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Curriculum Vitae

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SUNY Geneseo, Welles 107C (inside 103)
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Geneseo, NY 14454

St. John Fisher University
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Rochester, NY 14618

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Rochester, October 2016

- Dissertation: *Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance*
- Committee: Richard Feldman (advisor), Earl Conee, Edward Wierenga, and H. Allen Orr (chair)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Rochester, March 2011

B.A. in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of Oklahoma, May 2007

- Honors Thesis: “On the Emergence of Time from Space” (under the direction of James Hawthorne)

B.S. in Mathematics (with distinction), University of Oklahoma, May 2007

- Minor in Religious Studies

Supplemental trainings and certificates:

- Mental Health First Aid, National Council for Mental Wellbeing, September 2024
- Positive Peace Academy, [Institute for Economics & Peace](#), Summer 2022
- [Advancing Cultural Competency Certificate](#) (16-hour program), SUNY Geneseo, Fall 2019
- [Safe Zone](#) Certification (3-hour workshop), SUNY Geneseo, June 2018
- High Impact Online Teaching Workshop (1-day workshop with Rebecca Frost Davis), SUNY Geneseo, May 2019
- Online Course Design & Teaching Workshop (2-day workshop with Dylan Barth), SUNY Geneseo, May 2018
- Open Educational Resources Workshop (2-day workshop), SUNY Geneseo, May 2018
- [Fisher Apple Academy 1.0](#) (3-week training for iPad teaching), St. John Fisher University, July 2020
- Fundamentals of Online Teaching (4-week course), St. John Fisher University, May–June 2018
- Advanced Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (5-day intensive with Dr. Bernard Lafayette and Jonathan Lewis), Rochester Institute of Technology, July–August 2014
- Introductory Core Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (2-day intensive with Jonathan Lewis), hosted by the [M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence](#), May 2014
- M. K. Gandhi Institute Nonviolence Intensive (5-day survey course): August 2013
- [Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic & Formal Epistemology](#), June 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Nonviolence, Buddhist Philosophy, Epistemology, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Eastern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy, Logic & Probability

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Adjunct Lecturer, State University of New York at Geneseo, Spring–Fall 2012, Spring 2018–Present (Visiting Lecturer during Spring 2020)

- Courses taught: Eastern Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy, Seminar: Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Applied Ethics: Protest Ethics, Applied Ethics: Violence & Nonviolence, Writing Seminar: Philosophy of Nonviolence, Writing Seminar: Approaches to Disagreement, Writing Seminar: Nature of Life & Death, Introduction to Logic, Critical Thinking, Theory of Knowledge, Western Humanities I, Ethical Issues in Business, Directed Study (Supervision of Undergraduate Teaching Assistants for Logic), Directed Study (Meaning & Spirituality), Directed Study (Philosophy of Nonviolence), Directed Study (Philosophy of Economics)

Adjunct Lecturer, St. John Fisher University (formerly College), Fall 2013–Fall 2023, Fall 2025–Present (Visiting Assistant Professor during Spring 2013 and Spring 2024–Spring 2025)

- Courses taught: U.S. Debates from a Buddhist Ethical Perspective, Critical Citizenship, Philosophy of Nonviolence, The Ethics of War & Peace, Philosophy & Artificial Intelligence (Cardinal Experience), Ethics Goes to the Movies, Exploration of Societal Issues: Violence, Crime, and Injustice (Learning Community), Exploration of Societal Issues: Truth, Conflict, and Reconciliation (Learning Community), Bioethics, Business Ethics, Crimes & Corporations (Sociology), Introductory Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Basic Logic

Adjunct Lecturer, Nazareth College, Fall 2018

- Course taught: Philosophical Inquiry

Graduate Instructor of Humanities, Eastman School of Music, Fall 2013

- Course taught: The Meaning of Life (Writing Seminar)

Adjunct Lecturer, State University of New York at Brockport, Spring 2013

- Course taught: Epistemology

Instructor, University of Rochester, Summers 2010–2012

- Courses taught: Ethics, Contemporary Moral Problems

Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester, Fall 2008–Spring 2012

- Courses assisted: Morality & War (Robert L. Holmes), History of Ethics (Robert L. Holmes), Meaning of Life (Earl Conee), Introductory Logic (Brett Sherman), Science & Reason (Brad Weslake), Ethical Decisions in Medicine (William FitzPatrick), Contemporary Moral Problems (Todd Long, William FitzPatrick)

Honors Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma Honors College, Spring 2007

- I assisted Prof. Neera Badhwar with research on ethical situationism.

