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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

August 2016-Present	Limited-Term Instructor of Philosophy School of Humanities University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
August 2024-August 2026	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

EDUCATION

2024	University of Cincinnati , Cincinnati, OH <i>PhD in Philosophy</i> Dissertation: <i>Physical Attractiveness and Disturbing Art: A Case-By-Case Approach to the Relationship between Ethics and Aesthetics</i> Committee: Vanessa Carbonell (Chair), Peter Langland-Hassan, Eduardo Martinez
2016	California State University at San Francisco , San Francisco, CA <i>MA in Philosophy</i> Thesis: <i>In Defense of Racial Skepticism</i> Committee: Ásta (Chair), David Landy, Shelley Wilcox
2013	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, CA <i>BA in Philosophy</i>
2010	Contra Costa College , San Pablo, CA <i>AA in Liberal Arts: Math & Science</i>

AREAS OF STUDY

Areas of Specialization: ethics, aesthetics

Areas of Competency: philosophy of mind, philosophy of race

TEACHING

As Primary Instructor (University of West Georgia)

Upper-division courses

- Philosophy of Race (Spring 2027)

Lower-division courses

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2026, Spring 2027)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2026, Spring 2027)

As Primary Instructor (Georgia Southern University)

Upper-division courses

- Philosophy of Race (Fall 2025)
- Philosophy of Art (Spring 2026)

Lower-division courses

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Summer, 2025 (online), Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Critical Thinking (Spring 2025)

As Primary Instructor (Xavier University)

Lower-division courses

- Ethics as an Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2023)

As Primary Instructor (University of Cincinnati)

Lower-division courses

- PHIL 2050-Philosophy and Art (Summer 2024 (online))
- PHIL 2041-Minds and Machines (Spring 2024 (online and in-person))
- PHIL 1000-Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2023)
- PHIL 2050-Philosophy and Art (Fall 2020 (online))
- PHIL 2041-Minds and Machines (Summer 2020 (online))
- PHIL 4005/6005-Ethical Foundations for Researchers (Spring 2020 (online))
- PHIL 1003-Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2019(online))

As Primary Instructor (San Francisco State University)

Lower-division courses

- PHIL 150-Contemporary Moral/Political Issues (Spring 2016)
- PHIL 110-Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014)
- PHIL 101-Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2015)

As Teaching Assistant (University of Cincinnati)

Lower division courses

- PHIL 1032-How Science Works with Instructor Zvi Biener (Spring 2023)
- PHIL 1032-How Science Works with Instructor Lucas Dunlap (Fall 2022)
- PHIL 1003-Introduction to Ethics with Instructor Vanessa Carbonell (Spring 2022 (online), Spring 2021 (online))
- PHIL 1044-Meaning of Life with Instructor Heidi Maibom (Fall 2019)
- PHIL 1011-Introduction to Logic with Instructor Steve Wilson (Fall 2018)

Thesis Supervision & Mentorship

- Kichev Moultrie (undergraduate), *Reclaiming My Identity: A Philosophical Deconstruction of Stereotypes Placed on Black Women in Hip-Hop* (2024)

PUBLICATIONS

2025

“Savoring and Satisfying Morbid Curiosity: A Revisionist Account of Horror.”
Southwest Philosophical Review.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Savoring and Satisfying Morbid Curiosity: A Revisionist Account of Horror.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Virtual.
- 2025 “Savoring and Satisfying Curiosity about Monsters: A Revisionary Account of Horror.” Making Philosophy “Pop”: Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association. Hattiesburg, MS.
- 2024 “Losing Innocence and Gaining Wisdom through Tragic Art: A Proposal for Parenting.” Virtuous and Vicious Responses to Tragedy and Suffering. Newport News, VA. (with Jacob Ebbs)
- 2023 “Tacit Consent and Shams in MMORPGs.” Video Games and Ethics Conference. Jupiter, FL.
- 2020 “Raunch Feminism and the Epistemology of Misogyny.” Complexity, Social Cognition, and Social Explanation Workshop. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2019 Commentary on Bartek Chomanski’s “Smelling Places: On the Spatial of Olfactory Experience.” 111th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2018 “Plato’s Thesis of Male Superiority and Female Guardians in the Ideal City.” Ohio Philosophical Association. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2016 “In Defense of Racial Skepticism.” Marquette University Graduate Philosophy Conference. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2015 “Binding Gendered People Together: An Argument for Gender Eliminativism.” UT Austin Philosophy Graduate Conference. Austin, TX.
- 2015 “How the Representation Consumer Determines Representational Content.” Long Island Philosophical Society 51st Annual Meeting. Long Island, NY.
- 2014 “Causation and Constitution in Sensorimotor Account of Perceptual Experience.” Northern California Consciousness Meeting. Davis, CA.
- 2014 “Binding the Perceptual Symbols in Perceptual Symbol Systems.” 66th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference. Ellensburg, WA.
- 2014 “Moral Responsibility and the Robust First-Person Perspective.” Free Will Conference: Center for Cognition and Neuroethics. Flint, MI.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- University of Cincinnati**
- 2017-2024 Albert C. Yates Fellowship
Competitive university fellowship for graduate students from underrepresented populations.

