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Education

University of California at Riverside
progress towards PhD in Philosophy

Los Angeles, California
Fall 2019 to Spring 2024

Brandeis University
M.A. in Philosophy

Boston, Massachusetts
Fall 2017 to Spring 2019

Rice University
B.S. in Computer Science

Houston, Texas
Fall 2012 to Spring 2016

Teaching Experience

Role: Primary Instructor

University of California at Riverside

Philosophy Department

Social Justice

Summer 2023

- Designed 10 original 3-hour lectures, interspersed with 20 in-class quizzes and discussions, plus 2 out-of-class essay assignments, with 25 students.
- Class Description: This course develops a philosophical understanding of the concept of social justice. We begin by grounding ourselves in an understanding of the *history* of the *philosophical* use of the term “*justice*” (in Unit 1), then compare and contrast those ideas with *current usage* of the term “*social justice*” (in Units 2 and 3).
- syllabus: www.tinyurl.com/nick-phil-social-justice

Role: Teaching Assistant

University of California at Riverside

Philosophy Department

Race with Myisha Cherry · Taught 3 “discussion sections” (recitations) of 25 students once per week, held office hours, graded essays & exams, etc.	Spring 2024
Sophomore Seminar with Joshua Wood · (similar responsibilities as the description above)	Winter 2024
Plants & Animals & Machines with Evan Sommers · (similar responsibilities)	Fall 2023
Early Modern Philosophy with Adam Harmer · (similar responsibilities) · ALSO guest-lectured the main class twice.	Spring 2023
Critical Thinking with Coleen Macnamara · (similar responsibilities)	Winter 2023
Evil with Eric Schwitzgebel · (similar responsibilities)	Fall 2022
Intro to Phil with John Fischer · (similar responsibilities)	Spring 2022
Applied Ethics with Patrick Londen · (similar responsibilities)	Fall 2020 & Winter 2022
The Meaning of Life with Kim Frost & Avery Snelson · (similar responsibilities)	Winter 2021, Spring 2021, & Fall 2021

Brandeis University

Philosophy Department

Biomedical Ethics

Spring 2019

with Eli Hirsch

- Held office hours, graded essays & exams, etc.

Neuroethics

Fall 2018

with Brendan Cline

- Guest-lectured the main class once.
- Held office hours, graded essays & exams, etc.

Aesthetics

Spring 2018

with Andreas Teuber

- Held office hours, graded essays & exams, etc.

Rice University

Applied Math Department

Introduction to Computational Engineering

Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

with Steven Cox, Franklin Kenter, & Illya Hicks

- Guest-lectured the main class a handful of times.
- Taught 1 recitation of ~15 students ~1 time/week.
- Held office hours, graded assignments & exams, etc.
- Created and assigned 2 original homework assignments.

Computer Science Department

Principles of Parallel Programming

Spring 2015 & Spring 2016

with Vivek Sarkar & Eric Allen

- Held office hours, graded assignments & exams, etc.

Reasoning About Algorithms

Fall 2015

with Swarat Chaudhuri

- Taught 1 recitation of ~10 students ~2 times/week.
- Held office hours, graded assignments & exams, etc.

Computational Thinking

Fall 2013 & Fall 2014

with Scott Rixner

- Taught 1 recitation of ~15 students ~3 times/week.
- Held office hours, graded assignments & exams, etc.

Service

Graduate Student Mentorship Program

2nd-Year Mentor

Riverside, California

Fall 2020 to Spring 2021

- Mentored three 1st-year PhD students.

Rice University Queer Resource Center

Co-Founder / First President

Houston, Texas

Fall 2014 to Spring 2016

- Wrote a successful funding proposal to the Rice Undergraduate Student Association and was approved by the student body to receive \$5,000.
- Facilitated discussion among ~20 disparate committees ~2 times/month.
- Headed the Sexual Assault Committee, co-headed Ally Training Committee, worked to hire a part-time staff person to support the Center, investigated founding a queer support group, and created the Center's website.

