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Area of Specialization

Normative Ethics

Areas of Competence

Social and Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Introductory Logic and Critical Thinking, History of Philosophy: Ancient (Aristotle) and Early Modern

Education

Ph.D in Philosophy, In Progress

2004 – Present, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

- Course work completed: Fall 2005
- Expected degree completion: Spring 2007
- Committee Chair: Peter French (Chair)

MA, Philosophy

1998 – 2001, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

- Thesis: Libertarianism and Objections to Inequality
- Advisor: Peter de Marneffe
- Committee Members: Joan McGregor and Jeffrie Murphy

1995 – 1997, Harvard University, Extension School Cambridge, MA

- Post-Baccalaureate course work in philosophy and computer science

BA, English and American Literature

1991 – 1995, Tufts University Medford, MA

- Significant non-major coursework: philosophy, biology, and Judaic studies

Books Edited

- *Harry Potter and Philosophy: If Aristotle Ran Hogwarts*. Open Court, 2004 (with David Baggett).

Publications

- “Solving Liberalism’s Problem: A Review of *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics* by Douglas Rasmussen and Douglas Den Uyl” *The Independent Review* (Forthcoming, Winter 2007).
- “The Mirror of Erised: Why We Should Heed Dumbledore’s Warning,” *Harry Potter and Philosophy*. Klein and Baggett, eds., Open Court, 2004.

Presentations and Conferences

- Comments on Bach Ho’s “An Examination of Ruth Chang’s Comprehensive Value Approach”, ASU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, November 4-5, 2006.
- "Cohen's Contextualism", Graduate Seminar 2006: Topics in Objectivist Epistemology and Metaphysics, George Washington University, August 6-11, 2006.

- Topics covered: ASU requirements, study skills, critical thinking, diversity, and career planning.

SAT Preparation Teacher

1999 – 2000, Princeton Review

Tempe, AZ

- Prepared students for SAT Exam.
- Also taught: GRE Verbal, GMAT Math and Wordsmart.

Philosophy Tutor

Fall 1998, ASU Inter-Collegiate Assoc.

Tempe, AZ

- Reviewed course work with students.
- Prepared students for midterms and finals.

Explorations Teacher

Fall 1994, Experimental College, Tufts University

Medford, MA

- As an undergraduate, designed and taught a full credit, first year seminar course.
- Advised students on university requirements.
- Assisted students with adjustment to college.

Classes Taught

- PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy (8 sections).
- PHI 105 Introduction to Ethics (6 sections).
- PHI 103: Introduction to Logic (2 sections).
- PHL 203: Social Philosophy (hybrid WebCT course).
- PHL 312: Business Ethics (hybrid WebCT course).
- PHL 306: Philosophy and Technology (hybrid WebCT course).
- UNI 100: Academic Success at the University (4 sections).
- LIA 294: Introduction to Success in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- First Year Seminar: Explorations

Awards and Scholarships

- Nominated for Excellence in Advising Award (Arizona State University), 2005-2006
- TOC Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2007
- TOC Graduate Scholarship, 2005-2006
- TOC Graduate Scholarship, 2004-2005
- ASU Graduate Academic Scholarship, 1999-2000
- ASU Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 1999-2000
- ASU Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 1998-1999

Graduate Course Work

- Reading & Conference: Philippa Foot's *Natural Goodness* (Steward Cohen)
- Ethics: Aristotle and Virtue Ethics (Elinor Mason)
- Reading & Conference: Ethical Egoism (Elinor Mason)
- Moral Psychology (Jeffrie Murphy)
- Constitutional Liberties (Peter de Marneffe and James Weinstein)

- Legal Philosophy: Paternalism (Joan McGregor)
- Legal Positivism (Michael White)
- Rights and Liberties (Peter de Marneffe)
- Early Modern Political Thought (Richard Dagger)
- Reading & Conference: Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan* (Peter de Marneffe)
- J.L. Austin (Peter French)
- Reading & Conference: John Locke's *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Steven Reynolds)
- 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Thomas Blackson)
- Epistemology: Skepticism (Stewart Cohen)
- Knowledge and Perception (Steven Reynolds)
- Epistemology: Lottery puzzles and Contextualism (Stewart Cohen)
- Metaphysics: Realism (Steven Reynolds)
- Advanced Symbolic Logic (Michael White)

Service

Member, Departmental Planning Committee

December 2006 – Present, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

Member, Philosophy Articulation Task Force

August 2004 – Present, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club

Fall 2005 – Present, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

Honors Thesis Reader

Spring 2005, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

- “Heroes at Hogwarts: An Analysis of the Heroes’ Journey in Harry Potter” by Shanani Nicoll, ASU Barrett Honors College.

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association

Non-Academic Experience

Manager

2003 – Present, Useful Web Solutions, LLC Tempe, AZ

- Design and develop websites for various clients.
- Work with clients to improve current website.

Website Manager

2001 – 2002, The Objectivist Center Poughkeepsie, NY

- Coordinated and updated content for Center websites.
- Designed website refreshes and redesigns.

Sr. Web Developer

1996 – 1998, CSC Onward

Natick, MA

- Designed navigation and web user interface for various clients.
- Developed and maintained client websites.

References

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