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Areas of Specialization

Environmental Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science

Education

Ph.D. (ABD) Philosophy, University of Georgia, expected 2022

Dissertation: “An Exploration of Environmental Values in Outer Space”

Committee: Piers Stephens (major professor), Melissa Fahmy, Christine Cuomo

M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University, 2015

Concentration: Theoretical & Practical Ethics

B.S. Philosophy, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

Thesis: “An Exploration of the Animal Welfare Utopia”

Advisor: Michael Koch

B.A. Psychology, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

Publications

“Aesthetics at the Intersection of the Species Problem and De-Extinction Technology”. 2020.

Environmental Values. 29 (5): 605-624.

<https://doi.org/10.3197/096327120X15868540131260>

Book Review: Robin Attfield. *Environmental Thought: A Short History*, Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2021. 2021. *Environmental Values*. 30 (6): 786-788.

<https://doi.org/10.3197/096327121X16328186623814>

Presentations

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” The 4th Biannual Meeting of The Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology (SSoCIA), University of Mississippi, March 2022

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” Workshop on Philosophies of Nature, Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Invited Speaker, University of Georgia, December 2021

Commentary on “Country Music as Dual Character Concept,” given by Evan Malone at the American Society for Aesthetics Southern Aesthetics Workshop, Auburn University, October 2021

“Astroethics & the Non-Fungibility Thesis,” The International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) Online Conference 2021, June 30-July 3 2021

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, & Environment,” The Philosophy of Smell Workshop, online, April 26-May 5 2021

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” The International Association for Environmental Philosophy Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting, online, October 2020

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, & Environment,” The 44th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, March 2020 (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

“Against Schwartz and the Moral Permissibility of Terraforming,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Symposium, New York City, January 2019

“Eco-‘terrorism’ Examined: Moral & Legal Implications,” The Center for Inquiry (CFI) – Long Island, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, March 2016 (Invited Speaker)

“Environmental Goods and Health Goods: Ethical Issues of Fair Distribution,” 8th International Conference on Ethics in Biology, Engineering & Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, April 2015

“Martin Luther King Jr.: Dimensions of Sustainability,” Social Justice and the Emerging New Age: A 21st Century Look at Martin Luther King’s WMU Speech, Western Michigan University, January 2015

Commentary on “Teaching Practical Ethics?: A Reply to Englehardt and Pritchard,” given by Kenneth Crocker at the 8th Annual Western Michigan Graduate Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University, December 2014

“An Examination of the Rights of Nature,” presentation given at the 9th International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’, Hokkaido University, November 2014

Teaching Experience

University of Georgia (Teaching Assistantship Fall 2016-Present)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 3900S: *Philosophy for Children*, Spring 2021 (Spring 2022)

- Service-Learning course
- Hired as a Service-Learning Course Developer in Summer 2020 to design the course, submit it for approval, and develop relationships with community partners
- Worked with a community partner, Grow It Know It, to develop philosophy programming with my course to be enacted alongside their programs on food education at local community centers hosting after school programming for local schoolchildren

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2020

- 99 students enrolled. Supervised a graduate TA

PHIL 2020: *Logic & Critical Thinking*, Fall 2019

- 100 students enrolled. Supervised a graduate TA

PHIL 2020e: *Logic & Critical Thinking* (online course), Summer 2019

PHIL 2020: *Logic & Critical Thinking*, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

PHIL 2030: *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2017, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Graduate Mentor

UNIV 1201S: *Learning for Success at the University*, Summer 2020 (Freshman College Summer Experience), 2021 (Thrive at Georgia)

- Service-Learning for 2020 – Worked with a community partner, Books for Keeps, that distributes books to children for free. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we recorded readings of children’s books to be hosted on YouTube as a story time for kids
- Service-Learning for 2021 – Worked with the Oconee County School District to help get six of the primary and elementary schools ready to welcome students back to class in the Fall. We painted, power washed, readied classrooms, changed ceiling tiles, made nature trails, etc.

