

# Patrick Skeels

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## Employment

2025 Lecturer, University of Kentucky  
2024 Lecturer, UC Davis  
2023 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Cosumnes River College  
2022 Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Cosumnes River College

## Education

2016-2023 PhD in Philosophy, UC Davis  
Dissertation: "The Dynamics of Disagreement and Contradiction"  
Supervisor: Adam Sennet  
Committee: Rohan French, Hanti Lin, Masoud Jasbi, Justin Khoo  
2019-2023 MA in Linguistics, UC Davis  
Thesis: "The Prospects for Cloudy Contextualism"  
Supervisor: Masoud Jasbi  
2013-2016 MA in Philosophy, San Francisco State University  
Thesis: "Definite Descriptions in a 2D Semantics for Epistemic Modals"  
Supervisors: Bas van Fraassen, Carlos Montemayor  
2005-2010 BA in Philosophy, UC Davis

## Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Language • Epistemology • Philosophical Logic • Philosophy of Science

## Areas of competence

Ethics • Metaethics • Philosophy of Mathematics • Philosophy of Addiction • Modern Philosophy

## Publications & talks

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

forthcoming "Context, Consistency, and Non-Contradiction." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.  
2023 "Dynamic 'Might' and Correct Belief." *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2249946>

2020 “A Tale of Two Nortons.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Part A*. vol. 83, 28–35.  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0039368119300780>

#### REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

upcoming “Testing for Coherence” North Carolina Philosophical Society at Wake Forest University  
2022 “What we Might Disagree About” PHiGS Graduate Colloquium<sup>†</sup> at The University of Kent  
“What we Might Disagree About” Eighth Annual Symposium on Language Research at UC Davis  
“What we Might Disagree About” California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) at UCLA  
2021 “Dynamic ‘Might’ and Correct Belief” Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology Conference<sup>†</sup> at The University of Kent  
2020 “The Dynamics of Disagreement” Pacific APA (*Cancelled due to Covid-19*)  
“The Dynamics of Disagreement” The Wisdom and Madness of Crowds: Argumentation, Information Exchange and Social Interaction<sup>†</sup> at The ILCC  
“Epistemic Modals, Inconsistency, and Disagreement” 12th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society at UI Urbana-Champaign  
2018 “A Tale of Two Nortons” Illinois Philosophical Association at Eastern Illinois University  
“A Tale of Two Nortons” Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference  
“A Tale of Two Nortons” UI Urbana Champagne Philosophy Graduate Conference

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023 “Context, Consistency, and Contradiction” Chico State Philosophy Colloquium

#### COMMENTS

2025 “Generic Guidance” by Bernhard Nickel. Central APA<sup>†</sup>  
2019 “The Intimating Power of Art in Theodor Adorno’s Aesthetic Theory” by Shamoni Sarkar. Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference  
2018 “Information Sensitive Deontic Modals” by Joe Glover. Illinois Philosophical Association at Eastern Illinois University  
2017 “A New Way out of The Preface Paradox” by Wooram Lee. Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference

<sup>†</sup> = online

#### Grants, honors & awards

2022 Dean’s Summer Fellowship, UC Davis  
‘Hume in the 21st Century: Perpetuating the Enlightenment’ Summer Institute Stipend, National Endowment of the Humanities  
2020 Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Philosophical Association  
2017 Fellowship Award, UC Davis Department of Philosophy

## Teaching

### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Phi120- The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to Logic ×2  
Phi130- Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society ×2

### UC DAVIS

Phi012- Introduction to Symbolic Logic ×4  
Phi13g - Minds, Brains, and Computers ×1  
Phi015 - Introduction to Bioethics ×1  
Phi112 - Intermediate Symbolic Logic ×3  
Phi121 - Bioethics ×1

### COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE

Phi300 - Introduction to Philosophy ×7  
Phi320 - Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking ×1

### SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Phi101 - Introduction to Philosophy ×1  
Phi110 - Introduction to Critical Thinking ×3

### NON-COLLEGE TEACHING

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth- Critical Thinking  
Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth - Introduction to Logic

## Service to the profession

2021	UC Davis Directed Reading Program in Mathematics mentor
2020-2024	UC Davis L <sup>3</sup> Language Lab member
2020-2022	Davis EXchange (DEX) Conference co-organizer
2018-2022	LLEMMMA reading group organizer
2017-2023	UC Davis Graduate Student Mentor
2017-2022	Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference referee
2017-2022	Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference organizer
2014-2016	SFSU Philosophy Mentor Program organizer
2013-2016	SFSU Philosophy Mentor
2014-2016	SFSU Reading Group in Logic and Formal Philosophy co-founder/co-organizer