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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Utah, in progress

M.A. in Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, 2003

B.A. in Philosophy (w/minor in music), University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1997

Bachelor's Thesis: "Understanding Value Dichotomizing in Ethics, A Comparison of G. E. Moore and Wang Yang-Ming"

Areas of Specialization

Ethics
Ancient Greek Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Chinese Philosophy
History of Philosophy
(Early Modern through 19th century)
Philosophy of Religion
Logic

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant: University of Utah 2004-2005.

as instructor—

Phil. 1002, God, Faith, and Reason (Phil. of Religion)

as recitation instructor and grader—

Phil. 1000, Introduction to Philosophy

Phil. 2600, World Religions

Adjunct Professor: University of Alaska Anchorage 2003-2004.

Philosophy 212, History of Philosophy II (Galileo through Nietzsche)

English as a Second Language A104, College Writing I; and A106, Grammar I

Teaching Assistant (grader and tutor): Northern Illinois University 2001-2003.

Phil. 103, Introduction to Logic

Phil. 231, Contemporary Moral Issues

Phil. 101, Introduction to Philosophy

Publications

"The Struggle for Ethical Discourse Before the Silence" in

The Precipice (The University of Alaska Fairbanks Socratic Society Journal, 1996).

Presentations

“Metaphysical Considerations in Aristotle’s Ethics”
Rosenblatt Jr. Lecture Series (University of Utah): Salt Lake City, Utah; February 2005.

“Plato’s Lysis: Philosophy as the Love of Wisdom,”
Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities: Honolulu, Hawaii; January 2005.
(accepted but not able to present).

“Alcmaeon as a Foundation for Plato,”
Rosenblatt Jr. Lecture Series (University of Utah): Salt Lake City, Utah; September 2004.

“Intuitions Necessary for Ethical Valuing,”
Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: Forest Grove, Oregon; April 1997.

Commentaries

Respondent to Anna Vaughn’s “The Real Moyneux Question as One of Perception and Judgment in Locke’s Essay Concerning Human Understanding,”
Intermountain West Philosophy Conference (University of Utah): Salt Lake City, Utah; February 2005.

Honors

University of Alaska Fairbanks Philosophy Student of the Year, 1996-1997

Professional Organizations

American Philosophical Association

Professional Service

Session Chair, Pacific Division APA 2005

Treasurer, Graduate Student Philosophy Association 2004-2005

Graduate Courses

University of Utah

Proseminar (B. Landesman)

Classical Chinese Philosophy (E. Hutton)

Philosophy of Logic: Psychologism (E. Millgram)

History of Science: Ecology (A. Pultynski)

Philosophy of Mind (R. Mallon)

Ethics and Practical Reason (C. Andreou)

Northern Illinois University

Epistemology (H. Brown)

Consequentialism (J. Hudson)

Plato (M. Gelven)

Aesthetics (W. Tolhurst)

Philosophy of Language (T. Kapitan)

The Presocratics (J. Dye)

Intermediate Logic (T. Kapitan)

19th Century Philosophy (M. Gelven)

Aristotle (J. Dye)

Metaphysics: Free Will (T. Kapitan)

Languages

Mandarin Chinese - intermediate level reading and speaking