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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION/CONCENTRATION

AOS: Political Philosophy, Legal Philosophy, Spinoza Studies, Critical Theory, Philosophy of the City

AOC: Philosophy of Law, Social-Political Philosophy, Logic, LSAT Prep, Legal Reasoning

EDUCATION

2021 M.Jur., St. Mary's University, School of Law

2014 Ph.D, Philosophy, Stony Brook University

2009 MA/BA, Philosophy, Oklahoma State University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023- Assistant Professor, Philosophy (TT) University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

2017-23 Assistant Professor (NTT), Philosophy, Our Lady of the Lake University

2015-17 Lecturer, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Morgan State University

2013-14 Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, Long Island University

2009-13 Instructor, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, Stony Brook University

2007-09 Instructor, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Philosophy Department, Oklahoma State University

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY (Fall 2023 – Spring 2026)

PHIL 1312: Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 3370: Philosophy of Law

PHIL 4301: Great Thinkers - Spinoza

PHIL 4360: Law & Religion

PHIL 4300: Special Topics in Philosophy of Law: Affirmative Action

PHIL 4300: LSAT Prep

PHIL 4311: Legal Reasoning & Argumentation

PHIL 3492: Philosophy of Mind

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY (Fall 2017 – Spring 2023)

PHIL 7315: Seminar on Social Justice

PHIL 4352: Global Justice

PHIL 3332: Health Care Ethics

PHIL 2321: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 2310: Logic & Critical Reasoning

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (Fall 2015 – Spring 2017)

PHIL 402: Political Theory

PHIL 321: Power and Gender

PHIL 223: Philosophy of Politics: Social Contract Theory

PHIL 222: Theories of Knowledge: Epistemologies of Ignorance

PHIL 220: Ethics & Values

PHIL 109: Introduction to Logic (Pre-Law)

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY (Fall 2013 – Spring 2014)

PHI 14: Symbolic Logic

PHI 13: Ethics & Society

PHI 8: Introduction to Philosophy

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY (Fall 2009 – Spring 2013)

PHI 105: Politics & Society

PHIL 108: Logic & Critical Reasoning

PHIL 108: Logic & Critical Reasoning

PHIL 105: Politics & Society

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Logic & Critical Thinking

Logic & Critical Thinking

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. Jobe, Kevin S. *Malevolent Legalities: Discriminatology and the Specters of Scalia*. The Fairleigh Dickinson University Press Series in Law, Culture, and the Humanities. Lanham: co-published by Bloomsbury / Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2025. <<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/malevolent-legalities-9781683934028/>>

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

1. Jobe, K.S. “Spinoza on Binding Law: a Philological Study of the *Political Treatise*”, *Journal of Spinoza Studies*, Volume 4, Issue 2, 2025 (accepted, forthcoming)
2. Jobe, K.S. “A Democratic Theory of Discrimination Law”, *Law and Philosophy* (under consideration)
3. Jobe K.S. (2025) “Coding Anti-Discrimination Jurisprudence: A Hybrid Computational Model of the *Arlington Heights* Test.” *Journal of Social Computing*, 6(3): 239-257. <https://doi.org/10.23919/JSC.2025.0012>
4. Jobe, K.S. (2022) “Anti-Discrimination Jurisprudence: *United States v. Carrillo-Lopez*”. Case Commentary. *The International Journal of Discrimination and the Law*. 22(4), 404-411. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13582291221124489>
5. Jobe, K. S. (2021). The jurisprudence of universal subjectivity: COVID-19, vulnerability and housing. *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law*, 21(3), 254-271. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F13582291211032843>
6. Jobe, K.S. “Foucault & the Telos of Power”. *Critical Horizons: a Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory*, Vol 18, Issue 3, 2017. pp. 191-213. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14409917.2017.1293888>
7. Jobe, K.S. (2015) “Policing the Demos: Foucault, Hegel & the Police Power in *Waller v. City of New York*.” *New Formations: a journal of culture/theory/politics*, Special Issue on ‘Societies of Control’, Number 84-85, 2015, pp. 92-129.
8. Jobe, K.S (2015) “Foucault & Ancient *Polizei*: a Genealogy of the Military-Pastorate”. *Journal of Political Power*, Vol. 8, Issue: 01, Feb 2015, pp. 21 – 37. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2015.1011378>

