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## ***Areas of Specialization:***

Ralph Waldo Emerson & Transcendentalism; Modernity and Secularity

## ***Areas of Competence:***

Environmental Philosophy; Ethics & Sustainability; Greek Philosophy; English Composition

## ***Education***

**PhD, Philosophy**, (with distinction), 2016, The University of New Mexico,  
Dissertation Title: *Transcendence and Transformation: Charles Taylor and the Promise of Inclusive Humanism in a Secular Age*  
Co-advisor: Russell B. Goodman  
Co-advisor: Iain Thomson  
**MA, Philosophy**, 2006, San José State University  
**BA, Philosophy**, 2004, San José State University

## ***Academic Appointments:***

**Associate Professor of English**, Western New Mexico University and Director of the Millennium III Honors Program, May 2021 - Present  
**Assistant Professor of English**, Western New Mexico University, August 2017- May 2021  
**Adjunct Lecturer**, The University of New Mexico, June 2016 – May 2017  
**Adjunct Lecturer**, Central New Mexico Community College, August 2007 – 2017  
**Adjunct Lecturer**, San José State University, August 2006 – May 2007

## ***Courses Taught***

### **Western New Mexico University:**

#### ***Graduate Level***

*American Philosophy*  
*Environmental Ethics*  
*Ancient Philosophy*  
*Wilderness in a Technological Age*  
*Morality and Modernity: Charles Taylor*  
*Plato and Platonism*

#### ***Upper Division***

*Wilderness in a Technological Age*  
*Environmental Ethics*  
*Recent Philosophy*  
*Modern Philosophy*  
*Ancient Philosophy*  
*History of Philosophy I: Thales to Plotinus*  
*Directed Study: Philosophy of Religion*  
*Directed Study: Emerson and Hellenistic Philosophy*

*Directed Study: Heidegger's Being and Time*  
*Directed Study: Sustainability and the Future of Humanity*

**Lower Division**

*Comparative World Religions*  
*Freshman Humanities Survey (Applied Liberal Arts)*  
*Freshman Humanities Survey (Honors)*  
*Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Introduction to Philosophy (Honors)*  
*English Composition & Rhetoric I*  
*English Composition & Rhetoric II*  
*English Composition & Rhetoric II (Honors)*  
*Sustainability and Ethics*  
*Directed Study: Ethics of Aristotle*  
*Directed Study: Emerson as Philosopher*  
*Directed Study: Business Ethics*

**The University of New Mexico:**

**Upper Division**

*Ethical Theory*  
*Religion and Literature*  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson (Senior Seminar)*

**Lower Division**

*Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Reasoning and Critical Thinking*  
*Professional Ethics*  
*Greek Philosophy*

**Publications**

**Books**

*Our Search for Meaning: a Humanistic Anthology for Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences*, Eds. Katherine Oubre and Phillip Schoenberg, Mimbres Press, Silver City, NM (2022).

**Peer-reviewed Articles**

"Varieties of Humanism in a Secular Age: Charles Taylor's Pluralism and the Promise of Inclusive Humanism," *Annals of Philosophy*, vol. LXIV, no. 4, (December, 2016): 169-199.

**Book Reviews**

Review of Susan L. Dunston, *Emerson and Environmental Ethics*. *Philosophy in Review*, 41, no. 2, (May 2021): 62-64.

Review of Susanne Claxton, *Heidegger's Gods: An Ecofeminist Perspective*. *Philosophy in Review*, 38, no. 2, (May 2018): 49-51.

Review of Douglas Hedley, *The Iconic Imagination*. *Philosophy In Review*, 37, no. 1, (February 2017): 14-16.

Review of Ryan Coyne, *Heidegger's Confessions: The Remains of Saint Augustine in Being and Time and Beyond*. *Augustinian Studies*, 47, no. 2, (September 2016): 243-246.

Review of Carl B. Sachs, *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given: Between Pragmatism and Phenomenology*. *Philosophy In Review*, 35, no. 6, (December 2015): 310-312.

### **Invited Blog Posts**

["Philosophy as a Way of Life Lives on in Denver."](#) *Philosophy as a Way of Life*, University of Notre Dame, April 26, 2019.

### **Presentations**

"Juggling Modalities to Support Student Learning and Retention," New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference, Panel Presentation, March 6th, 2020, Albuquerque, NM.

"Teaching Philosophy as a Way of Life," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Teaching Hub Panel Presentation, February, 2020.

"Philosophy as a Way of Life: Philosophical Exercises," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, [Poster Group Presentation](#).

"Bringing Plato to the People: The Philosophy as a Way of Life Approach." Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses, April 13, 2019, Santa Fe, NM.

Teaching Core Texts: Plato's *Apology*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Teaching Hub, Panel Presentation, February 22, 2019.

"Philosophy as a Way of Life," Public Lecture, J. Cloyd Miller Library, November 8, 2018, Silver City, NM.

"The Love of Wisdom in a Modern World." Mustang Showcase, March 20, 2018, Silver City, NM.

"Humanities for the Modern Age." Mustang Showcase, March 20, 2018, Silver City, NM.

"Charles Taylor on Religion and Secularity in Late Modernity." Research Symposium, Western New Mexico University, February 20, 2018, Silver City, NM.

"Life as a Core Text: Emerson's "American Scholar" and American Democracy." Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses, March 29 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Rorty's Ironic Atheism: Towards a Neo-Pragmatic Philosophy of Religion." Annual Meeting on Pragmatism, November 9 – 13, 2009, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Comments on "The Proto-Morality of Life: Primary Recognition in Axel Honneth's Reading of *Phenomenology of Spirit*" American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, March 31 – April 3, 2010, San Francisco, CA.

