

2022-2023

NEXT STEPS

This summer, the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences applauds the outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who left HSS during the year ending June 30, 2023, to embark on new adventures beyond the Institute. Please join us in wishing them well in their next steps!

ALEXANDER BLOEDEL

Assistant Professor of Economics, UCLA

Bloedel is an economic theorist studying topics in information economics, mechanism design, dynamic games, and bounded rationality. He spent



the 2021–2022 academic year as a Linde Institute Postdoctoral Scholar in Economics, collaborating with Omer Tamuz and other Center for Social Information Sciences faculty on research at the intersection of economics and computer science. In the fall of 2022, Bloedel joined the department of economics at UCLA as an assistant professor.

JOHN VINCENT (J.V.) DECEMVIRALE

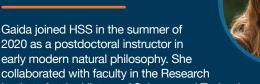
Assistant Professor, California State University, San Bernardino

During his two years with HSS as a Weisman Postdoctoral Instructor in Visual Culture and Caltech Presidential

Postdoctoral Fellow, Decemvirale taught undergraduate courses that built upon his interests in modern and contemporary art and the histories of Black and Latino art spaces in Los Angeles, and he collaborated with faculty in the Caltech-Huntington Program in Visual Culture. Decemvirale joins the faculty at Cal State San Bernardino in a tenure-track position this fall.



HSS Lecturer and Independent Scholar





SUMIT GOEL

Postdoc, NYU Abu Dhabi

Goel graduated with a PhD in social science and a minor in computer science after completing his dissertation, *Essays in Mechanism Design and Contest Theory*, with Federico Echenique as his advisor.



During his time at Caltech, he was a Linde Institute Graduate Fellow (2019–2020 and 2021–2022) and a Repetto-Figueroa Family Graduate Fellow (2020–2021). Goel is spending the summer as a research member at the Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute (formerly MSRI), and then he'll begin a postdoctoral appointment at NYU Abu Dhabi.

DANIEL GUTH

Postdoctoral Associate, University of Rochester Medical Center



He earned his PhD after defending his thesis, *Essays in Health Economics*, with Jean-Laurent Rosenthal as his advisor. After commencement, Guth joined the University of Rochester Medical Center as a postdoctoral associate.

WADE HANN-CARUTHERS

Postdoc, Game Theory Group at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

Hann-Caruthers (BS '16, mathematics and computer science (minor)) completed his dissertation, Essays on Social Learning

and Social Choice, with Omer Tamuz as his advisor, and he joins the Game Theory Group at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology as a postdoc this August. His research interests lie primarily in microeconomic theory, especially social learning, social choice, and mechanism design. Hann-Caruthers was the recipient of a 2019–2020 PIMCO Graduate Fellowship.



CLAUDIA KANN

Kann began her Caltech graduate studies in mechanical engineering (MS '19) and then enrolled in HSS's PhD program to study American politics and political methodology. She earned her PhD after defending her thesis,

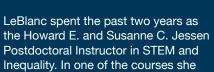


Computational Methods in the Study of

Political Behavior, with Michael Alvarez as her advisor, and she is now considering jobs in private industry. During the 2021–2022 academic year, Kann was a Stephen A. Ross Memorial Fellow.

HANNAH LEBLANC

Social Studies Teacher, Francis Parker School

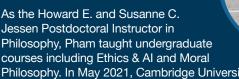




taught at Caltech, she and her students examined how scientific ideas about race developed in concert with European imperial expansion and slavery, and how these ideas were employed in legal cases, medical practice, and eugenics policies. LeBlanc will join the Francis Parker School in San Diego this fall as a social studies teacher.

ADAM PHAM

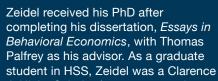
Data/ML Scientist, Channel Precision



Philosophy. In May 2021, Cambridge University Press published his first book, *Algorithms and Autonomy: The Ethics of Automated Decision Systems* (written with Alan Rubel and Clinton Castro). Pham joined the research department at Channel Precision as a data/ML scientist (technical staff) in January 2023.

JEFFREY ZEIDEL Postdoc NYII Abu Dhab

Postdoc, NYU Abu Dhabi





J. Hicks Scholar (2019–2020 and 2021–2022) and an A. Michael and Ruth C. Lipper Fellow (2020–2021). He also received the John O. Ledyard Prize for Graduate Research in Social Science in 2019 (for joint work with social sciences graduate student Joanna Huey). Later this summer, Zeidel will join Goel at NYU Abu Dhabi as a postdoc.

CHARLES KOLLMER

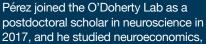
History Faculty, Flintridge Preparatory School

Kollmer is a historian of the modern life sciences. As the Ahmanson Postdoctoral Instructor in History of Biology, he taught several undergraduate courses, including

Classification and Its Consequences in Modern Biology and Medicine and Carving Nature's Joints: Histories of Nature's Order. Kollmer received an HSS Brass Division Award for teaching in 2021. He joins the history faculty at Flintridge Preparatory School in La Cañada this August, where he will focus on world history.

OMAR PÉREZ

Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile



habits, and the relationship between electrophysiology and fMRI signals. He is now an assistant professor in the department of industrial engineering at the University of Chile. His research uses concepts from psychology, behavioral economics, and cognitive neuroscience. Pérez is also an invited researcher at the Instituto Sistemas Complejos de Ingeniería in Chile.



FEDOR SANDOMIRSKIY

Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer, Department of Economics, Princeton University

Sandomirskiy is a microeconomic theorist specializing in information economics and economic design.

structor in Economics,

As the Linde Institute Postdoctoral Instructor in Economics, he taught undergraduate courses on algorithmic economics and collaborated with faculty from The Linde Institute's Center for Social Information Sciences. In July, Sandomirskiy joined the department of economics at Princeton University as an associate research scholar and lecturer.

QING (ROBIN) ZHAO

Cost Engineer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Zhao joined HSS in the fall of 2021 as a postdoctoral scholar in political science. With interests in political economy, public finance, applied microeconomics, and



education finance, she collaborated with social science faculty members, including Jean-Laurent Rosenthal and Rod Kiewiet. Her main project studied the politics of school funding. Earlier this year, Zhao moved to JPL as a cost engineer.