

## THOMAS ALLEN BLACKSON

### *Curriculum Vitae*

Philosophy Faculty  
School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies  
Arizona State University  
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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Philosophy. University of Massachusetts, 1988  
B.A. De Pauw University, 1980  
(CITI) Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative:  
- Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research (9/28/2011)  
- Group 2 Social & Behavioral Research Investigators and Key Personnel (11/9/2011)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Arizona State University, 1997-present  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Arizona State University, 1995-1997  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Temple University, 1995  
Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1995  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Temple University, 1992-1995  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Arizona State University, 1990-1992  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University, 1988-1990  
Visiting Instructor in Philosophy, North Carolina State University, 1987-1988  
NEH Summer Seminar Assistant to Gary Matthews, Philosophy of Children, 1986  
  
Systems Analyst, MIT (Sloan School of Management), 1982-1983.  
Programmer, Instrumentation Laboratories (Route #128, Boston), 1980-1982.

**SPECIALIZATION:** History of Ancient Philosophy

### **COMPETENCE:**

Epistemology, History of Modern Philosophy, History of Analytic Philosophy, Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mathematics

**LANGUAGES:** Greek, Latin

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Books** (peer reviewed)

**B2** *Ancient Greek Philosophy. From the Presocratics through the Hellenistic Philosophers.* (Wiley-Blackwell: United Kingdom, 2011; 271 + xv.) Reviewed in *The Classical Review*, 62, 2

(2012), 394-396. "B.'s book is an admirably clear introductory-level overview of philosophy from the Presocratics through to the Hellenistic period. B.'s prose is lucid and accessible, his compelling interpretations of many of the texts interlace nicely, and he provides informative footnotes and annotations. This is a very useful book." See also *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2011.10.22, *Near East Archeological Society Bulletin*, 57 (2012), 53-54.

**B1** *Inquiry, Forms, and Substances: A Study in Plato's Metaphysics and Epistemology* (Philosophical Studies Series, volume 62; Kluwer Academic Publishers: The Netherlands, 1995; 226 + viii.) Electronic version published in 2011.

### Articles in anthologies (invited)

**A4** "Academic Justifications of Assent," 211-231. *What the Ancients Offer to Contemporary Epistemology*, edited by Steven Hetherington and Nicholas D. Smith. Routledge, 2020.

**A3** "Plato (ca. 427-ca. 347 B.C.): *Apology of Socrates*," 1301-1311. *AUTOBIOGRAPHY/AUTOFICTION. An International and Interdisciplinary Handbook*. Volume III: *Exemplary autobiographical/autofictional texts*, edited by Martina Wagner-Egelhaaf. De Gruyter, Berlin. 2019.

**A2** "Epicureanism," 163-174. *The History of Evil, Volume 1: The History of Evil in Antiquity (2000BCE-450CE)*, edited by Tom Angier. Routledge, 2018.

**A1** "Causes in the *Phaedo*," (with Gareth Matthews). *Plato; Critical Assessments, II: Middle Period: Metaphysics and Epistemology* (edited by Nicholas D. Smith, 45-54. Routledge, 1998.

### Articles in journals (peer reviewed)

**J20** "Believing for Practical Reasons in Plato's *Gorgias*." *Rhizomata. A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, 11 (2023), 105-125.

**J19** "Early Thinking about Likings and Dislikings." *Ancient Philosophy Today: DIALOGOI*, 4, 2 (2022), 176-195.

**J18** "Before and After Philosophy Takes Possession of the Soul. The Ascetic and the Platonic Interpretation." *Journal of Ancient Philosophy*, 14, 2 (2020), 53-75.

