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Objectives

Seeking employment as an educator, so that I might apply my well-rounded education towards helping others.

Work Experience

Oklahoma State University

Fall 2018 — Present

Co-Teacher/Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020 assistantship was conducted under Dr. Scott Gelfand of Oklahoma State University for one section of the Spring 2020 Philosophy of Law course.

- Co-Taught Philosophy of Law to students with no exposure
- Composed and delivered lectures
- Performed all grading duties (papers, tests and weekly quizzes)
- Held weekly office hours

Fall 2019 assistantship was conducted under Dr. Scott Gelfand of Oklahoma State University for one section of the Fall 2019 Biomedical Ethics course.

- Co-Taught Biomedical Ethics to senior-year students
- Composed and delivered lectures
- Performed grading duties (papers, tests and weekly quizzes)
- Held weekly office hours

Spring 2019 assistantship was conducted under Mr. Justin Rice of Oklahoma State University for two sections of the Spring 2019 Logic and Critical Thinking Course.

- Taught Logic and Critical Thinking to students with no exposure to formal logic
- Composed and delivered regular lectures
- Performed all grading duties (papers, tests and weekly quizzes)
- Held weekly office hours

Fall 2018 assistantship was conducted under Dr. Justin Horn of Oklahoma State University for two sections of the Fall 2018 Introduction to Philosophy Course.

- Co-Taught Introduction to Philosophy
- Composed and delivered regular lectures
- Performed all grading duties (papers, tests and weekly quizzes)
- Held weekly office hours

University of Central Oklahoma Dept. of Philosophy and Humanities

Fall 2016 — Spring 2017

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016 assistantship was conducted under Dr. Mark Silcox of University of Central Oklahoma for the Fall 2016 Introduction to Philosophy class.

- Helped teach Introduction to Philosophy under faculty mentor.
- Composed lectures on topics selected.
- Organized and ran review sessions for students.

Spring 2017 assistantship was conducted under Dr. Rick Chew of University of Central Oklahoma for the Spring 2017 Introduction to Logic class.

- Helped teach Introduction to Logic under faculty mentor.
- Composed and co-taught lectures for topics selected.
- Acted as TA for faculty.
- Organized and ran review sessions for students.

University of Central Oklahoma Dept. of Philosophy and Humanities

August 2016 — July 2017

Philosophy, Critical Thinking and Logic Tutor

Organized and ran review sessions for students enrolled in Philosophy, critical thinking and logic courses. Tutored formal logic from introductory to advanced (modal) levels. Assisted students in essay writing and editing

The Symposium of Philosophy at University of Central Oklahoma

August 2016 — July 2017

President

Assisted with organizing the annual Southwestern Symposium of Undergraduate Philosophers conference. Planned events and arranged for guest speakers.

Gear Up Central and Various Employers

February 2013 — June 2016

Math and English Composition Tutor

Feb. 2013—Feb. 2016

Worked with students at the recommendation of various instructors as an English Composition tutor. Worked especially closely with some students struggling (due to learning disabilities) to compose final research-papers in their final year of private high-schools. Instructed on developing skills in proper, academic writing, including working on style, grammar, syntax, essay structure, argumentation, formatting and sourcing.

Feb. 2016--June 2016

Worked in Crutcho Public School (Midwest City, OK) as an in school, 7th-8th grade Math and English Composition Tutor. This was done through University of Central Oklahoma's GEAR UP program (a federally funded tutoring program designed to prepare K-12 students for undergraduate study).

Private Music Instructor

June 2013 — May 2015

Music Instructor

Privately employed music instructor. Instructed beginner to intermediate students ages 7-17 in guitar, mandolin, ukulele and basic music theory. Worked with many students with no prior musical experience.

Education

M.A. in Philosophy

August 2018 — Present

Oklahoma State University

Expected to Graduate Spring 2020

Areas of Specialization: Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competency: Philosophy of Science, Formal Logic, Critical Thinking

B.A. in Philosophy

August 2015 — May 2018

University of Central Oklahoma

Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Philosophy (Spring 2017) (University of Central Oklahoma)

This award is presented to a single student working within the Philosophy major per academic year. It is awarded by faculty nomination in recognition of outstanding academic development and work.

