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Academic Appointments

2016 - 2022	Adjunct Professor, University of Nebraska - Omaha
2020	Visiting Professor, Kansas State University
2022 - Present	Visiting Professor, University of Nebraska - Omaha

Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
PhD, Philosophy, ABD Status.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
MA, Philosophy, May 2017.

University of Nebraska-Omaha
BA, Philosophy, May 2012.

AOS

Epistemology

AOC

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Metaethics, and Medical Ethics.

Conference Presentations

1. "Open Source Database Indexing as a Means of Assisting Non-Native English Speaking Students in Learning Philosophy."
The 21st Biennial AAPT Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Saginaw, MI. July, 2016

Research Grants and Awards

1. Hinman Scholarship and Fellowship Award Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2017

2. Outstanding Teaching Award
Teaching Recognition Award from Beta Theta Pi, 2012

Teaching Experience

University of Nebraska-Omaha, Instructor

Graduate Courses

1. Phil 3060: Values and Virtues

Undergraduate Courses

2. Phil 3060: Values and Virtues
3. Phil 3050: Ethical Theory
4. Phil 2300: Human Values in Medicine
5. Phil 2030: Introduction to Ethics
6. Phil 1210: Critical Reasoning / Introduction to Mathematical Logic
7. Phil 1010: Meaning of Life

Kansas State University, Instructor

1. Phil 365: Medical Ethics

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Instructor

1. Phil 106: Introduction to Ethics
2. Phil 110: Introduction to Logic

Service

1. Graduate Student Colloquium Organizer
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
2015-2016

Dissertation

Title: The Value of Knowledge and its Problems
Committee: David Henderson (committee chair)
William Melanson (reader)
Aaron Bronfman (reader)
Edward Becker (reader)

Abstract: The purpose of the dissertation is twofold. The first is to challenge what has become a kind of orthodox approach to the value problems in epistemology. Such an orthodoxy both involves a methodology and a set of assumptions which are largely unmotivated. Undoing this orthodoxy requires, however, rectifying an oversight in philosophical history. This is the second purpose of the dissertation. To our collective loss, a paper from Ward Jones from 1997 has gone largely undiscussed and unappreciated. This dissertation stands on Ward's shoulders by defending and developing his key insights. From such a vantage point the value problems find interesting and satisfying answers.