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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*, 2025.
- (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 IN PROGRESS

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

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & NOMINATIONS

Nominated by Students for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award – UMN, CLA 2026
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 full-time 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

“AI Consciousness and the Problem of the Criterion” UMN, Twin Cities, Undergraduate Philosophy Club	December 2026
“Wittgenstein and the Question of Conscious AI” Young Network for Wittgensteinian Philosophy 3 rd Annual Conference, Düsseldorf	October 2026
“Wittgenstein and the Question of Conscious AI” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Philosophy Colloquium	May 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

<i>Public Outreach</i>	
May Brodbeck Outreach Event: <i>The Value of Freedom of Expression</i> (Facilitator)	2026
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)	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

<i>As Primary Instructor</i>	
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 AI: Consciousness and Relationships (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

<i>As Teaching Assistant</i>	
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

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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