian Skyrms, and Kyle Stanford

*MA* *2020* **Mathematical Behavioral Science**

*MS* *2015* CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY  
**Logic, Computation, and Methodology**

*BFA* *2007* MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN  
**Interactive Media**

PEER-REVIEWED CONTRIBUTIONS

- A7 **Mohseni, A.** (*forthcoming*) “Methods for Modeling Science.” in *Philosophy of Science: A User’s Guide*. Adrian Curiey & Sophie Juliane Veigl eds. Oxford University Press.
- A6 **Mohseni, A.**, O’Connor, C., & J. Weatherall (*forthcoming*) “The Best Paper You’ll Read Today: Media Biases and the Public Understanding of Science.” *Philosophical Topics*.
- A5 LaCroix, T. & **A. Mohseni** (2022) “The Tragedy of the AI Commons.” *Synthese*, 200(4), 289.
- A4 **Mohseni, A.**, & C. Williams (2020) “Truth and Conformity on Networks.” *Erkenntnis* 86(6), 1509-1530.
- A3 **Mohseni, A.**, O’Connor, C., & H. Rubin (2019) “On the Emergence of Minority Disadvantage: Testing the Red King Hypothesis.” *Synthese*, 198(2), 5599–5621.
- A2 Barrett, J., Skyrms, B., & **A. Mohseni** (2019). “Self-Assembling Networks.” *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*, 70(2), 301–325.
- A1 **Mohseni, A.** (2019). “Stochastic Stability and Disagreements Between Dynamics.” *Philosophy of Science*, 86(3), 497-521.

CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER REVIEW († ≡ revise & resubmit.)

- R3 **Mohseni, A.** “HARKing: from Misunderstanding to Misprescription” †
- R2 **Mohseni, A.** “Limitations of Equilibrium Concepts in Evolutionary Games” †
- R1 **Mohseni, A.** “Intervention and Backfire in the Replication Crisis”

WORKS IN PROGRESS (‡ ≡ commissioned article.)

- W6 **Mohseni, A.** “The role of modeling in improving science.” *Philosophy Compass*. ‡
- W5 **Mohseni, A.** & D. Herrmann “Why the Human Sciences are Hard”
- W4 **Mohseni, A.** “Changing Scientific Norms: Epistemic Trade-Offs from Classical and Bayesian Perspectives”
- W3 Stanford, K. & **A. Mohseni** “Cooperation and Folk Moral Relativism”
- W2 **Mohseni, A.** & S. Huttegger “Are Nash Equilibria Rational?”
- W1 **Mohseni, A.** “Stochasticity and Intermediate Regimes”

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS († ≡ invited; ‡ ≡ commenter; \* ≡ poster.)

- P9 “Why the Human Sciences are Hard”  
**Formal and Experimental Philosophy Workshop** · Pittsburgh 2023  
**CLMPST: Science and Values in an Uncertain World** · Buenos Aires 2023
- P8 “HARKing: from Misunderstanding to Misprescription”  
 †**Scientific Progress: Individual and Collective** · Amsterdam 2022  
**Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting** · Virtual 2021  
 †**Center for Philosophy of Science, Lunch Time Talk** · Pittsburgh 2021  
**ANPOSS/ENPOSS/POSS-RT Joint Conference** · Tokyo 2021
- P7 “Intervention and Backfire in the Replication Crisis”  
**Philosophy of Science Association Biennial** · Baltimore 2021  
**Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice Biennial** · Lansing 2020  
 †**Public Choice Society Annual Meeting** · Newport Beach 2020  
**Philosophy of Social Science Round Table** · Atlanta 2020  
**12th Munich-Sydney-Tilburg/Turin (MuST) Conference in Philosophy of Science** · Munich 2019
- P6 “On the Emergence of Minority Disadvantage”  
 †**APA: Central Division Meeting** · Denver 2019  
**APA: Pacific Division Meeting** · Vancouver 2019  
**Agent-Based Models in Philosophy Conference** · Bochum 2019  
 †**Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society Meeting** · New Orleans 2019  
 †**Philosophy and Complex Systems Seminar** · Moscow 2018
- P5 ‡“Ungrounded Payoffs”  
 †**Formal Epistemology Workshop** · Toronto 2018
- P4 “Truth and Conformity on Networks”  
**Philosophy of Science Association Biennial** · Seattle 2018  
**Computational Modeling in Philosophy Conference** · Munich 2018  
 †**Formal Social Epistemology Workshop** · Irvine 2018  
**IMBS Luce Graduate Student Conference** · Irvine 2017
- P3 “Stochastic Stability and Disagreements Between Dynamics”  
**Generalized Theory of Evolution Conference** · Dusseldorf 2018  
**Infinite Idealizations in Science Conference** · Munich 2017  
 \***Philosophy of Science Association Biennial** · Atlanta 2016  
 \***PNAS: The Extension of Biology Through Culture** · Irvine 2016  
**IMBS Luce Graduate Student Conference** · Irvine 2016
- P2 “Self-Assembling Networks”  
**IMBS Luce Graduate Student Conference** · Irvine 2015
- P1 “Limitations of Equilibrium Concepts in Evolutionary Games”  
**International Society for History, Philosophy & Social Studies of Biology Biennial Meeting** · Montreal 2015  
**Decisions, Games and Logic Conference** · London 2015

