

Curriculum Vitae
Chris A. Kramer
Philosophy Department
Santa Barbara City College
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Areas of Specialization:

Philosophy of Humor; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence:

Informal Logic; Ethics; Social Philosophy; History of Philosophy

Degrees:

PhD, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, Dissertation: *Subversive Humor* (May 2015).

Committee Members: Michael Monahan, Nancy Snow, Anthony Perresini, Theresa Tobin
M.A., San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, Philosophy, Thesis: *A Defense of the
Higher-Order Thought Theory of Consciousness*, 2002.

B.A., Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL, Philosophy and History. Thesis in Philosophy:
Wittgenstein's Invasion of the Solipsists' Privacy, 1997.

Academic Teaching Experience:

Academic Chair, Philosophy, Santa Barbara City College, (Spring 2023 - present).

Assistant Professor, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA (2017-present).

Professor, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL (2017).

Associate Professor, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL (2011-2017).

Assistant Professor, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL (2007-2011).

Academic Chair, Philosophy, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL (2015-present).

Full-Time (Temporary), Imperial Valley College, Imperial Valley, CA (2004-2005).

Independent Research Assistant, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (2000-2001).

Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (2001).

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy:

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (Fall 2004).

Imperial Valley College, Imperial Valley, CA (2005-2007).

Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA (2005-2007).

Mesa College, San Diego, CA (2005-2007).

Cuyamaca College, San Diego, CA (2006).

Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA (Spring 2007).

Teaching:

Courses Taught:

Truth, Meaning, and Existence
Introduction to Philosophy ([Raices](#))
Introduction to Ethics ([Umoja](#)-based)
Introduction to Philosophy (historical—Thales through Dennett)
Introduction to Philosophy (thematic--emphasis on Philosophy of Mind and Human Nature)
Introduction to Philosophy (thematic--emphasis on Metaphysics and Epistemology)
Introduction to Philosophy (Honors)
Introduction to Nonwestern Philosophy
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
History of Philosophy: Contemporary
Informal Logic/Critical Thinking
Critical Thinking and Writing in Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion
World Religions
Ethics
Contemporary Moral Issues
Political Philosophy
Formal Logic
Knowledge and Reality
Principles of the Humanities

Courses Developed:

Introduction to Philosophy ([Raices](#)) (Spring 2025)
Introduction to Ethics ([Umoja](#)-based) (Spring 2023)
Contemporary Philosophy (Fall 2019)
Critical Thinking and Writing in Philosophy (Fall 2017)
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (to be taught Fall 2016)
Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (Spring 2017)
Environmental Ethics (Fall 2017)
Thinking Logically about Media (Spring 2018)
Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2014)

University Service: Santa Barbara City College:

AI Ethics Toolkit Committee
Faculty Inquiry Group on Equity in STEM
Equity Coach for the Race Equity Assessment Project
Equity Coach for transition to fully online education (due to COVID-19)
Participant in Equity Mindset Training
Participant in Crossroads Anti-Racism

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Participant in Affective Learning Group

Participant in Reading Apprenticeship Workshop

Mentor for the Umoja Project

Advisor to the Philosophy Club

Advisor to the Chess Club

Hosted and organized the 12th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference at SBCC, October 12-13, 2018.

Honors for Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy

University Service: Rock Valley College

Committee member of Curriculum Development Group for a new program in Graphic Design Fall 2016).

Member of the Caskey Lecture Series Committee (2016—present).

Member of PAIC (Promoting an inclusive community).

Participant in the MCTA (Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Academy 2014-2015).

Subcommittee member for faculty negotiations (2015).

Faculty Council—(2008-2010).

Creator and Advisor to the RVC Philosophy Club, *That Club Than Which None Greater Can Be Conceived* (2007—eternity).

Department Service: Rock Valley College

Academic Chair of Philosophy Department (2015-2017).

Successfully passed three new courses through curriculum committee: Environmental Ethics, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, and Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (Fall 2015)

Head of Program Review (five year assessment) for Philosophy Department (2014-2015).

Chair of Tenure Committee Philosophy Department (2014-2017).

Hiring Committee Philosophy Department (2011; 2014).

Tenure Committee Philosophy Department (2011-2014).

