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Curriculum Vitae (updated March 2023)

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

PhD, Philosophy, 2016

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Environmental Ethics

Areas of Competence: Ancient Philosophy, Bioethics, Mind, SoTL

Dissertation: "Favorable Circumstances, Virtuous Activity, and Happiness"

Committee: Stephen M. Gardiner (chair), Sara Goering, William J. Talbott, Ruby Blondell

MA, Philosophy, 2010

Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

BA, Honors in Philosophy, Minors in Classical Studies and English, 2008

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Marywood University, Scranton, PA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2022-2023)

** Update 3/1/2023: Position eliminated from the budget for financial reasons.*

Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department of Philosophy (2018-2022)

Highline College, Des Moines, WA

ADJUNCT FACULTY, Department of Philosophy (2017-2018)

Seattle University, Seattle, WA

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Department of Philosophy (2017-2018)

Northeastern University, NU Global, Boston, MA

LECTURER, Global Pathways Program, Seattle Campus (2016-2018)

Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA

ADJUNCT FACULTY, Department of Philosophy (2016-2018)

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

LECTURER, Department of Philosophy, Integrated Social Sciences Program (2016-2017)

INSTRUCTOR & TEACHING ASSISTANT, Department of Philosophy (2008-2016)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Program on Values in Society, Department of Philosophy (2014-15)

COORDINATOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING, Department of Philosophy (2012-2013)

DIRECTOR, the Philosophy Writing Center, Department of Philosophy (2012-2013)

WRITING CONSULTANT, the Odegaard Writing and Research Center (2012-2016)

PHILOSOPHY TUTOR, Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment (2011-2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Hole, Benjamin, Janzen, Monica, and Ilea, Ramona, "Radically Hopeful Civic Engagement," *Teaching Philosophy*, Special Issue: Teaching in Times of Crisis (published online first, forthcoming). <https://doi.org/10.5840/teachphil2022512173>.

Janzen, Monica, Hole, Benjamin, and Ilea, Ramona, "Civically Engaged Philosophy as a Way of Life," *American Association of Philosophy Teachers Studies in Pedagogy*, Special Issue: Teaching Philosophy as a Way of Life, Vol. 6 (published online first). <https://doi.org/10.5840/aaptstudies20232354>.

- Hole, Benjamin, and De Luz, Majestik, "An Imaginary of Radical Hope: Developing Brave Space for Class Discussion," *Teaching Ethics*, Special Issue: Teaching Environmental Ethics, Vol. 22, 1: 83-96. <https://doi.org/10.5840/tej20221011119>.
- Hole, Benjamin, "Radically Hopeful Thinking for a Wicked Covid-19 Problem," *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, Special Issue: Pandemic Thinking, 2021, Vol. 77: 751-768. https://doi.org/10.17990/RPF/2021_77_2_0751.
- Hole, Benjamin, "Radical Virtue and Climate Action," *Environmental Ethics* 43, 2021, 99-117, <https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics202142718>.
- Hole, Benjamin, "Aristotle's Account of Moral Perception (EN.VI.8) & Nussbaum's Priority of the Particular Thesis," *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, Special Issue: The Good in Ancient Philosophy, Contemporary Retrievals, 2021, Vol. 77 (1):357-380. https://doi.org/10.17990/RPF/2021_77.
- Hole, Benjamin, "Minimum Circumstances Necessary for Virtue and Happiness," *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, Special Issue: Contemporary Issues, Virtue Ethics, 2020, Vol. 76 (1): 237-260. https://doi.org/10.17990/RPF/2020_76_1_0237.
- Hole, Benjamin, "Mirroring, Mental Simulation and Mind-Reading," *Proceedings of the 24th International Workshop on Qualitative Reasoning*, 2010: 126-131. https://www.qrg.northwestern.edu/qr2010/qr10proceedings/QR2010_hole.pdf.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- "Towards Reasonable Climate Hope through Despair," International Society of Environmental Ethics, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, April 5-8, 2023.
- "Radically Hopeful Pedagogy" (invited), Teaching Hub, Sponsored by Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) and Public Philosophy Network (PPN), Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, April 5-8, 2023.
- "Short, Focused Civic Engagement for Remote/Online Learning," the 23rd International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum, University of Mississippi, Oxford Mississippi (and via Zoom), October 6-8, 2022.
- "Radical Hope for Animal Activism," Cherry City VegFest 2022, Salem, OR, June 18, 2022.
- "Despair about Climate Action" (part of a panel on "Philosophy and the Climate Crisis: Risk, Denial, and Despair" with Avram Hiller and Adrian Bardon) the 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR, November 11-12, 2021.
- "Radical Hope and Teaching Civic Engagement" (Co-Presenter: Ramona Ilea), the 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR, November 11-12, 2021.
- "Radically Hopeful Thinking for a Wicked COVID-19 Pandemic Problem," the 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR, November 11-12, 2021.
- "Human Flourishing, Freeriding, and Future Generations," the International Association for Environmental Philosophy Annual Meeting, via Zoom, October 15-16, 2021.
- "An Imaginary of Hope: Developing Brave Space for Class Instruction," (Co-Presenter: Majestik De Luz), the 22nd International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum, via Zoom, October 7-9, 2021.
- "Radical Hope and Teaching Civic Engagement" (Co-Presenter: Ramona Ilea), the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, via Zoom, August 12-15, 2021.
- "Human Flourishing for Sustainable Development," the International Society for Environmental Ethics 17th Annual Summer Meeting, University of Turku, Finland, via Zoom, June 30- July 3, 2021.
- Chair: "Invited Symposium: Virtue Ethics and Non-Human Animals" (speakers: Rebecca Walker, Elizabeth Foreman, Kathie Jenni), the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, OR, via Zoom, April 5-10, 2021.
- "Civic Engagement Enhancement for Online Ethics Courses," the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division: Teaching Hub, Co-organized by the APA Committee on Teaching of Philosophy and the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Portland, OR, via Zoom, April 5-10, 2021.
- "Taking the Classroom Public: Activist Projects in Philosophy Classes" (Co-Presenter: Ramona Ilea), the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Society Session: North American Society for Social Philosophy, Portland, OR, via Zoom, April 5-10, 2021.
- "Teaching Environmental Philosophy with Civic Engagement," International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) Webinar Series, Mentoring Initiative, Department of Philosophy, Colorado College, via Zoom, November 6, 2021.

