

JOE RICCI

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2004–present University of Washington
PhD, Philosophy, anticipated completion June 2014
MA, Philosophy, June 2006
- 1998–2002 University of Rochester
BA, Triple Major: Philosophy, w/highest distinction, Physics, w/distinction,
Mathematics

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Mathematics, Logic (Inc. Incompleteness), Environmental Ethics

Dissertation: “Intertheoretic Relations in Context: Details, Purpose, and Practice”

Committee Members: Andrea Woody (chair), Arthur Fine, John Manchak, Alison Wylie

Honors and Awards

- 2013 **Presidential Dissertation Fellowship Recipient** (U of Washington)
○ Competitive University-wide Scholarship Award providing one term of Fellowship
Compensation with release from teaching obligations
- 2012 **Departmental Nominee for the Fritz and MacFarlane Scholarship** (U of Washington)
- 2012 **Departmental Teaching Award** (U of Washington)
○ Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching Performance
- 2011 **Dean’s Commendation for Exceptional Student Evaluations** (U of Washington)
- 2008 **Dean’s Commendation for Exceptional Student Evaluations** (U of Washington)
- 2007 **Dean’s Commendation for Exceptional Student Evaluations** (U of Washington)
- 2007 **Nominee for UW Excellence in Teaching Award** (U of Washington)
- 1998–2002 **Meliora Scholarship** (U of Rochester)

Current Projects

“Explaining Applied Mathematics’ Miracles: A lot of Data with Just a Few Theories” (in progress)
In describing our natural world, mathematics has proved very successful. This success has been characterized as “uncanny” or “miraculous”. After characterizing the problems with several examples, I provide three separate explanations that attempt to make the success of mathematics in the sciences seem less surprising.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2009 “Reduction and Limits” HASPAT Evidence in Context (U of Toronto, Ontario)
- 2013 “Momentum and Practice: Asymptotic Analysis in a Physical Context” paper accepted for international meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, Toronto, June 2013. (Declined due to unforeseen commitments)

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Conference Presentations

- 2012 Facilitator for “Dealing with Difficult Classroom Situations” Workshop, TA/RA Conference (University of Washington)
- 2007 Commenter on “Throwing Precaution to the Wind” by Shairylann Lisonbee, Graduate Conference on Ethics and the Environment (University of Washington)

Academic Employment

- 2009–present Pre-doctoral Lecturer, Philosophy (University of Washington)
- 2004–present Teaching Assistant, Philosophy (University of Washington)
- 2013–present Workshop Facilitator, Compass Test Prep. (Seattle Central Community College)
- o Math/English Entry Test Instruction for Aspiring Community College Students
- 2005–present Academic Tutor, Math/Statistics, Science, Humanities (Seattle Central Community College)
- 2012–present Instructor, Breakdancing (University of Washington Experimental College)
- o Weekly Breakdancing Class for Adult Learners
- 2010–present After-School Program Instructor, Circus Arts and Breakdancing (Hawthorne Elementary)
- 1995–present Private Tutor, Mathematics, Logic, Physics, English (Buffalo, Seattle, Hong Kong)
- 2012 Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy (Columbia College - Marysville)
- 2008-2009 Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy (Seattle Central Community College)
- 2005-2009 CLUE Instructor (University of Washington)
- o Provided Weekly Review Sessions for Philosophy Students
- 2002 Staff Tutor, English (Hong Kong)
- 1999-2002 Tutor, Mathematics, Physics (University of Rochester)
- 2001 Summer Instructor, Mathematics for Cognitively Impaired Students (GOW School)
- o Mathematics Instruction for High School-Aged Students ADHD and Dyslexia

Teaching Experience

As Primary Instructor (2008-2013)

Introduction to Logic, University of Washington
Practical Reasoning, University of Washington
Introduction to Philosophy, University of Washington
Environmental Ethics, University of Washington
Ethics, Columbia College - Marysville
Introduction to Logic, Seattle Central Community College

As Teaching Assistant (2005-2013; all at the University of Washington)

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (with Lynn Hankinson-Nelson)
Environmental Ethics (with Andrew Light and Lauren Hartzell-Nichols)
Introduction to Philosophy (with Ann Baker, and with Liz Goodnick)
Contemporary Moral Problems (with Michael Blake)
Introduction to Logic (with Arthur Fine, with John Manchak, and with Cass Weller)
Philosophy of Religion (with Ken Clatterbaugh)

Service and Administration

- 2013 Graduate Representative at Department Faculty Meetings
- 2012 Graduate Program Review Committee, Philosophy Department
- 2011 Colloquium Reception Committee
- 2010 Graduate Representative at the Faculty Meeting
- 2009 Curriculum Planning Committee
- 2008 Reading Group Co-Organizer (with Arthur Fine) devoted to work of Penelope Maddy
- 2006 Colloquium Reception Committee

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References

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