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curriculum vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer – University of Minnesota, Twin Cities August 2023 – Present

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of AI, History of Western Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Ethics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Thesis: “Three Essays on Later Wittgenstein’s Philosophy of Mathematics: Reality, Determination, & Infinity” December 2022  
Committee: Alan Nelson (Director), Ram Neta, Markus Kohl, C.D.C. Reeve, Carla Merino-Rajme  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

M.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill May 2017

B.A. Philosophy, Brown University, magna cum laude (highest possible distinction) May 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) “Do I Know that I am Conscious?”, in *Think* (forthcoming).
- (2) “Hume on Simple and Complex Ideas: A Wittgensteinian Reappraisal”, in *Systematic Thinkers in Early Modern Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Alan Nelson*, eds. Patrick Connolly & Jan-Erik Jones (forthcoming).
- (3) “Feminist Philosophy and Film: The conditions of sexual violence in Marilyn Frye’s ‘Sexism’ and Joyce Chopra’s *Smooth Talk*”, with Tamara Fakhoury, in *Visions of Peace and Non-Violence in Popular Culture*, ed. Jennifer Kling, Brill, 2026.
- (4) “A Cave Allegory”, *Philosophy and Literature* (forthcoming).
- (5) “From Pictures to Employments: Later Wittgenstein on ‘the Infinite’”, *Inquiry*, 2024.
- (6) “Later Wittgenstein on ‘Truth’ and Realism in Mathematics”, *Philosophy*, 2024.
- (7) “Crossing Pictures of ‘Determination’ in Wittgenstein’s Remarks on Rule-following”, *Philosophical Investigations*, 2023.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- “Dissolution of the Cartesian Self in Wittgenstein’s *Blue Book*”
- “Wittgenstein and the Question of Conscious AI”
- “Truth in the *Philosophical Investigations*”

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & NOMINATIONS

Nominated by Students for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award – UMN, CLA 2025  
Nominated by Students for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award – UMN, CLA 2024  
\*This award is reserved for instructors employed by UMN for at least 5 years.  
Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching – UNC, Chapel Hill 2019

Highest university-wide award for excellence in undergraduate teaching by a graduate student. Link to announcement: <https://tinyurl.com/k6bdf76a>

Graham Keenan Fellow – UNC Global 2016

Awarded to students traveling to a professional conference, first year of graduate study.

Horace Williams Fellowship – UNC, Chapel Hill 2015-2016

## PRESENTATIONS

“Wittgenstein and the Question of Conscious AI” October 2026  
Young Network for Wittgensteinian Philosophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Düsseldorf

“Wittgenstein and the Question of Conscious AI” May 2026  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Colloquium

“Philosophical Poetics in Times of Crisis” May 2025  
Sources of Wisdom Conference: Notre Dame Global Center at Kylemore Abbey

“Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s *Blue Book*” April 2025  
University of Florida, Philosophy Department

“Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s *Blue Book*” March 2025  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department

“Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s *Blue Book*” February 2025  
UMN, Twin Cities Untenured Philosophers Workshop (T-CUP)

“Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience: November 2024  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Department Colloquium

“Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience: May 2024  
A Problem for Early Modern Empiricists?”  
UNC, Chapel Hill, Conference Celebrating Alan Nelson

“Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience” April 2024  
UMN, Twin Cities, Undergraduate Philosophy Club

“Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience” March 2024  
UMN, Twin Cities Untenured Philosophers Workshop (T-CUP)

“Later Wittgenstein on ‘Truth’: A Therapeutic Reading” January 2024  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department

“Wittgenstein on the Alleged ‘Reality’ of Mathematics” March 2023  
University of Minnesota, Duluth, Philosophy Department Colloquium

“Image, Appetite, & Appearing Good in Plato’s *Republic*” January 2021  
Symposium at the APA Eastern  
Comments by Katja Vogt (Columbia) & Cinzia Arruzza (New School)

“Appetites in Plato’s Moral Psychology” November 2019  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department

*Comments:* Katja Vogt, “Three Euthyphro Problems” October 2019  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 53<sup>rd</sup> Colloquium in Philosophy

“Is Reliability in Arithmetic ‘Striking’?: A Defense of Arithmetical Platonism” May 2016  
UNC-King’s College Conference in Philosophy, London

## *Public Outreach*

May Brodbeck Outreach Event: *The Value of Freedom of Expression* (Facilitator) 2026

