

# Jona Ragogna

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## EDUCATION

### Macalester College

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

August 2024 – May 2028

St. Paul, MN

### Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR)

*5-Day applied rationality & decision-making workshop*

November 2025

San Francisco, CA

### Mahindra United World College of India

*International Baccalaureate Diploma*

August 2021 – May 2023

Pune, India

### Bundesrealgymnasium Innsbruck

*High School Diploma*

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

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

## COURSEWORK

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### 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

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

## NOTE

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