

AARON (ARI) BELLER

EDUCATION

2016 - 2018 Brown University Providence, RI
Master of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0

2012 - 2016 Brown University Providence, RI
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, magna cum laude, GPA: 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

2017: Fall Semester Department of Computer Science Providence, RI
Head Teaching Assistant, Computational Linear Algebra - Brown University

- Taught an advanced class of 20 students and oversaw a staff of undergraduate TAs

2016 - 2017 John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library Providence, RI
Bindery Assistant

- Worked two summers at Brown's primary teaching and research library to support myself while conducting independent research

2013 - 2016 Saint Anthony Hall Providence, RI
President & various officer roles, Kappa Chapter of a national co-ed literary fraternity

- Admitted my sophomore year. Served as Social Chair, Pledge Educator, and SATRI Representative before being elected President in Spring 2015
- As President, I managed housing, budgeting, and officer coordination. I fostered active and positive relationships with our alumni, the Brown administration, and other undergraduate chapters. I also oversaw the adoption of a sexual assault awareness and prevention policy

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *Phi Beta Kappa*: elected to the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honors society in my junior year. Election as a junior is the most competitive honor in a highly competitive process.
- *Curt John Ducasse Premium in Metaphysics*: selected by the Brown Philosophy Department as the sole undergraduate recipient of this award for my work in Consciousness and Epistemology.

COURSEWORK & PROJECTS

- *Convolutional Neural Net for Sentence Classification*: Implemented a CNN using TensorFlow for various sentence classification and sentiment analysis tasks.
- *Undergraduate Thesis*: "Gricean Compositionality and the Structure of Communicative Intention" My thesis explored the intersection of mind and meaning. I worked to extend an area of the Gricean program, which argues that the meanings of our utterances reflect our communicative intentions.
- *Relevant Coursework*: Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Computational Linguistics, Computational Probability and Statistics, Designing Humanity-Centered Robots, Topics in Collaborative Robotics (currently enrolled), The Matrix in Computer Science (linear algebra), Philosophy of Language, and Philosophy of Mind.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programming Languages: Proficient with Python; Experience with TensorFlow, MATLAB, Scala, Java
Interests: Meditation, Chatbots, Singing (classical choral, chamber music, pop)