May Brodbeck Outreach Event: *Philosophy & AI* (Facilitator) 2025

May Brodbeck Outreach Event: *Perspectivism in Science* (Facilitator) 2024

Minnesota Regional Highschool Ethics Bowl (Judge) 2023

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| “Plato’s Critique of Democracy” (UNC Chapel Hill)                                                                                                                                   | 2019 |
| As part of a community event in the Philosophy Department, I gave a presentation aimed at promoting the study of philosophy.                                                        |      |
| Showing and Discussion of <i>Leave No Trace</i> (UNC Chapel Hill)                                                                                                                   | 2018 |
| As part of the “Philosophy at the Movies” series in the Philosophy Department at UNC, I showed a film to students and led a discussion addressing its ethical and political themes. |      |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *As Primary Instructor*

|                                                                       |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Senior Capstone Seminar (with Tamara Fakhoury)                        | UMN, Spring 2027 |
| Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Minds, and Reality             | UMN, Spring 2027 |
| Existentialism: Nietzsche                                             | UMN, Fall 2026   |
| Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Minds, and Reality             | UMN, Fall 2026   |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Summer 2026 |
| Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (Graduate Level)                | UMN, Spring 2026 |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Spring 2026 |
| Philosophy of Mathematics (Graduate Level)                            | UMN, Fall 2025   |
| Wittgenstein (Early & Late)                                           | UMN, Fall 2025   |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Summer 2025 |
| Senior Capstone Seminar (with Sarah Holtman)                          | UMN, Spring 2025 |
| Senior Capstone (Directed Study): Wittgenstein and Gender             | UMN, Spring 2025 |
| Introduction to Philosophy: Plato’s <i>Republic</i>                   | UMN, Spring 2025 |
| ‘Self’ and ‘No Self’ in Asian and Western Philosophy (Graduate Level) | UMN, Fall 2024   |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Fall 2024   |
| Directed Study: Wittgenstein’s Philosophy of Mathematics              | UMN, Fall 2024   |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Summer 2024 |
| Directed Study: Self and Nature in Environmental Ethics               | UMN, Summer 2024 |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UMN, Spring 2024 |
| Intro to Ethics                                                       | UMN, Spring 2024 |
| Directed Study: Wittgenstein and Noise Music                          | UMN, Spring 2024 |
| Directed Study: Wittgenstein and Poetry                               | UMN, Spring 2024 |
| Senior Capstone (Directed Study): Moral Status of Ocean life          | UMN, Spring 2024 |
| Senior Capstone (Directed Study): Wittgenstein and Daoism             | UMN, Fall 2023   |
| Wittgenstein (Early & Late)                                           | UMN, Fall 2023   |
| Introduction to Ethical Theory (in Eastern & Western Traditions)      | UMN, Fall 2023   |
| Self, Mind, & Heart in Eastern Philosophies                           | UNC, Summer 2023 |
| Wittgenstein on Language, Meaning, & The Limits of Philosophy         | UNC, Summer 2022 |
| Feminist Themes in Philosophy, Film, & Literature                     | UNC, Summer 2021 |
| Peace, War, and Human Nature                                          | UNC, Summer 2020 |
| Introduction to Mathematical Logic                                    | UNC, Summer 2019 |
| Seminar in Selected Topics: Plato’s <i>Republic</i>                   | UNC, Spring 2019 |
| Environmental Ethics                                                  | UNC, Fall 2018   |
| Ancient Greek Ethics: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle                  | UNC, Summer 2018 |
| Ancient Greek Philosophy: <i>Eudaimonia</i> and the Good Life         | UNC, Spring 2018 |
| Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle                    | UNC, Summer 2017 |

### *As Teaching Assistant*

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Introduction to Ethics (with Geoff Sayre-McCord)          | UNC, Fall 2017   |
| Environmental Ethics (with Douglas MacLean)               | UNC, Spring 2017 |
| Introduction to Mathematical Logic (with Gillian Russell) | UNC, Fall 2016   |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Referee for <i>Synthese</i>                                                                                                                                                                 | 2026-       |
| Referee for <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i>                                                                                                                                 | 2026-       |
| Research Assistant for Thomas E. Hill, Jr.                                                                                                                                                  | 2020        |
| Copy edited early drafts of <i>Beyond Duty: Kantian Ideals of Respect, Beneficence, and Appreciation</i>                                                                                    |             |
| Research Assistant for C.D.C. Reeve                                                                                                                                                         | 2018-2020   |
| Copy edited Reeve's translations of Aristotle's <i>Rhetoric</i> (2018); <i>Generation of Animals</i> , & <i>History of Animals I, Parts of Animals I</i> (2019); and <i>De Caelo</i> (2020) |             |
| Mentor to first year Graduate Students in Philosophy                                                                                                                                        | 2018 - 2019 |
| UNC President of Graduate Students in Philosophy                                                                                                                                            | 2017 - 2018 |
| UNC Philosophy Diversity Committee                                                                                                                                                          | 2015 - 2017 |

REFERENCES

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Alan Nelson</b><br>Professor Emeritus<br><a href="mailto:anelson@unc.edu">anelson@unc.edu</a><br>(919) 780-4558    | <b>Peter Hanks</b><br>Professor<br><a href="mailto:pwhanks@umn.edu">pwhanks@umn.edu</a><br>(612) 625-2020                   |
| <b>Ram Neta</b><br>Professor<br><a href="mailto:neta@email.unc.edu">neta@email.unc.edu</a><br>(919) 962-2280          | <b>Valerie Tiberius</b> (Teaching)<br>Professor<br><a href="mailto:tiberius@umn.edu">tiberius@umn.edu</a><br>(612) 625-2020 |
| <b>Markus Kohl</b><br>Professor<br><a href="mailto:mkohl17@email.unc.edu">mkohl17@email.unc.edu</a><br>(919) 962-1150 |                                                                                                                             |