“Radical Virtue for Climate Action,” the International Society for Environmental Ethics 17th Annual Summer Meeting, via Zoom, October 15-18, 2020.

“Radical Virtue and Climate Action,” the International Association for Environmental Philosophy Annual Meeting, via Zoom, October 10-12, 2020.

“Radical Virtue for Climate Action, Three Ways,” the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, via Zoom, August 13-16, 2020.

“Climate Ethics, Activism, & Ethical Veganism,” Factory Farming Awareness Coalition, National Director/Board Training, via Zoom, July 24, 2020.

“Teaching Environmental Philosophy: Engaged and Inclusive Pedagogies” (Panelist), International Society for Environmental Ethics, Special Session on Pedagogy at the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2020 (cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic).

“Radical Virtue for Global Warming, Three Ways,” the 71st Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, October 25-26, 2019.

“Human Enhancement and Virtue,” Public Philosophy Talk for Society for Philosophers in America, Capitol Hill Branch of The Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA, March 31, 2019.

“Human Enhancement and Virtue,” The 70th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA, October 19-20, 2018.

“Is Homosexuality a Contemporary Moral Problem?” Bellevue College, LMC Event Center, Bellevue, WA, June 12, 2018

“Human Enhancement, Nature, and Virtue,” Bellevue College, LMC Event Center, Bellevue, WA, March 13, 2018.

“Creating Significant Learning Experiences with Self-Assessment and Peer Review,” the 5th Philosophy and Logic Associated Teachers Organization Washington Meeting, Highline College, March 2, 2018.

“Embodied Virtuous Activity Guarantees Happiness,” The 69nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, October 5-7, 2017.

Commentary on: Samuel Baker’s “Aristotle on the Doctor,” The Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Westin Seattle, Seattle, WA, April 12-15, 2017.

“Can you be Happy in a Troubled World?” (Invited), Bellevue College, LMC Event Center, Bellevue, WA, May 23, 2016.

“Transferring the Principles of Metacognition and Alignment to Shorter Learning Environments,” 10th Annual Teaching & Learning Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, April 15, 2014.

“Elitism and Universality in Two Approaches to Virtue Ethical Theory: Aristotelian and Stoic,” The 13th Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, April 12-13, 2013.

“Alignment and Metacognitively-Informed Pedagogy, from Designing Courses to Tutoring Sessions,” Pacific Northwest Writing Center Association Annual Conference, Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle TYCA-PNW, WA, October 25-26, 2013.

Commentary on: Adam Beresford’s “Aristotle on the Arguments for and Against Slavery,” The Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Westin Seattle, Seattle, WA, April 4-7, 2012.

Commentary on: Rachana Kamtekar’s “Wisdom and the Currency Metaphor,” The 4th Annual West Coast Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, May 21-22, 2011.

“The Primacy of Character: A Eudaimon Conceptual Scheme” The 11th Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, April 15-16, 2011.