Comments on "Self-Awareness, Self-Understanding, and Self-interpretation" American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, April 8 – 12, 2009, Vancouver, BC.

### **Professional Service**

**Service to Western New Mexico University**

4K Initiative Faculty Committee (2021-present)  
Student Research and Development, Co-Director (2021-present)  
Assessment Committee Humanities Representative (2021-present)  
Faculty Senate Humanities Representative (2018-2021)  
Faculty Senate Secretary (2020-2021)  
Faculty Ambassador for WNMU Foundation's "Leading by Example" campaign (2020)  
Principle Author of the Program Review for Philosophy (2020)  
Quality Matters Online Peer Reviewer  
Outdoor Experience Committee (*ad hoc* faculty lead initiative) (2019-present)  
Research Committee Member (2019-2020)  
Judge for the Research Paper Competition at the Student Academic Symposium (2019-present)  
Director, Millennium III Honors Program, Western New Mexico University (Fall 2018-present)  
Assistant Faculty Wilderness Guide for Class Backpacking Trip (spring 2018, with K. Whiteman)  
Graduate Course Development for Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)  
Member of the Online Course Design Committee (2017-2019)  
Member of the Sustainability Degree Program (*ad hoc*) Oversight Committee (2017-present)

#### **Service to the Humanities Department**

Author of Program Review for Philosophy (2020)  
Assessment Coordinator for Philosophy  
Hiring Committee Member, 2018, 2020  
Coordinator for graduate course development for philosophy  
Honors Advisor  
Philosophy Minor Advisor  
Humanities Department Recruitment Coordinator

#### **Service to the Discipline of Philosophy/English**

2022 Invited Scholar for philosophical ["Community Hub" project](#)  
2022 External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion, UNM Gallup English Department  
2021 Journal Referee for *Journal of Pedagogy*, special edition on Philosophy as a Way of Life (Journal of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers)  
2021 Book Referee for Rowman & Littlefield Publishing  
2021 Journal Referee for *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* (Common Ground Publishing)  
2019-present Member of the Conference Planning Committee for the American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
2018 Book Referee for *Universitaria Augustiniana*  
2017 Journal Referee for *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy and Traditions* (Springer Academic Publishing)

#### **Community Service & Engagement**

2022 Worshipful Master, Silver City Masonic Lodge #8  
2021 Spring, Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), Earth Day Planning Committee Member  
2021 Senior Warden, Silver City Masonic Lodge #8 (AF&AM)  
2018-2020 Senior Warden, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver City, NM  
2020 Junior Warden, Silver City Masonic Lodge #8 (AF&AM)  
2018 Coach for the "Pirates" T-Ball Team, Silver City T-Ball Summer League  
2018-Present Volunteer, Guadalupe Montessori School, Silver City, NM

#### ***Professional Development***

2021 Grant Writing Webinar  
2019-2020 Excellence in Leadership Seminar, Las Crucis, NM, Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

2019 Education for Ministry (EFM), Swanee University of the South  
 2019 Defensive Driving Certification (authorized to operate state vehicles in NM)  
 2019 (May) Quality Matters Certification: Applying the QM Rubric  
 2017 (fall) Advising Training, WNMU  
 2017 (winter) Course Design Institute, January 11-12, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM  
 2016 28th Annual Southwest Seminar for Great Teaching, October 27-9, Santa Fe, NM  
 2016 (summer) Course Design Institute, June 15-18, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

***Honors & Awards***

2020 VPAA Grant: \$19,000 WARM grant for Millennium III Honors Program (fall 2021)  
 2020 VPAA Grant to develop a Business Ethics Course in Collaboration with the School of Business  
 2020 Nomination for Online Teaching Excellence (for both design and teaching)  
 2020 Fall WNMU Academic Affairs Professional Development Grant for Course Peer Review  
 2019-2020 WNMU Academic Affairs Professional Development Grant for travel to the 2020 Eastern APA  
 2019-2020 WNMU Academic Affairs Collaboration Grant for Business Ethics Course Development  
 2019 WNMU Student Research & Professional Development Grant for a Summer Research Assistant  
 2019 WNMU Student Research & Professional Development Grant: Summer Mentor for Student  
 Researcher  
 2019 WNMU Academic Affairs Professional Development Grant for travel to the ACTC 25th Annual  
 Conference, April 11-14  
 2018-2019 WNMU Academic Affairs Professional Development Grant for travel to the 2019 Central APA  
 2018 National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship for the Summer Seminar, "Reviving  
 Philosophy as a Way of Life"  
 2015-2016 University of New Mexico, Susan Deese-Roberts Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award  
 2016 University of New Mexico Philosophy Department Travel Scholarship  
 2006 The Herman Shapiro Prize, San José State University  
 2003 Temple Prize, San José State University

***Languages***

German (reading)  
 Classical Greek (reading)

***Memberships***

The American Philosophical Association (APA)  
 The Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)  
 American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT)  
 ΦΣΤ (alumnus)

**Research & Scholarship Matrix**

CATEGORY	Discipline-based Scholarship	Contributions to Practice	Learning Pedagogical and Scholarship	TOTAL
Refereed Monographs				
Articles in Refereed Journals	1			1
Edited Volume	1			1
Refereed Book Chapters				
Publications in Refereed				

Conference Proceedings				
Presentations of Refereed Papers			3	3
Non-refereed Book Chapters				
Book Reviews	4			4
Other Non-refereed Research	7		5	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>

### Citations Matrix

Publication Cited (year)	In Books	In Articles	In Other Publications	Total Citations
"Varieties of Humanism for a Secular Age" (2016)	1	6	1	8