Sid Richardson College Academic Fellows

Academic Fellow (Computer Science)

Houston, Texas

Fall 2014 to Spring 2016

- Held "open office hours" in which any student in any class could get help on any topic (related to computer science).
- Taught various "workshops" (related to computer science).
- Oversaw computer science fellowship within the college.

Rice University Peer Academic Advisor Program

Academic Advisor

Houston, Texas

Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

- Academically advised students within the college.

Rice University Student Ambassador Program

Student Ambassador

Houston, Texas

Spring 2013 to Spring 2016

- Gave tours of the university to "distinguished" guests.

Scientific Research

Rice University

Philosophy Department

Timothy Schroeder

Summer 2016 to Summer 2017

- Prototyped an open-source website and accompanying database of arguments and assertions made by professional philosophers.

Computer Science Department

Swarat Chaudhuri

Summer 2015 to Fall 2015

- Investigated a computational definition of ethical fairness.
- Investigated formal methods assurances of fairness.
- Investigated *post hoc* verification of fairness.

Vivek Sarkar

Spring 2015

- Investigated optimal parallel `map` implementations.
- Contributed to the parallel computing suite Habanero Java.

Luay Nakhleh

Summer 2014

- Investigated introgressed genes in the *mus musculus* genome.
- Applied clustering algorithms to protein-protein interaction network data to confirm previously identified genome patterns.
- Identified previously unknown introgressed gene candidates.

Devika Subramanian

Spring 2013

- Applied machine learning algorithms to medical data.

Professional Work

Varsity Tutors

online + Miami, Florida

High School & College Tutor

Fall 2016 to Summer 2017

- Tutored high school and undergraduate students in a variety of subjects, including programming, essay writing, and SAT test prep.

Shepherd Artisan Coffee

Miami, Florida

Barista

Fall 2016

- Learned to make cappuccinos.

Jones McClure Publishing

Houston, Texas

Software Development Intern

Summer 2013

- Prototyped a mobile version of the existing desktop website.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District:

Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center

Portland, Oregon

Swim Coach / Swim Instructor / Lifeguard

Summer 2010 to Summer 2012

- Coached the age-group swim team.
- Taught swim lessons.
- Guarded lives.

Extracurriculars

The OpenDota Project {<https://www.opendota.com>} online
 Co-Founder / DevOps / Public Relations Fall 2014 to present

- Writes and edits blog posts, as needed.
- Trained in administration & maintenance.
- Contributed to the initial planning of the site.

Southridge High School Speech & Debate Team Portland, Oregon
 Co-Capitan 2011-2012

Southridge High School Swim Team Portland, Oregon
 Co-Capitan 2011-2012

Awards / Honors

Outstanding Teaching Award — UCR Philosophy Dept Spring 2024
 Outstanding Teaching Award — UCR Humanities Grad Div Spring 2023
 Sid Richardson Athenian Service Award Spring 2016
 Rice Alumni PRIDE Award Fall 2015
 Lon Wilson Service Award Spring 2015
 National Merit Quarterfinalist Spring 2012
 National Honor Society 2011-2012

Coursework

University of California at Riverside

Philosophy Department

Living Well	Adam Harmer	audit	Spring 2024
Schopenhauer	Maude Clark	audit	Winter 2024
Neurodiversity	Kim Frost	audit	Winter 2024
Frankfurt — Love	Howard Wettstein	audit	Fall 2023
Love & Sex	Michael Nelson	audit	Fall 2023
Monism	Adam Harmer	audit	Spring 2023
Logic — Frege vs Kant	Alexandra Newton	audit	Spring 2023
Caring, Valuing, & Reasoning	Agnieszka Jaworska	audit	Spring 2023
Aristotle — Metaphysics Theta	Jozef Müller	audit	Spring 2023
Seeing As — Witt., Hanson, Kuhn	Erich Reck	audit	Winter 2023
Love in Politics	Myisha Cherry	audit	Winter 2023
(Writing Workshop)	Luca Ferrero	audit	Winter 2023
Pragmatic Genealogy — Quelo	Erich Reck	audit	Fall 2022
Bugbee — The Inward Morning	Howard Wettstein	audit	Fall 2022

