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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University (2011) Dissertation: “Analyticity, Platonism, and A Priori Knowledge” Committee: André Gallois and Mark Heller
- M.A. in Philosophy, Texas A&M University (2003) Thesis: “The Scientific Model Concept and Realism” Committee: Colin Allen and Roger Sansom

Areas of Specialization:

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Logic

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, and Philosophy of Language

Areas of Teaching Competence:

- Introductory: Critical Thinking, Logic, Philosophy Survey, Ethics, Human Nature
- Intermediate: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Modal Logic, Philosophy of Science/Language
- Advanced/Graduate: Seminars in Recent Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic/Science, Philosophy of Technology

(A syllabus for each course is available upon request.)

Positions:¹

- Continuing Lecturer of Philosophy at Augustana College (2017-present)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Augustana College (2015-2017)
- Adjunct Instructor at Augustana College, Black Hawk College, and Syracuse University (2011-2014)
- Adjunct Instructor for the Jinling Institute of Technology in Nanjing, China (Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2021 (virtual))
- Adjunct Instructor (online and in-person) at Illinois Valley Community College (2011-2013)
- Visiting Assistant Professor at Le Moyne College (2010-2011)
- Adjunct Instructor at Le Moyne College (2008-2010)
- Part-Time Instructor at Syracuse University (2007-2011)
- Teaching Associate at Syracuse University (2005-2007)
- Teaching Assistant at Syracuse University (2003-2005)
- Teaching Assistant at Texas A&M University (2001-2003)

¹ SU: Syracuse University; LMC: Le Moyne College; AC: Augustana College; BHC: Black Hawk College; IVCC: Illinois Valley Community College; JIT: Jinling Institute of Technology (Nanjing, China, via SUNY Cobleskill); SAU: St. Ambrose University; APEP: Augustana Prison Education Program (at the East Moline Correctional Center)

Teaching Experience (sole responsibility, 2005-present):

More details available upon request

- Critical Thinking (SU), Critical Reasoning (AC)
 - numerous times, online and in-person
- Introduction to Logic (BHC)
 - numerous times, evening classes (mainly non-traditional students)
- Modern Formal Logic (SU & AC)
 - multiple times, both in-person and online
- Non-Classical Logics (AC)
 - senior-level guided study (1-credit), several times
- Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought (LMC)
 - numerous times, in-person
- Philosophical Perspectives on the Human Situation (LMC)
 - numerous times, in-person
- Great Traditions in Ethics (LMC)
 - numerous times, in-person
- Plato's *Republic* (SU)
 - once, evening class (non-traditional students)
- Theories of Human Nature (SU)
 - multiple times, in-person
- Ethics and Value Theory (SU, BHC, & IVCC)
 - many, many, many times, both in-person and online
- Social Ethics (AC)
 - several times, in-person
- Life and Death (AC)
 - once, in-person
- Introduction to Theories of Knowledge and Reality (SU & AC)
 - very many times, in-person and online
- Introduction to Philosophy (IVCC)
 - multiple times, in-person and online
- Metaphysics and Epistemology (AC)
 - once, in-person 300-level
- History and Philosophy of Science (AC)
 - once, in-person 300-level
- Liberal Studies 100: Introduction to the Liberal Arts (AC)
 - multiple times, in-person (1-credit)
- Liberal Studies 300: Transfer Transitions (AC)
 - many times, in-person (1-credit)
- Liberal Studies 101: Wisdom in Ancient Thought (AC)
 - numerous times, in-person
- Liberal Studies 101: Rhetoric and the Liberal Arts (AC)
 - three times, in-person
- Liberal Studies 102: From Asimov to Zeno, Paradoxes and Science Fiction (AC)
 - many times, in-person
- Liberal Studies 102: Transhumanism (AC)
 - a few times, in-person
- Liberal Studies 103: Reason and Relativity (AC)
 - once, in-person
- Liberal Studies 103: Morality and Artificial Intelligence (AC)
 - many times, in-person
- Ethics in Science, Technology, and Medicine (JIT, China)
 - four times, in-person and remotely
- First Year Honors: Transhumanism (AC)
 - once, in-person
- Honors 220: Certainty and Uncertainty
 - co-taught (w/Randall Hall), once (AC)
- Kinds of Minds (AC)
 - a few times, in-person (J-Term)
- Truth, Knowledge, Misinformation (AC)
 - once, online for incoming first year students (1 credit)
- Logic For Life (AC)
 - once, AC Summer Academy for high school students (1-credit)
- Philosophies of Life: Techbro Stoicism (SAU)
 - once, online
- Honors 201: Economic Justice (SAU)
 - twice, in person
- Applied Ethics: Data, AI, and Technology (AC)
 - thrice, in-person 300-level (once for APEP)
- Guided Study in Human Enhancement (AC)
 - once, in-person 400-level (1-credit)
- Guided Study in Panpsychism (AC)
 - once, in-person 400-level (1-credit)
- Senior Thesis (AC)
 - twice, in-person 400-level (2-credit)
- Honors Capstone (AC)
 - once, in-person 400-level (1-credit)
- Contemporary Political Ideas POLS 107 (AC)
 - once, in-person

