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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2021–present Teaching Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno
2019–2021 Teaching Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno
2017–2019 Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno
2015–2017 Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno

AREAS of SPECIALIZATION:

Ethics, History of Modern Philosophy (especially Hume and Kant)

AREAS of TEACHING COMPETENCE:

19th Century Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy

EDUCATION:

2015 The New School for Social Research
Ph.D., Philosophy
Dissertation: *Reason and Realism in Hume's Moral Philosophy*[*]
Committee: Zed Adams, Omri Boehm, Alice Crary (chair), and Don Garrett (New York University)
*winner of the Hans Jonas Award for Best Dissertation in Philosophy

2008 The New School for Social Research
M.A., Philosophy
Thesis: *Hegel and the Ethics of Care*[*]
*winner of the Outstanding M.A. Graduate Award

2004 The George Washington University
B.A., Philosophy[*], minor in Political Science, *summa cum laude*
*winner of the Charles E. Gauss Senior Thesis Prize

PUBLICATIONS:

REFEREED ARTICLES:

1. "The Circumstances of Politeness: Hume on Faction and the Politeness Hypothesis," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming, 2026). DOI: 10.1111/sjp.70045

2. "At the Bar of Conscience: A Kantian Argument for Slavery Reparations," *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 48, no. 5 (2022): 674–702. DOI: 10.1177/01914537211001916

3. "Hume's Quietism about Moral Ontology in *Treatise* 3.1.1," *Hume Studies* 46, no.1 (2020): 57–100. DOI: 10.1353/hms.2020.0002

4. "Hume on the Stoic Rational Passions and 'Original Existences'," *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55, no. 4 (2017): 609–639. DOI: 10.1353/hph.2017.0068

5. "Hume on the Lockean Metaphysics of Secondary Qualities," *Hume Studies* 40, no. 1 (2014): 95–136. DOI: 10.1353/hms.2014.0011

REVIEWS:

Review of Jonathan Cohen's *The Red and the Real: An Essay on Color Ontology*, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 30, no. 2 (2010): 440–444.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

"The Last Beatitude of Self: Spontaneity's 'Place' in the Objectivity of the World," in *Rethinking Kant*, ed. Pablo Muchnik (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008), 1: 48–67.

PRESENTATIONS:

INVITED:

1. "Politeness and the Common Good in Hume's Political Philosophy," Hume Society Session at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, January 8th, 2019.

REFEREED:

1. "Politeness and the Common Good in Hume's Political Philosophy," The 45th International Hume Society Conference, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, July 24, 2018.

2. "Analogies from Mathematics and Colors: Hume's Rejection of a Rationalist Presupposition about Moral Truth," The 43rd International Hume Society Conference, University of Sydney, Australia, July 20th, 2016.

3. "Hume's Analogy of True Judgments in Colors and Morals," Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of California, Riverside, February 27th, 2016.

4. "Hume on the Stoic Rational Passions and 'Original Existences'," The 42nd International Hume Society Conference, Stockholm University, Sweden, July 21st, 2015.

5. "Hume on the Stoic Rational Passions and 'Original Existences'," Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, May 8th, 2015.

6. "Hume, the Stoics, and the Passions as 'Original Existences'," Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 10th, 2014.

7. "Hume on the Passions as 'Original Existences'," New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Brown University, May 10th, 2014.

8. "Hume on Secondary Qualities in a Corpuscular Age," The 40th International Hume Society Conference, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 25th, 2013.

9. "Architecture, not Projection: Hume's Analogy of Morals to Secondary Qualities," Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, June 27th, 2012.

10. "Architecture, not Projection: Hume's Analogy of Morals to Secondary Qualities," The 6th Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference, Dartmouth College, June 23rd, 2012.

11. "Old Naturalism in Hume's 'New Creation': The Analogy of Moral Values to Secondary Qualities Reconsidered," The South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 24th, 2009.

12. "Deference and Indeterminacy in Foucault's 'What is an Author?'," The Foucault Circle, DePaul University, March 8th, 2009.

13. "Hegel and the Recollection of Embodiment: A Reply to McDowell's Reading of 'Life' in the *Phenomenology*," The Joint Conference of the Society for European Philosophy and the Forum for European Philosophy, University of Sussex, September 9th, 2007.

14. "The Last Beatitude of Self: Spontaneity's Place in the Objectivity of the World," The Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, University of Southern Maine, May 19th, 2007.

INVITED COMMENTS:

1. Comments on Xiao Qi's "Relocating Hume's Circle: The State of Nature and the Artificiality of Justice in *Treatise* 3.2.1," the 52nd Annual Hume Conference, Charles University and the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, July 2026.

2. Comments on Lorraine Besser's "Learning from the Stoic Sage: The Influence of Stoicism on Hume's Moral Ideal," the 51st Annual Hume Conference, McMaster University, Canada, July 2025.

3. Comments on Enrico Galvagni's "King and Hume on the Creation of Value," the 50th Annual Hume Society Conference, Oxford University, England, July 2024.

4. Comments on Michael Jacovides' "Hume's Second Thoughts about Belief," the 48th Annual Hume Society Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, July 2022.