2023	Graduate Student Government Conference Award <i>University award to support promising graduate research presentation.</i>
	San Francisco State University
2015	Instructionally Related Travel Award <i>University award to support promising graduate research presentation.</i>
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GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of Cincinnati (PhD)

- Supererogation with Professor Vanessa Carbonell (Spring 2020)
- Persons with Professor Heidi Maibom (Fall 2019)
- Teaching Seminar with Professor Vanessa Carbonell (Spring 2019)
- Philosophical Methodology with Professor Tom Polger (Spring 2019)
- Imagination with Professor Peter Langland-Hassan (Fall 2018)
- Complexity with Professor Angela Potochnik (Fall 2018)
- Ethics in the Trump Era with Professor Vanessa Carbonell (Fall 2018)
- Intersubjectivity with Professor Heidi Maibom (Spring 2018)
- Graduate Logic with Professor Angela Potochnik (Spring 2018)
- Descartes with Professor Bob Richardson (Spring 2018)
- Teaching Seminar with Professor Vanessa Carbonell (Spring 2018)
- Plato with Professor Larry Jost (Fall 2017)
- Philosophy of Biology with Professor Robert Skipper (Fall 2017)
- Minds and Kinds with Professor Tom Polger (Fall 2017)

San Francisco State University (MA)

- Seminar in the Philosophy of Mind with Professor Carlos Montemayor (Fall 2015)
 - Seminar in Philosophy of Language with Professor Ásta (Fall 2015)
 - Teaching Philosophy with Professor Shelley Wilcox (Spring 2015)
 - Seminar in Current Issues in Philosophy (Topic: Virtue Epistemology) with Professor Carlos Montemayor (Spring 2015)
 - Seminar in Selected Problems (Topic: Myth of the Given) with Professor Mohammad Azadpur (Spring 2015)
 - Teaching Philosophy with Professor Shelley Wilcox (Fall 2014)
 - Seminar in Selected Problems (Topic: Philosophy of Human Nature) with Professor David Landy (Fall 2014)
 - Seminar in Metaphysics (Topic: Social Ontology) with Professor Ásta (Fall 2014)
 - Seminar in Selected Problems (Topic: Embodied Cognition) with Professor Isabelle Peschard (Spring 2014)
 - Seminar in Philosophical Writing with Professor David Landy (Spring 2014)
 - Seminar in Metaphysics (Topic: Grad. Seminar on Essentially Indexical Information) with Professor Carlos Montemayor (Spring 2014)
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SERVICE

Georgia Southern University

- 2024-2026 *Co-coach, Georgia Southern University Ethics Bowl*
Duties include offering tips and strategies to the Georgia Southern University Ethics Bowl team for delivering clear, compelling, and respectful presentations and rebuttals on moral, political, and social issues; judging mock debates; and filling in new members on the purpose of Ethics Bowl and how it works. The team made it to 2025 National Competition, where they placed 13th out of 36 teams. For their respectful and collaborative engagement with the other teams in the National Competition, they were awarded the Bob Ladenson Spirit of the Ethics Bowl Award for exemplifying the spirit of the Ethics Bowl. The team also competed in the 2026 National Competition, where they placed 13th.
- 2024-2025 *Co-organizer, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department's PhilFlix Film Series*
I selected films to screen, organized the screenings, and led philosophical discussions on the films for the Georgia Southern University community
- Fall 2024-Spring 2025 *Judge, Georgia Southern University Best Undergraduate Philosophy Paper Award*
I read and scored paper submissions from Georgia Southern University's undergraduates to determine the recipient of this annual award.
- Spring 2025 *Judge, Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Competition*
I listened to debates between Ethics Bowl teams on various moral, social, and political issues, and scored the teams' performances.
- Spring 2025 *Judge, Georgia Southern University CURIO Symposium*
I scored research presentations from Georgia Southern University undergraduates at this annual symposium to determine the recipients of awards.

University of Cincinnati

- Fall 2022-Spring 2023 *Graduate Coordinator, University of Cincinnati Philosophy Club*
I presided over club meetings, engaged with undergraduates with various majors, and co-organized the Graduate Student Panel, in which undergraduates asked philosophy graduate students philosophical questions. I also served as the liaison between the Philosophy Club and the rest of the Philosophy Department.
- Fall 2019-Summer 2020 *President, University of Cincinnati Philosophy Graduate Student Association*
I planned, scheduled, and presided over meetings for the Philosophy Graduate Student Association.
- Spring 2020 *Co-organizer, Complexity, Social Cognition, and Social Explanation Workshop*
I helped select speakers for this workshop, with an eye towards selecting scholars whose research aligns with the research interests of the University of Cincinnati Philosophy Department.
- Fall 2018-Summer 2019 *Treasurer, University of Cincinnati Philosophy Graduate Student Association*
Duties included bookkeeping for the Philosophy Graduate Student Association and securing funds for community-building activities for University of Cincinnati philosophy graduate students.
- Spring 2018 *Member of Planning Committee, Emerging Philosophers Institute at Cincinnati*

I helped plan a schedule for a two-day workshop for 15 undergraduates from underrepresented groups interested in going to graduate school for philosophy. I was also an invited panelist on a panel for the workshop on what being a philosophy graduate student is like.

REFERENCES

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