Professional Academic Presentations:

- Comments on Paul Nowakowski's "Logical Normativity and Argumentative Compulsion." [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). Charleston, IL. November 2025.
- "Logic and Education: Toward a Dedicated Logical Curriculum for K-12 Schools." [Alabama Philosophical Society](#) 60th Annual Conference. Pensacola, FL. September 2025.
- Comments on Jonathan Livengood's, "On the Normativity of Logic." [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). Urbana-Champaign. October 2024.
- "Intellectual Virtue and the Normativity of Logic" (co-authored with Robert Farley). [XXV World Congress of Philosophy](#). August 2024.
- "The Ends of Humanity: Extinction and the Collective Afterlife". (Comments by Andrew Smith). [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). Normal, IL. November 2023.
- Comments on Mylan Engel's "Why Power Preferences Won't Set You Free." [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). Normal, IL. November 2023.
- "Intellectual Virtue and the Normativity of Logic" (co-authored with Robert Farley). [Alabama Philosophical Society](#). Pensacola, FL. September 2023.
- "Intellectual Virtue and the Normativity of Logic" (co-authored with Robert Farley). [Midsouth Philosophy Conference](#). Rhodes College, Memphis TN. March 2023.
- Comments on John Schindler's "Contextualism, Belief, and Moore's Paradox". Midsouth Philosophy Conference. Rhodes College, Memphis TN. March 2023.
- "Possibilities and Properties: Concrete Modal Realism, Platonism, and Similarity" (Comments by Judith Crane). [Illinois Philosophical Association](#), Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. November 2022.
- Comments on Minseok Kim's "Predication, Ways of Being and Properties." [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). November 2022.
- "Logical Form, Causal Efficacy, and Abstract Objects." [What is Logical Form \(Good For\)?](#) Prague. October 2022.
- "Simulated Existence, Terrestrial Meaning, and Doomsday Scenarios." [Ernst Mach Workshop X](#), Prague. July 2022.
- "Possibilities and Properties: Concrete Modal Realism, Platonism, and Similarity" (comments by Mike Raven). [72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference](#), Portland State University. November 2021.
- Comments on Bin Zhao's "[Epistemic Closure, Necessary Truths, and Safety.](#)" [Northwest Philosophy Conference](#). November 2021.
- "A Rossian Account of the Normativity of Logic" (co-authored with Robert Farley; comments by Dave Beisecker). Southwestern Philosophy Society. Virtual session. October 2021.
- "The Normativity of Logic: The Dialogical Account and the Aboutness Question." South Carolina Society for Philosophy/North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, The University of North Carolina at Asheville. March 2020. (postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic; virtual session rescheduled for April 2021)
- "The Normativity of Logic: The Dialogical Account and the Aboutness Question" (comments by Robert Farley). Illinois Philosophical Association, Illinois State University. November 2019.
- Comments on Robert Farley's "Tainted Sources Without Tears". Illinois Philosophical Association, Illinois State University. November 2019.

