

Cinnamon Ann Jenson, 2024

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Area of Specialization:

Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science,
Philosophy of Psychology, Ethics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Philosophy Professor including in-person, Online Anytime, and Online on a Schedule
(Synchronous).

2016- Current. Houston Community College Department of Philosophy, Humanities, and
Library Sciences. 3100 Main. Houston, TX

Phil 2385: Cooperative in Philosophy, Ethics Bowl. Coach. 2017-2023.

Phil 1301: Introduction to Philosophy

Phil 2306: Introduction to Ethics

Huma 1301: Introduction to Humanities, 2024

Adjunct Instructor

2012-2016. Salt Lake Community College Department of Humanities, Language, and Culture.
4600 Redwood Rd. Salt Lake City, UT

Phil 1000: Introduction to Philosophy; Phil 1300: Ethics and Moral Dilemmas

Adjunct Instructor

Fall, 2012. Argosy University Department of Humanities . 121 West Election Road, Suite 300.
Draper, UT

HUMA 1100: Hybrid. Ethics in Contemporary Society

Instructor of Record

2008-2011. University of Utah Department of Philosophy. CTIHB, 215 S. Central Campus

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drive. Salt Lake City, UT

Phil 1000: Survey of Philosophy; Phil 1300: Philosophy of Psychology and Human Nature;

Phil 1050: Online: Survey of Philosophy

Teaching Assistant

2007-2008. University of Utah Department of Philosophy. CTIHB, 215 S. Central Campus drive. Salt Lake City, UT.

Associate Enrollment Counselor

Cinnamon Jenson 2018

2014-2016. Western Governor's University. 4001 South 700 East. Salt Lake City, UT Motivate, inform and enroll students in attending WGU, a non-profit online university.

EDUCATION:

PhD Philosophy

2007- 2015, University of Utah Dissertation: "Toward more substantial theories of language acquisition." Dissertation Committee: Patricia Hanna (thesis advisor), Steven Downes, James Tabery, Dustin Stokes, Edward Rubin

HETS Designation: Higher Education Teaching Specialist. 2013. University of Utah

MPhil (MA philosophy)

2001- 2002, University of Sheffield, England Master's Thesis: "Autism and the Theory of Mind." Advisor: Stephen Lawrence

Certificate of Library and Information Sciences. 2007-2008, 1.5 years (incomplete). Emporia State University, Salt Lake City, UT. Master of Library Sciences.

BS Philosophy. 2000, University of Utah **BS Sociology.** 2000, University of Utah **Minors (Associates degrees)** in Cognitive Science, and in English

Certificate of Criminology. 2000, University of Utah

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AWARDS:

NISOD Excellence Award recipient. May 2019. National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

HCC Teaching Excellence Award nomination. 2018, 2019, 2023. Houston Community College.

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Review. John Mizzoni. 2024. "How Much Can You Fathom: An introduction to philosophizing." Broadview Press. mizzonij@neumann.edu

"Four Poverty of Stimulus Arguments." 2025. Forthcoming. Southwestern Philosophical Studies. Vol 41. <https://www.southwesternphilosophical.org/>

Jenson, Cinnamon. 2015. Toward more substantial theories of child language acquisition. Dissertation. <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6w12f6r>

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations:

"Don't be scared of it: How to have rational conversations about tough subjects." HCC Philosophy and Humanities conference. Nov 2019.

"Four Poverty of Stimulus Arguments." March 2018. New Mexico – Texas Philosophy Conference. Houston.

Panel Presentation:

"Teaching informal fallacies." February, 2017. Philosophers on critical thinking panel. English Faculty Conference, HCC.

"Fake news." March, 2017. Humanities Faculty Conference, HCC.

Poster Presentation:

"Four Poverty of Stimulus arguments." June, 2015. Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference. Durham University, North Carolina.

Guest Speaker:

"Aesthetics." Feb 5, 2021. Guest Speaker. Introduction to Photography. A. Hepner, University of Illinois.

"Making real connections with students." March, 2016. Western Governor's University.

"Choosing the meaning of life." 2013. Cottonwood Adolescent Treatment Center.

Commentaries:

"Hepeating." HCC Philosophy Symposium and Workshop. April 3, 2021.

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“I Would Come Up with a Funny Title, but I'm Just a Girl: Women, Comedy, and an Evolved Sense of Humor.” Vanessa Voss. Fall, 2018. HCC Philosophy and Humanities conference.
“Got zombies?” Jimmy Licon. 2012. Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference. University of Utah.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE:

Ethics Bowl Co-Organizer, Coach.

