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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, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

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. Thesis: “Wittgenstein on Logic, Truth, and Reality” May 2017
Committee: Alan Nelson (Director), Ram Neta, and John Roberts
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) “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)
- (2) “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 (forthcoming)
- (3) “A Cave Allegory”, *Philosophy and Literature* (forthcoming)
- (4) “From Pictures to Employments: Later Wittgenstein on ‘the Infinite’”, *Inquiry*, 2024
- (5) “Later Wittgenstein on ‘Truth’ and Realism in Mathematics”, *Philosophy*, 2024
- (6) “Crossing Pictures of ‘Determination’ in Wittgenstein’s Remarks on Rule-following”, *Philosophical Investigations*, 2023

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

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| “The Role of Poetics in Wittgenstein’s Therapeutic Philosophy” UMN, Twin Cities Untenured Philosophers Workshop (T-CUP) | April 2026 |
| “Wittgenstein on the Question of Conscious AI” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Colloquium | February 2026 |
| “Philosophical Poetics in Times of Crisis” Sources of Wisdom Conference: Notre Dame Global Center at Kylemore Abbey | May 2025 |
| “Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s <i>Blue Book</i> ” University of Florida, Philosophy Department | April 2025 |
| “Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s <i>Blue Book</i> ” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department | March 2025 |
| “Dissolution of the Metaphysical Self in Wittgenstein’s <i>Blue Book</i> ” UMN, Twin Cities Untenured Philosophers Workshop (T-CUP) | February 2025 |
| “Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Department Colloquium | November 2024 |
| “Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience: A Problem for Early Modern Empiricists?” UNC, Chapel Hill, Conference Celebrating Alan Nelson | May 2024 |
| “Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience” UMN, Twin Cities, Undergraduate Philosophy Club | April 2024 |
| “Later Wittgenstein on the Analysis of Experience” UMN, Twin Cities Untenured Philosophers Workshop (T-CUP) | March 2024 |
| “Later Wittgenstein on ‘Truth’: A Therapeutic Reading” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department | January 2024 |
| “Wittgenstein on the Alleged ‘Reality’ of Mathematics” University of Minnesota, Duluth, Philosophy Department Colloquium | March 2023 |
| “Image, Appetite, & Appearing Good in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ” Symposium at the APA Eastern Comments by Katja Vogt (Columbia) & Cinzia Arruzza (New School) | January 2021 |
| “Appetites in Plato’s Moral Psychology” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Department | November 2019 |
| <i>Comments:</i> Katja Vogt, “Three Euthyphro Problems” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 53 rd Colloquium in Philosophy | October 2019 |
| “Is Reliability in Arithmetic ‘Striking’?: A Defense of Arithmetical Platonism” UNC-King’s College Conference in Philosophy, London | May 2016 |

Public Outreach

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| May Brodbeck Outreach Event: <i>Philosophy & AI</i> (Facilitator) | 2025 |
| May Brodbeck Outreach Event: <i>Perspectivism in Science</i> (Facilitator) | 2024 |
| Minnesota Regional Highschool Ethics Bowl (Judge) | 2023 |
| “Plato’s Critique of Democracy” (UNC Chapel Hill) As part of a community event in the Philosophy Department, I gave a presentation aimed at promoting the study of philosophy. | 2019 |
| Showing and Discussion of <i>Leave No Trace</i> (UNC Chapel Hill) 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. | 2018 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Primary Instructor

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| Philosophy of Mind (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 Captsone (Directed Study): Wittgenstein and Gender | UMN, Spring 2025 |
| Introduction to Philosophy | 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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| 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

Alan Nelson

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