Russell W. Waltz

PhD, Philosophy · EdD, Higher Education Leadership
Academic portfolio · PhilPeople · ORCID

Research and teaching fields

American pragmatism, social epistemology, philosophy of media and technology, ethics and AI ethics, social and political philosophy, critical thinking, and moral psychology.

Books and publications

Pragmatism for a Post-Objective World: Honest Deception — **Under contract**
Russell W. Waltz · Bloomsbury Academic · American Philosophy Series

Institutions and Virtues Necessary for Democracy — **Under contract**
Gordon A. Babst, Renée Souris, and Russell W. Waltz, editors · Springer · AMINTAPHIL: The Philosophical Foundations of Law and Justice, Vol. 14

More Human than Artificial: Language Models, Human Value, and the Misattribution of Experience — **Completed manuscript**
Russell W. Waltz · Seven-chapter book manuscript

Critical Pedagogical Strategies to Transcend Hegemonic Masculinity — **Published**
Amber E. George and Russell W. Waltz, editors · Peter Lang · 2021

Corrective Capacity and Institutional Support: A Reply to Floridi — **Published**
Russell W. Waltz · Philosophy & Technology 39, article 184 · 2026

Beyond the Illusion of Ethics: A Policy Study of Failed AI Governance and the Way to Socially Just AI — **Forthcoming**
Briana J. Christensen and Russell W. Waltz · In Artificial Intelligence and Social Justice Intersections in Library and Information Studies · Emerald · Advances in Librarianship

What's with the Attitude? Implicit Attitudes and Critical Thinking in Traditional Undergraduate Student Leaders — **Published**
Russell W. Waltz and Pietro A. Sasso · Journal of College and Character 22(3), 200–214 · 2021

Implicit Attitudes and Explicit Harms: Combating Biases That Hinder Inclusivity — **Published**
Russell W. Waltz · In Critical Pedagogical Strategies to Transcend Hegemonic Masculinity, 93–108 · Peter Lang · 2021

Introduction: Why Critical Pedagogy? Illustrating the Importance of Critical Pedagogical Strategies in the Classroom — **Published**
Amber E. George and Russell W. Waltz · In Critical Pedagogical Strategies to Transcend Hegemonic Masculinity, 1–12 · Peter Lang · 2021

Journalists as Purveyors of Partial Truths — **Published**
Russell W. Waltz · In Philosophical Perspectives on Democracy in the 21st Century, 205–217 · Springer · 2014

Introduction — **Published**
Russell W. Waltz · Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy 31(1), 1–2 · 2012

Introduction

Published

Russell W. Waltz · Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy 30(1), 1–3 · 2010

Review of Peter Dahlgren's Media and Political Engagement

Published

Russell W. Waltz · Mass Communication and Society 13(4), 482–484 · 2010

Education

PhD in Philosophy

University of Kansas

Dissertation · Hybrid Accounts: Uncovering the Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of the Distortion of Information via News Presentation

EdD in Higher Education Leadership

Maryville University

Dissertation · What's with the Attitude? The Relationship between Implicit Attitudes and Critical Thinking Development among Traditional Undergraduate Student Leaders

MA in Philosophy, analytic

University of Kansas

MA in Philosophy, continental

West Chester University

BA in Philosophy

University of South Carolina

Academic appointments

2021–present	**Associate Professor of Philosophy** Galen College
Current	**Discipline Lead for Philosophy and Political Science** Galen College
2018–2020	**Assistant Professor of Philosophy** Galen College
2015–2018	**Instructor of Philosophy** Galen College
2013–2015	**Assistant Professor of Philosophy** Miami Dade College
2013	**Professor, study abroad program** Tragos Quest to Greece
2013	**Instructor of Philosophy** Baker University
2011–2013	**Lecturer of Philosophy** Kansas City Art Institute
2010–2013	**Director and Faculty Fellow, Kansas Gamma Residential Learning Community** University of Kansas
2008–2013	**Lecturer and Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Kansas
2010–2011	**Instructor of Philosophy** Hutchinson Community College
2005–2008	**Lecturer of Philosophy** University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2004–2005	**Instructor of Philosophy** Central Piedmont Community College

Conference and invited presentations

2025	**The Press vs. The People: Frame-Dependent Falsity and the Threat to Democracy** AMINTAPHIL Annual Conference
2023	**Truth in the Age of Generative AI: Revisiting Media Ethics in Deng's Framework** AMINTAPHIL Annual Conference
2022	**News from Nowhere: Journalistic Objectivity and the Birth of Fake News** AMINTAPHIL Annual Conference
2020	**Implicit Attitudes and Explicit Harms: Combating Biases That Hinder Inclusivity** AMINTAPHIL Annual Conference
2015	**Sexism, Misogyny, and the Media** Miami Dade College, Women's History Month
2014	**Finding Your Passions and Strengths** Life After College Professional Development Conference
2013	**An Impossible Realization: Hegelian Idealism and the Marxist Conception of Species-Being** University of Kansas Graduate Research Competition
2013	**Samhain: Examining the Ethical Implications of Contemporary Halloween Rituals** Miami Dade College, Student Government Association
2012	**Journalists as Purveyors of Partial Truths: How Media Bias Inhibits Democratic Citizens from Becoming Informed and Motivated** AMINTAPHIL Annual Conference
2011	**A Broad-Context Perspective: Uncovering the Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of the Distortion of Information via News Presentation** International Communication Association Conference
2011	**Past Due Descriptivity: An Investigation into the Causal Origins of Moral Intuitions and Principles** University of Kansas Graduate Research Competition
2010	**A Broad-Context Perspective: Uncovering the Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of the Distortion of Information via News Presentation** Society for Student Philosophers Annual Conference
2010	**A Broad-Context Perspective: The Call for Philosophical Transparency Concerning News Presentation** University of Kansas Graduate Research Competition
2009	**The Call for Contextualized Reporting: A Jamesian Critique on the Current State of News Presentation** American Philosophies Forum Conference
2008	**Promoting Global Awareness via Media Engagement** University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Summer Institute for Achieving Curriculum Diversity

Academic governance and scholarly service

2022–present	**College-wide Curriculum Council, Chair** Galen College
Current	**Executive Committee Member** AMINTAPHIL
2009–2013	**Editor-in-Chief** Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy

2009	**Associate Editor** Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy
2012–2013	**Conference Organizer and Program Co-Chair** Great Plains Philosophical Society
Since 2012	**Reviewer** Mass Communication and Society
Since 2005	**Book Proposal and Manuscript Reviewer** McGraw-Hill and Pearson

Honors

2012–2013	**Excellence in Teaching Award** University of Kansas
2010	**Olin Templin Fellowship in Philosophy** University of Kansas
2009	**Presentation Honorarium** American Philosophies Forum

Professional affiliations

AMINTAPHIL, American Philosophical Association, American Philosophies Forum, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, and Great Plains Philosophical Society.

Languages

English, native. Spanish, reading and speaking proficiency. French, reading proficiency.