Co-Chair of the Philosophy Department (Fall 2010).

Publications:

Books:

Religion Today: A Critical Thinking Approach to Religious Studies. London: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Co-authored with Ross Basil Aden. 2025.

Articles:

“Fake Philanthropy and Faux Anonymity”: Introduction to Human Nature through Larry David”, *American Philosophical Association Blog: Teaching and Learning Video Series*, June 2026.

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“Pedagogy of the Playful and the Humorous.” *The American Association of Philosophy Teachers’ Studies in Pedagogy*, forthcoming 2026.

“The Concept of Humorous Irony: Jorge Portilla, Carlos Alberto Sánchez, Richard Rorty, Jonathan Lear, and Socrates, with Minimal Reference to Kierkegaard”, *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* Vol. 6, no. 1, (2025): 97-125.

“Argumentation, Metaphor, and Analogy: It’s Like Something Else”, *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines*, Vol 2, No. 33, (2024): 160-183.

“Artificial Intelligence, Phenomenology, and The Molyneux Problem.” In *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* Vol. 4, no. 1, (2023): 225-227.

“Positive Propaganda: What Kind of Rhetoric is Acceptable”, *American Philosophical Association Blog: Teaching and Learning Video Series*, March 2023.

“Thought Experiments, ‘Reverse Racism’, and Comedy”, *American Philosophical Association Blog: Teaching and Learning Video Series*, December 2022.

“Irony and Analogy: Uncovering Implicit Biases”, *American Philosophical Association Blog on Teaching and Learning Video Series*, November 2022.

“The Philosophy of Humor: What Makes Something Funny?”, *1,000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*, November 20, 2022. [Philosophy of Humor: What Makes Something Funny?](#)

“Is Laughing at Morally Oppressive Jokes Like Being Disgusted by Phony Dog Feces? An Analysis of Belief and Alief in the Context of Questionable Humor”, in *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* Vol. 3, no. 1, (2022): 179-208.

“A Wise Person Proportions Their Beliefs With Humor”, in *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* Vol. 2, no. 1, (2021): 139-144.

“Parrhesia, Humor, and Resistance”, *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research*. Vol. 9, No.1 (2020): 22-46.

“Subversive Humor as Art and the Art of Subversive Humor”, *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook*. Vol. 1, No 1, (2020): 153-179.

“Moral Imaginative Resistance to Heaven: Why the Problem of Evil is so Intractable,” *De Ethica: Journal of Philosophical, Theological and Applied Ethics*. (2018): 51-67.

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“World Travelling, Double Consciousness, and Laughter,” *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research*, Vol. 6 Issue No. 2 (2017): 93-119.

“Incongruity and Seriousness,” *Florida Philosophical Review Special Issue: Philosophy of Humor and Humorous Philosophy*, Volume XV, Number 1. (Winter 2015): 1-18.

“Philosophers from Rock Valley College Respond to Marco Rubio,” *Rock River Times*, 11/18/2015.

“An Existentialist Account of the Role of Humor Against Oppression,” *Humor: International Journal of Humor Research*, 26(4), (2013) (accepted Fall 2011): 629 – 651.

“As if: Connecting Phenomenology, Mirror Neurons, Empathy, and Laughter,” *Phaenex: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture*, 7(1), (spring/summer 2012): 275-308.

Book Chapters:

“Causes, Reasons, Pandemics, and God”, in *COVID-19, Natural Evil and the Question of God*. Lawrence Ogbo Ugwuany and Jude Okpala (eds), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, London, forthcoming, 2026.

“Philosophy Through Memes: Significant Teaching Tool or “Suspension of Seriousness”?” in *Thinking Through Memes: Understanding How Memes Work*. Eds. Michael Cundall and Liz Sills, Palgrave MacMillan, (2026): 177-196.

“New Populism, New Conspiracism, and the Old Rhetoric of Purity”, in *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century*. Chacko Chennattuserry, J., Deshpande, M., Hong, P. (eds), Springer, Singapore. [First online](#) October 2023.

“Which Direction Do We Punch? The Powers and Perils of Humor against the New Conspiracism”, in *Punching Up: Stand Up-Comedy Speaking Truth to Power*. Rashi Bhargava and Richa Chilana Eds., Routledge, 2022, 235-254.