- “The Normativity of Logic: The Dialogical Account and the Aboutness Question” (comments by Emil Badici). 71st Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University. October 2019.
- Comments on Emil Badici’s “Epistemic Requirements in Newcomb’s Problem and in Prisoner’s Dilemma”. Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University. October 2019.
- “Future Minds and a New Challenge to Anti-Natalism.” Future Minds, Ernst Mach Workshop VIII, Prague. June 2019.
- “Is it Immoral to Create an Artificial Intelligence that Resembles Our Own? Anti-natalism and Artificial Moral Agents” (comments by Landon D.C. Elkind). Illinois Philosophical Association, Eastern Illinois University. November 2018.
- Comments on Robert Farley’s “Seemings and Moore’s Paradox”. Illinois Philosophical Association, Eastern Illinois University. November 2018.
- “Is it Immoral to Create an Artificial Intelligence that Resembles Our Own? Anti-natalism and Artificial Moral Agents.” Anti-natalism Under Fire, Institute of State and Law, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague. May 2018.
- “Understanding and Assent: A Response to Recipes for Generating Counterexamples to Epistemic Analyticity.” 16th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. January 2018.
- “Understanding and Assent: A Response to Recipes for Generating Counterexamples to Epistemic Analyticity” (Comments by Robert Farley). Illinois Philosophical Association, Northern Illinois University. October 2017.
- Comments on Derek Lam’s “Modal Testimony: Can They Justify?” Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis. October 2017.
- “A Priori and Internalist Justification” (comments by Andrew Spear, Grand Valley State University). Illinois Philosophical Association. 2011.
- “The Analytic Theory, Tracking, and the Epistemological Problem for Platonism” 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2011.
- Comments on “Giving Up Hume’s Guillotine” by Aaron Wolf, Syracuse University. SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2010.
- “Understanding, Intuition and Bealer’s Modal Reliabilist Theory of A Priori Knowledge” (comments by Julia Langkau, Arché). Meaning Modality and Apriority, University of Köln. 2010.
- “Understanding, Intuition and Bealer’s Modal Reliabilist Theory of A Priori Knowledge” (comments by Jordan Dodd, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop 2010.
- “Full-Blooded Platonism and the Benacerraf Argument”. 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2009.
- “Rule-Circular Justification and Deduction”. 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2009.
- “Full-Blooded Platonism and the Benacerraf Argument” (comments by Mark Barber, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2008.
- Comments on “Horwich’s Minimal Theory and the Dependency of Truth on Reality” by Andy Thomas, University of Sheffield. SU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. 2008.
- “Rule-Circular Justification and Deduction” (comments by Matt Skene, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2007.
- Comments on “On Amnesia and Knowing-How” by David Bzdak, Syracuse University. SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2006.

- Comments on “Counterfactual Analysis and Causal Overdetermination” by Dana Goswick, University of California, Davis. SU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. 2006.
- “Moral Epistemology and the Naturalist Assumption”. Florida Philosophical Association, UF. 2002.

Academic/Community Services, Awards, and Memberships:

