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EDUCATION

Moorpark College, Thousand Oaks, CA, May 2016-Dec 2021

Declared Major: Physics

Additional/Post-Baccalaureate STEM: 35 semester units completed | GPA: 4.00

Relevant Coursework: College Algebra; Trigonometry; Calculus (Analytic Geometry); Science & Engineering Physics

Mosaic College, Hollywood, CA, Sep 2018-May 2019

Program in Ministry Leadership

Relevant Coursework: Organizational Leadership; Practical Theology; Biblical Studies; Communication and Persuasion

Teaching Assistant: Supported faculty instruction through discussion facilitation and curriculum assistance.

Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, Sep 2014-Aug 2018

Declared Major: Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy | GPA: 3.45

Senior Thesis: Molinism and Free Will

Awards: Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society, inducted Spring 2016; Secretary 2017; Vice President 2018); Dean's List (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019)

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Agora LA, Thousand Oaks, CA, November 2022-Present

Founder and CEO (2022-Present)

- Found and lead The Agora LA, a nonprofit philosophy forum that is breaking down traditional educational barriers by bringing together world-class thinkers to engage the polis on contemporary topics through public discourse.
- Cultivate and manage partnerships with university faculty, scholars, and local organizations to secure expert speakers and elevate program quality.
- Recruit, train, and lead a working team across programming, outreach, operations, and production by setting priorities, assigning deliverables, and driving execution through event cycles.
- Manage budgets and ongoing financial operations for live forums by forecasting costs, approving expenditures, and coordinating vendor payments for venues and production.
- Design and refine the organization's curriculum and structured discussion methodology by translating complex philosophical and ethical debates into accessible, bias-free public education.
- Maintain nonprofit compliance and organizational good standing by managing annual state/federal filings, organizational records, and tax-related obligations.

Episteme Tutoring, Global (Remote) Jan 2019-Present

Founder and Tutor

- Delivered individualized instruction in college-level philosophy, pre-law, political theory, political science, public policy, and communications, and served as the primary point of contact for a broad student base.
- Supported students in producing A-level work evaluated by faculty affiliated with Berkeley, USC, UCSB, and UCSD; one student's essay was selected by faculty as a model example of rigorous philosophical analysis.
- Maintained long relationships with clients; these relationships lasted over multiple years.

- Earned a 4.9/5.0 student rating on Wyzant across 400+ hours of individualized instruction.

Chess Wizards, Los Angeles & Ventura County, CA Aug 2022-Present

Classroom Instructor

- Led engaging, well-structured chess instruction for children, teaching logical reasoning, problem-solving, sportsmanship, and resilience through a disciplined, joy-centered classroom environment.
- Designed an original chess curriculum progressing students from introductory concepts to advanced competitive play.

Managed classrooms of 7–15 students and administered chess tournaments.

CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Jestmont, Santa Barbara, CA, Sep 2014-Aug 2018

Founder & President

- Founded Westmont College's first-ever improv troupe (Jestmont) and built it into a troupe that remains active today.
 - Served as president for four years, leading recruitment, rehearsals, and live performances.
 - Developed and led workshops on creative thinking, improvisation fundamentals, and character work, strengthening group facilitation and presentation skills.
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PUBLIC SERVICE

Band of Brothers and Sisters, Los Angeles, CA, Jan 2019-Present

Homelessness Service Crew

- Coordinated and led volunteer teams serving meals to unhoused individuals in Pasadena.
- Supported donation distribution and outreach efforts on Skid Row.
- Assembled and distributed care packages and resource guides to unhoused individuals

Atmosphere Church, Westlake, CA Dec 2022-Present

Homeless Outreach Team Leader

- Led the church's homeless outreach team across Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park by organizing volunteers and coordinating recurring outreach events.
 - Organized and distributed care packages (food, clothing, hygiene supplies) and connected individuals with rehabilitation and recovery resources.
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SELECTED ACADEMIC & LEGAL WRITING (*Available upon request*)

Scholarly Manuscripts (In Preparation)

- *The Existential Problem of Divine Hiddenness: A Relational Challenge*
- *Socratic Wisdom in a Post-Truth Era: Examining Unjustified Belief Adherence (UBA)*
- *Argument From Beauty (In Aesthetics and Philosophy of Religion)*

Legal Writing

- *Rethinking Culpability: A Case for Moral Gradation in Criminal Law*
 - *Drafted an amicus curiae brief in Apache Stronghold v. United States analyzing RFRA's "substantial burden" doctrine.*
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INTERESTS

Philosophy blogging; historical fiction writing; classical piano composition; rock climbing; leading a book club on Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*.