“Nussbaum on Moral Perception and the Priority of the Particular,” The 62nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Willamette University, Salem, OR, October 1-2, 2010 (commentary by J.M. Fritzman).

Commentary on: J.M. Fritzman, “Nussbaum on Patriotism vs. Cosmopolitanism,” The 62nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Willamette University, Salem, OR, October 1-2, 2010.

“Mirror Neurons and Simulation-Based, Low-Level Mind-Reading,” International Conference– Levels of Processing: Foundations of Social Cognition (part of an interdisciplinary research project on “Knowing how and knowing that” sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation), Universitätsclub Bonn, Germany, September 16-18, 2010.

“Mirroring, Mental Simulation and Mind-Reading,” (Poster) International Conference– The 24th Annual Workshop on Qualitative Reasoning (co-located with the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society), Portland, Oregon, USA, August 8-10, 2010.

“Do Mirror Neurons Support Simulation-Based, Low-Level Mind-Reading?” Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Consciousness, Boston University, Boston, MA, April 30 - May 1, 2010 (commentary by Sean Lorenz).

Panelist on Ethical and Theoretical Perspectives in the Cognitive Sciences, Graduate Conference on Cognitive Science and the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 27-8, 2010.

“Greatness of Soul & Virtues of Ignorance” (Invited) Philosophy Department Colloquium, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, May 2, 2008.

“A Multi-Tracked Account of Aristotle’s Megalopsuchia,” The 104th Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West & South, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, April 16-19, 2008.

“Aristotle’s Megalopsuchia” The 57th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, October 5-6, 2007 (commentary by William Uzgalis).

DISTINCTIONS

Professional Philosophy

NEW CURRENTS IN TEACHING PHILOSOPHY INSTITUTE, 1 of 33 selected nationwide, Council of Independent Colleges (Baltimore, Maryland, on July 23-27, 2023)

FINALIST, Holmes Rolston III Early Career Essay Prize in Environmental Philosophy, for “Radical Virtue and Climate Action” (International Society for Environmental Ethics, 2020)

OUTSTANDING PAPER HUTCHINS AWARD, for “Elitism in Aristotelian and Stoic Approaches to Virtue Ethical Theory” (Gonzaga University, 2013)

SEMINAR ON TEACHING AND LEARNING IN PHILOSOPHY, sponsored by the American Philosophical Association and the American Association of Philosophy Teachers (St. Edward’s University, July 2012)

BEST PAPER AWARD, for “Mirroring, Mental Simulation and Mind-Reading,” presented by the Cognitive Science Society at the 2010 Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on Consciousness (Boston University, 2010)

GRADUATE PAPER AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT, for “Mirroring, Mental Simulation and Mind-Reading,” sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation (Universität Bonn, 2010)

“KNOWING-HOW AND KNOWING-THAT” part of an interdisciplinary research, Phase II, 2010 Meeting: Levels of Processing: Foundations of Social Cognition, sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation (Universität Bonn, realized in cooperation with research groups in Bochum and Köln, 2010)

Pacific University, Department of Philosophy, Forest Grove, OR

ENGAGED FACULTY AWARD, 1 of 1 awarded university-wide, for excellence in teaching and scholarship on civic engagement uniquely impactful on campus and in surrounding communities.

INSTITUTE DIRECTOR AND MENTOR, the Undergraduate Research Scholarship Creative Inquiry Summer Institute, part of a multiyear grant from the Keck Foundation, 1 of 1 selected institution-wide, a 2-week student-led, faculty-mentored projects in the arts and humanities on the theme “Adapting to a Changing World” (Pacific University, 2022)

AANAPISI FACULTY MENTOR, Transparent Teaching Faculty Learning Community, part of a 5-year Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Supporting Institutions Grant to expand a range of programs designed to help historically underrepresented and underserved students find their paths, get the support they need to tackle financial, academic, and social challenges, and ultimately cross the finish line with their degrees (Pacific University, 2021-22)

OER GRANT (with Ramona Ilea, \$2K each) to convert Philosophy / Disability Studies 307, Ethics Medicine and Healthcare, to open educational resources (Pacific University, 2021)

AANAPISI GRANT PILOT COHORT, Transparent Teaching Faculty Learning Community, part of a 5-year Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Supporting Institutions Grant to expand a range of programs designed to help historically underrepresented and underserved students find their paths, get the support they need to tackle financial, academic, and social challenges, and ultimately cross the finish line with their degrees (Pacific University, 2021-22)

INSTITUTE MENTOR, the Undergraduate Research Scholarship Creative Inquiry Summer Institute, part of a multiyear grant from the Keck Foundation, 1 of 3 selected institution-wide, a 3-week student-led, faculty-mentored projects in the arts and humanities on the theme “Imaginaries of Hope” (Pacific University, 2021)