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “Houselessness” in *Routledge Handbook on Philosophy of the City*, Ronald Sundstrom and Sharon Meagher (co-ed). Routledge Handbook in Philosophy series. (New York: Routledge, 2020), pp. 203-215 <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781315681597-18/houselessness-kevin-scott-jobe>
2. “Foucault & Urban Philosophy” in *Routledge Handbook on Philosophy of the City*, Ronald Sundstrom and Sharon Meagher (co-ed). Routledge Handbook in Philosophy series (New York: Routledge, 2020), pp.87-100. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781315681597-8/foucault-urban-philosophy-kevin-scott-jobe>
3. “The Coloniality of Homelessness”, *The Ethics of Homelessness: Philosophical Perspectives*, 2nd Edition, G. John Abbarno (ed.) (Leiden: Brill, 2020), p. 388-425. doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004420366_026

PAPERS, PRESENTATION

1. “Spinoza and the Puzzle of *TP 4.5: the Autonomy and Potentia of Civil Law*”, *North American Spinoza Society*, University of South Carolina, May 20, 2025. <https://www.spinozasociety.org/events>
2. “Thinking War with Eduardo Mendieta”, Association for Philosophy and Literature, Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main. Frankfurt, Germany, August 22, 2025.
3. “Malevolent Legalities”, Author Meets Reader Panel, Sheldon Lyke and Eleftheria Papadaki (Discussants), Law & Society Association Annual Conference, May 22-25, 2025.
4. “Malevolent Legalities” Public Book Tour Event, Pre-Law Program, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX, November 22, 2024.
5. “Temporal Regimes & Future Environmental Harm”, presented at the Philosophy & Legal Theory Collaborative, 2024 Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 6-9, 2024
6. “The Legal Brief Turing Test: Cognitive Skills in PHIL of Law and PHIL of Mind”, presented at the AAPT Teaching Hub on “The Impact of AI on Teaching” at the 2024 American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, NY, January 16, 2024.
7. “Vulnerability Theory and the Value of Equity”, Society for Value Inquiry, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Feb. 23, 2023
8. “The Jurisprudence of Universal Subjectivity: COVID-19, Vulnerability and Housing”, *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law* Workshop, Special Edition. COVID-19: Lessons for and from Vulnerability Theory, with Prof. Martha Fineman, Feb. 19, 2021
9. “What is Social Justice: a Philosophical & Legal Approach”, Charla on Social Justice, hosted by the Center for Mexican American Studies and Research, Our Lady of the Lake University, WebEx and Facebook Live, Oct. 22nd, 2020
10. “Global Philosophy at Hispanic-Serving Institutions: A Data-Driven, Community Cultural Wealth (CCW) Approach”. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division 2018 Meeting, APA Teaching Hub.
11. “Foucault and the Meaning of Politics: Towards a Genealogy of Tyrannical Power”, The 17th Annual Meeting of The Foucault Circle, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, March 24, 2017
12. “Bio-Politics & Irregular Life: Public Philosophy, Precarity and Homelessness in a Neoliberal Era”, Keynote Speaker, “Public Philosophy & Homelessness” Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, March 21, 2016
13. “Housing & Racial Capitalism: Political Economy and the Racial Construction of Poverty”, HBCU’s and Philosophy III Conference, Panel on Urban Injustice and Race, Morgan State University, Apr 2, 2016
14. ‘Bio-political Epistemologies: Political Economy, Poverty & Strategic Constructivism’, Fall 2015 Public Philosophy Colloquia, Morgan State University, Nov. 10, 2015
15. ‘The Immediacy of Liberation: Foucault, Freedom and the Critique of Political Reason’, presented at The 2014 Critical Theory Roundtable, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Sept. 19-21, 2014
16. ‘Homelessness, Race & Marginal Biosocialities’, presented at Beyond Biosocialities in Medical Anthropology conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, University of Amsterdam, and Maison des Sciences de l’Homme. Jan. 17-19, 2013.
17. ‘To Make Free By Letting Die: Hegel, Foucault and the Logic of State Racism’, paper presented to the Radical Foucault International Conference, University of East London, Sept. 8-9, 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Law & Society Association
Southwest Association for Pre-Law Advisors (SWAPLA)
American Philosophical Association, Central Division

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Editorial Reviewer: *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law* (2023-present)
2. Ethics Bowl Judge, 25th Annual Texas Regional Ethics Bowl, Texas A&M University-San Antonio College of Business, Nov. 12, 2022
3. Commentator, “Liberalism and Structural Injustice”, 2021 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Colloquium on Liberalism and its Critics, Jan. 14, 2021
4. “What is Social Justice: a Philosophical & Legal Approach”, Center for Mexican American Studies and Research, ‘Charlas y Chispas’, Our Lady of the Lake University, October 22, 2020
5. Justice & Immigration: a Workshop in Philosophy & Social Justice (Organizer and Host), Our Lady of the Lake University, April 19, 2018
6. External Reviewer, 2015-present, *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*
7. Conference Organizing Committee, ‘Origins of Truth: a Conference on Foucault’s Lectures on The Will to Know’, Stony Brook Manhattan, February 21-22, 2014
8. Chair, Amy Allen (Dartmouth College), ‘The Ineliminability of Progress?’, Freedom’s Right: a Symposia on the Political Philosophy of Axel Honneth’, Stony Brook University, Sep. 20-21, 2013