Mathematics Tutor, University of Arkansas Tutoring Center, Spring 2002

- I led individual and group sessions for College Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, and Calculus.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Introduction to Philosophy: Epistemology, ed. 2021. Rebus Press. <https://press.rebus.community/intro-to-phil-epistemology/>.

Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance. 2016. Ph.D. diss., University of Rochester. *ProQuest*. <https://www.proquest.com/openview/068132931e23fda517c3342d9b157f2a/1.pdf?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750&diss=y>.

The Philosophy of Nonviolence: Selections from Gandhi with an Introduction to Post-Gandhian Developments. Forthcoming 2025.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews

“The Analysis of Knowledge.” 2021. In *Introduction to Philosophy: Epistemology*, edited by Brian C. Barnett. Rebus Press. <https://press.rebus.community/intro-to-phil-epistemology/chapter/the-analysis-of-knowledge/>.

“What Is Epistemology?” 2021. In *Introduction to Philosophy: Epistemology*, edited by Brian C. Barnett. Rebus Press. <https://press.rebus.community/intro-to-phil-epistemology/front-matter/introduction-to-the-book/>.

Review of *Monotheism and the Meaning of Life*, by T. J. Mawson. June 2020. *Religious Studies Review* 46 (2): 215.

“Higher-Order Defeat in Realist Moral Epistemology.” 2020. In *Higher-Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*, edited by Michael Klenk, 117–35. New York: Routledge.

“A Probabilistic Defense of Proper *De Jure* Objections to Theism.” Unpublished manuscript.

Invited Blog Posts

“Beyond Civility & Incivility.” 9 December 2024. *Blog of the APA*. Current Events in Public Philosophy series. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/12/09/beyond-civility-incivility/>.

“Ahimsic Communication: An Alternative to Civility.” 23 December 2024. *Blog of the APA*. Current Events in Public Philosophy series. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/12/23/ahimsic-communication-an-alternative-to-civility/>.

“The Power of Ahimsic Communication.” 30 December 2024. *Blog of the APA*. Current Events in Public Philosophy series. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/12/30/the-power-of-ahimsic-communication/>.

PRESENTATIONS

“Beyond Civility & Incivility: Nonviolence as a Communicative Standard,” Philosophy Club talk, SUNY Geneseo, April 2025

Comments on Mark Silcox’s “Is Autonomy a Moral Vice?,” Eastern Division APA Meeting, January 2025

“The Philosophy of Henry David Thoreau,” Dialogues in the Humanities discussion co-facilitated with Barbara J. Lowe, St. John Fisher University, 1 November 2024

“(Non)Violent Resistance to Injustice,” [Summer Institute in Justice and Ethics in Modern America](#), SUNY Geneseo, 25–28 August 2022

“Reigniting the Love of Wisdom: A Call for Engaged World Philosophy,” Invited World Philosophy Day talk, SUNY Geneseo, 18 November 2021

“How Should We Respond to Injustice, Both as Individuals and Communities?,” [Summer Institute in Justice and Ethics in Modern America](#), SUNY Geneseo, 3–4 August 2021

“The Case for Nonviolence,” Guest Lecture for PHIL 288 (Punishment, Race, and the Carceral State), taught by Amanda Roth, SUNY Geneseo, 1 April 2021

Comments on Paul Shephard’s “Echo Chambers and the Helping Hand of Trust,” Central Division APA Meeting, February 2021

Comments on David McElhoo’s “The Disappearing Act: A Tragic Tale for Omni-Gods,” Eastern Division APA Meeting, January 2019

“Peer Disagreement and the Ethics of Belief: A Stable Conciliationist Approach,” Nazareth College Philosophy Department, 8 November 2018

“An Epistemic Assessment of the Modal Ontological Argument,” Pacific Division APA Meeting, March–April 2018

Comments on Andrew Brenner’s “Theism and Explanationist Defenses of Moral Realism,” Pacific Division APA Meeting, 14 April 2017

Comments on Joshua Blanchard’s “Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony,” Eastern Division APA Meeting, 4 January 2017

