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Academic Appointments

2026-present	Professor	Jefferson College
2022-2026	Associate Professor	Jefferson College
2018-2022	Assistant Professor	Jefferson College
2015-2018	Instructor	Iowa Western Community College
2014-2015	Visiting Assistant Professor	Augustana University
2007-2014	Adjunct Professor	St. Charles Community College

Education

2013	Ph.D.	Philosophy, Saint Louis University
2007	M.A.	Philosophy, Western Michigan University
2005	B.A.	Philosophy, Biola University

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence

Logic
Ethics
Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion

Publications

Books

Forthcoming	<i>Camping and Philosophy: Big Ideas in the Great Outdoors</i> , with David O'Hara (eds.) Milestone Press
Forthcoming	<i>Elvis and Philosophy: Essays Concerning the King</i> , with Richard Greene (eds.) Wallace & Jacobs Press
Forthcoming	<i>Classic Rock and Philosophy: Dispatches from the Dark Side of the Moon</i> , with Richard Greene (eds.) Wallace & Jacobs Press
2026	<i>Fallout and Philosophy: Thinking Outside the Shelter</i> , with Nathan Kellen and Nathan Sheff (eds.) Wiley-Blackwell
2026	<i>'90s Alternative and Philosophy: Modern Rock Meditations</i> , with Richard Greene (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.

- 2026 [Country Music and Philosophy: Honky Tonk Meditations](#), with Brett Coppenger (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2025 [Back to the Future and Philosophy: Essays on Traveling through the Space-Time Continuum](#), with Richard Greene (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
 Reviewed in [Teaching Philosophy](#), March 2026
 Reviewed in [Film and Philosophy](#), February 2026
- 2025 [Skateboarding and Philosophy: Essays Concerning the Life of the Grind](#), with Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2024 [Post-Punk and Philosophy: Rip it Up and Think Again](#), with Richard Greene (eds.) Carus Books
 Reviewed in [Rock Music Studies](#), November 2024
- 2023 [The Godfather and Philosophy: An Argument You Can't Refute](#), with Richard Greene (eds.) Carus Books
 Reviewed in [The Journal of Popular Culture](#), February 2024
 Reviewed in [Film and Philosophy](#), January 2024
- 2023 [Asimov's Foundation and Philosophy: Psychohistory and its Discontents](#), with Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) Carus Books
- 2022 [Punk Rock and Philosophy: Research and Destroy](#), with Richard Greene (eds.) Carus Books
 Reviewed in [Popular Music](#), August 2023
 Reviewed in [Punk & Post-Punk](#), June 2023
- 2022 [Better Call Saul and Philosophy: I Think Therefore I Scam](#), with Brett Coppenger (eds.) Carus Books
- 2021 [Logic: A Guided Introduction](#). Independently Published
- 2018 [Westworld and Philosophy: Mind Equals Blown](#), with Richard Greene (eds.) Open Court
 Reviewed in the [SFRA Review](#), September 2020
- 2017 [The Man in the High Castle and Philosophy: Subversive Reports from another Reality](#), with Bruce Krajewski (eds.) Open Court

Articles & Book Chapters

- Forthcoming "Virtual(ly) Camping." *Camping and Philosophy: Big Ideas in the Great Outdoors*. Joshua Heter and David O'Hara (eds.) Milestone Press
- Forthcoming "The Details in the Devil." *Classic Rock and Philosophy: Dispatches from the Dark Side of the Moon*. Joshua Heter and Richard Greene (eds.) Wallace & Jacobs Press
- 2026 "It's Ironic ... isn't It?" *'90s Alternative and Philosophy: Modern Rock Meditations*. Joshua Heter and Richard Greene (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2026 "Simply Country." *Country Music and Philosophy: Honky Tonk Meditations*. Joshua Heter and Brett Coppenger (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2026 "The Tragedy of Country Music." *Country Music and Philosophy: Honky Tonk Meditations*. Joshua Heter and Brett Coppenger (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.