“Dave Chappelle’s Civic Rhetoric: Positive Propaganda in a Liberal Democracy”, in *Dave Chappelle and Philosophy*. Ed. Mark Ralkowski. Open Court, 2021, 75-87.

“How To Philosophize With A Hammer (A Squeaky Plastic One)”, in *Teach with a Sense of Humor: Why (and How to) Be a Funnier and More Effective Teacher and Laugh All the Way to Your Classroom*, Ed. Kishor Vaidya, 2021, 176-187.

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“I Laugh Because It’s Absurd: Humor as Error-Detection”, in *The Lighthearted Philosophers Society’s Introduction to Philosophy through Humor*, Eds Steven Gimbel and Jennifer Marra-Henrigilis, 2021, 82-93.

“Mark Twain’s Serious Humor and that Peculiar Institution: Christianity.” In *Mark Twain and Philosophy*, Ed. Alan Goldman. Rowman and Littlefield; 2017, 125-136.

“How Socratic Was Swift’s Irony?” in *Jonathan Swift and Philosophy*, Ed. Janelle Pöttsch. Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield; December 2016, 13-26.

“The playful thought experiments of Louis C.K.” in *Louis CK and Philosophy*, Ed. Mark Ralkowski. Open Court; April 2016, 225-235.

Book and Journal Referee:

British Journal of Aesthetics (Summer 2025)

Analysis (Summer 2025)

Philosophy of Humor Yearbook (Fall 2024)

Comedy Studies (Fall 2024)

Journal of Aesthetics & Culture (Fall 2024)

Journal of Aesthetic Education (Fall 2024)

Our Path to Critical Thinking: A Concise Introduction (Summer 2024)

The Journal of Philosophy (Summer 2024)

Nature Anthropology (Summer 2024)

The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook (Fall 2023)

Journal of Social Philosophy (Spring 2023)

De Ethica: A Journal of Philosophical, Theological, and Applied Ethics (Spring 2023)

British Journal of Aesthetics (Fall 2022)

Cases on Applied and Therapeutic Humor (Spring 2021)

Hypatia, (Fall 2020; Spring 2021).

The Southern Journal of Philosophy (Summer 2020).

Soak the Rich! Make the One Percent Pay for the Windfall They Receive from Our Society’s Wealth and Productivity by Gregory Arnold (2018).

Ultimate Questions: Thinking About Philosophy, by Nils Rauhut (2018).

Concise Guide to Critical Thinking, by Lewis Vaughn, Oxford University Press, (2016-2017).

Isn’t That Clever: A Unified Philosophy of Humor and Comedy, by Steve Gimbel, (2016).

Book Reviews:

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In on the Joke: The Ethics of Humor and Comedy by Wilk, Thomas and Gimbel, Steven. De Gruyter, 2024, 144 pp. *De Ethica* 9(2), (2025): 63-67 .

A Philosophy of Humour” by Alan Roberts, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, *The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* (Vol. 1) (2020): 309-314.

Conference Referee:

Referee for the 18th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference, Melbourne FL, November 9-10th, 2024.

Referee for the 17th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference Whitefish Montana, November 10-11, 2023.

Referee for the 16th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference Greensboro NC, October 7-8, 2022.

Referee for the 15th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference St. Petersburg FL, October 8-9, 2021.

Referee for the 13th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference San Antonio TX, November 2019.

Referee for the 12th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference at SBCC, October 12-13, 2018.

Referee for the 9th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society, Deerfield Beach, Florida, October 10-11, 2015.

Editorial Work:

Member of the Advisory and Editorial Board for the publication *Teach with a Sense of Humor: Why (and How to) Be a Funnier and More Effective Teacher and Laugh All the Way to Your Classroom*, Ed. Kishor Vaidya, 2021.

Conference Papers Presented and Commentaries:

“Playfulness, Education, and AI”, presented at [The Games and Play ISCIA Seminar](#), 2026.

“Pedagogy of the Playful and the Humorous.” Presented at the *Humor Research Conference*, fully online, February 14-16, 2025.