Coach 2017- 2023. Houston Community College. Initiated Ethics Bowl class at HCC. Students compete at the Texas Regional Ethics Bowl, San Antonio, November annually 2017 - 2019. I introduced Ethics Bowl to HCC, and we are the only Collegiate Ethics Bowl team in Houston. HCC Ethics Bowl Website: <https://tinyurl.com/hccethicsbowl>

Conference Chair, co-chair. Houston Community College Philosophy and Humanities Conference. 2018-2024. Website, commentator, marketing, Reviewer, program design. HCC Philosophy Symposium and workshop, April 3, 2021. Website:

<https://tinyurl.com/PHIL2024>

HCC Philosophy Conference website: <https://philevents.org/event/show/127198>

November 2018. Keynote Speaker, Kevin deLaPlante.

November 2017. Keynote: Dan Symons. Website, Schedule, Moderator, Marketing.

Screening Committee.

June, 2017. Philosophy Department, Houston Community College.

Philosophy Club Facilitator.

2017-2018. Philosophy Department. Houston Community College. Facebook: HCC Philosophy Club.

Philosophy Event Series Speaker.

October 17-31, 2016. “Philosophy in the Twilight Zone.” Philosophy Department. HCC

Ethics Bowl Judge.

October 30, 2015. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Wasatch Regional competition at Weber State University, Ogden, Utah

Conference Organizer.

October 30-31, 2014. “The moral challenge of Nietzsche’s nihilism.” 17th Annual International Student and Faculty Conference. Salt Lake Community College Website:

<http://slccnietzsche.wix.com/slccphilosophyconf>

Graduate Conference Chair.

March 20-21, 2012. Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference. University of Utah. Website, scheduling, pamphlet, marketing, moderator, reviewer, commentator.

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Department Graduate Service: University of Utah Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, 2008; Philosophy Department Review Committee, 2009; Philosophy Club, 2009-11.

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

NMTX New Mexico- Texas Philosophy Society. 2018-Present. Reviewer. 2024, Moderator.

The Great Questions Foundation. Course Redesign Certificate. Workshops December, 2024.

<https://www.tgqf.org/workshops/>

AI Instruction Certificate: March, 2025. HCC. Center for Teaching and Learning. Several courses and workshops in use of AI in the classroom.

OER, Open Education Resources Certificate: November, 2024, HCC, Teaching and Learning Innovation.

Texas OER Core Elements Certification. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Division of Digital Learning. November, 2024. <https://dltx.highered.texas.gov/micro-credential-learning-network/>

Certificate of Non-Profit Organization: <https://www.nonprofitready.org/free-nonprofit-certificate>

Human Horizons Workshop. HHC Philosophy Implementation of Transformative Texts. Summer 2023.

Ethics Bowl Summer Workshop. APPE. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. July, 2020. Online. APPE Ethics Bowl workshop.

June 28- July 1, 2017. San Jose, CA. Training on how to initiate and coach Ethics Bowl classes, judge and moderate competitions, and marketing and fundraising for Ethics Bowl classes.

Canvas Online Teaching Certificate.

Fall, 2016. Houston Community College.

Leadership, Management, and Communications Training.

April 28-30, 2016, WGU Conference using the Disneyland Business Model: "From ordinary to extraordinary: Creating a wow experience for students."

Higher Education Teaching Specialist (HETS) Certification.

2013-2014. Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah One-year program with classes and workshops on active learning, innovative technology, diversity in the classroom, practicum.

Teaching Workshop Volunteer.

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2012-2014. Sharon Bowman Workshop, "Teaching from the back of the room." Salt Lake Community College.

NOTABLE CONFERENCES and MEMBERSHIP:

Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence. Sept 19-20, 2024. Utah State University.

APPE Association of Practical and Professional Ethics. 2017 – Present.

SPP: Society for Philosophy and Psychology: Pittsburgh, 2023. San Diego, California, 2019. Durham, North Carolina, 2015 (travel grant awarded). Boulder, Colorado, 2012. Portland, Oregon, 2010.

NMTX New Mexico – Texas Philosophical Society. 2018-Present. (Reviewer)

SPS: Society for Philosophy of Science. Vancouver.

ISHPSSB: The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology: Salt Lake City, University of Utah, 2011 (volunteer). Exeter, England, 2007

Experimental Philosophy Workshop: University of Utah, Summer, 2013 (Volunteer)

Graduate Conference Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, 2007- 2013. University of Utah.. (Reviewer and moderator)

Hang Seng Center for Cognitive Studies: Philosophy Department, Sheffield, England, 2001 (volunteer)