- External reviewer for Ph.D. thesis (University of Johannesburg): Damn Mackett, “Investigating the Moral Status of Non-Suffering Transhumans”. Asheel Singh, supervisor. Spring 2026.
- Invited Panelist (with Dr. Margaret Morse and Dr. Eric Stewart) for Dr. Kirsten Day’s First Year Inquiry class, “How does your discipline help you to ‘know yourself?’” October 2025.
- Faculty Advisor for the [8x8 Chess Club](#) of Augustana College. Fall 2025-present.
- Recipient of the 2024-2025 Augustana College Teaching Excellence Award (NTT). May 2025.
- Secretary of the [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). 2024-2026.
- Attended (with grant support from the Council of Independent Colleges) the [AAPT Conference](#). Westerville, OH. July 2024.
- Founder and organizer of [filmosofia](#), a public philosophy program with monthly meetings to screen films paired with selected scholarly readings at Rozz-Tox. August 2023-present.
- Organizer, [Philosophy at the Pub](#) 2024-2025.
- Students of the Augustana College Graduating Class of 2023 elected me to give another “Last Lecture” (my second time honored with this invitation). I spoke about the normativity of logic, cynicism, and the philosophy of technology. May 2023.
- Manuscript review ([publicly published](#)) for *Qeios*, invited. May 2023.
- website administrator for the [Illinois Philosophical Association](#). 2022-present.
- Vice-President of the Illinois Philosophical Association. 2022-2024.
- Faculty Advisor for the [Augustana Go & Chill Out Club](#). 2022-present.
- Manuscript referee for *Bioethics*. November 2022.
- Manuscript referee for *Bioethics*. October 2022.
- Invited member, Career Readiness Champion Network at Augustana College. 2022.
- “The Normativity of Logic: The Dialogical Account and the Aboutness Question.” Augustana College Celebration of Learning presentation (a condition of the 2021 summer research stipend). Spring 2022.
- Invited member, Contingent Faculty Working Group at Augustana College. Spring 2022.
- Invited member, Student Planning Implementation Team. Spring 2022.
- Students of the Augustana College Graduating Class of 2021 elected me to give a “Last Lecture”. I spoke about the metaphysics of possibility, the axiology of meaning and death, and the epistemology of testimony. May 2021.
- “Philosophy and Controversy: the Place of Logic and Respectful Disagreement” Workshop on Dialectic at Rozz-Tox, as part of the 2/F Community Education Series. February 2020.
- External Member of the The Karel Čapek Center for Values in Science and Technology <https://cevast.org/en> (2018-present)
- Co-Organizer (with Tanya Randle and John Hagar), Philosophy at the Pub 2019-2021.
- Co-Organizer (with Brian Leech), First Year Inquiry semester transition planning. 2018-2019.
- Invited speaker, “Ethics and Big Data”, coordinated by Nancy Ingelson, St. Paul Lutheran Church. Davenport, IA. 7 April 2019.
- Invited speaker, [Philosophy at the Pub](#): organized by Tanya Randle, Chair of St. Ambrose Philosophy Department, and John Hagar.

- April 2018, Topic: Anti-Natalism
- August 2018, Topic: Ethics and Artificial Intelligence
- August 2019, Topic: Transhumanism
- August 2021, Topic: Concrete Modal Realism and Platonism
- July 2023, Topic: The Ends of Humanity: Future Generations and Meaningfulness
- November 2024, Topic: Logic and Education
- “The Transformation of Consumer Marketing” (ethics and big data presentation for undergraduates) with Hyeong-Gyu Choi. Augustana College Symposium Day, September 2017.
- Data Analytics Chair Search Committee Member, 2017-2019. (Philosophical Ethics and Humanities Representative)
- Presentation to the Arconic Professional Community: “Philosophy and the STEM Fields”. August 2017.
- Presentation to the Optimist Club, Davenport Chapter: “Philosophy and the STEM Fields: The Case for Philosophy”. June 2017.
- Panelist: “How Do We Engage Opinions We Don’t Agree With?” (organized by Yen Dao, Learning Commons). April 2017, September 2017, May 2018, and many other times.
- Symposium Day Committee, Augustana College. 2017-2023.
- Faculty Supervisor, [Socratic Society \(Augustana College Philosophy Club\)](#). 2015-present.
- Augustana College Salon (Interdisciplinary Discussion Group) Advisory Board Member. 2016-2019.
- Advisor to and Member of the QC Philosophical Society. Summer 2017.
- Co-founder & Co-organizer, QC Philosophical Society (Public Philosophy Club). Summer 2016.
- Co-organized (with Ethan Higginbotham) and managed a Student Trip to the American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting in Kansas City, MO. March 2017.
- Transfer Student Advisor, 2016-present.
- Faculty Participant, Augustana College RLE (Residential Learning Experience). 2016-present.
- Augustana College Mathematics Reading Group Member. 2012 & 2015-2016.
- Presentation: “Life and Intelligence at the Crossroads” (with Charles Rice-Davis and Forrest Stonedahl). Augustana College Symposium Day. September 2016.
- Faculty Participant (and winner), Order of Omega Lifeboat Debate at Augustana College. “Philosophy and the Lifeboat: The Case for Philosophy.” Spring 2016.
- Poster Presentation: “It Takes a Village to Build a Cheese Chalet: Faculty Advisors Create and Pilot a Supplemental First-Year Course” (with Brian Leech, Farah Marklevits, and Virginia Johnson). NACADA in Madison, WI. March 2014.
- Presentation: “Critical Thinking and the Health Professions” (with Kora Gould and Daniel Garcia). Black Hawk College Assembly Day, January 2014.
- Member, Adjunct Advisory Committee at Black Hawk College. 2014.
- First-year Advisor at Augustana College, 2013-2016.
- Member, QCPDN (Quad-Cities Professional Development Network), recommended and invited through Black Hawk College. 2013-2014.
- “Mind Your Own Business: The Value of Privacy” (with Kora Gould). Black Hawk College Symposium, Fall 2013.
- Manuscript Referee for *Synthese*. 2011.

