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CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Philosophy of Social Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Political and Social Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Buddhist Philosophy, Ethics, Logic

EMPLOYMENT

- **Graduate Employee**, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2021–present
- **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Humanities, Kansas City Kansas Community College, 2020–2021; 2024–2025
- **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Humanities, Metropolitan Community College, 2017–2021

EDUCATION

- **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, Ph.D. Philosophy, expected 2027
- **University of Chicago**, M.A. Program in Humanities, 2014–2015
- **University of Kansas**, B.A. Philosophy, B.A. Anthropology 2010–2014
Minor: Germanic Languages and Literatures

DISSERTATION

Title: “**Natural Kinds and Naturalized Metaphysics of Higher-Level Sciences**”
Committee: Hilary Kornblith (chair), Nina Emery, Alejandro Pérez Carballo

PUBLICATIONS

Morrison, T.P. (2025) “[Minds and real kinds,” *Synthese* 206 \(3\): 1-19.](#)

Manuscripts Under Review

Morrison, T.P. “The Myth of Independently Sufficient Implementers: Compositional Explanation, Exclusion, and Token Reductionism”

Morrison, T.P. “Dynamic Social Agency: Human Kinds, Social Construction, and Ontological Contestation

Morrison, T.P. “Deep Stability: The Explanatory Structures Account of Natural Kinds and Inductive Success”

Public Philosophy Publications

Morrison, T.P. (2020) “Did Kant Make Skepticism Worse?” in *Philosophy Now!*

Morrison, T.P. (2018) “Foucault’s Elephant” in *Philosophy Now!*

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- HFA Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UMass Amherst, 2026 (competitive fellowship)
- Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UMass Amherst, AY 2024-2025
- HFA Graduate Summer Funding Award, UMass Amherst, 2024
- Phi Beta Kappa, KU, 2014
- Warner Morse Prize in History of Philosophy, KU, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

- “Deep Stability: The Explanatory Structures Account of Natural Kinds and Inductive Success”
 - Society of Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto, May 2026

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Associate (sole instructor), Department of Philosophy, UMass Amherst, 2023–present

- Problems in Social Thought — Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2026
- Introduction to Logic — Summer 2025; Summer 2026
- Eastern Philosophy — Fall 2025
- Philosophy of Religion — Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, UMass Amherst, 2022–2023

- Introduction to Philosophy — Spring 2024
- Medical Ethics — Fall 2023
- History of Early Modern Philosophy — Spring 2023
- Death and the Meaning of Life — Fall 2022
- Introduction to Logic — Spring 2022

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Humanities, Kansas City Kansas Community College, 2020–2021; 2024–2025

- Introduction to Ethics — Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- Introduction to Philosophy — Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Humanities, Metropolitan Community College, 2017–2021

- Introduction to Philosophy — Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND REFEREEING

Department Service

- Student-Faculty Liaison, UMass Amherst (2025-2026)
- Co-founder and President, *Philosophy Graduate Students* Graduate Student Association, UMass Amherst (2024-2025)
- Membership Organizer, Graduate Employee Organization, UMass Amherst (2023–2024)
- Volunteer, Philosophy in Public Schools (PiPS) Program, UMass Amherst, (2022; 2026)

Conference and Workshop Organization

- *Philosophy Graduate Conference*, UMass Amherst (2024-2025)
- *Grue-Light* Workshop, UMass Amherst (2024)

Refereeing

- Philosophical Studies

REFERENCES

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