President's Honor Roll (Spring 2015-Spring 2017) (University of Central Oklahoma)

This award is given per semester to students who record a 4.0 GPA.

A.A. in Philosophy

August 2012 — Dec. 2014

Santiago Canyon College (California)

Research and Relevant Coursework

Master's Thesis: Absurd Angst and Metaethical Pain—The Externalist Moral Paradigm and its Production of Angst Over the Normative Force of Ultimate Reasons

Thesis approved by Oklahoma State University committee on March 27th, 2020 with highest distinctions. 116pgs in total. Research covers foundational issues in ethics which produce existential anxiety. Examines angst over different theories of the nature of morality, particularly reasons, and why Kantian and Humean (internalist) approaches to metaethical questions are not, in the minds of many, satisfying. (See 'Thesis Defense Remarks' if attached for a brief summary of this work.)

Coursework: History, Social Studies, & Humanities

Various courses taken which contribute to qualification to teach History, Social Studies and Humanities courses..

- Phil. 5910: Survey of the History of Renaissance Science (Research Problems in Phil.) (Spring 2020)
- Hum. 2223: Humanities—Renaissance to Modern (Spring 2017)
- Hum. 3233: Ancient Roman Culture (Spring 2016)
- Hum. 3123: New Testament Humanities (Fall 2015)
- Hist. 120: The United States to 1865 (Spring 2014)
- Psych. 100: Introduction to Psychology (Spring 2014)
- Phil. 120: Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2014)
- Polt. 101: Intro. To American Government (Fall 2014)
- Anth. 100: Intro. To Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2013)
- Phil. 112: World Religions (Spring 2013)

Coursework: English, Writing and Literature

Various courses which contribute to qualification to teach writing, English, and literature courses.

- Eng. 1213: English Composition and Research (Spring 2018)
- Eng. 214: Creative Writing I/Poetry (Fall 2013)
- English 101H: Honors Freshman Composition (Fall 2012)

Coursework: STEM, & the History and Methodologies of the Natural Sciences

Various courses which contribute to qualification to teach STEM courses:

- Phil. 5910: Survey of the History of Renaissance Science (Research Problems in Phil.) (Spring 2020)
- Phil. 5910: Philosophy of Biology (Spring 2019)
- Phil. 4930: Peirce & Abduction (Fall 2017)
- Phil. 4163: Philosophy of Science (Spring 2017)
- Phil. 3212: Inductive Reasoning (Fall 2016)

Coursework: Mathematics, Quantitative Reasoning, & Formal Logic

Various courses which contribute to qualification to teach Math, Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Thinking, and Logic courses.

- Phil. 5910: Graduate Study in Mathematical Logic (Spring 2019)
- Phil. 3212: Inductive Reasoning (Fall 2016)
- Phil. 4910: Advanced Symbolic Logic (Spring 2016)
- Phil. 4503: Symbolic Logic (Fall 2015)
- Phil. 111: Introductory Logic (Fall 2014)
- Math 105: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (Spring 2014)
- Phil. 110H: Honors Critical Thinking (Spring 2013)
- Math 080: Intermediate Algebra (Spring 2013)
- Math 060: Elementary Algebra (Fall 2012)

Presentations and Publications

"Aquinas' Metaethic: The Link Between Being and Goodness in Aquinas' Thought"

Delivered at the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference on January 25th, 2020.

Response to "Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value"

Delivered at the Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference on October 11th, 2019.

"Dennett, Determinism and the Strong Control Principle"

Delivered at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research on April 14th, 2018

"Self-Predication and the Third Man"

Delivered at the 2017 UCO Liberal Arts Symposium on March 29th, 2017.

Response to "The Metaphysics of Leibniz"

Delivered at the 2017 Southwestern Symposium for Undergraduate Philosophers held at the University of Central Oklahoma on March 4th, 2017.

References

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