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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Political and Social Philosophy, Ethics, Introductory Logic, Early Modern Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 2021-2026
- M.A. Philosophy, **University of Chicago**, 2014–2015
- B.A. Philosophy, B.A. Anthropology, **University of Kansas**, 2010–2014
Minor: Germanic Languages and Literatures

DISSERTATION

Title: “**Natural Kinds and the Metaphysics of Higher-Level Science**”

Institution: University of Massachusetts Amherst

Committee: Hilary Kornblith (chair); Nina Emery; Alejandro Perez Carballo

PUBLICATIONS

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Physics and Everything Else in Our Life” (status: under review)
- “Real Kinds and Explanatory Structures: Rethinking the Natural Grounds of Inductive Success” (status: under review)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- [“Did Kant Make Skepticism Worse?” in *Philosophy Now!*, May/June 2020.](#)
- [“Foucault’s Elephant” in *Philosophy Now!*, Aug/Sep 2018.](#)
- Collaborating Transcriber of Margaret Cavendish’s *Philosophical and Physical Opinions*. Digital, KU, Oct. 2019. (<https://cavendish-ppo.ku.edu/about/>)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Associate (sole instructor), Department of Philosophy, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 2024–

- Seminar: Eastern Philosophy (Fall 2025)
- Introduction to Logic (Summer 2025)
- Problems in Social Thought (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, **University of Massachusetts 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)

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UMass Amherst, AY 2024-2025
- HFA Graduate Summer Funding Award, UMass Amherst, 2024
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, KU, 2014
- Warner Morse Prize in History of Philosophy, KU, 2014
- Delta Phi Alpha National German Honors Society, KU, 2014

- Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, KU, 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Department Service Positions

- UMass, Student-Faculty Liaison, Fall 2024–Spring 2025
- UMass, GSO President, *Philosophy Graduate Students*, Spring 2024–Fall 2025
- UMass, Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) Membership Organizer, Fall 2023–Spring 2024
- UChicago, MAPH Social Committee Member, 2014–2015
- KU, Library Committee Member, Dept. of Germanic Languages and Literatures, 2013–2014

Conference and Workshop Organization

- UMass, *Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Organizer, Fall 2024; Fall 2025
- UMass, *Grue-Light* Workshop, Organizer, Spring 2024–Fall 2024

Volunteer Work & Outreach

- UMass, Philosophy in Public Schools (PiPS) Volunteer, Spring 2022
- KC Food Not Bombs Volunteer, 2020
- Bridging the Gap Environmental Center Volunteer, 2019
- Community Education Project, Lawrence, KS 2016–2017

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- German (Zertifikat B2, Goethe-Institut Chicago)
- French (Basic proficiency)

REFERENCES

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