“Peer Disagreement and Problems of Self-Defeat,” SUNY Geneseo Philosophy Department, 28 October 2016

“Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance,” University of Rochester Philosophy Department, 19 August 2016

Introductory Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence, co-organized and co-facilitated with Dr. Richard DeJesus-Rueff, St. John Fisher University, 29 September 2014

Comments on Jonathan Matheson’s “Peer Disagreement and the Ethics of Belief,” 8th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, 24 October 2014

“Interrogative Knowledge,” University of Rochester Philosophy Department, 14 December 2010

Comments on Andrew Moon’s “Beliefs Do *Not* Come in Degrees,” 6th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, 23 October 2010

“The Structure of Epistemic Justification: A New Approach to the Theory of Internalist Foundationalism,” 8th Annual McNair Research Conference, University of Maryland (College Park), March 2007

“On the Emergence of Time from Space,” 7th Annual McNair Research Conference, University of Maryland (College Park), March 2006

HONORS & AWARDS

Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching (State University of New York): 2022–23

Dr. David Kuebel Part-Time Faculty Teaching Award (St. John Fisher University): 2021–22

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy): 2009–10

McNair Scholar (University of Oklahoma): 2005–07

Dean’s Fellowship (University of Rochester): 2007–12

Supplemental Faculty Travel Grant Award (St. John Fisher University): Fall 2017 and Spring 2019

J. Clayton Feaver Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): 2007

Mary Elizabeth Wade Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): 2005–06

Arthur F. Bernhart Mathematics Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Mathematics): 2004–05

College of Arts & Sciences Student Research and Educational Travel Funding Grant (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): Summer 2006

Student Travel Grant (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): Summer 2006

G.W. and Vera Dobbs Pullin and Charles A. & Janice Pullin Drake Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, College of Arts & Sciences): 2006–07

Lois A. Pfister Memorial Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): Summer 2006

Oklahoma Memorial Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): 2005–06

Sooner Heritage Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): 2004–05, 2005–06

Scholarship for Gandhi Institute Nonviolence Intensive: August 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor, [Peace and Nonviolence](#) Category, [PhilPapers.org](#): April 2021–Present

Interim Program Coordinator, Conflict Studies, SUNY Geneseo: 2023–2024

McNair Advisory Board & Philosophy Department Liaison: 2021–Present

Referee for *Episteme*: 2024–Present

Referee for *Synthese*: 2023–Present

Referee for *Res Philosophica*: 2017–Present

Referee for *Philosophia*: 2018–Present

Chair for the Symposium “Metaphilosophy” at the Eastern Division APA Meeting: January 2025

Part-Time Faculty Senator, SUNY Geneseo College Senate: 2019–2021

Co-Chair (with Carly Herold), “Justice, Law, and Democracy” Panel, [G.R.E.A.T. Day](#), SUNY Geneseo: 23 April 2025

Chair, Humanities & Languages Session, [G.R.E.A.T. Day](#), SUNY Geneseo: April 2023

Faculty Sponsor for Aspen Griffing's "A Defense of Pastafarianism: An Analysis Into the Discrimination Against Atheists and a Proposed Solution," [G.R.E.A.T. Day](#) Presentation, SUNY Geneseo: April 2023

Advisor for Maxwell Utman's Honors Keystone Project on the Just War Theory and the War in Ukraine, St. John Fisher University: Fall 2022

Advisor for Brooke Chase's Honors Keystone Project, "Exploring Ethics in the Enron Scandal," St. John Fisher University: Spring 2024

Faculty Partner/Consultant, Brennan Wilcox's "Let's Get Vaccinated" Project (in development), [Geneseo Student Ambassadorship Program](#): 2022–2023

Committee on Undergraduate Academic Policies, Core, and Review, SUNY Geneseo: 2019–2021

Remote Instruction Consultation Team, SUNY Geneseo: Spring 2020

Intersession Working Group, SUNY Geneseo: Spring 2019

Chair for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session at the Eastern Division APA Meeting: January 2020

Chair for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session at the Eastern Division APA Meeting: January 2019

Chair for the Symposium "On Unifying Declarative Memory" at the Central Division APA Meeting: February 2021

Volunteer Researcher for the American Philosophical Association: August 2019

Volunteer at the Registration Desk for the Pacific Division APA Meeting: April 2017, March 2018