- Manuscript Referee for Routledge, W.W. Norton, Broadview, Wadsworth, and Oxford U.P. 2008-2012.
- Graduate Student Member of the SU Philosophy Colloquia Committee. 2008-2009.
- Assistant Organizer for the Phil. Grad. Conference, SU Philosophy Graduate Student Committee. 2006-2007.
- Philosophy Graduate Student Representative to the SU Graduate Student Organization. 2006-2007.
- Co-Organizer (w/Jordan Dodd) of the Phil. Grad. Conference for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2005-2006.
- President of the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2005-2006.
- Assistant Organizer for the SU Philosophy Dept. Colloquia Receptions. 2004-2008.
- Graduate Student Papers Workshop Committee Member for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2004-2005.
- Internal Speaker Series Committee Member for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2004-2005.
- Philosophy Dept. Representative to the TAMU Graduate Student Council. 2002-2003.
- Graduate Student Representative to the TAMU Philosophy Dept. Steering Committee. 2002-2003.
- Member of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 2024-present.
- Member of the Alabama Philosophical Society, 2023-present.
- Member of the Southwest Philosophical Society, 2021-present.
- Member of the Iowa Philosophical Society, 2011-present.
- Member of the Illinois Philosophical Association, 2011-present.
- Member of the American Philosophical Association. 1998-2018.
- Member of the Creighton Club (NYS philosophical organization) 2003-2010.
- Member of the Florida Philosophical Association. 1998-2003.

Publications:

- “Future Minds and a New Challenge for Anti-Natalism” *Bioethics*. 35.8: 793-800. 2021.
- “A Rossian Account of the Normativity of Logic” (co-author with Robert Farley) *Southwest Philosophy Review*. 38.1: 103-113. 2022.
- “The Normativity of Logic: The Dialectical Account and the Ambiguity of ‘Logic’.” *Logos & Episteme*. XVI.1: 51-63. March 2025.

Undergraduate Senior Theses Supervised:

- Luca Barba ('24 Philosophy), [“Anchoring the AAA Model”](#)
- Amanda Quinn ('24 Philosophy), “Deprivationism, Asymmetry, and Perspective: I’ll Die, You’ll Die, They Are Dead”
- Brian Thomas ('24 Honors), [“40 Years of Koyaanisqatsi: the Greatest Experimental Film Ever Made”](#)

Works in Progress:

- “Logic in K-12 Education”
- “The Aims vs. the Tropes of Horror in Art”
- “Valenced Affective States: Distinguishing Sentience and Subjective Experience”
- “The Ends of Humanity: Human Extinction and Intrinsic Value”

- “Logical Form, Causal Efficacy, and Abstract Objects”
- “Platonism, Simulated Reality, and Knowledge of Logic”
- “Simulated Existence, Terrestrial Meaning, and Doomsday Scenarios”
- “Normativity of Logic and Intellectual Virtue” (with Robert Farley)
- “Possibilities and Propositions: Concrete Modal Realism, Platonism, and Similarity”
- “Internalist and A Priori Justification”
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- “The Analytic Theory, Tracking, and the Epistemological Problem for Platonism”
- “Understanding and Assent”
- “Theistic Volunteerism is Not Dead”
- “Alternative, Ambient, and A Priori”
- several others: more details available upon request