

Beth Seacord

Curriculum Vitae

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College of Southern Nevada
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EDUCATION

- PhD. Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado, 2013
Dissertation: *Unto the Least of These: Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil.*
Committee: Wes Morriston (chair), Paul Draper, Chris Heathwood, Claudia Mills
and Michael Tooley
- M.A. Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado, 2010
- M.A. Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada,
California. (*honors*), 2004
- B.A. American Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles,
California. (*cume laude*), 2002

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-present Associate Professor, College of Southern Nevada
- 2016-2021 Instructor, College of Southern Nevada
- 2013-2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University
- 2011-2012 Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV Assistant Professor/Instructor

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking Online

Engineering Ethics

Environmental Ethics

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy and Film (Philosophy Goes to the Movies)

Philosophy of Death and Dying

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV Adjunct Professor

Critical Thinking

Engineering Ethics

University of Colorado, Boulder, Part Time Instructor

Critical Thinking

Environmental Ethics

Philosophy and Science Fiction

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI Visiting Assistant Professor

Ethics

Ethics Writing Intensive

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Philosophy of Death and Dying

Philosophy and Science Fiction

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Sole Instructor

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Philosophy

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Teaching Assistant

Ancient Philosophy

Environmental Ethics

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Science

Cypress College, Cypress, CA, Adjunct Professor

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

Western Religions

PUBLICATIONS

Invited Articles and Book Chapters

- 2021 “Evil as a Problem for Theism”, *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro, Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2021 “The Fawn,” *Philosophy Illustrated: Forty Thought Experiments to Broaden Your Mind* ed. Helen De Cruz, Oxford University Press.
- 2021 “The Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences: Controlling for Self-Selected Samples, *Death and the Afterlife*, ed. Ryan Byerly, Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2019 “Death” *A Companion to Atheism and Philosophy*, ed. Graham Oppy, Oxford, England: Wiley-Blackwell, 2019.

Journal Articles

- 2015 “The Creation of Necessity: Making Sense of Cartesian Modality,” *Journal of Philosophical Investigations* 9, no. 17 (2015): 153-171.
- 2013 “Judaism, Reincarnation and Theodicy,” *Faith and Philosophy* 30, no. 4, 393-417, (co-authored with Tyron Goldschmidt).
- 2012 “Animals, Phenomenal Consciousness and Higher-Order Theories of Mind,” *Philo* 14, no. 2 (2011): 1-22.

Book Reviews

- 2016 *Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, by Nicola Hoggard Creegan, *Faith and Philosophy* 33, no. 1 (2016): 17-20.
- 2015 *The Problem of Animal Pain: A Theodicy for All Creatures Great and Small* by Trent Dougherty, *Religious Studies* 51, no. 4 (2015): 593-597.

Blogs and Popular Writing

- 2016 “Untamed Wilderness in the Eschaton: Part Four of Life in the New Creation,” *Prosblogion* ed. Helen De Cruz, <http://prosblogion.ektopos.com/2016/10/07/the-new-creation-part-4-untamed-wilderness-in-the-eschaton-by-beth-seacord/>

- 2016 “In Defense of the Chemophobe,” *The Dance of Reason*, Sacramento State University Philosophy Department, ed. Matthew McCormick, <http://www.danceofreason.com/2016/02/in-defense-of-chemophobe.html>

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers

- 2019 “Breaking Deathbed Promises: The Case against Posthumous Harm,” The Center for Practical and Professional Ethics, Sacramento State University, Sacramento, November 4.
- 2019 “The Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences: Controlling for Self-Selected Samples,” British Society of Philosophy of Religion 13th Meeting, “Death and Immortality”, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, England, September 5-6.
- 2019 “The Self Near Death: The Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences,” Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain Pacific Region, Las Vegas, NV, April 5-6.
- 2015 “The Darwinian Problem of Evil: Is an All-Good, All-powerful God Compatible with Darwinian Evolution?” Fifth Annual Grand Dialogue in Science and Religion Conference, Kaufman Interfaith Institute, Grand Rapids, MI, June 13.
- 2015 “Something’s Fishy: A Critique of the 2015 USDA Dietary Guidelines for Fish Consumption in Vulnerable Populations,” Third Annual Workshop on Food Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, May 15-16.
- 2014 “What is a Protestor to do when Green is the New Red? Civil Disobedience for a New Age,” International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO, June, 17-20.
- 2014 “What is a Protestor to do when Green is the New Red? Civil Disobedience for a New Age” Second Annual Workshop on Food Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, May 23-25.
- 2013 “The Problem of Predation and the Objections from Moral and Modal Skepticism,” The Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region Boulder, CO, March 8-9.