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“The Concept of Humorous Irony: Jorge Portilla, Carlos Alberto Sánchez, Richard Rorty, Jonathan Lear, and Socrates, with Minimal Reference to Kierkegaard.” Presented at *The Lighthearted Philosophers Society* 18th Annual Conference, Melbourne FL November 7-9th, 2024.

“The Knowledge Argument, Molyneux’s Problem, and General Artificial Intelligence: Putting it All Together with Synesthesia and Humor.” Presented at *The Lighthearted Philosophers Society* 17th Annual Conference, November 10-11 in Whitefish, MT. The paper was the Winner of the Joseph P. Ellin Prize for this conference.

Invited Paper: “Humor As An Aesthetic Experience Liberating Our Reason From Our Passions.” *Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics*, Santa Fe, NM, July 7-9th, 2023.

“Mirth Over Madness Even When “Oppression Makes a Wise Man Mad”” presented at *The Identities and Social Cohesion in Africa Seminar: [The Power of Humour](#)*, 2022.

“Argumentation, Metaphor, Simile, and Analogy: It's Like Something Else” presented at *The Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking* in conjunction with American Philosophical Association (Chicago, 2022).

“Comedic Epistemologies: Humor as a Response to Propaganda and the New Conspiracism” presented at the INCITATUS Symposium *On Political Humor*, UFPR - BRASIL Universidade Federal do Paraná, May 28th-29th 2021.

“Philosophy Through Memes: Significant Teaching Tool or “Suspension of Seriousness”?” presented at The Lighthearted Philosophers Society 15th Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, FL 10/15/21.

“Is Laughing at Morally Oppressive Jokes Like Being Disgusted by Phony Dog Feces? An Analysis of Belief and Alief in the Context of Questionable Humor” presented at the 14th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society* Conference, April 10th, 2021. The paper was the Winner of the Joseph P. Ellin Prize for this conference.

“On Cliché: It Is What It Is - ‘Stupidity Masquerading as Wisdom’ - Or *Is* It?” presented at the 13th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society* Conference at San Antonio, TX November 8th, 2019. The paper was the Winner of the Joseph P. Ellin Prize for this conference.

“Nietzsche’s Laughter at the *Spirit of Gravity* and Foucault’s *Parrhesia*: Two forms of Dissent Through Humor”, presented at The 2019 Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies will take place at the University of Texas at Austin from June 24 to 28, 2019.

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“The Curious Case of Milo Yiannopoulos: Subversive Humorist, Sycophantic Troll, or Some Other Thing Altogether (It’s the Second One)”, presented at the 12th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society* Conference at Santa Barbara City College, October 12-13, 2018. The paper was the Winner of the Joseph P. Ellin Prize for this conference.

“The Serious Humor of Mark Twain” presented at the *Humor in America Conference* July 12-15, 2018 Chicago.

“World Travelling, Double Consciousness, and Laughter”, presented at the American Philosophical Association (Group Meeting: International Association for the Philosophy of Humor), Seattle Washington, April 15, 2017.

“The Single Greatest And Best Critiques Of Christianity God Has Given Man In The History Of The Planet: Mark Twain’s *Letters From The Earth, What Is Man, Extract From Captain Stormfield’s Visit To Heaven, The Mysterious Stranger, Little Bessie, And Extract From Adam’s Diary*: A Somewhat Critical Appraisal And An Extraordinarily Unabashed Fawning Over Twain’s Serious Humor Employed To Undermine Peculiar Institutions: In This Case, Christianity, As Noted Above In The Earlier Portion Of This Title, Prior To The First Instance Of A Colon” presented to the 10th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, St. Augustine, Florida, April 1-2, 2017.

Commenter (“Heckler”) for “The Hair and The Hands: How Jokes Helped Trump, and What We Can Do About It”, By Jenn Marra, 10th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, St. Augustine, Florida, April 1-2, 2017.

“World Travelling, Double Consciousness, and Laughter”, presented at the sixth meeting of *The Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies*, University of Notre Dame, October 2-4, 2016.

Commenter (“Heckler”) for “How to Enjoy the Most Boring Book in the History of Philosophy”, by Stuart Dalton, 9th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, Deerfield Beach, Florida, October 10-11, 2015.

“The Irony of Jonathan Swift: Socratic or Dickish?” presented to the 9th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, Deerfield Beach, Florida, October 10-11, 2015.