Standing	Coleen Macnamara	audit	Fall 2022
Akrasia	Jozef Müller	audit	Spring 2022
Moral Status	Agnieszka Jaworska	audit	Spring 2022
Kant — The 3 rd Critique (<i>Writing Workshop</i>)	Alexandra Newton	audit	Spring 2022
Aesthetics	Michael Nelson	audit	Spring 2022
Diachronic Agency	Pierre Keller	audit	Winter 2022
Aspiration & Hope (<i>Writing Workshop</i>)	Luca Ferrero	audit	Winter 2022
Leibniz	Myisha Cherry	audit	Winter 2022
Buber — I & Thou	Michael Nelson	audit	Winter 2022
Informal Reasoning	Adam Harmer	audit	Fall 2021
Plotinus — Ennead 6.8	Howard Wettstein	audit	Fall 2021
Nietzsche — ‘Bildung’ (<i>Translating Workshop</i>)	Larry Wright	audit	Fall 2021
Kant — The Doctrine Of Method German Translation	Jozef Müller	audit	Spring 2021
Moral Address	Maude Clark	audit	Spring 2021
Forgiveness	Pierre Keller	audit	Spring 2021
Kant — The 1 st Critique	Pierre Keller	audit	Winter 2021
Groups Of People	Pierre Keller	audit	Winter 2021
Scanlon & Korsgaard (<i>Proseminar</i>)	Coleen Macnamara	A	Winter 2021
John Hyman — Action & Will	Myisha Cherry	A+	Fall 2020
Aristotle — Nicomachean Ethics	Alexandra Newton	A-	Fall 2020
Nietzsche — Naturalism	Adam Harmer	audit	Fall 2020
Motivation	Andrews Reath	A	Spring 2020
Meta-Logic	Kim Frost	A	Spring 2020
Frege	Jozef Müller	A-	Spring 2020
Gettierology (<i>Proseminar</i>)	Maude Clark	audit	Spring 2020
Robert Brandom — Hegel	Agnieszka Jaworska	audit	Spring 2020
Gratitude	Erich Reck	A+	Spring 2020
Moral Constitutivism — Objections	Erich Reck	A-	Winter 2020
Moral Constitutivism — Kantianism	Peter Graham	A	Winter 2020
Negative Affect	Pierre Keller	A	Winter 2020
Dynamic Structuralism	Coleen Macnamara	audit	Winter 2020
The Aspect Of Eternity — Nagel	Luca Ferrero	A	Winter 2020
Descartes & Leibniz (<i>Proseminar</i>)	Michael Nelson	A	Fall 2019
	Myisha Cherry	audit	Fall 2019
	Pierre Keller	A-	Fall 2019
	Howard Wettstein	A	Fall 2019
	Adam Harmer	A	Fall 2019

Brandeis University

Philosophy Department

Mind — Burge & Millikan (<i>Seminar</i>)	Jerry Samet	A	Spring 2019
Explanation & Causation	Jennifer Marušić	A+	Spring 2019
Language	Eli Hirsch	A	Spring 2019
Aristotle	Palle Yourgrau	A	Spring 2019

Biomedical Ethics	Eli Hirsch	audit	Spring 2019
Rationality (<i>Independent Study</i>)	Berislav Marušić	A	Fall 2018
Action	Berislav Marušić	A	Fall 2018
Kant — The 1 st Critique	Kathleen Moran	A+	Fall 2018
Metaethics — Parfit	Eli Hirsch	A	Fall 2018
Personal Identity	Eli Hirsch	audit	Fall 2018
Self-Knowledge	Berislav Marušić	audit	Fall 2018
Neuroethics	Brendan Cline	audit	Fall 2018
Hume — Human Nature	Jennifer Marušić	audit	Fall 2018
External World Skepticism (<i>Seminar</i>)	Berislav Marušić	A	Spring 2018
Space & Time	Eli Hirsch	A	Spring 2018
Mathematical Logic	Jennifer Marušić	A	Spring 2018
Wittgenstein — The Investigations	Eli Hirsch	A	Spring 2018
Mind	Jerry Samet	audit	Spring 2018
The Idea Of God	Palle Yourgrau	audit	Spring 2018
Descartes, Spinoza, & Leibniz	Jennifer Marušić	audit	Spring 2018
(<i>Proseminar</i>)	Andreas Teuber	A	Fall 2017
Ethics & Emotions	Kathleen Moran	A	Fall 2017
Hegel — Phenomenology Of Spirit	Eugene Sheppard	A	Fall 2017
Existentialism — Sartre & Beauvoir	Berislav Marušić	A	Fall 2017

