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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE	Intro to Ethics, Intro to Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Religion, Morals & Medicine	2012-Present
	Intro to Ethics, Intro to Philosophy, Issues in Business Ethics, Morals & Medicine	2006-2007
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	Intro to Ethical Theory, Phil. & Cultural Diversity Intro to Logic, Advanced Symbolic Logic II	2005-2012
METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY	Intro to Symbolic Logic	2010-2012
MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN	In the Eye of the Beholder: Topics in Philosophical Aesthetics	Spring 2011
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY-MANKATO	Logic & Critical Thinking, Intro to Philosophy	2008-2009
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA	Contemporary Moral Issues	Spring 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Logic, Ethics

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	PH.D., 2013
Major: Philosophy		
Dissertation: <i>Committing Ourselves to Nothing: An anti-orthodox view of existential quantifier expressions</i>		
Committee: Peter W. Hanks (advisor), Geoffrey Hellman (co-advisor), Roy T. Cook, Wayne Richter		
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	TEMPE, AZ	M.A., 2004
Major: Philosophy		
Thesis: <i>Promising and Asserting</i>		
Committee: Peter French (advisor), Stewart Cohen, G. W. Fitch		
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	FARGO, ND	B.A., 2001
Major: Philosophy and German		

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Emerging Leaders College, MSCF	2016-17
“Ontology and Metaontology” Course, Central European University, Budapest	Summer 2015
Education Minnesota Higher Education Faculty Grant for Budapest course	Summer 2015
Philosophy Learning & Teaching Organization (PLATO) Conference, Seattle	Summer 2015
“Philosophy of Community & Technical College Education” Course, MnSCU	Fall 2013
Education Minnesota Political Conference, EDMN and MSCF	Fall 2013
“Applying the Quality Matters Rubric” Course, Quality Matters Program	Summer 2013
<i>Resident Fellow</i> , “Lives Worth Living” (aka “Philosophy Camp”), U of M	Summer 2012
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Writing-Enriched Curriculum Project, U of M	2011-12
Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, U of M CLA	Summer 2008
“Online Teaching 101” Course, MnSCU	Fall 2006
Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, U of M Dept. of Philosophy	Summer 2006

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<i>Faculty President, MSCF-TRF Chapter, NCTC</i>	2016-Present
<i>Member of Academic Master Plan Committee, NCTC</i>	2014-Present
<i>Legislative Liaison, MSCF-TRF Chapter, NCTC</i>	2013-Present
<i>Member of Institutional Review Board, NCTC</i>	2012-Present
<i>Member of Academic Master Plan Steering Committee, NCTC</i>	Spring 2014
<i>Member of Academic Dean Search Committee, NCTC</i>	Spring 2014
<i>Member of Mathematics Instructor Search Committee, NCTC</i>	Spring 2014
<i>Member of Sociology Instructor Search Committee, NCTC</i>	Spring 2013
<i>Council Representative, U of M Dept. of Philosophy</i>	2009-10
<i>Member of Colloquium Committee, U of M Dept. of Philosophy</i>	2007-09
Co-ordinated and oversaw visit by Matti Eklund (Cornell)	Fall 2009
Co-ordinated and oversaw visit by Theodore Sider (NYU)	Fall 2008
<i>Co-organizer, U of M Philosophy Graduate Student Conference</i>	2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

<i>American Association of Philosophy Teachers</i>	2013-Present
<i>Minnesota Philosophical Society</i>	2011-Present
<i>American Philosophical Association</i>	2003-Present

PUBLICATIONS

- “Superhero Identity: Case Studies in *The Avengers*”
Chapter in *The Avengers and Philosophy*, Wiley/Blackwell March 2012

PRESENTATIONS

- Comments on “A Defense of the Cancellation Account of Negation” by Michael Degnan, Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference, Mankato, MN Fall 2011
- “Some Differences Between ‘Is’ and ‘Exists’”
Dissertation work-in-progress, U of M Dept. of Philosophy Fall 2010
- “Navigating the Domains of Existential Quantifier Expressions”
Work-in-progress series, U of M Foundations Interest Group Summer 2010
- “Quine on Quantifier Expressions”,
Dissertation work-in-progress, U of M Dept. of Philosophy Fall 2009
- Comments on “When Are Metaphysical Debates Substantial?” by Tuomas Tahko,
LOGOS Conference on Metametaphysics, Barcelona, Spain Summer 2008
- Comments on “Realism and Distinguished Structure” by Brian Mondy
U of M Philosophy Graduate Student Conference Spring 2008
- “The Meaning of ‘Exists’”
Presentation for U of M Dept. of Philosophy GRPP Research Fall 2007
- “Fictional Worlds Theory: An Anti-Realist View of Fictional Characters”
2nd Annual ASU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference Fall 2004