Commenter (“Heckler”) for “On the Nature of Belief in *Blason Populaire* Humor”, by Michael Cundall, 8th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, Galveston, TX, October 10-11, 2014.

“Tweaking our Mirth Addiction: Humor as Imaginative Thought Experiment”, presented to the 8th Annual *Lighthearted Philosophers Society*, Galveston, TX, October 10-11, 2014 (Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize).

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“Are We Culpable for Implicit Automatic Consciously Unendorsed Stereotypes?” presented to the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, April 16-20, 2014.

“Subversive Humor against the Spirit of Seriousness” presented to the 7th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society, Treasure Island Florida, October 11-12, 2013.

“Humor, Heuristics and Oppression” presented to Wisconsin Philosophical Association, April 20, 2013.

“Humor From the Margins: Comedic Rhetoric against Oppression,” presented to the Kent State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 16, 2013.

“Humor, Heuristics and Oppression”, presented to the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Philosophical Society, Drake University, Des Moines, IA, October 20, 2012.

“*As if*: Connecting Phenomenology, Mirror Neurons, Empathy, and Laughter”, presented to the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences conference in Philadelphia, October 21-24, 2011.

“An Existentialist Account of the Role of Humor Against Oppression”, presented to the North American Society for Social Philosophy, Marquette University, July 21-23, 2011.

“An Existentialist Account of the Role of Humor Against Oppression”, presented at Freedom and Freedoms: Uniting State, Responsibility and Will, Toronto University, April 15, 2011.

Public Lectures/Podcasts:

Invited lecture - *Playfulness, Humor, and Some Philosophy: Thinking Seriously about Thinking Playfully*, [14th Annual Caskey Lecture](#) at Rock Valley College, Rockford IL, 4/29/2026.

“Humor in Resistance: *How Frederick Douglass Did It*”, interview on *Sero Boost: The Happiness Science Insights Podcast*, recorded on 1/9/2025.

“Subversive Humor”, *Rhizastance* with Mo Hadi. ([Subversive Humor, rhizastance with Chris Kramer](#)), 2022.

“Mirror Neurons and Mirth Addiction: A Neuro-Philosophical Peek into Humor.” Presented to SBCC campus 4/24/2020.

“How not to Reason in Public Discourse: An Analysis of Current Political ‘Argument.’” Presented to the SBCC Honors Society 10/26/2018.

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“The Moral and Epistemic Wrongs of Stereotyping”, presented to the Social Science Seminar at SBCC, Fall 2017.

“Errors, Lies, Political Spin and Bullshit”, Keynote Speaker for the 3rd Annual RockMUN (Rockford Model United Nations) Conference, Rock Valley College, 3/4/17.

“Presidential Election 2016: A Basket of Deplorable Logical Fallacies. Or, Why Logic and Reason Should Still Have A Place in Public Discourse. Or, What The Hell Just Happened?” First Tuesday Lecture, Rock Valley College, 3/14/17.

“How to teach logic and critical thinking in a ‘post-truth’ world” Faculty Development Day, Rock Valley College, 1/6/17.

“Faculty Expectations” New Student Welcome Event, Rock Valley College, 1/5/17.

“The Philosophical Art of Banksy” Faculty Development Day, Rock Valley College, 9/6/16.

“What has posterity ever done for me: our moral obligations to future generations” presented at the Earth Day Lecture Series, Rock Valley College, 4/6/2016.

“Miracles, Freedom, and the Problem of Evil” First Tuesday Lecture, Rock Valley College, 5/5/15.

“Animals, Ethics, and the Environment” presented at the Earth Day Lecture Series, Rock Valley College, 4/6/15.

“The Role of Humor Against Oppression” First Tuesday Lecture, Rock Valley College, 3/4/14.

“The Relationship between a Philosophical and Humorous Attitude” presented to the Rock Valley College Retiree Breakfast, 4/11/13.

“Laughter and Mirror Neurons” presented to the Rock Valley College Psych-Soc Club, 10/31/11—I went as a philosopher.

“What it Means to be a Scholar”, presented to the History Awards Night, Rock Valley College, 4/24/09.