Western Michigan University (Teaching Assistantship Fall 2013-Spring 2015)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 3140: *Philosophy and Public Affairs: Environmental Ethics*, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Ethics* (Hybrid Course), Summer 2014

Facilitator, *Responsible Conduct of Research – Research Ethics* (Online), Fall 2015-Spring 2017

- Responsible for managing a 1000+ student online research ethics module required for all incoming graduate students at WMU to align with national expectations while maintaining professional communications with various university departments

Grader

PHIL 2200: *Critical Thinking* (Online), Summer 2015, Spring 2016

PHIL 3160: *Ethics in Engineering and Technology*, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2013

SUNY Oneonta

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 101: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2013

PSYC 260: *Introduction to Social Psychology*, Spring 2012

Non-Academic Teaching Experience

Head Naturalist, The Audubon Society at Greenwich, Connecticut, Summer 2016

Summer Educational Intern, Sweetbriar Nature Center, Smithtown, New York,
Summer 2010

Courses I am Prepared to Teach

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Logic & Critical Thinking

Political Philosophy

Aesthetics

Environmental Philosophy

Philosophy for Children

Philosophy and Technology

Philosophy and Science Fiction

Philosophy of Science

Grants, Awards, & Honors

Excellence in Teaching Award (nominated), University of Georgia, 2021

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, 2020

Departmental Travel Assistance, The Second Annual Seminar in Transnational European Studies, Berlin, Germany, University of Georgia, June 2-9, 2019 (\$969)

Fellowship, The Second Annual Seminar in Transnational European Studies, Berlin, Germany, University of Georgia, June 2-9, 2019 (\$1,200 travel stipend+)

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) 2019 (\$300)

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate College at the University of Georgia, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) 2019 (\$1,475)

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Western Michigan University Graduate College & Graduate Student Association, 9th International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’ 2014 (\$1,300)

Travel Subsidy, Hokkaido University, 9th International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’ 2014 (\$200)

Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Platinum Level, May 2013

500+ Hours Community Service Award, SUNY Oneonta Center for Social Responsibility and Community (CSRC), May 2013

Student Travel for Excellence Program (STEP) Grant, February 2012, February 2013 (\$50/year)

Student Sustainability Project Grant, “Every Day is Earth Day” campaign, January 2013 (\$1,000)

Student Grant for Research and Creative Activity, “An Examination of the Knobe Effect Across Different Demographics,” November 2011 (\$620)

Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA Award for Compassionate Service – Community Service Scholarship, 2012-2013 school year (\$1,300)

Professional Development

University of Georgia Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), 2021

- Workshops Included: Countering Unconscious Bias, Diversity at UGA: Beyond the Numbers, It’s Really NOT All in Your Head: Understanding Mental Health Disabilities, Emotional Intelligence and Diversity, UGA’s Non-Discrimination Anti-Harassment Policy and the USG Sexual Misconduct Policy, Global Dawgs (on the international student experience)

Graduate Assistant with the University of Georgia Office of Service-Learning, Fall 2021

- Assisted on a project in addressing food insecurity largely caused by racialized poverty in Athens-Clarke County by coordinating a public database of food distribution projects/centers (community partners) and their details, such as location, time, requirements, availability of certain food goods, etc. Involved training and practice in reaching out to the local community around UGA, engaging in public outreach, and coordinating with the community as a university representative

Fellowship, Future Faculty Fellows Program, University of Georgia, Fall 2020 Intensive Cohort

Research Experience

Researcher, Ethics Consultant regarding Google Algorithms and Penalties for Search Engine Rescue, 2015

- Contracted by UK Search Engine Optimization (SEO) company Search Engine Rescue to provide an ethical analysis of Google's punitive algorithms. Co-authored with Dustin VanPelt. Project managed by Fritz Allhoff.

Researcher, Conservation Easements Project, 2015

- Assisted Fritz Allhoff with compiling language from conservation easement contract provisions for dams, mining & extracting, wind & solar power, and radio & cell towers for the purposes of updating the conservation easement template of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

Researcher, "An Examination of the Knobe Effect Across Different Demographics," 2011-2012

- Received a \$620 research grant to perform a replication study of Joshua Knobe's original study of the side-effect effect with a focus on gathering more demographic data. Managed a team of undergraduate researchers that assisted with data collection. Project advised by Michael J. Brown and Chris Keegan.

