

Curriculum Vitae

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AOS

Ethics

AOC

Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

Education

Syracuse University

Ph.D., Philosophy [Anticipated Graduation 2027]

Title: Justified Harm & Compensation

Committee: Formation in Progress - Ben Bradley (chair)

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

M.A., Philosophy [2021]

Thesis: "Blame-Liability, Inviting Trust, & Developing a New Account of Promising"

Committee: Peter van Elswyk (first advisor), Nataliya Palatnik, Stanislaus Husi

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., Philosophy, cum laude [2016]

Saddleback Community College

IGETC to Transfer [2010-2014]

University of Virginia

Semester at Sea, Study Abroad [2011]

Teaching Experience (in person unless specified otherwise)

Independent Teaching - Syracuse University

Ethics

- Instructor of record Medical Ethics (Phi 398) [[Summer 2025](#)]
- Instructor of record Introduction to Moral Theory (Phi 192). Topics included principles of beneficence, the inefficacy problem, the non-identity problem, moral status and personhood, immigration, artificial intelligence, and other ethical issues [[Spring 2025](#), [Fall 2024](#), [Summer 2024](#) (asynchronous)]

Political Philosophy

- Instructor of record Contemporary Political Philosophy (Phi 417) [[Fall 2025](#)]

Feminist Philosophy

- Instructor of record Feminist Philosophy [syllabus currently under construction for SP 2026]

Teaching Assistant - Syracuse UniversityEthics

- TA Ethics and the Media Professions (Phi 293). Topics included argumentation, moral skepticism, and moral theory, tying such topics into issues related to media. Under supervision of Professor William Osborne III [Spring 2024]
- TA Introduction to Moral Theory (Phi 192). Topics included racism, abortion, distributive justice, and metaethics. Under supervision of Professor David Sobel [Fall 2023]

Political Philosophy

- TA Political Theory (Phi 125). Topics included readings/topics from Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Nietzsche. Under supervision of Professor Dennis Rasmussen [Spring 2023]

History

- TA Philosophy of Human Nature (Phi 197). Topics included some key (philosophical and non-philosophical) figures that have discussed human nature. Readings included Protagoras, the Republic, Nicomachean Ethics, and the Groundwork of Metaphysics of Morals. Under supervision of Professor Christopher Noble [Fall 2022]

Logic

- TA Logic (Phi 251). Topics included arguments (i.e. validity and soundness), propositional logic (i.e. PL symbolizations, truth tables, proofs etc.), and predicate logic (i.e. two place symbolizations, three place symbolizations, proofs, etc.). Under supervision of Professor Mark Heller [Spring 2021]

Epistemology/Metaphysics

- TA Theories of Knowledge & Reality (Phi 107). Topics included related to the existence of God, different conceptions of knowledge (e.g. foundationalism versus coherentism), the mind-body problem, and the problem of free will. Under supervision of Professor Robert Van Gulick [Fall 2021]

Teaching Assistant/Grader - UW MilwaukeeHistory

- Grader introductory modern survey course (Philos 432) topics included Descartes, Locke, and Hume. Under supervision of Professor Miren Boehm [Spring 2021 (asynchronous)]
- Grader ancient survey course (Philos 430) where we covered ancient figures including some of the Pre-Socratics, Plato, and Aristotle. Duties included grading and holding office hours. Under supervision of Professor Nataliya Palatnik [Fall 2020 (synchronous)]

Logic

- TA elementary logic (Philos 211) where we covered sentential logic and the beginning of predicate logic, which included covering validity and soundness, SL/PL symbolizations, SL/PL proofs, etc. Duties included leading discussion sections, grading, holding office hours, etc. Under supervision of Professor Richard Tierney and Michael Liston [Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 (partly asynchronous/synchronous)]

Presentations

Northwestern Undergraduate Philosophy Society Conference [2024]

- Presented “Thanks Mom and Dad: What Do Parents Owe Their Children?” Presentations included a mix of graduate and undergraduate students.

Awards, Prizes, Distinctions

Syracuse Philosophy Department Summer Fellowship [2025]

UWM Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award [2019]

Distinction in General Scholarship UC Berkeley [2016]

Saddleback’s Dean’s List & Completion of Saddleback’s Honors Program [2014]

Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society [2014]

Service, Leadership, Community, Career Development

Honors Thesis Reader, Renée Crown Honors Program [2025-2026]

Co-organizer of Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Conference [2025]

Interviewee, Syracuse Undergraduate Philosophy Club [2024]

Future Professoriate Program [2021-2023, 2025]

Volunteer, Veterans Legal Institute [2017]

Transfer Peer Adviser, University of California, Berkeley [2016]

Volunteer, Saddleback Community College Learning Resource Center [2014]

President, Saddleback Philosophy Club [2014]

Selection of Graduate Coursework (*Denotes Audit or Partial Audit)

Ethics: Creation Ethics (Ben Bradley) [Spring 2023], Future Ethics (Ben Bradley) [Spring 2023], Ethics of Data Science (Johannes Himmelreich) [Spring 2023], Ethics Seminar (Kate Manne) [Fall 2022], Valuing and Value (David Sobel) [Fall 2021], Proseminar: Moral and Political Philosophy (Hille Paakkunainen) [Fall 2021], *Morality, Value, & Future People (R. Jay Wallace) [Spring 2018], Themes from the Political Philosophy of Bernard Williams (Veronique Munoz-Darde) [Fall 2015]

Political Philosophy: Seminar in Advance Topics: Political Egalitarianism (Blain Neufeld) [Spring 2021], Public Reason and the Pursuit of Justice (Blain Neufeld) [Spring 2020], Freedom, Left and Right (Stan Husi) [Fall 2019]

History: Philosophical Problems: Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy (Richard Tierney) [Fall 2020], Kant’s and Kantian Practical Thought (Nataliya Palatnik) [Spring 2020], Schopenhauer and Nietzsche (William Bristow) [Fall 2019]

Language, Logic, Epistemology, & Metaphysics: Free Will (Mark Heller) [Fall 2023], Epistemology Seminar (Hille Paakkunainen) [Spring 2022], Logic and Language (Michael Rieppel) [Fall 2021], Fundamentals of Formal Logic (Joshua Spencer) [Spring 2021], Speech Act Theory (Peter van Elswyk) [Spring 2020]