

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Social/Political Philosophy, Logic, Epistemology

Education

University of California at Irvine

Ph.D. in Philosophy (2015-present)

Committee Chair: Cailin O' Connor, Department of LPS, UC-Irvine

Committee Members:

James Weatherall, Department of LPS, UC-Irvine

Lauren Ross, Department of LPS, UC-Irvine

California State University Los Angeles (2013-2015)

M.A. in Philosophy (2015)

Overall Graduate GPA: 3.98

University of California Irvine (2009-2012)

B.A. Cognitive Science and Philosophy

Cum laude

Publications

“Epistemic risks in the diversity-trumps-ability model” (forthcoming special issue on Social and Cognitive Diversity in Science, *Synthese*)

“Will Transparency Bolster or Hinder Public Trust in Science? Consider the way Scientific Information is Communicated” (under review, *Philosophy of Science*)

Works in Progress

“Algorithms and the Ethics of Discrimination in the Insurance Context” with Patricia Marino

Presentations

“Algorithms and the Ethics of Discrimination in the Insurance Context” Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (August 2020)
“Uncertainty and Risk Surrounding the Application of Social Models” Metascience Symposium (September 2019)
“Testimony and Sincere Assertion” The American Philosophical Association: Central Division (February 2019)
“An Epistemic Account of Free Will” Southern California Epistemology Workshop (November 2015)
“Defending Wholesale Realism in the Philosophy of Science: A Response to Magnus and Callender” International and Interdisciplinary Conference Kolkata, India (January 2015)
“Preserving Realism in the Philosophy of Science” Society of Exact Philosophy, California Institute of Technology (June 2014)
“Political Anarchism: An Incomplete and Confused View” Southern California Philosophy Conference, San Diego State University (October 2014)
“Political Anarchism: An Incomplete and Confused View” Great Plains Conference, University of Kansas (October 2014)

Honors, Awards, Certificates

Inclusive Excellence Certificate Program (Fall 2019)
Associate Dean Fellowship (Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Winter 2019)
Ryan and Jack O’Shaughnessy Scholarship (Spring 2014)
California State University Excellence in Graduate Studies (Spring 2014)
University of California Irvine Dean’s Honor List (Winter 2010- Spring 2012)

Teaching Experience

Instructor of record | CSUF
Phil 350: Asian Philosophy (Spring 2021)

Instructor of record | CSULB
Phil 306: Philosophies of China and Japan (Spring 2021)

Instructor of record | CSULB
Phil 101: The Meaning of Life (Fall 2020)

Instructor of record | CSULB
Phil 370: Rationality and Decisions (Fall 2020)

Instructor of record | CSUF
Phil 313: Environmental Ethics (Spring 2020)

Instructor of record | CSUF
Phil 312: Business/Professional Ethics (Fall 2019)

Instructor of record | UCI
LPS 60: Making Modern Science (Summer 2019)

Instructor of record | CSUF
Phil 105: Critical Thinking (Spring 2019)

University of California at Irvine TA-ships:

Winter 2015- Intro to Psychology (Psych 7A). Course Instructor: Lofgren
Spring 2016- Making Modern Science (LPS 60). Course Instructor: Galebach
Fall 2017- Critical Thinking (LPS 29). Course Instructor: Gilton
Winter 2017- Scientific Inquiry (LPS 40). Course Instructor: Manchak
Winter 2018- Intro to Psychology (Psych 7A) Course Instructor: Hagedorn
Spring 2019- Self-Identity and Society (Socio 31) Course Instructor: Schuster
Spring 2020- Honors Critical Issues (Soc Sci H1E) Course Instructors: O'Connor and Weatherall

California State University Los Angeles TA-ships:

Fall 2014- Contemporary Moral Issues (Phil 2200). Course Instructor: Atta
Winter 2014- Contemporary Moral Issues (Phil 2200). Course Instructor: Atta
Spring 2015- Knowledge and Reality (Phil 1510). Course Instructor: Atta

Service and Public Engagement

[2019-present] Co-organizer and participant, wonder philosophy: a workshop helping undergraduate students from disadvantaged background to navigate the philosophy graduate application process. Funded by APA and UCI.

[2019-present] DECADE (diverse educational community and doctoral experience) Social Science Coordinator: combines student programming with faculty mentorship in a comprehensive program to improve the overall climate in graduate education at UCI. The term DECADE reflects the campus aspiration to achieve diversity parity in graduate programs with undergraduate education within 10 years.

[2019-present] Graduate Student Diversity, Inclusion and Development Representative: representative for graduate students in the school of Social Sciences. The main duties involve ensuring an inclusive and supported environment for graduate students from diverse backgrounds. This involves meeting with faculty from different departments

within the school of social sciences and voicing the needs of the graduate student population.

[2016-present] DECADE Social Science Representative: representative for the department of logic and philosophy of science. The main goal as a DECADE representative is to promote an inclusive environment within the department and in the school of social sciences, more generally. This is achieved through workshops, support groups, and social gatherings organized by representatives.

[2016-present] TH!NK Program: a four-week, 16-hour program, developed by UC Irvine's Department of Philosophy to familiarize elementary school students with philosophical thought and discourse. It presents philosophy as a skill rather than a subject matter.