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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Washington, June 2020

- Dissertation: *Love in Descartes' Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy*
- Committee: Michael Rosenthal (chair), Colin Marshall, Cass Weller

Visiting Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, September 2019-
June 2020

- Faculty Sponsor: Kristin Primus

M.A. Philosophy, University of Washington, June 2016

B.A. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs,
May 2014

Research Areas

Area of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competency: Ethics, Medical Ethics

Employment

University of San Francisco	Adjunct Professor, August 2020-present
University of California, Berkeley	Graduate Student Instructor, Summer 2020
University of Washington	Predocctoral Instructor, Summer 2019, 2018, 2017
University of Washington	Teaching Assistant, 2019- 2015

Publications

Journal Articles

“Descartes’ Account of Inner Excitations.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*. Vol. 35. Issue 4. October 2018. pp. 299-316.

“Descartes on Hatred.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 55. Issue 3. September 2017. pp. 336-349.

Book Reviews

“Review: Early Modern Women on Metaphysics, edited by Emily Thomas.” *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Vol. 14. Issue 2. Spring 2020. pp. 119-122.

“Review: The Young Descartes: Nobility, Rumor, and War by Harold J. Cook.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Vol. 27. Issue 5. September 2019. pp. 1046-1048.

Presentations

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| Aug 2020 | “The Role of Volition in Descartes’ Account of Love,” <i>Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania</i> , Philadelphia, PA. |
| Apr 2019 | “Princess Elisabeth’s Objections to Descartes’ Theory of the Passions,” <i>Society for the Study of Early Modern Women Session at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association</i> , Vancouver, B.C. |
| Apr 2019 | “Considering Oneself as Part of a Whole in Descartes’ Philosophy,” <i>Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association</i> , Vancouver, B.C. |
| Oct 2018 | Commentary on Joshua Kerr’s “Spinoza: From Art to Philosophy,” <i>Northwest Philosophy Conference</i> , Bellevue College, Seattle, WA. |
| Feb 2018 | “Descartes on Hatred,” <i>Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association</i> , Chicago, IL. |
| May 2017 | “Descartes’ Account of Inner Excitations,” <i>New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy</i> , Fordham University, New York, NY. |

Apr 2015 Commentary on Lisa Shapiro's "What is a Philosophical Canon?" and
 Leroy Searle's "Poetic Vision and the Genres of Philosophical
 Fiction," *The Role of Fictions in Early Modern Philosophy Conference*,
 University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Teaching Experience

As Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco

Fall 2020 PHIL 240 Ethics

As Primary Instructor at the University of Washington

Summer 2019 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Summer 2018 PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics

Summer 2017 PHIL 242 Medical Ethics
 (B term)

Summer 2017 PHIL 242 Medical Ethics
 (A term)

As Graduate Student Instructor at the University of California, Berkeley

Summer 2020 PHIL 25B History of Modern Philosophy

As Teaching Assistant at the University of Washington

Spring 2019 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Winter 2019 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2018 PHIL 322 History of Modern Philosophy

Spring 2018 PHIL 102 Contemporary Moral Problems

Winter 2018 PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics

Fall 2017 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Spring 2017 PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics

Winter 2017 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2016 PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Spring 2016	PHIL 242 Medical Ethics
Winter 2016	PHIL 115 Practical Reasoning
Fall 2015	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2015	PHIL 102 Contemporary Moral Problems
Winter 2015	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

Service

Department Service

2018-2019	Graduate and Professional Student Senate
2017-2019	Graduate Qualifying Process Review Committee
2016-2018	Graduate Student Representative
2015-2016	Graduate and Professional Student Senate
2014-2015	Climate Committee
2014-2015	Colloquium Committee

Professional Service

Sept 2017	Workshop Facilitator: University of Washington TA Conference, "Teaching Your Own Class: First Day and Beyond," Seattle, WA
May 2017	Session Chair: Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy Conference, "Spinoza, the Emotions, and Kabbalah," Seattle, WA
Apr 2017	Session Chair: American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, "Revenge, Humility, and Shame," Seattle, WA
Sept 2016	Panel Participant: University of Washington New Student Orientation, "Secrets for Success from UW TAs," Seattle, WA

Honors and Awards

Dec 2019	Philosophy Department Teaching Award, University of Washington
July 2019	College of Arts & Sciences Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington

April 2017 College of Arts & Sciences Arlene Hunter Scholarship, University of Washington

Sept 2014 Graduate School Top Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington

Languages

Latin: advanced reading knowledge

French: intermediate reading and speaking knowledge

References

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