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Lecturer, Philosophy – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

AOS: Agency, Freedom, and Moral Responsibility

AOC: Ethics (broadly construed, includes Applied), Social/Political, Pedagogy, and Program Design

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy University of Nebraska-Lincoln 2015

M.A. Philosophy University of Wyoming 2007

B.A. Philosophy, Criminology Ball State University 2003

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Integrity in Politics – Private Fund, $50,000 2022

Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, Embedded Ethics Program, $20,000 2022

Center for Transformative Teaching, Embedded Ethics Pilot, $1,000 2021

Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska, $1,000 2011

Othmer Fellowship, $6,000 2008 – 2011

Publications

***Articles***

‘Learning, Labor, and the Demands of Developmental Appropriateness’. in A. Liberman (ed.), *AAPT Studies in Pedagogy, v.10 Teaching in Hostile Conditions*: 28 - 60 2025

‘Blame and the Humean Theory of Motivation’. *Philosophia*, 45[3]: 1345 – 1364. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-017-9818-z 2017

‘Debt Relief: On Haji’s Reason’s Debt to Freedom.’ *Polish Journal of Philosophy*,

7[2]: 111 – 130. https://doi.org/10.5840/pjphil20137214 2013

‘As Long as We’ve Got Each Other’. *Asteriskos: Journal of International and*

*Peace Studies*, 1: 99 – 116. 2006

Publications (continued)

***Book Reviews***

‘Mark Fedyk: The Social Turn in Moral Psychology’. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/the-social-turn-in-moral-psychology/ 2017

‘Review: Valerie Tiberius’s Moral Psychology: Contemporary Introduction’. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 50[2]: 483 – 487. 2016

‘Review: E.J. Lowe's Four Category Ontology: A Metaphysics for Natural Science’.

*Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 2009, 3[2]: 143 – 147. 2009

Presentations

***Refereed***

‘Embedding Ethics Modules in Computer Science and Engineering Classrooms’

* American Association Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) 2023
* Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum 2022

‘On Balance’

* Talking/Teaching Online, AAPT 2021

‘Race and Social Construction’

* 3rd Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting 2019

‘Taking Unjustified Killing for What It Is: Reasonable Fear and Police Use of Deadly Force’

* 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) [poster] 2016

‘Combating Cognitive Biases in the Classroom’

* 21st Biennial Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy AAPT 2016

‘Beyond Reactive Attitudes: A Strawsonian, anti-Humean Account of Holding Responsible’

* 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) [poster] 2014

‘Developing Non-Visual Aids for Philosophy Students who are Visually Impaired or Blind’

* American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) 2014

‘Recognition and Resentment’

* Central States Philosophical Association (CSPA) 2013

Presentations (continued)

***Refereed***

‘Quality of Will and Negligent Injury’

* 66th Annual Mountain – Plains Philosophy Conference 2012

‘Optimism and Resentment’

* Central States Philosophical Association (CSPA) 2012
* 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) [poster] 2012

‘Frankfurt Cases, Gettier, and the Principle of Alternative Possibilities’

* American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division 2012
* Central States Philosophical Association (CSPA) 2011

‘A Defense of Quidditism’

* APA, Central Division 2011

‘Moral Requirements, Moral Blame, and What 'Can' and 'Could' Can and Could Mean’

* 64th Annual Mountain – Plains Philosophy Conference 2010

‘A Defense of the Compatibility of Indeterminism with Presentism and Eternalism’

* 62nd Annual Mountain – Plains Philosophy Conference 2008

‘Epistemic Rationality as Instrumental Rationality: An Untenable Reduction’

* 4thAnnual 'De Philosophia' Graduate Student Conference 2008

‘Spinoza and Strict Necessitarianism’

* Brennan Philosophy Conference: Social Inquiry 2007

***Invited***

‘Practical and Professional Ethics: Privatizing Profit and Socializing Costs’

* Financial Ethics in Healthcare Conference 2025

Panel: Ungading, Specifications, and Alternatives to Traditional Systems of Assessment

* American Association for Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), Teaching Hub
  + APA, Eastern Division 2025

Presentations (continued)

***Invited***

Panel: How to Implement Robust Teacher Training in Philosophy Graduate Programs

* AAPT, Teaching Hub, APA, Eastern Division 2017

‘Practical Reasoning and Professional Responsibilities’

* + Lincoln Human Resources Management Association 2017

‘Monism About Being Morally Responsible: On the Depth and Tone of Self-Revelation’

* Seminar on Responsibility and Shoemaker, University of Wyoming 2015

‘Blame and the Humean Theory of Motivation’

* Philosophy Department, University of Wyoming 2015

‘Philosophy of Emotion’

* Sweet Emotion? A Community Dialogue on Emotion, KZUM Radio 2015

‘Recognition and Resentment’

* Russell Conference IX 2013

***Commentary***

‘Christina Warne-Friedlaender, On Microaggressions: Cumulative Harm and Responsibility’

* Central States Philosophy Conference 2015

‘Kate Padgett Walsh’s, Love as Freedom in Frankfurt and Hegel’

* Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) 2014

‘Philip Swenson’s, Omissions and the Frankfurt Cases: A Challenge’

* American Philosophical Association, Central Division (APA – Central) 2014

‘Philip Swenson’s, What Can We Learn from Deterministic Frankfurt-Style Cases’