- 2025 “The Problem of the Poseur.” *Skateboarding and Philosophy: Essays Concerning the Life of the Grind*. Joshua Heter and Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2025 “Skateboarding is (in a Sense) a Sport.” *Skateboarding and Philosophy: Essays Concerning the Life of the Grind*. Joshua Heter and Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2025 “Skateboarding Judgments.” *Skateboarding and Philosophy: Essays Concerning the Life of the Grind*. Joshua Heter and Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) McFarland and Company Publishers Inc.
- 2023 “Frank Pentangeli’s Stoic Suicide.” *The Godfather and Philosophy: An Argument You Can’t Refute*. Joshua Heter and Richard Greene (eds.) Carus Books
- 2023 “Cleons and Cloning.” *Asimov’s Foundation and Philosophy: Psychohistory and its Discontents*. Joshua Heter and Josef Thomas Simpson (eds.) Carus Books
- 2022 “Salvaging Sunk Costs.” *Better Call Saul and Philosophy: I Think Therefore I Scam*. Joshua Heter and Brett Coppenger (eds.) Carus Books
- 2020 “A Recipe for Building a Conspiracy Theory.” with Brett Coppenger. *Conspiracy Theories: Philosophers Connect the Dots*. Richard Greene and Rachel Robinson-Greene (eds.) Open Court
- 2016 “Becoming Someone Else.” with Josef Thomas Simpson. *Orphan Black and Philosophy: Grand Theft DNA*. Richard Greene and Rachel Robinson-Greene (eds.) Open Court
- 2015 “Making the Punishment Fit the Crime.” *The Princess Bride and Philosophy: Inconceivable!* Richard Greene and Rachel Robinson-Greene (eds.) Open Court
- 2014 “Eavesdropping in Context.” *Analytic Philosophy*, 55(4), 363-367
- 2011 “Against Matchmaking.” *Dating: Flirting with Big Ideas – Philosophy for Everyone*. Kristie Miller and Marlene Clark (eds.) Wiley-Blackwell

Book Reviews

- 2026 *Art and Entertainment: A Philosophical Exploration*. Andy Hamilton. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Presentations (Selected)

- 2026 “Demistifying Irony,” The Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM
- 2025 “Demistifying Irony,” 2025 Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR
- 2024 “Skateboarding is (in a Sense) a Sport,” 2024 Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR
- 2016 “Epistemic Possibility and Practical Reasoning,” 2016 meeting of the Iowa Philosophical Association, Ames, IA
- 2015 “Epistemic Modals in Action,” 2015 meeting of the South Dakota Philosophical Association, Sioux Falls, SD

- 2015 “The Return of the Anti-Contextualist Objections,” 2015 meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society, New York, NY
- 2014 “Belief Disjunctivism,” 2014 meeting of The South Dakota Philosophy Association, Sioux Falls, SD
- 2013 “Epistemic Possibility,” Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Edwardsville, IL
- 2013 “The Cost of Information and What Might Be: A Contextualist Account of Epistemic Modals,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN
- 2011 “Epistemic Modals and Practical Reasoning,” 2011 Central States Philosophical Society, St. Louis, MO
- 2011 “Epistemic Possibility, Affordability, and Let’s Go Check Cases,” 2011 Spring meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, Muncie, IN
- 2010 “On the Strengths (and Weaknesses) of Internalism (and Externalism),” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN
- 2010 “Knowledge without Propositions,” Fourth Annual Conference of The Dutch-Flemish Association for Analytic Philosophy, Leuven, Belgium

Courses Taught

Philosophy of Religion	Introduction to Logic	Business Ethics
Critical Reasoning	Ethics	Media Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy	Modern Philosophy	World Religions

Professional Service

- 2026 Faculty Volunteer: St. Louis Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
- 2026 Judge: APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Competition
- 2025 Presentation Commentator: Northwest Philosophy Conference
- 2025 Faculty Volunteer: St. Louis Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
- 2025 Presentation Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference
- 2025 Session Chair: 2025 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- 2024-present Committee Member: The American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Philosophy at Two-Year Colleges
- 2024 Referee: 2025 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- 2024 Presentation Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference
- 2023 Presentation Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference
- 2020 Referee: Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference
- 2019 Referee: Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference
- 2019 Presentation Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference
- 2016 Presentation Commentator: 2016 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- 2015 Senior Thesis Adviser: Jordan Hins, University of South Dakota
- 2014 Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly*
- 2014 Referee: *Res Philosophica*
- 2013 Presentation Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference

2012 Referee: *Erkenntnis*
2011 Saint Louis University Graduate Student Conference: Co-organizer
2011 Presentation Commentator: 2011 Spring meeting of the Indiana
Philosophical Association

Awards

2011-12 Saint Louis University Graduate Student Research Fellowship
2011 James Collins Award for Excellence in Graduate Education, Saint Louis
University

Memberships

American Philosophical Association
Society of Christian Philosophers
American Society for Aesthetics

References

Nicole Juranek Professor of Communications, Iowa Western Community College
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David O'Hara Professor of Philosophy, Augustana University
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