Student Conduct Representative for the Student Conduct Hearing Committee (St. John Fisher University): 2018–2023

Abstract reviewer for "Civility, Nonviolent Resistance, and the New Struggle for Social Justice" (30th annual conference for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace): August 2017

Book proposal reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield: Barry L. Gan's *Violence & Nonviolence, 2nd ed.* (July 2023)

Book proposal reviewer for Routledge Press: McCain, Stapleford, and Steup (eds.), *Epistemic Dilemmas: New Arguments, New Angles* (June 2020)

Book reviewer for Oxford UP: Bob Fischer's *Ethics, Left and Right* (July 2017)

Book reviewer for Oxford UP: Russell Marcus' *Introduction to Formal Logic with Philosophical Applications* (October 2016)

Committee on Intellectual Vitality (Pillar One of Strategic Review) (St. John Fisher University): Fall 2016–Spring 2017

Departmental Logic Curriculum Assessment Committee (St. John Fisher University, Philosophy Department): Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Introductory Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence, co-organized and co-facilitated with Dr. Richard DeJesus-Rueff, St. John Fisher University, 29 September 2014

Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference Committee (University of Rochester): 2010, 2012, 2014

Graduate Admissions Committee (University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy): 2011

Annual Undergraduate Philosophical Conference Committee (University of Oklahoma): 2005–06, 2006–07

Session Moderator for the 11th Annual Undergraduate Philosophical Conference (University of Oklahoma): 2006

Undergraduate Student Advisory Council (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy Representative): 2005–06, 2006–07

Dean's Student Advisory Council (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy Representative): 2005–06, 2006–07

AFFILIATIONS

[Concerned Philosophers for Peace](#): Spring 2017–Present

[American Philosophical Association](#) (Eastern Division): 2004–Present

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of Rochester

- Supervised Instruction in Philosophy (eight semesters, one per semester as a TA) (Robert L. Holmes, Todd Long, Brad Weslake, Brett Sherman, Earl Conee, and William FitzPatrick)
- Theory of Knowledge (Jeffrey Glick)
- Logical Methods in Philosophy (David Braun)
- Philosophy of Language (David Braun)
- Philosophy of Mind (Brad Weslake)
- Metaphysics (Alyssa Ney)
- Topics in Philosophical Theology: Theistic Belief (Edward Wierenga)
- Topics in Philosophical Theology: Trinity and Incarnation (Edward Wierenga)
- Selected Topics in Ancient Philosophy (Deborah Modrak)
- British Empiricism (Ralf Meerbote)
- Seminar in Epistemology: Evidentialism (Richard Feldman and Earl Conee)
- Seminar in Epistemology: Reasonable Disagreement (Richard Feldman)
- Seminar in Epistemology: The Epistemology of Testimony (Jeffrey Glick)
- Seminar in Metaphysics: Metametaphysics (Alyssa Ney)
- Seminar in Metaphysics: Reductionism (Alyssa Ney and Kevan Edwards)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Mental Content (David Braun and Alyssa Ney)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Science: Inference to the Best Explanation and Scientific Realism (Brad Weslake)
- Levels of Evidence (Richard Feldman)
- Recent Views on Knowledge (Earl Conee)
- Counterfactuals (Brad Weslake)
- Writing Seminar (Earl Conee)
- PhD Research in Philosophy (Richard Feldman)

University of Oklahoma (graduate courses taken as an undergraduate)

- Symbolic Logic II (Chris Swoyer)
- Graph Theory I (Marilyn Breen)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Religion: Fatalism (Linda Zagzebski)

REFERENCES

Research References

1. Richard Feldman, Professor of Philosophy, University of Rochester, richard.feldman@rochester.edu
2. Earl Conee, Professor of Philosophy, University of Rochester, earl.conee@rochester.edu
3. Edward Wierenga, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus Professor of Religion and Classics, University of Rochester, edward.wierenga@rochester.edu

Teaching References

1. David Levy, Associate Professor & Chair of Philosophy, SUNY Geneseo, levy@geneseo.edu
2. Timothy J. Madigan, Professor and Chair of Philosophy and Classical Studies, St. John Fisher University, tmadigan@sjf.edu
3. Charles Natoli, Professor of Philosophy and Classical Studies, St. John Fisher University, cnatoli@sjf.edu