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

1. Co-coordinator, Philosophy (BA) Pre-Law Concentration, Department of Philosophy, UTRGV
2. Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, UTRGV
3. MS Bioethics Committee, Department of Philosophy, UTRGV
4. Program Head, Philosophy, Fall 2017-2023, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Our Lady of the Lake University
5. Service-Learning Faculty Council, Fall 2019-2023, Our Lady of the Lake University
6. General Education Committee, Fall 2021-2023, Our Lady of the Lake University
7. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Spring 2020-2023, Our Lady of the Lake University
8. Faculty Action Task Force on Equity, Fall 2020-2023, Our Lady of the Lake University
9. Pre-Law Logic Curriculum Committee, 2015-2017, Morgan State University

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

1. 2025-26 Faculty Seed Research Grant (\$5000), “JurisPhysics: the Political Philosophy of Borders”, Office of the Provost, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley.
2. 2025 Innovation Grant (\$2500), Southwest Association for Pre-Law Advisors (SWAPLA), Virtual Courtroom “Mixed Reality Simulation” proposal, June 2025-May 2026
3. “FronterAi: Participatory Machine Learning to Analyze Immigration Enforcement Impacts”, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (canceled)
4. Research Grant (\$2000), College of Liberal Arts, UTRGV, Conference Paper, “Eduardo Mendieta’s Political Philosophy of War”, –presented at the Association for Philosophy & Literature (APL) Conference, Frankfurt, Germany, August 20-22, 2025.
5. Research Grant (\$1000), College of Liberal Arts, UTRGV for Author Meets Reader Book Panel on *Malevolent Legalities*, 2025 Law & Society Association Conference, Chicago, IL, May 22-25
6. Faculty Travel Award (\$2000), Fall 2023, College of Liberal Arts, UTRGV – “Scalia Papers” Archival Research, Harvard Law School, Historical and Special Collections, November 3-8, 2023.
7. Service-Learning Faculty Fellow Award, 2018-2019, The Center for Service-Learning & Volunteerism, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX
8. Hearst Professional Development Grant, 2017-18, Travel for APA Eastern Division presentation of “Global Philosophy at Hispanic-Serving, Institutions: a Community Cultural Wealth Approach”, Jan. 4, 2018, Our Lady of the Lake University
9. Research Travel Grant Award, 2011-12, Resource Access Project, Graduate School, Stony Brook University, Paper: ‘To Make Free By Letting Die: Hegel, Foucault, and the Logic of State Racism’, Radical Foucault International Conference, University of East London, Sept. 8-9, 2011

GRADUATE COURSES

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW – Masters of Jurisprudence (M.Jur) Program

Immigration Law, Fall 2021

Negotiations, Fall 2021

Torts, Fall 2021

Health Law, Spring 2021

Administrative Law, Spring 2021

Property, Spring 2021

Constitutional Law, Fall 2020

Jurisprudence: Law & Philosophy, Fall 2020

Legal Research & Writing, Fall 2020

Fundamentals of American Law, Fall 2020

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY - Doctoral Program, Philosophy

Aristotle's Metaphysics, Dr. Peter Manchester, Fall 2011

Bio-Politics, Dr. Eduardo Mendieta, Spring 2011

Hegel's Philosophy of Right, Dr. Allegra Laurentis, Fall 2010

Continental Seminar on 'The Other', Dr. Ed Casey, Fall 2010

American Pragmatism & Naturalism, Dr. Harvey Cormier, Fall 2010

The Philosophy of Kurt Gödel, Dr. Gary Mar, Spring 2010

Aristotle's Ethics, Dr. Clyde Lee Miller, Spring 2010

Laughter and its Part in Literature, Dr. Robert Harvey, Spring 2010

Political Theology to the Political Philosophy of Religion, Dr. Jürgen Habermas and Eduardo Mendieta, Fall 2009

Postmodernisms, Dr. Hugh Silverman and Dr. Peter Caravetta, Fall 2009

Continental Seminar on 'Difference', Dr. Ed Casey, Fall 2009

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY - Masters Program, Philosophy

Bioethics, Independent Study, Dr. Lorraine Landry, Spring 2009

Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, Dr. Lawrence Pasternack, 2008

Philosophy of Language, Dr. James Cain, Spring 2008

Seminar on Aristotle, Dr. Rebecca Bensen-Cain, Fall 2008

Ethics & Justice in International Development, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2008

Hume Seminar, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2007

Michel Foucault, Independent Study, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2007

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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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