Journal Refereeing

Journal, *Environmental Values*, 2020, 2021

Journal, *Ethics in Biology Engineering, and Medicine* (EBEM), 2015

Journal, *The Hilltop Review*, 2014

Journal, *Teaching Ethics*, 2014

Service

Graduate Student Moderator, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2021-Present

"Effective Online Course Design" presentation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2020

The Seventh Seal, Movie discussion presenter and moderator for the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Spring 2020

Secretary, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2019-Present

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2017-Spring 2019

- As president, we successfully proposed the creation of online versions of Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Logic & Critical Thinking, and Symbolic Logic for summer instruction. The offering of these courses would increase enrollment, and thereby future summer funding, and thus the department could employ more graduate students as instructors for the summer

Vice President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, 2016-2017

“Endangered Species and What You Can Do” Invited Speaker at Commack Middle School for The Earth Protectors and Nature Explorer’s Club, 2016

Graduate College Ambassador for the College of Arts and Science (Humanities) and the College of Fine Arts for the Western Graduate Student Association, Western Michigan University, 2014-2015

Graduate Representative, Faculty Senate Research Policies Council, Western Michigan University, 2014-2015

Graduate Representative, Research and Creative Activities Day ad hoc Committee, Western Michigan University, 2014-2015

Grant Submission Judge, 2014 Leadership & Involvement Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, Summer 2014

Graduate Student Panel, 2014 Leadership & Involvement Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, Summer 2014

Chief Financial Officer, Graduate Student Association of Philosophers, Western Michigan University, 2014-2015

Chief Financial Officer, Graduate Students for Peace, Western Michigan University, 2013-2014

Philosophy Department Steward, Teaching Assistants Union (TAU), Western Michigan University, 2013-2015

Co-Host, “The Philosopher’s Mineral,” Philosophy talk radio show, WONY 90.9FM, SUNY Oneonta, 2012-2013

Co-Chair & Discussant Chair, Conference Committee, 18th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

Student Representative, President’s Advisory Council on Sustainability, SUNY Oneonta 2011-2013

Student Representative, SUNY Oneonta Sustainability Coordinator Hiring Committee, SUNY Oneonta, Summer 2012

Co-Founder/Chair, Student Sustainability Committee, SUNY Oneonta, 2011-2013

Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA Award for Compassionate Service – Philosophy Community Service Scholarship, 2012-2013 school year (\$1,300)

Graduate Courses Taken

University of Georgia

PHIL 8210: Seminar in Political Philosophy (Piers Stephens)

PHIL 8310: Seminar in Philosophy of Mind (Beth Preston)

PHIL 6510: Deductive Systems (Yuri Balashov)

PHIL 8200: Seminar in Ethics (Melissa Seymour Fahmy)

PHIL 6220: Environmental Ethics (Piers Stephens)

PHIL 8800: Readings in Philosophy: Philosophy of Natural Science (Scott Kleiner)

PHIL 8910: Seminar in Feminist Philosophy (Chris Cuomo)
PHIL 8010: Seminar in Modern and Continental Philosophy (Bradley Bassler)
PHIL 9000: Doctoral Research
PHIL 8600: Seminar in Metaphysics (Edward Halper)
PHIL 7010: Teaching Philosophy (Victoria Davion)
PHIL 8900: Environmental Philosophy (Piers Stephens)

Western Michigan University

PHIL 6320: Theory of Knowledge (Marc Alspector-Kelly)
PHIL 6000: Problems of Intentionality and Intensionality (Luke Manning)
PHIL 5980: Readings in Philosophy: Kant's Ethics (Janelle DeWitt)
PHIL 6330: Metaphysics (Nick Mantegani)
PHIL 6000: Freedom and Responsibility (Richard Glatz)
PHIL 6310: Ethical Theory (Michael Pritchard)
PHIL 6000: Advanced Philosophy of Science (Marc Alspector-Kelly)
PHIL 5700: Ethics of War (Fritz Allhoff)
PHIL 5700: Experimental Philosophy (Fritz Allhoff)
PHIL 5440: Practical Ethics (Michael Pritchard)
PHIL 5120: Aesthetics (John Dilworth)
PHIL 6000: Philosophy of Law (Fritz Allhoff)
PHIL 5700: Philosophy of Keith DeRose (Marc Alspector-Kelly)

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association (APA)
American Society for Aesthetics (ASA)
International Association for Environmental Philosophy (IAEP)
International Association of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement
(IARSLCE)
International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)

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