

**TORI HELEN COTTON**  
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

**EDUCATION**

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<b>The University of California, Irvine</b> Ph.D. in Logic and Philosophy of Science	<b>Irvine, California</b> September 2023 – Ongoing
<b>The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville</b> MA in Philosophy <i>Thesis title:</i> “On Neo-Humean Accounts for Natural Law” <i>Committee:</i> Barry Ward (Advisor), Eric Funkhouser, Thomas D. Senior	<b>Fayetteville, Arkansas</b> August 2021 - July 2023
<b>Texas State University</b> Enrolled in MA in Applied Philosophy and Ethics Completed 15 hours of graduate coursework	<b>San Marcos, Texas</b> August 2020 – May 2021
<b>The University of Texas, Austin</b> BFA in Studio Art, Minor in Philosophy, Conferred	<b>Austin, Texas</b> August 2017 - December 2019
<b>Austin Community College</b> Completed coursework for transfer to The University of Texas	<b>Austin, Texas</b> May 2013- August 2019

**PUBLICATIONS**

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“**The Problem With Who I Know: What Contextualism Can Tell Us About Interpersonal Knowledge Claims,**” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, July 2023, Vol. 39(2). Forthcoming.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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“**Fostering Research With Inference to the Best Explanation,**” *2022 annual meeting of the History and Philosophy of Science Division of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences*, February 2023, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Biloxi, Mississippi.

“**Aristotle’s Luck,**” *Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity*, June 2022, Department of Philosophy, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania.

“**On Draper’s Hypothesis of Indifference,**” *2nd Annual E-Conference on Atheism*, December 2021, Global Center for Religious Research, Denver, Colorado.

“**Passion, Death, Acceptance: Buddhist Perspectives in the Philosophy of Emotion,**” *Marquette University Conference on the Philosophy of Death and Dying*, April 2021, Department of Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

“**Wittgenstein Applied: The Language of Modern Politics,**” *Philosophy Dialogue Series*, October, 2020, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

**Personal Interview on Women’s Experiences in Academic Philosophy,** *Filosofie: Research Shortcut*, November 2020, Département de philosophie, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada.

**Invited Panelist,** *The Intersection of Art and Technology*, November 2019, College of Fine Arts, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

“**Using Mathematics as a Means of Artistic Expression: Independent Research in Visualizing Differential Geometry,**” *Texas Leadership Society Luncheon*, April 2019, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

## COMMENTS GIVEN

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**In Response to Devin Morse’s “Communication and Liability,”** *Perspectives in Social Epistemology and The Philosophy of Language*, March 2023, The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

## SERVICE: CONFERENCES

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### Conference Organizer

**Fayetteville, Arkansas**

*Perspectives in Social Epistemology and The Philosophy of Language*

March 2023

*Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas*

Conference Organizer, Moderator and Paper Reviewer for University of Arkansas 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference

- Founded and hosted an inaugural graduate student conference hosted by the Department of Philosophy at the University of Arkansas
- Read and selected papers on social epistemology and applied philosophy of language
- Worked with conference co-founder and Administrative Support Supervisor to select guest speakers and book their travel and accommodations
- Fielded the budget, catering, location, technology, and promotional materials required for the conference
- Served as the moderator for a 2-day conference
- Presented the conference concept to the department and worked closely with senior faculty to further refine the idea
- Created promotional materials for the conference, including social media posts and posters

### Conference Organizer

**San Marcos, Texas**

*The 24th Annual Texas State University Philosophy Student Symposium*

April 2021

*Department of Philosophy, Texas State University*

- Hosted and organized a large-scale academic conference via ZOOM in coordination with Texas State University’s Graduate School and the Texas State Delta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophical Honors Society
- Read and selected papers for conference sessions on epistemology and the philosophy of mind
- Served as the moderator for a 2-day conference
- Created promotional materials for the conference, including social media advertisement, custom graphics, and posters

## SERVICE: ACADEMIC

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### President

**Fayetteville, Arkansas**

*Logoi Graduate Philosophy Club*

August 2022 - May 2023

*Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas*

- Organized and hosted bi-weekly graduate student meetings, writing workshops, and talks

### President, Texas State Delta Chapter

**San Marcos, Texas**

*Phi Sigma Tau Philosophical Honor Society*

December 2020 – August 2021

*Department of Philosophy, Texas State University*

- Organized and hosted weekly meetings via ZOOM

### Organizer and Curator

**Austin, Texas**

*The Plain Assembly*

September 2018- December 2018

- Founded a non-profit online artist residency for philosophy-based art practice
- Designed and curated an open and easily accessible platform for media creators to share their work