* American Philosophical Association, Central Division (APA – Central) 2013

‘Kyla Ebels-Duggan’s, Dealing with the Past: Responsibility and Personal History’

* 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) 2012

Teaching Experience

*University of Nebraska – Lincoln (Lead Instructor).* 2010 – 2015, 2017 – *present*

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| Business Ethics |  | |  | Introduction to Logic | (GTAs) |
| Ethics Bowl |  | |  | Medical Ethics | (GTAs) |
| Ethics and Emerging Media Arts |  | | (GTAs) | Philosophy and Current Issues | (GTAs) |
| Ethical Theory |  | |  | Philosophy of Religion |  |
| Introduction to Philosophy |  | | (GTAs) | Political Philosophy |  |
| ‘On Solitary Confinement’  *Advisor 2019* |  | (*Honors Thesis*) | |  |  | |

*Southeast Community College*  *(Lead Instructor)* 2019

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| Introduction to Philosophy |  |  |  |  |

*University of Wyoming* *(Lead Instructor, Summer)* 2007 – 2013

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| Introduction to Philosophy |  |  |  |  |  |
| How to Think about Weird Things |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anarchy, State, and Utopia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Destiny, Fate, and Free Will |  |  |  |  |  |

*Indianapolis Public Schools* *(Paraprofessional – Sp. Ed. Asst.)* 2003 – 2005, 2007 – 2008

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| 1st – 3rd Grade |  | (Montessori) |  |  |  |
| 5th Grade |  | (Traditional) |  |  |  |
| 6th Grade |  | (Montessori) |  |  |  |

Guest Lectures

‘Practical Reasoning and Responsible Computing’

* University of Nebraska-Omaha, College of Information Science and Technology
  + (Updated) Colloquium on IT Research 2020 – present
  + Colloquium on IT Teaching 2016

Guest Lectures (continued)

‘Moral and Socially Responsible Consumption’

* + Honors College, Environmental Justice and Public Health Course 189h 2019

‘Environmental Health: How to Reason Practically about Risk’

* College of Natural Resources, Environment Health Course 330 2018 – 2021

‘Environmental Health and the Public Trust Doctrine’

* College of Natural Resources, Environment Health Course 330 2018 – 2021

‘Responsible Research with Non-Human Animals’

* Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2018

‘Responsible Research’

* + Graduate College, Nebraska Summer Research Institute 2014 – 2015

Administrative Experience

Assistant Director, Kutak Center for the Teaching & Study of Applied Ethics, UNL 2013 – 2022

Program Oversight and Expansion, Conference/Workshop Development, and Outreach

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| Assessment | Fund Allocation | Organizational Structures |
| Compliance | Grant Writing | Personnel Management |
| Consultation | Interdisciplinary Partnerships | Strategic Planning |
| Development | Interinstitutional Collaboration | Team Building/Recruitment/Hiring |
| Financial Stability | Material Creation | Website Development & Maintenance |

Institutional Service

Director, Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Department of Philosophy,

University of Nebraska (UNL) 2022 – *present*

Member, Nebraska President’s Roundtable, UNL 2025 – *present*

Leadership Experience

Director, Embedded Ethics Program, UNL 2019 – *present*

Co-Founder/Consultant, High School Ethics Bowl, Waverly High School 2019 – *present*

Lead Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistants, UNL 2013 – *present*

Coach, Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, UNL 2013 – 2023

Co-Founder/Coordinator, Graduate Teaching Colloquia Series, UNL 2010 – 2015

Co-Founder/Coordinator, Graduate Teaching Mentor Program, UNL 2010 – 2013

Office Manager, Center for Talented Youth (Summer), Johns Hopkins University 2004 - 2006

Committee Experience

Inclusive Campus Support Network, UNL 2021 – *present*

Chancellor’s Environment, Sustainability, and Resilience Commission, UNL 2019 – 2021

Advisory Council, Dr. Susan LaFlesch-Picotte Hospital Restoration Project 2018 – 2020

Executive Vice Chancellor’s Academic Affairs, Inclusive Curriculum, UNL 2018 – 2019

Senior Vice Chancellor, Accreditation, Ethical & Responsible Conduct, UNL 2016 – 2017

Campus Wide Workshop for Graduate Teaching Assistants, UNL 2012 – 2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Philosophy, UNL 2010 – 2014

Graduate Student Representative, Departmental Review, Philosophy, UNL 2011

Course Assessment Program, Elbogen Center, University of Wyoming 2006 – 2007

Professional Service

Referee: 2016 – *present*

* *Erkenntnis*
* *American Philosophical Quarterly*
* *Journal of Value Inquiry*
* *American Association of Philosophy Teachers*
* *Association for Practical and Professional Ethics*

Co-Chair, American Philosophical Association/American Association of

Philosophy Teachers (APA/AAPT) Teaching Committee 2024 – *present*

Co-Chair, American Philosophical Association/American Association of

Philosophy Teachers (APA/AAPT) Teaching Hub Poster Session 2022 – 2024

Instructor, Seminar: Teaching & Learning in Philosophy, AAPT 2017 – 2018

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| Indiana University | September 2017 ⎪ | Loyola University-Chicago | August 2018 |
| University of Michigan | January 2017 ⎪ | North Carolina A&T State University | March 2018 |