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

UCI School of Social Sciences Outstanding Scholar Award · 2020  
 Christian Werner Research Fellowship · 2020  
 NSF Graduate Research Assistantship (Grant 1922424 for “Consensus, Democracy, and the Public Understanding of Science”; PIs Cailin O’Connor & James Weatherall) · 2019  
 NSF Graduate Research Assistantship (Grant 1535139 for “Social Dynamics and Epistemic Communities”; PI Cailin O’Connor) · 2016-2019  
 UCI DTEI Pedagogical Fellowship · 2019  
 IMBS Summer Research Fellowship · 2018  
 UCI Associate Dean Fellowship · 2018  
 UCI School of Social Science Merit Scholarships · 2015-2020  
 CMU Merit Scholarships · 2013-2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Game Theory, AI, and X-Risk	Instructor	UPenn	Spring 2024
Intro to Logic	Instructor	UPenn	Spring 2024
Intro to Philosophy	Instructor	UPenn	Spring 2023
Metaphysics & Epistemology	Instructor	UPenn	Spring 2023
Topics in Philosophy of Science	Instructor	UPenn	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Intro to Philosophy of Science	Instructor	UPenn	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Making Modern Science	Instructor	UCI	Fall 2020
Intro to Inductive Logic	Instructor	UCI	Summer 2020
Interm Statistics	TA	UCI	Winter 2020
Game Theory & Politics	TA	UCI	Spring 2019
Voting Theory	Guest Lect	UCI	Winter 2019
Interm Macro Economics	TA	UCI	Spring 2018
Bayesian Epistemology	Guest Lect	UCI	Winter 2018
Interm Statistics	TA	UCI	Fall 2017
Intro to Game Theory	TA	UCI	Winter 2017
Intro to Inductive Logic	TA	UCI	Spring 2016
Philosophy of Biology	TA	UCI	Winter 2016
Intro to Logic	Grader	CMU	Summer 2015
Web Design & Development	Instructor	MCAD	Fall 2012, Spring 2013

TEACHING TRAINING

UCI DTEI Mentoring Excellence Program workshops · 2020  
 Mentoring Across Differences · Spring 2020  
 Balancing Academics and Wellness · Winter 2020  
 UCI DTEI Certificate of Teaching Excellence · 2019  
 UCI DTEI Certificate of Course Design · 2018

UCI course in advanced course design: Uni Stu 390Z · 2020  
UCI courses in pedagogy: Uni Stu 390X, S90A, 390B, and 390C · 2018-19  
UCI Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom workshops · 2019-20  
    Inclusive Course Design Workshop · Winter 2020  
    Inclusive Classroom Practices and Pedagogies Workshop · Spring 2019  
    Enhancing Diversity and Equitable Inclusion Workshop · Fall 2019  
UCI Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program · 2015

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Referee (Journals)* · Philosophy of Science, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, The European Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Synthese, Theoria, American Philosophical Quarterly

*Referee (Books)* · Pittsburgh University Press

*Referee (Conferences)* · Formal Epistemology Workshop (2020), Agent Based Models in Philosophy (Summer 2023, Spring 2019), PSA Poster Committee (2022)

*Workshop Designer and Presenter* · Twelve-hour TA Professional Development Program workshop for philosophy grad students (Fall 2019), two-hour workshops on diversity & inclusion for graduate students in the school of social sciences (Winter 2020, Spring 2020)

*Organizer* · Philosophy of Science Association Symposium Panel on “Modeling the Social Structure of Science” (Fall 2021)

*Program Facilitator* · LPS Summer Diversity Workshop (Summer 2020), 17th Annual Formal Epistemology Workshop (Spring 2020), Formal Social Epistemology Workshop (Spring 2018), Philosophy of Machine Learning Conference (Spring 2018), Medical Knowledge in a Social World Conference (Spring 2016)

*Public Outreach Volunteer* · Public Philosophy Booth, Long Beach Farmer’s Market (2020), Center for Open Science Ambassador

#### LANGUAGES

*English* (fluent) primary language of education

*Persian* (native) fluent oral skills, 4 years writing instruction

*Moroccan Arabic* (advanced) certified proficiency, 2 years living in Morocco

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Center for Open Science (Ambassador)

Philosophy of Science Association

International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society  
American Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

**Dr. Simon Huttegger**

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University of California, Irvine  
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**Dr. Edouard Machery**

Distinguished Professor of Philosophy  
University of Pittsburgh  
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**Dr. Cailin O'Connor**

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