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Research Assistant

**San Marcos, Texas**

Department of Philosophy, Texas State University  
Supervisor: Bob Fischer

September 2020 – August 2021

- Read Proofs and compiled the index for *Animal Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge, 2021)
- Assisted with crucial organizational tasks for the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals
- Proofread, and prepared documents for print for several publications, namely, *Wildlife Ethics: Animal Ethics in Wildlife Management and Conservation* (Under Contract with Blackwell)
- Assisted in editing tasks for *A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ethical Toolbox: 5<sup>th</sup> Edition* (Under Contract with Oxford University Press)
- Compiled research and assembled and assessed literature reviews of scholarly sources on contemporary animal ethics issues from philosophical, biological, and environmental approaches
- Assisted with course-building for honors ethics courses, including Environmental Ethics, and The Meaning of Death

### Intern

Test Engineering Department, Firefly Aerospace

Bertram, Texas

March 2020 – June 2020

- Gained experience in composite materials engineering
- Designed and manufactured space-qualified flight hardware for rocketry and NewSpace commercial space travel
- Developed training handbook for future interns
- Handled architectural space planning and optimization for a large-scale warehouse and worked to optimize inventory systems for an international aerospace manufacturing project
- Participated in regular online meetings fostering cooperation between American and Ukrainian engineering firms

### Lab Proctor

Digital Fabrication Lab, The University of Texas

Austin, Texas

August 2019 – December 2019

- Responsible for 10 hours per week of lab supervision
- Assisted undergraduate and graduate students with software and hardware required for digital visualization and 3D fabrication
- Utilized G-code, C# and JavaScript in daily assistive tasks
- Researched materials science to innovate and optimize 3D printing, CNC, and laser cutting methods, settings, and procedures
- Maintained strict safety guidelines in a hands-on educational environment

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor of Record, Introduction to Ethics

Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Summer 2023

- Instructor for an undergraduate section which met daily for 5 weeks
- Independently developed and taught all lectures and materials for the course.
- Incorporated contemporary applied ethics into an introductory course
- Utilized blackboard educational solutions in course instruction
- Held 2 hours of weekly office hours
- Was available for student appointments up to 20 hours per semester

### Instructor of Record, Introduction to Logic

Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Fall 2022

Spring 2023

- Instructor on record for 2 40-person sections per semester
- Course met 3 times per week
- Independently developed and taught a 16-week course for each academic semester
- Utilized classroom technology to improve instructional pedagogy
- Incorporated blackboard educational solutions into course instruction
- Held 3 hours of weekly office hours
- Was available for student appointments up to 20 hours per semester

### Instructor of Record, Introduction to Philosophy

Fayetteville, Arkansas

*Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas*

Summer 2022

- Instructor for an undergraduate section which met daily for 5 weeks
- Developed and taught all lectures and materials for the course.
- Incorporated film, music, and literature into the course to improve student understanding
- Incorporated blackboard educational solutions into course instruction
- Held 2 hours of weekly office hours
- Was available for student appointments up to 20 hours per semester

**Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy**

**Fayetteville, Arkansas**

*Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas*

Fall 2021

- Responsible for 3 weekly undergraduate discussion sections of 30 students each
- Attended weekly TA meetings to improve instructional methods..
- Collaborated with another TA to complete grading tasks for student papers in a 180-student class.
- Held 2 hours of weekly office hours
- Was available for student appointments up to 20 hours per semester

Spring 2022

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Eugene-Cota Robles Fellowship**

**Irvine, California**

School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine

Fall 2023

**Graduate-Professional Student Congress Travel Award**

**Fayetteville, Arkansas**

Graduate and Professional Student Congress, The University of Arkansas

Spring 2022, Spring 2023

**Master Student Travel Grant**

**Fayetteville, Arkansas**

Department of Philosophy, The University of Arkansas

Spring 2022, Spring 2023

**The Victor Holk Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy, Sustainability, and Creativity**

**San Marcos, Texas**

Department of Philosophy, Texas State University

Spring 2021

**Scholastic Leadership Award**

**Austin, Texas**

Austin Community College

Summer 2019

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Philosophical Association
- British Wittgenstein Society
- Philosophy of Science Association
- Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals
- Underrepresented Philosophy of Science Scholars Mentorship Program

**CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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2023 Competitive Edge Summer Research Program at The University of California, Irvine

August 2023

Quality Matters: Designing Your Online Course

May 2021