

# Michael Ball-Blakely

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Philosophy  
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### **Employment**

The McCoy Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University  
Postdoctoral Fellow (2022-2024)

### **Education**

University of Washington (2019-2022)

Ph.D. expected Spring 2022

Dissertation: "The Problems of Migration in a Global Economy." (Expected May 2022)

Chair: Michael Blake.

Committee: José Jorge Mendoza; Stephen Gardiner; Amelia Wirts; and Desiree Lim

University of Tennessee (2014-2018)

Defended prospectus: "Determinative Practices and International Trade: Analyzing and Extending a Rawlsian Conception of Justice." (September 2018)

No degree received; transferred to the University of Washington

University of Washington (2011-2014)

M.A. in Philosophy: "Spinoza on Slavery, Rebellion, and the Virtuous Circle." (2014)

### **Research Interests**

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Immigration; Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Economic Justice; Environmental Ethics (esp. Climate Justice); Philosophy of Law

### **Articles**

1. "Skill-Selection and Socioeconomic Status: An Analysis of Migration and Domestic Justice"  
*Journal of Social Philosophy* (Conditionally Accepted)
2. "Migration, Mobility, and Spatial Segregation: Freedom of Movement as Equal Opportunity"  
*Essays in Philosophy* 21 (1/2): 66-84.  
[https://www.pdcnet.org/eip/content/eip\\_2021\\_0022\\_0001\\_0066\\_0084](https://www.pdcnet.org/eip/content/eip_2021_0022_0001_0066_0084)

### **Public Writing**

1. "Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for Non-

Domination.” APA Public Philosophy Blog (2021)  
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/06/01/transnational-capitalism-and-feudal-privilege-open-borders-as-a-tool-for-non-domination/>

### **Under Review and Pending**

1. Review of Chandran Kukathas’ *Immigration and Freedom*. To be published in *Radical Philosophy Review* (Spring 2022)

### **Fellowships & Awards**

1. 2020-2021 UW Philosophy Graduate Teaching Award
2. 2020-21 Joff Hanauer Excellence in Western Civilization Graduate Fellow
3. 2018 John Hardwig Prize for Teaching Excellence
4. 2018 Prados Summer Dissertation Award
5. 2014-2018 University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Fellowship
6. 2018 University of Tennessee Richard Aquila Graduate Essay Contest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **Academic Talks**

1. “Climate Change and Green Nationalism”  
Central APA, International Society for Environmental Ethics Session, February 2021
2. “Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for Non-Domination”  
Pacific APA, April 2021  
71<sup>st</sup> Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2019
3. “Skill-Selection and Socioeconomic Status: An Analysis of Immigration and Domestic Economic Justice”  
Eastern APA, January 2021
4. “Realism as Utopia: Reimagining Ideal Theory and Economic Justice in the Law of Peoples”  
MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory, September 2019
5. “The Law of Peoples, Moral Development, and Distributive Justice”  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, September 2018
6. “Self-Respect and the General Difference Principle”  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual LSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2018  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Conference, July 2018  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2018
7. “Anarchia and Autonomous Functioning in the International Community”  
65th Annual NW Philosophy Conference, October 2013

### **Departmental Talks**

1. “Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for Non-Domination”  
UW “Monday Lunch,” October 2019

2. “Realism and Utopia: Reimagining Ideal Theory and Economic Justice in the Law of Peoples”  
UW “Monday Lunch,” April 2019
3. “Coercion and Determinative Practices”  
Freedom From All Sides Seminar, November 2017  
UTK Graduate Student Colloquium, November 2017

### **Conference Commentaries**

1. Commentary on (TBD)  
2022 Pacific APA, Symposium on Relational Equality and Vulnerability
2. Commentary “Internal Restrictions on Movement: A Reconsideration” by Desiree Lim  
NW Philosophy Conference, November 12-14 2021
3. Commentary on “Who is Responsible for the Climate Change Problem?” by Megan Blomfield  
Ben Rabinowitz Environmental Ethics Workshop, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021
4. Commentary on “Ideal Theory and Shared Intentions” by Christina Friedlaender  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Works in Progress**

