

# Dean Da Vee

## Curriculum Vitae

Sage School of Philosophy  
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### EMPLOYMENT

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Visiting Lecturer <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i>	2022-2023
<i>Philosophical Review</i> Visiting Lecturer <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i>	2021-2022

### EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b> Philosophy <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i>	Aug. 2021
<b>M.A.</b> Philosophy <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i>	Dec. 2018
<b>M.A.</b> Philosophy <i>Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL</i>	May 2015
<b>B.A.</b> Philosophy (Summa Cum Laude) <i>Biola University, La Mirada, CA</i>	May 2012

### AREAS OF RESEARCH

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AOS: Metaphysics  
AOC: Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics

### PUBLICATIONS

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2021 “An Epistemological Problem for Minimalist Views about Composition,” *Synthese* 199: 9649-9668.

2021. “Why Truthmaker Theory Cannot Save Divine Simplicity,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 90 (1): 43-60.

2020. “Why Ockham’s Razor Should be Preferred to the Laser,” *Philosophical Studies* 177 (12): 3679-3694

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“From Truthmaker Non-Maximalism to the Falsity of Necessitarianism”

“Perceptual Experience and the Truthmaker Theory of Ontological Commitment”

## PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARIES

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“An Epistemological Problem for Minimalist Views about Composition” Dec. 2020  
Department Workshop, Cornell University

“Why Ockham’s Razor Should be Preferred to the Laser” Nov. 2019  
Department Workshop, Cornell University

“Why Truthmaker Theory Cannot Save Divine Simplicity” Sept. 2019  
Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Hope College

“Against the Laser” April 2019  
UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference

Comments on “Immanent Universals and Spatial Location” by J. Mahlan Mar. 2016  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL

Comments on “Frege’s Realism: the Truth About Beauty” by C. Waters Nov. 2014  
Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University

“On Engel’s Proposed Solution to the Internalist/Externalist Controversy” Nov. 2014  
Illinois Philosophical Association Conference, Normal, IL

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### As Instructor

*Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*

(FWS = “First-Year Writing Seminar”)

Knowledge and Reality	Spring 2023
Contemporary Moral Problems	Spring 2023
Religion and Reason	Fall 2022
FWS: Puzzles about Personhood	Fall 2022
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2022
FWS: Knowledge, Rationality, and Belief	Spring 2022
FWS: Debates about Free Will	Fall 2021

FWS: Ethical Controversies	Spring 2021
FWS: Reason and Belief in God	Spring 2020
FWS: Reason and Belief in God	Fall 2019

**As Teaching Assistant**

*Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*

Ancient Philosophy (with Tad Brennan)	Fall 2020
Introduction to Philosophy (with Marta Heckel)	Spring 2018
Religion and Reason (with Scott MacDonald)	Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (with Ian Hensley)	Spring 2017
Introduction to Metaphysics (with Karen Bennett)	Fall 2016

*Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL*

Introduction to Metaphysics (with Alicia Finch)	Spring 2015
Social and Political Philosophy (with Jason Hanna)	Spring 2015
Environmental Ethics (with Jason Hanna)	Fall 2014
Contemporary Moral Issues (with Steve Daskal)	Fall 2014
Introduction to Philosophy (with Robert Farley)	Spring 2014
Contemporary Moral Issues (with Steve Daskal)	Fall 2013
Contemporary Moral Issues (with Mylan Engel, Jr.)	Fall 2013

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Designing a Learner-Centered Syllabus <i>Cornell Center for Teaching Innovation Workshop</i>	Fall 2018
Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom <i>Cornell Center for Teaching Innovation Self-Paced Course</i>	Fall 2020

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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Referee: <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese</i> (x 2)	
Referee for the 8th Annual Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL	Fall 2014
Referee for the 7th Annual Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL	Fall 2013

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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(\* = audit)

### **Metaphysics**

Taking Metaphysics to the Next Level\* (with Alexander Kocurek, Cornell), Metaphysics of Modality\* (with Alexander Kocurek, Cornell), Contemporary Issues in Metaphysics (with Karen Bennett, Cornell), Free Will (with Derk Pereboom, Cornell), Metaphysics (with Karen Bennett, Cornell), Metaphysics: Time and Change (with Alicia Finch, NIU), Metaphysics: Survey of Contemporary Problems (with Alicia Finch, NIU), Metaphysics of Science (with Carl Gillett, NIU), What Are You?\* (with Carl Gillett, NIU), Free Will (with Tomis Kapitan, NIU), Philosophy of Mind: Survey of Contemporary Problems\* (with Carl Gillett, NIU)

### **Epistemology**

Knowledge and Mind (with Nico Silins, Cornell), Self-Knowledge and its Limits (with Nico Silins, Cornell), Epistemology: Survey of Contemporary Problems (with Mylan Engel, Jr., NIU)

### **Philosophy of Religion**

Aquinas's Philosophical Theology (with Nate Bulthuis, Cornell)

### **Ethics and Political Philosophy**

Moral Philosophy (with Andrei Marmor, Cornell), Topics in Social and Political Philosophy: Global Justice (with Steve Daskal, NIU), Ethical Theory: A Survey of Contemporary Problems (with Mylan Engel, Jr., NIU)

### **Language**

Topics in Philosophy of Language\* (with Will Starr, Cornell), Philosophy of Language\* (with Will Starr, Cornell), Pragmatics (with Sarah Murray, Cornell), Topics in Philosophy of Language: Disagreement (with Lenny Clapp, NIU)

### **History**

Augustine's Philosophy of Mind\* (with Scott MacDonald, Cornell), Plato (with Gail Fine, Cornell), Aristotle (with Tad Brennan, Cornell), The Rationalists (with Daniel Smyth, Cornell), Frege and the Foundations of Mathematics\* (with Harold Hodes, Cornell), Aristotle (with Alicia Finch, NIU)

### **Other**

Philosophy of Science (Philosophical Naturalism)\* (with Richard Boyd, Cornell), Proseminar (with Kate Manne and Will Starr), Modal Logic\* (with Alexander Kocurek, Cornell), Intermediate Logic (with David Buller, NIU)

## REFERENCES

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Karen Bennett (committee co-chair)  
Professor of Philosophy and Department Chair  
Rutgers University  
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Nicholas Silins (committee co-chair)  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Cornell University  
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Alexander Kocurek (committee member)  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Cornell University  
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Scott MacDonald (teaching reference)  
Professor of Philosophy and Norma K. Regan Professor in Christian Studies  
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