other departments

(RELI) Buddhism	Yu Feng	audit	Spring 2019
(ARTS) History Of Photography	Peter Kalb	audit	Spring 2019
(POLI) Marx, Nietzsche, & Radicalism	Bernard Yack	A-	Fall 2017

Rice University

Philosophy Department

Continental Philosophy	Steven Crowell	A-	Spring 2016
History Of Philosophy	Charles Siewert	B+	Fall 2013
Social & Political Philosophy	George Sher	A-	Spring 2013

Computer Science Department

Advanced Object-Oriented Design	Stephen Wong	B	Spring 2016
Advanced Computer Game Creation	Joe Warren	B+	Spring 2016
Modeling & Data Science	Chris Jermaine	A	Fall 2015
Functional Programming	Eric Allen	A	Fall 2015
Operating Systems & Concurrency	David Johnson	B	Spring 2015
Computer Security	Dan Wallach	A+	Spring 2015
Object-Oriented Design	Stephen Wong	A	Fall 2014
Reasoning About Algorithms	Swarat Chaudhuri	A	Fall 2014
Compiler Construction	Keith Cooper	A-	Fall 2014

Parallel Programming	Vivek Sarkar	B	Spring 2014
Computer Systems	Alan Cox	A-	Spring 2014
Program Design	Chris Jermaine	A	Fall 2013
Algorithmic Thinking	Luay Nakhleh	A-	Spring 2013
Computational Thinking	D. Subramanian	A	Fall 2012

other departments

(SOCI) Sociology Of Gender	Erin Cech	audit	Spring 2015
(ANTH) Archaeology	Jeffrey Fleisher	audit	Fall 2014
(STAT) Probability & Statistics	Genevera Allen	A-	Spring 2014
(SWGS) Queer Studies	Brian Riedel	B+	Spring 2014
(CAAM) Linear Algebra	Mark Embree	A	Fall 2013
(MATH) Multivariable Calculus	Nikita Kozin	A-	Spring 2013
(ELEC) Computer Engineering	Joseph Cavallaro	B-	Spring 2013
(CAAM) Computational Engineering	Steven Cox	A+	Fall 2012
(MATH) Ordinary Differential Equations	Sergey Belov	B-	Fall 2012
(ECON) Microeconomics	James Brown	audit	Fall 2012

Standardized Test Scores

GRE

November 2015

· Writing:	4.5/6.0	80 th percentile
· Verbal:	161/170	87 th percentile
· Quantitative:	164/170	88 th percentile

SAT

2,300/2,400

99th percentile

October 2011

· Writing:	760/800	99 th percentile
· Reading:	790/800	99 th percentile
· Mathematics:	750/800	97 th percentile

Language Proficiency

natural languages

- proficient: English
- moderate: Spanish, American Sign Language
- minimal: Latin, German

programming languages

- proficient: Java, Python, C, JS/CSS/HTML, SQL, Matlab
- moderate: Bash, Scala, VB.NET

Miscellaneous Information

gender: agender / nonbinary / queer

sex: xy / amab / male

genderality: pan

sexuality: gay

ethnicity:

44% = German

30% = Norwegian / Swedish

22% = British / Irish

2% = Finnish

1% = Iranian

1% = American

nationality: USA

Myers–Briggs: INFJ

favorite zoo animal: giraffe

favorite color: purple

favorite integer: 24