1. “Why Closure Won’t Save the Planet”
2. “Towards a Realistic Utopia: Ideal Theory and Global Economic Justice in the Law of Peoples”
3. “A Rawlsian Analysis of Meaningful Work”
4. “The Domestic Brain Drain and Productive Justice”

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **University of Washington (Primary Instructor)**

1. Philosophy 102: Contemporary Moral Problems (2 times)

#### **University of Tennessee (Primary Instructor)**

1. Philosophy 252: Contemporary Moral Problems (10 times)
2. Philosophy 340: Ethical Theory (1 time)

#### **University of Tennessee (Teaching Assistant)**

1. Philosophy 340: Ethical Theory (1 time)
2. Philosophy 252: Contemporary Moral Problems (1 time)

#### **University of Washington (Teaching Assistant)**

1. Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy (2 times)
2. Philosophy 102: Contemporary Moral Problems (2 times)
3. Philosophy 114: Philosophy of Law (2 times)
4. Philosophy 115: Practical Reasoning (1 time)
5. Philosophy 118: The Ethics of Persuasion
6. Philosophy 207: Global Justice (3 times)
7. Phil 240: Introduction to Ethics (1 time)
8. Phil 242: Introduction to Medical Ethics (2 times)

9. Phil 243: Environmental Ethics (1 time)
10. Phil 338: Human Rights (1 time)

### **Professional Service**

1. Journal of Applied Philosophy Reviewer (2021-Present)
2. Internet of Things Reviewer (2021-Present)
3. UAW Local 4121, Union of Academic Student Employees Philosophy Union Steward
4. Author of 2020-2021 National High School Ethics Bowl case “The Medical Brain Drain.”
5. Tennessee Ethics Bowl Team Liaison for Austin East High (2018)

### **Departmental & University Service**

1. UW Philosophy Department Writing Center Graduate Supervisor (2021-2022)
  - a. Scheduled writing center hours for several undergraduate tutors; facilitated hiring; collected data on tutoring sessions.
  - b. Offered one-on-one tutoring for students in philosophical writing
2. Program on Ethics (PoE) Research Assistant (2020-2021)
  - a. Conducted independent research for faculty projects.
  - b. Facilitated zoom talks for visiting speakers.
  - c. Compiled the yearly PoE Newsletter.
  - d. Attended PoE meetings, taking minutes.
3. UW Philosophy Department Writing Center Graduate Supervisor (2019-2020)
4. UTK Graduate Student Faculty Representative (2018)
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual University of Tennessee Graduate Student Conference “Justice Across Borders” (2018)
  - a. Wrote the Conference CFP.
  - b. Invited keynote speakers.
  - c. Reviewed submissions
6. UTK Graduate Student Faculty Representative (2015)

### **Graduate Seminar Coursework**

1. University of Tennessee Seminars
  - a. Phil 522 (Kant and A Priori Justification)
  - b. Phil 520 (Politics and Ethics in Plato’s Late Dialogues)
  - c. Phil 574 (Feminist Epistemology)
  - d. Phil 577 (Actions, Reasons, and Causes)
  - e. Phil 593 (Independent Study: John Rawls’s Theory of Justice)
  - f. Phil 601 (Naming and Necessity)
  - g. Phil 624 (Rawls in Context)
  - h. Phil 626 (Luck, Knowledge, and Freedom)
  - i. Phil 644 (Intergenerational Ethics)

j. Phil 435 (Intermediate Logic)

2. University of Washington Seminars

- a. Phil 560 (Seminar in the Philosophy of Science)
- b. Phil 522 (Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza)
- c. Phil 522 (Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza)
- d. Phil 510 (Seminar in Social Philosophy: John Rawls)
- e. Phil 522 (Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Kant's Metaethics)
- f. Phil 510 (Seminar in Social Philosophy: Migration)
- g. Phil 514 (Seminar in Legal Philosophy: Non-Ideal Theory and Punishment)