

# Marco Maggiani

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University of Pittsburgh

**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics

**Areas of Competence:** Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics

## Education

### University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. in Philosophy, *expected Spring 2026*

Dissertation: *Interpretation, Confirmation, and Self-Location at the Limits of Physics*

Committee: David Wallace (advisor), Robert Batterman, Porter Williams, Yoaav Isaacs (external)

### Tufts University

M.A. in Philosophy, 2018

### Vita-Salute San Raffaele University

B.A. in Philosophy, 2016

### University of Pisa

B.S. in Physics, 2013

## Publications

The Unruh Effect and Theory Interpretation in an Effective Framework, *Philosophy of Physics* (2025)

## Works in Progress

Grounding and Ontological Economy (*revise and resubmit, Erkenntnis*)

Effective Realism and the Problem of Boltzmann Brains (draft available)

Universe Indifference (draft available)

Verbal Disputes and the Past Hypothesis

Truthmakers, Presentism, and Black Holes

## Presentations

### The Unruh Effect and Theory Interpretation in an Effective Framework

APA Central Division Meeting, February 2025

8th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, December 2024

Western University Philosophy of Physics Reading Group, April 2024

### Effective Realism and the Problem of Boltzmann Brains

BLOC Philosophy of Physics Graduate Workshop, December 2024

### Universe Indifference

APA Eastern Division Meeting, Symposium, January 2026

10th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Time, July 2025

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor of Record

Set Theory — University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2024, Spring 2026

Introduction to Logic — University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2022

## Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Philosophical Problems — University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2025  
Introduction to Logic — University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019  
Introduction to Philosophy of Science — University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2021  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind — University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2020

## Grader

Bioethics — Tufts University, Spring 2018  
Logic — Tufts University, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

## Graduate Coursework

### Philosophy of Science and Physics

Philosophy of Science Core — *James Woodward*<sup>\*</sup>  
Philosophy of Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics — *John Norton, David Wallace*<sup>\*</sup>  
Topics in Philosophy of Physics — *Harvey Brown*  
Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics — *David Wallace*  
Philosophy of Quantum Field Theory — *David Wallace*<sup>\*</sup>  
Models and Modeling in Science — *Robert Batterman*  
Realism — *Mazviita Chirimwuta*  
Science and Values — *Sandra Mitchell*<sup>\*</sup>  
Newton's *Principia* — *George Smith*

### Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics

Advanced Logic — *Thomas Ricketts*  
Logic — *George Smith*  
Modal Logic — *Dilip Ninan*  
Computation Theory — *George Smith*  
Philosophy of Mathematics — *Mark Wilson*

### Metaphysics and Epistemology

Metaphysics and Epistemology (Core) — *Dmitri Gallow*  
Metaphysics — *Dmitri Gallow*  
Evidence: Law, Language, Epistemology — *Dilip Ninan*  
Epistemology — *Jody Azzouni*

### History of Philosophy

Studies in Kant — *Steven Engstrom*<sup>\*</sup>  
Hegel — *John McDowell*<sup>\*</sup>  
Frege — *Thomas Ricketts*<sup>\*</sup>  
Wittgenstein — *Thomas Ricketts*<sup>\*</sup>

### Ethics and Value Theory

Ethics (Core) — *Japa Pallikkathayil*

<sup>\*</sup> indicates audited

## Service

Journal Refereeing: *Philosophy of Physics*  
Lead Organizer, Pitt/CMU Graduate Conference (with Mara McGuire), 2024–2025  
Lead Organizer, Pitt/CMU Graduate Conference (with Caitlin Mace), 2023–2024  
Organizer, Pitt/CMU Graduate Conference, 2022–2023

Graduate Student Organization Representative, Department of Philosophy, 2023–2024  
Volunteer, Open Doors Philosophy Academy, Summer 2024  
Reviewer, Pitt/CMU Graduate Conference, 2019, 2022–2025  
Coffee Organizer, Department of Philosophy, 2019–2024

## **References**

### **David Wallace**

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### **Robert Batterman** (incl. teaching)

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