

# LEVI B. SMITH

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## EDUCATION

### University of Colorado Boulder (CU)

Incoming Fall 2024

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in philosophy  
Awarded a Full Graduate Assistantship

### Western Michigan University (WMU)

Graduated May 2024

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Philosophy (Dual concentration in Epistemology and the Philosophy of Science and Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind)  
Awarded a Full Graduate Assistantship  
Awarded the Mark Rochon Fellowship  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

### Arizona State University (ASU)

Graduated December 2021

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy  
History minor  
Philosophy GPA: 3.96

### Bellevue College (BC)

Graduated August 2020

Associate in Arts and Sciences (A.A.S.)  
Enrolled as a Running Start (high school dual enrollment) student  
Philosophy GPA: 3.93

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- ◇ Epistemology, Metanormativity, Metametaphysics

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER TALKS

- ◇ 'Popper's Razor: The Role of the Simplicity of Falsification in Science',  
- Karl Popper and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Philosophy of Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, conference talk, 2024
- ◇ 'How to be a Safe Fallibilist: Why Safety Theorists Should Reject Common Intuitions About Knowledge Attributions in Lottery Cases',

- The 2024 Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, conference talk, 2024
- ◇ 'Value-Laden Science Without Value-Laden Inference',
  - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Australian Catholic University Melbourne Campus, conference talk, 2023
- ◇ 'Logic is Not Good Reasoning'
  - 17th Gateway Graduate Conference: Metaethics, Metaepistemology & Metanormativity, University of Missouri-St. Louis, conference talk, 2023
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- ◇ 'Considering Inductive Risk in the Context of COVID-19',
  - 5th PhiGS Colloquium, University of Kent, conference talk (virtual), 2023
- ◇ 'Safety and Necessity: Why I May Know That I Will Lose the Lottery',
  - Western Michigan University, brownbag presentation, 2023

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- ◇ Second Place (WMU) 2024 Graduate Humanities Essay Contest,
  - Was awarded second place for my essay, "Gender and a Pluralist Account of First-Person Authority"
- ◇ Departmental Travel Funding (WMU)
  - Granted travel funding to present at the 2024 Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference. Boulder, Colorado, 2024.
- ◇ OER Creation Grant (WMU)
  - The Graduate to Completion (G2C) committee, which I am a member of, received the Open Educational Resource (OER) Creation Grant to develop an open-source philosophy textbook for introductory-level students and I have been given primary responsibility for the epistemology section of the textbook
- ◇ Departmental Travel Funding (WMU)
  - Granted travel funding to present at the 2023 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference. Melbourne, Australia, 2023
- ◇ University Travel Funding (WMU)
  - Granted travel funding to attend the ITLC 2023 Lilly Austin Conference, Austin, Texas, 2023
- ◇ Departmental Travel Funding (WMU)
  - Granted travel funding to present at the 17th Gateway Graduate Conference: Metaethics, Metaepistemology & Metanormativity. Saint Louis, Missouri, 2023
- ◇ Mark Rochon Graduate Fellowship (WMU)
  - Awarded a competitive fellowship for first-year M.A. students studying Philosophy, 2022-23
- ◇ Full Graduate Assistantship (WMU)
  - Awarded a Graduate Assistantship with full tuition remission and an additional stipend, 2022-24

- ◇ Dean's List (ASU)
  - Recognized for outstanding grades for the semesters of Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Fall 2021

## TEACHING HISTORY

- ◇ Courses as the Primary instructor or Instructor of Record (WMU): Inquiry, Argument and Debate (Spring 2024, Fall 2023), Values and Video Games (Spring 2024), Intro to Philosophy (Fall 2023)
- ◇ Courses as a Teaching Assistant (WMU): Inquiry, Argument and Debate (two sections in Spring 2023), Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2022)

## PUBLICATIONS

- ◇ Intro to Philosophy Textbook, epistemology section
  - I have been given primary responsibility for the epistemology section of an introductory-level philosophy textbook which is being developed by the Graduate to Completion (G2C) committee, which I am a member of
- ◇ 'Protecting the Epistemic Standard'
  - My term paper for my undergraduate epistemology course was selected for publication in Arizona State University's School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Undergraduate Digital Humanities Journal (2: 19-26 January 10, 2022)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ◇ 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, WMU 2024
  - Co-treasurer and reviewer
- ◇ 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Medical Humanities Conference, WMU 2023
  - Moderator (virtual)
- ◇ Language, Truth and Logic reading group (or the Kalamazoo Circle), WMU 2023
  - Lead organizer
- ◇ ITLC 2023 Lilly Austin Conference, Austin, Texas 2023
  - Attendee
- ◇ 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, WMU 2023
  - Reviewer and commentator
- ◇ The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Humanities Conference, WMU 2022
  - Attendee
- ◇ The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual MITing of the Minds, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022

- Virtual attendee

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES**

- ◇ Gateway to Completion (G2C) Committee, WMU 2022-24
  - This committee is working to rewrite the curriculum for WMU's Intro to Philosophy course in a manner which increases student success and educational equality. The committee has also received a grant to develop an open-source textbook for our Intro to Philosophy course
  
- ◇ American Philosophical Association 2021-present
  - Graduate Student Member, Pacific Division
  
- ◇ Australasian Association of Philosophy 2023-present
  - Associate Member
  
- ◇ The Graduate Student Association of Philosophers, WMU 2022-24
  - Co-treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (2023-24), responsible for securing funding for WMU's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. Responsible for reviewing applications for WMU's Annual 16<sup>th</sup> Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (2022-24)