5. Comments on Katherine Dunlop's "The General Point of View and Berkeleyan Perception of Distance," 47th Annual Hume Society Conference, Bogotá, Colombia, July 2021.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS:

Unless otherwise noted, all entries below are associated with the University of Nevada, Reno.

2025	President's Faculty of the Month Award of Excellence
2024	Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award, runner-up winner

- *only students can nominate faculty for this prize, which is awarded once annually across the Colleges of Liberal Arts and of Science*

2022 College of Liberal Arts Dean's Advising Award
2022 & 2017 Nominee, Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award
- *only students can nominate faculty for the university's highest teaching honor*

2021 Nominee, Regents' Undergraduate Advising Award
2020 Senior Scholar Mentor Award
- *recognition of significant contribution to the scholastic achievement of Natashja Atherton (Economics & Philosophy B.A.), the graduate with the highest GPA in the College of Liberal Arts*

2018 Senior Scholar Mentor Award
- *recognition of significant contribution to the scholastic achievement of Lindsy Sullivan (Social Work B.A., minor in Philosophy), the graduate with the highest GPA in the School of Social Work*

2017 College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching & Service
2015 Hans Jonas Memorial Award, The New School for Social Research
- *awarded by the faculty for the best dissertation in philosophy*

2015 Finalist, Bender Teaching Award, The George Washington University
- *nomination is philosophy department's highest honor for teaching*

2015 & 2013 Hume Society Young Scholar Award
July 2014 Berkeley Scholar in Residence, Whitehall Museum House, Rhode Island

TEACHING:

COURSES TAUGHT (enrollment is typically 35 unless otherwise indicated):

- AI Ethics (*in development for Provost's AI Certificate Program*)
- History of Ethical Theory
- History of Modern Philosophy
- History of Political Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics: Evil
- Introduction to Philosophy: Happiness
- Kant (*combined undergraduate & graduate course*)
- Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Kierkegaard's Religious Existentialism (*combined undergraduate & graduate course*)
- Problems in the Philosophy of Religion
- Professional Internship
- World Religions (*large lecture course)*

UNR STUDENT EVALUATIONS: Students in required or upper-division courses for the philosophy major or minor report that my courses are demanding: Only about 29% expect to receive an "A" or "A-." Yet, student reviews of my teaching in those courses are highly favorable: With 95% of students routinely completing evaluations, my average evaluation score for the five assessed elements of instruction is 3.8/4.

SERVICE:

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO):

2026 Search Committee (for Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Philosophy)

2024–2025	Search Committee (for TT Assistant Professor in Philosophy)
2024	Search Committee (for Administrative Assistant III-Philosophy, Art, Lilley Museum)
2022–present	Chair, Curriculum Committee
2022–present	Personnel Committee
2020–present	Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy
2020	Search Committee (for Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Philosophy)
2019–2020	Search Committee (for External Chair/Full Professor in Philosophy)
2018–2019	Search Committee (for TT Assistant Professor in Philosophy)
2017–2018	Assessment Committee

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SERVICE (AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO):

2026–present	Core Objective 5 (History & Culture) Committee
2025	F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award Committee
2024–2025	CLA representative to Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Standards (*appointed by Faculty Senate Executive Board*)
2023–2024	Provost's Committee on UAM 6,502 (*appointed by Provost's Office*)
2022	Associate Deans Search Committee (*elected by college peers*)
2021–present	Academic Standards Committee
2020–present	Sexual Assault Hearing Board
2021–2022	University Pre-Law Collaboration Committee
2019 & 2021	Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award Committee *(appointed by dean's office)*
2018–present	Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Board

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2023–present	Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer of the Hume Society (*appointed by the President and Executive Committee*)
2022–2023	Interim Director of the Hume Society's Early Career Mentoring Programs
2020–2023	Executive Committee Member, the Hume Society *(elected in 2020 & re-elected in 2022)*
2018–2019	Co-Director (with Lorne Falkenstein, Alison McIntyre, and Christopher Williams), 46th International Hume Society Conference, hosted at UNR
2016–2017	Co-Organizer (with Mary Domski) of the 2017 Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, hosted at UNR
2015–2018	Organizer & Chair of Hume Society sessions at the American Philosophical Association

- Pacific APA, March 30th, 2018: "Hume on Race and Slavery." Speakers: Ann Levey (University of Calgary) and Margaret Watkins (Saint Vincent College/University of Edinburgh)
- Pacific APA, April 15th, 2017: "Locke's Legacy in Hume's Metaphysics and Epistemology." Speakers: Allison Kuklok (Saint Michael's College) and Timothy Yenter (University of Mississippi).
- Eastern APA, January 8th, 2016: "Hume's Conception of Space in Historical Context." Speakers: Graciela de Pierris (Stanford) and Alan Nelson (UNC, Chapel Hill).

Referee Work: Since 2017, I have served as a referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, *Hume Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Index*, and the annual Hume Society Conferences.

LANGUAGES:
Reading proficiency in French, Latin, and Spanish.

REFERENCES:
Available upon request.