**J17** "Impulsive Impressions." *Rhizomata. A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, 9 (2017), 91-112.

**J16** "The Stoic Explanation of the Origin of Evil." *Methexis. International Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, 29 (2017), 121-140. (Acceptance rate: 22%)

**J15** "The Rationalization Explanation." *The Review of Metaphysics*, 70 (2016), 59-86 (Acceptance rate: 5%)

**J14** “Against Weatherson on How to Frame a Decision Problem.” *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 41 (2016), 69-72. Published with response by Brian Weatherson, “Reply to Blackson,” 73-75. (Acceptance rate: 16%)

**J13** “Two Interpretations of Socratic Intellectualism.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 35 (2015), 23-39. (Acceptance rate: 20%)

**J12** “Extrinsic Attitudinal Pleasure.” *Philosophical Studies*, 159 (2012), 277-291. (Acceptance rate: 12%)

**J11** “Early Work on Rationality: the Lorenz-Frede Interpretation.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 27 (2010), 101-124. (Acceptance rate: 14%)

**J10** “On Feldman’s Theory of Happiness.” *Utilitas*, 21 (2009), 393-400. (Acceptance rate: 33%)

**J9** “On Williamson’s Argument for (Ii) in his Anti-luminosity Argument.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 74 (2007), 397-405. (Acceptance rate: less than 5%)

**J8** “Induction and Experience in *Metaphysics* A1.” *Review of Metaphysics*, 59 (2006), 541-552. (Acceptance rate: 5%)

**J7** “In Defense of an Unpopular Interpretation of Ancient Skepticism,” *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy: History of Epistemology*, 8 (2005), 68-81. (Presented at the University of Minnesota-Morris, 4/15/2002.) (Acceptance rate: 30%)

**J6** “An Invalid Argument for Contextualism.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 68 (2004), 344-345. (Published with response by Keith DeRose, “The Problem with Subject-Sensitive Invariantism,” 346-350.) (Acceptance rate: less than 5%)

**J5** “The Stuff of Conventionalism.” *Philosophical Studies*, 68 (1992), 65-81.

**J4** “Cause and Definition in Plato’s *Hippias Major*.” *Philosophical Inquiry*, 14 (1992), 1-11.

**J3** “Coming-to-be is For the Sake of Being.” *The Modern Schoolman*, 69 (1991), 1-15.

**J2** “Plato and the Senses of Words.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 29 (1991), 169-182.

**J1** “Causes in the *Phaedo*.” *Synthese*, 79 (1989), 581-591. (With Gareth Matthews.)

### **Book reviews (invited)**

**R17** “An introduction to Epicurus’s ethical thought. Review of John Sellars: *The pocket Epicurean*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021.” *Metascience*, 31 (2022), 427–429.

**R16** “Review of *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, edited by Mary Louse Gill and Pierre Pellegrin.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 20 (2009), 229-232.

**R15** “Review of *Reading Plato’s Theaetetus*, Timothy Chappell.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 27 (2007), 418-423.

**R14** “Review of *Plato’s Parmenides*, Samuel Scolnicov.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 25 (2005), 185-189.

**R13** “Review of *Philo of Larissa: The Last of the Academic Sceptics*, Charles Brittain.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 68 (2004), 738-740.

**R12** “Review of *Studies in Plato’s Two-Level Model*, Holger Thesleff.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 21 (2001), 480-482.

**R11** “Review of *Pyrrhonian Inquiry*, Marta Anna Wlodarczyk.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 21 (2001), 512-513.

**R10** “Review of *Cross-examining Socrates: A defense of the Interlocutors in Plato’s Early Dialogues*, John Beversluis.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 54 (2000), 644-645.

**R9** “Review of *Traditions of Platonism: Essays in Honour of John Dillon*, edited by John J. Cleary.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 54 (2000), 647-649.

**R8** “Review of *Topics in Stoic Philosophy*, Katerina Ierodiakonou.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 54, (2000), 438-439.

**R7** “Review of *Reason and Emotion: Essays on Ancient Moral Psychology and Ethical Theory*, John M. Cooper.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 54 (2000), 135-136.

**R6** “Review of *Determinism and Freedom in Stoic Philosophy*, Susanne Bobzien.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 53 (2000), 919-920.

**R5** “Review of *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, John J. Cleary and Gary M. Gurtler.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 53 (2000), 687-687.

**R4** “Review of *The Philosophy of Forms*, A. H. