

# Thomas Patrick Morrison

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Social Science, Metaphysics and Epistemology

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Political and Social Philosophy, Ethics, Introductory Logic, Early Modern Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy

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### EMPLOYMENT

- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Humanities, **Kansas City Kansas Community College**, 2020–2021; 2024–2025
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Humanities, **Metropolitan Community College**, 2017–2021

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### EDUCATION

- M.A. Philosophy, **University of Chicago**, 2014–2015
- B.A. Philosophy, Anthropology, **University of Kansas**, 2010–2014  
Minor: Germanic Languages and Literatures

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### DISSERTATION

Title: “**Natural Kinds and the Metaphysics of Higher-Level Science**”

Institution: University of Massachusetts Amherst

Committee Members: Hilary Kornblith (chair)

Nina Emery

Alejandro Perez Carballo

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### PUBLICATIONS

- [“Minds and Real Kinds,” \*Synthese\* 206 \(3\): 1–19 \(2025\).](#)

- “Physics and Everything Else in Our Life” (status: under review)
- “Real Kinds and Explanatory Structures: Rethinking the Natural Grounds of Inductive Success” (status: under review)

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

### *Print Magazines*

“Did Kant Make Skepticism Worse?” in *Philosophy Now!*, May/June 2020.  
 “Foucault’s Elephant” in *Philosophy Now!*, Aug/Sep 2018.

### *Collaborations*

Collaborating Transcriber of Margaret Cavendish’s *Philosophical and Physical Opinions*. Digital, KU, Oct. 2019. (<https://cavendish-ppo.ku.edu/about/>)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Teaching Associate*, Department of Philosophy, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 2023–

- Seminar: Eastern Philosophy (Fall 2025)
- Introduction to Logic (Summer 2025)
- Problems in Social Thought (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Philosophy, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 2022–2023

- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2024)
- Medical Ethics (Fall 2023)
- History of Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2023)
- Death and the Meaning of Life (Fall 2022)
- Introduction to Logic (Spring 2022)

*Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Humanities, **Kansas City Kansas Community College**, 2020–2021; 2024–2025

- Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

*Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Humanities, **Metropolitan Community College**, 2017–2021

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

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## GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- UMass Amherst, Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching, AY 2024-2025
- UMass Amherst, HFA Graduate Summer Funding Award, 2024
- KU, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2014
- KU, Warner Morse Prize in History of Philosophy, 2014
- KU, Delta Phi Alpha National German Honors Society, 2014
- KU, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, 2013

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND REFEREEING

### *Department Service Positions*

- UMass, Student-Faculty Liaison, Fall 2024–Spring 2025
- UMass, GSO President, *Philosophy Graduate Students*, Spring 2024–Fall 2025
- UMass, GEO Membership Organizer, Fall 2023–Spring 2024
- UChicago, MAPH Social Committee Member, 2014–2015
- KU, Library Committee Member, Dept. of Germanic Languages and Literatures, 2013–2014

### *Conference and Workshop Organization*

- UMass, *Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Organizer, Fall 2024; Fall 2025
- UMass, *Grue-Light Workshop*, Organizer, Spring 2024–Fall 2024

### *Volunteer Work*

- UMass, Philosophy in Public Schools (PiPS) Volunteer, Spring 2022
- KC Food Not Bombs Volunteer, 2020
- Bridging the Gap Environmental Center Volunteer, 2019
- Community Education Project, Lawrence, KS 2016–2017

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## REFERENCES

Hilary Kornblith  
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