Invited Symposia

- 2020 “Animal Rights, Veganism and Invivo Meat,” Animal Rights Workshop, University of Nevada Las Vegas, March 13-15.
- 2014 “Judaism, Reincarnation and Theodicy,” with Tyron Goldschmidt Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, March 3-10
Commentators: Anastasia Philippa Scrutton (University of Leeds), Bill Woods (Oxford University).
- 2013 “Skeptical Theism and the Problem of Animal Suffering”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, March 27-31 Commenter: Adam Shriver (University of Pennsylvania)

Panels

- 2019 “Medical Ethics in the Sick Bay” with Eric Chwang and John Billingsly.
Star Trek Las Vegas Convention, Las Vegas, NV: August 3.
- 2019 “Time Travel, Transporters, AI and the Terran Universe: Star Trek and Philosophy,” with Kenny Boyce, Rebecca Chan and Matt McCormick. Star Trek Las Vegas Convention, Las Vegas, NV: August 2.
- 2018 “New Innovations in Teaching Philosophy Online” with Keith Hess, John Min.
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 27-April 1.
- 2015 “Animals the Problem of Evil,” with Marilyn Adams, Andrew Chignell and Matt Halteman, Animals and the Kingdom of God Workshop, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, June 26-28.
- 2012 “Skeptical Theism and the Problem of Animal Pain” with Trent Dougherty
Skeptical Theism and Animal Pain Workshop, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 27-29.

Comments

- 2018 “The Promise of a New Past,” by Samuel Lebens and Tyron Goldschmidt with Ken Hochstetter, The Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, January 21-28.
- 2016 “The Religiously Sensitive Atheist,” by J.L. Schellenberg
William L. Rowe Memorial Conference, Purdue University, July 26-27.
- 2013 “The Objection from Moral Deference,” by Michele Palmira and Cory Davia,
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, April 5-6.

2013 “Rawlsian Christianity,” by Robert Fischer, The Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region, March 8-9.

Sessions Chaired

2019 “Extinction and death,” Christopher Belsaw. British Society for Philosophy of Religion, University of Oxford, UK. November 5-6.

2019 “Relativity and the afterlife,” Damiano Costa. British Society for Philosophy of Religion, University of Oxford, UK. November 5-6.

2019 “Does four-dimensionalism offer hope of immortality?” Jon Loose; British Society for Philosophy of Religion, University of Oxford, UK. November 5-6.

2019 “Strengthening the Hard Problem of Consciousness: A Causal Problem for Naturalism,” Joseph Schmid. Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain Pacific Region, Las Vegas, NV, April 5-6.

2016 “Animals Ethics and Ethical Theory,” with Andrew Chignell, Matt Haleman, Megan Halteman-Zwart and Anne Barnhill, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, IL, March 4.

Campus Talks

2015 “Rationality, Posthumous Interests and Posthumous Harms,” Philosophy Colloquium Series, Grand Valley State University, October 2.

2012 “Theodicy and Reincarnation,” with Tyron Goldschmidt, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 20.

2012 “Neo-Cartesianism and Animal Consciousness,” Center for the Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, February 17.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

Conference Paper Referee, Society of Christian Philosophers, Rocky Mountain Division, Las Vegas, 2019.

Reviewer, *Faith and Philosophy*, ed. Mark Murphey.

Reviewer, *Companion to the Problem of Evil*, eds. Justin McBrayer and Daniel Howard-Snyder, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

Conference Paper Referee, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2006-2007

To Profession

Organizer, Second Annual Workshop for Junior Metaphysicians, Grand Valley State University, April 17-19, 2015.

Organizer, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Grand Valley State University, March 6-8, 2015.

Organizer, Animal Pain Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April 27-29, 2012.

Organizer, Skeptical Theism Workshop, University of Notre Dame, March 16-18, 2012.

Committees

2018-present Member, One Book One College (OBOC), College of Southern Nevada.

2019-present E-Learning Committee, College of Southern Nevada.

2019-2021 Sabbatical Committee, College of Southern Nevada.

2017-2020 Member, CSN Women's Alliance, College of Southern Nevada.

2018-2019 Chair, Social Sciences E-Learning Committee, College of Southern Nevada.

2017- 2019 Member, Social Sciences Assessment Committee, College of Southern Nevada.

Campus Service

2021 Speaker, "The Scientific Significance of Unidentified Ariel Phenomena," Philosophy Club, The College of Southern Nevada

2019 Speaker, "Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil," Dr. Hess' Philosophy of Religion course.

2019 Presenter with Chelsea McKenna, "Relate to Communicate in the Sciences," CAPE Convocation Series, College of Southern Nevada.

2019 Volunteer, CSN Preview Day, Charleston Campus, College of Southern Nevada.

- 2019 Speaker, "Confronting Climate Change Denial," Sci-Night: Science Journal Club, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2017-2019 Organizer, Re-Entry Program Book Drive, Charleston Campus, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018-present Member, Science Journal Club "Sci-Night", Biological and Physical Sciences, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018-2019 Faculty Advisor, VegSociety, Official Student Club, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018-2019 Volunteer, CSN Connections, Charleston Campus, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018 Volunteer, Welcome Back Event, Charleston Campus, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018 Speaker, "Confronting Science Denial," Philosophy Club, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2018 Speaker, "Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences," Philosophy Club, College of Southern Nevada.
- 2017 Presenter, with Melissa Giovanni, Christina Martin and Keith Hess, "Strategies for Teaching Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines," CAPE Convocation Series, College of Southern Nevada.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2011-2012 Templeton Fellowship in the Philosophy of Mind and the Problem of Evil Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame
- 2011 Philosophy Department Dissertation Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2004 Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies, Philosophy Department, Talbot School of Theology