Bellevue College, Department of Philosophy, Bellevue, WA

PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL GRANT, keynote speaker funding for the 70th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference (Bellevue College, October 19-20, 2018)

University of Washington, Department of Philosophy, Seattle, WA

DEAN’S LIST FOR EXCEPTIONAL INSTRUCTORS, for outstanding student evaluations, (University of Washington, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016)

DONALD H. WULFF GRADUATE AWARD, funding for a poster presentation at the 11th Annual Teaching and Learning Symposium (University of Washington, 2014)
JOFF HANAUER FELLOWSHIP, for excellence in the study of Western Civilization, 1 of 6 graduate students awarded institution-wide (University of Washington, 2014-2015)
TEACHING AWARD, 1 of 2 awarded, Department of Philosophy (University of Washington, 2011)
SIMPSON CENTER INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT, Funding for a Research Cluster on Masculinities (University of Washington, 2011-2013)
GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD, Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation (University of Washington, 2009, 2010)

Lewis and Clark College, Department of Philosophy, Portland, OR

CLAYTON MORGAREIDGE AWARD, for Excellence in Service to Philosophy (for securing external funding and organizing departmental events), inaugural recipient, 1 of 3 awarded college-wide (Lewis & Clark College, 2008)
WILLIAM A. ROTTSCHAEFER AWARD, for Excellence in Scholarship in Philosophy (best undergrad paper presented at a conference), inaugural recipient in 2007, 1 of 2 awarded college-wide (Lewis & Clark College, 2007, 2008)
MARY STEWART ROGERS SCHOLARSHIP, for Academic Achievement, 1 of 12 awarded college-wide (Lewis and Clark College, 2007-2008)

SERVICE

Professional Philosophy

JOURNAL REFEREE, *Environmental Values* (2021-)

JOURNAL REFEREE, *Environmental Ethics* (2020-)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, the 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference (Portland State University, November 12-13, 2021).

DIRECTOR, the 71st Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference (Pacific University, October 25-26, 2018).

- Keynote Address: “Decolonizing Anglo-American Political Philosophy: The Case of Migration Justice,” Alison Jaggar (University of Colorado, Boulder, and University of Birmingham, UK). This keynote address serves as Pacific University’s Benjamin and Elaine Whiteley Distinguished Lecture, an annual offering of the College of Arts & Sciences funded through an Oregon Community Foundation grant.

DIRECTOR, the 70th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference (Bellevue College, October 19-20, 2018).

- Keynote Address: “Valuing Climate Loss and Damage,” Andrew Light (George Mason University and World Resources Institute).
- Keynote Address: “Ethics and Intergenerational Climate Extortion,” Stephen M. Gardiner (University of Washington).

Pacific University, Department of Philosophy, Forest Grove, OR

MEMBER, Disability Studies Minor Committee (2020-2022)

MEMBER, Indigeneity Engagement Committee (formerly the Land Acknowledgement Taskforce, 2019-2022)

Bellevue College, Department of Philosophy, Bellevue, WA

CHAIRPERSON, the “Philosophy Talks” Colloquium Series (2017-2018)

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE, Member (2016-2018)

University of Washington, Department of Philosophy, Seattle, WA

PHILOSOPHY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE, Member (2013-2014; 2015-2016)

PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, Member (2014-2015)

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE, Member (2011-2012)

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE AT DEPARTMENT MEETINGS (2010-2011)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, “Two Kinds of Mental Agency,” Pamela Hieronymi (November 13, 2009)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, the 5th Biennial UW Grad Philosophy Conference on Moral Psychology (November 13-14, 2009)

Lewis & Clark College, Department of Philosophy, Portland, OR

ORGANIZER, “Sentimentalism & Psychological Necessity,” Julia Driver (March 7, 2008)

CHAIRPERSON, Annual Philosophy “Extravaganza” Symposium (March 6, 2008)

ORGANIZER, “The Return of the Zombies,” John Perry (February 7, 2008)

PRESIDENT, Philosophy Club (2007-2008)

COURSES TAUGHT

100-level: Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Problems

200-level: Ethical Theory, Biomedical Ethics, Philosophy of the Human Person, Experiments in Ethics: Civically Engaged Philosophy

300-level: Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, History of Ancient Ethics, Technology and Human Values, Ethics and the Environment, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics Medicine and Healthcare, Plato's Republic (TA), Philosophy of Human Rights (TA), Liberal and Feminist Perspectives on Pornography (Ind Study), Ethics

400-Level: Climate Justice, Environmental Justice

500-level (grad students): Seminar in Teaching Philosophy for Beginners, Seminar in Course Design in Philosophy

REFERENCES

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