

Jona Ragogna

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EDUCATION

Macalester College

Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Psychology (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR)

5-Day applied rationality & decision-making workshop

Mahindra United World College of India

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Bundesrealgymnasium Innsbruck

High School Diploma

August 2024 – May 2028

St. Paul, MN

November 2025

San Francisco, CA

August 2021 – May 2023

Pune, India

September 2015 – July 2021

Innsbruck, Austria

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Upcoming Spring 2026 Positions

Macalester College

January 2026 – May 2026

St. Paul, MN

- Research Assistant, Morality & Social Cognition Lab
- Teaching Assistant for Principles of Economics
- Independent research project on the effect of AI use on learning & motivation; journal submission in May 2026

First Author, Crisis of Meaning & Conspiracy Belief Study

MF Specialized University Oslo & University of Oslo

August 2025 – Present

Oslo, Norway

- First author and corresponding author on research examining the relationships between crisis of meaning, conspiracy belief, and worldviews among 1,000 participants
- Collaborated with two researchers at the University of Oslo and MF Specialized University Oslo
- Completed manuscript, submitted for peer review in January 2026

Co-Author for In-Class Research – AI & Cognitive Psychology

Macalester College (Research in Psychology II)

August 2025 – Present

St. Paul, MN

- Designed, executed, and wrote survey study examining AI use impact on critical thinking

WORK & ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Creator

YouTube Channel (18K Subscribers)

November 2023 – Present

Remote

- Built educational YouTube channel from 0 to 18K subscribers in 12 months, 800K viewers, 10M impressions
- Sole ownership of complete production pipeline: research, scriptwriting, filming, editing, and graphic design
- Academic video essays & interviews on neuroscience, psychology, and philosophy

Organizational Psychology for Fortune 500 Company

Medtronic

August 2024 – December 2024

Minneapolis, MN

- Conducted 1-on-1 interviews with heads of talent acquisition & management to assess recruiting practices
- Delivered recommendation presentation to heads of talent on optimizing talent recruitment

Founder

Anterior Mid-Cingulate Cortex Cohort

August 2024 – October 2024

Remote

- Created four-week course curriculum on self-discipline; led twice-weekly sessions for 19 paying participants

Founder

Mental Cortex Community

March 2024 – August 2024

Remote

- Founded productivity-focused community reaching 200 members (50 paying)

Sales Consultant

Swarovski

July 2023 – August 2023

Wattens, Austria

- Consulted customers on jewelry purchases at the company's flagship location

Marketing Intern

P8 Marketing

May 2022 – June 2022

Innsbruck, Austria

- Created 3 marketing campaigns for Austrian hotel chains for customers under 30

AWARDS & HONORS

Davis UWC Scholarship <i>Scholarship promoting global understanding and cultural exchange</i>	2024 – 2028
Kofi Annan Scholarship <i>Awarded for excellence in internationalism and civic engagement</i>	2024 – 2028
Turck Honor Scholarship <i>Awarded for demonstrating special academic potential</i>	2024 – 2028
Macalester Summer Internship Grant (MSIG) <i>Merit-based grant supporting internships in unpaid positions</i>	Summer 2025
Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR) Scholarship <i>Scholarship for applied rationality workshop</i>	November 2025
UWC Scholarship <i>Scholarship awarded to students admitted to UWC</i>	2021 – 2023
Dean's List <i>Awarded for academic excellence each semester</i>	August 2024 – December 2025
Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place Nationally with Distinction, classical guitar + flute duo</i>	2018
Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place in State with Distinction, classical guitar + flute duo</i>	2018
Prima La Musica – Austrian Youth Music Competition <i>1st Place in State, classical guitar soloist</i>	2017

COURSEWORK

Macalester College

- **Fall 2025:** Research In Psychology II (PSYC301), Circuits of Motivation & Movement (PSYC394), Behavioral Economics (ECON294), World Religions & World Religions Discourse (RELI136)
- **Spring 2025:** Cognitive Neuroscience (PSYC244), Research In Psychology I (PSYC201), Game Theory (ECON294), Applied Multivariable Calculus I (MATH135)
- **Fall 2024:** Principles of Economics (ECON119), Industrial & Organizational Psychology (PSYC258), Western Classical Music (MUSI100), Philosophy of Love & Friendship (PHIL100)

Mahindra United World College of India

- **IBDP Higher Level Subjects:** Psychology, Chemistry, English Language & Literature
- **IBDP Standard Level Subjects:** German Literature, Biology, Mathematics

LANGUAGES

German (native), Italian (native), English (fluent), Latin (reading proficiency)

NOTE

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