Organizer and Panelist on “The Problem of Evil”, an interdisciplinary panel discussion comprised of a local Imam, Rabbi, Pastor, and philosophers, at Rock Valley College, 4/21/09.

“The Philosophy of Humor” First Tuesday Lecture, Rock Valley College, 3/3/09.

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Public lectures through RVC Philosophy Club (2008-2016):

“The Epistemic and Moral Wrongs of Stereotyping.” (Fall 2016).

“Moral Imaginative Resistance in Fiction” (Spring 2016).

“What has posterity ever done for me: our moral obligations to future generations” (Spring 2016).

“Philosophers from Rock Valley College Respond to Marco Rubio: Why we need more welders AND philosophers” (Fall 2015).

“The Irony of Jonathan Swift: Socratic or Dickish?” (Fall 2015).

“Humor and Civilized Oppression” (Spring 2015).

“Paraconsistent Logic is a Joke; and also it isn’t” (Fall 2014).

“Tweaking our Mirth Addiction: Humor as Imaginative Thought Experiment (Fall 2014).

“Dostoevsky’s *Rebellion* and the Problem of Evil” (Joint meeting with Literature Club--Spring 2014).

“Are We Culpable for Implicit Automatic Consciously Unendorsed Stereotypes?” (Spring 2014).

“Don’t Drink the Water...or Eat the Animals: Jainism and Vegetarianism” (Spring 2014).

“Subversive Humor against the Spirit of Seriousness” (Fall 2013).

“Subversive Humor against the Spirit of Seriousness” presented to the Philosophy Club Radio Program (Fall 2013). <https://soundcloud.com/that-soundcloud-page/mental-gymnastics-september-9/27/13>.

“Riddles of Religion: Zen Koans and Christian Parables” (Spring 2013).

“On Kierkegaard on Irony and *Fear and Trembling*” (Fall 2012).

“The *Putative* divide between Continental and Analytic Philosophers” (Spring 2012).

“Augustine on Christian and Pagan Virtue” (Fall 2011).

“Humor and Civilized Oppression” (Fall 2011).

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“On Identity and Essences: The Selflessness of David Hume and Buddha” (Spring 2011).

“Phenomenology and the *Science* of Consciousness” (Fall 2010).

“Of Mollusks and Men: Good and Evil in Plato” (Fall 2010).

“The Hard Problem of Consciousness: Dennett v. Chalmers” (Spring 2010).

“On Frankfurt’s little treatise *On Bullshit*” (Fall 2009).

“The Distinction between Lies, Political Spin, and Bullshit” (Spring 2009).

“Rhetoric and Philosophy in Plato’s *Gorgias*” (Fall 2008).

“What is Philosophy?” (Spring 2008).

Professional Memberships:

American Philosophical Association

Lighthearted Philosophers Society

International Association for the Philosophy of Humor

American Humor Studies Association

Honors/Awards:

Faculty of the Year 2016

Commencement Speaker for Spring Graduation, Rock Valley College, 2016

Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for “New Populism, New Conspiracism, and the Old Rhetoric of Purity.” Presented at *The Lighthearted Philosophers Society* 17th Annual Conference, November 10-11 in Whitefish, MT.

Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for “Is Laughing at Morally Oppressive Jokes Like Being Disgusted by Phony Dog Feces? An Analysis of Belief and Alief in the Context of Questionable Humor” presented at the 14th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference, April 10th, 2021.

Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for “On Cliché: It Is What It Is - ‘Stupidity Masquerading as Wisdom’ - Or *Is* It?” presented at the 13th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference at San Antonio, TX November 8th, 2019.

Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for “The Curious Case of Milo Yiannopoulos: Subversive Humorist, Sycophantic Troll, or Some Other Thing Altogether (It’s the Second One)”, presented at the 12th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society Conference at Santa Barbara City College, October 12-13, 2018.

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Winner of the Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for “Tweaking our Mirth Addiction: Humor as Imaginative Thought Experiment”, presented to the 8th Annual Lighthearted Philosophers Society, Galveston, TX, October 10-11, 2014

President’s Scholar in Philosophy, 1997

Student Class Orator, Spring Graduation, Spring Hill College, 1997

Howard Smith Award for History, 1996

Hutchinson Award for Philosophy, 1996