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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee — *M.A. Philosophy*

EXPECTED GRADUATION: MAY 2021

Current GPA: 4.0

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN — *B.A. Philosophy, Spanish & Portuguese*

AUGUST 2013 - MAY 2017

Graduated *magna cum laude*.

Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain — *Exchange*

AUGUST 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

Studied Spanish literature and 20th century philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

A Song Turned Sideways Would Sound as Sweet

Forthcoming in *Analysis*

<https://doi.org/10.1093/analys/anaa026>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Debating Convergence Justification's Classical Tilt

Binghamton SPEL Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 2020

Finalist for Best Student Paper award

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI *Teaching Assistant*

AUGUST 2019 - PRESENT

- > Planned and led weekly discussion sections for small groups of students (as many as 88 total in a semester)
- > Designed worksheets, practice problems, and other supplemental materials
- > Hosted regular office hours and graded homework and tests
- > Classes taught: Fundamentals of Logic

Daquiprafora Intercâmbio e Turismo, São Paulo, Brazil *Writing Department Manager*

AUGUST 2017 - MARCH 2020 (part-time beginning FEB 2019)

- > Responsible for recruiting, training, and managing a team of 11 essay revisers working with approx. 300 students
- > Created over 70 pages of educational materials in various media, including an online writing course, articles, multimedia presentations and webinars.

HONORS & AWARDS

Magna Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

D. Craig Nordlund and Sally Baum Nordlund Scholarship in Arts and Science (\$24,000)

Chancellor's Graduate Student Award (\$780)

LANGUAGES

Spanish - Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking. Proficient in both Castilian and Latin American dialects, including voseo.

Portuguese - Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking. Extensive experience with Brazilian Portuguese.

German - Intermediate. Currently auditing courses.

SKILLS

Teaching, Mentoring, Leadership, Public Speaking, Research, Languages & Language Learning

GRE

Verbal: 170 (99th percentile)

Quant: 161 (75th percentile)

Analytic Writing: 5.0 (92nd percentile)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Epistemology; Metaethics and Moral Psychology; Political Philosophy; Existentialism and 19th-century continental philosophy

[Click here](#) for an example of my work (in Portuguese).

- > Worked individually with students to develop their writing skills, focusing on storytelling, style, and syntax.
- > Advised students and families on the process of applying to universities in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.
- > All responsibilities were carried out in both Portuguese and English.

YMCA of the Triangle, Raleigh, NC - Camp Counselor

JUNE 2012 - AUGUST 2014

- > Planned, taught and supervised children and teens in a wide range of activities, from chess to soccer to theater. Designed and prepared lesson plans, as well as improvising impromptu games and lessons.
- > Provided leadership training for older teens aiming to become counselors
- > Promoted after one year to a leadership position responsible for the educating both staff and participants on the proper safety procedures for archery and riflery.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Translation

JULY 2018 - PRESENT

- > Translation of academic texts from Portuguese to English. Work samples available upon request.

GRADUATE PHILOSOPHY COURSES

PHILOS 532G Philosophical Problems (The Passage of Time): **A**

PHILOS 554G Topic in Hist of Modern Philos (Schopenhauer & Nietzsche): **A**

PHILOS 562G Tpc-Ethcs & Soc/Political Phil (Public Reason And The Pursuit of Justice): **A**

PHILOS 681G Seminar in Advanced Topics (Speech Act Theory): **A**

PHILOS 903 Seminar in Epistemology (The Social Epistemology of Inquiry): **A**

PHILOS 941 Sem-Ethics, Soc/Political Phil (Kant's and Kantian Practical Thought): **A**

PHILOS 681G Seminar in Advanced Topics (Hume on Moral and Aesthetic Judgments)

(PHILOS 758 Seminar in Major Philosophers (GWF Hegel's 'Phenomenology of Spirit')

PHILOS 790 Advanced Topics in Philosophy (Graduate Student Writing Workshop)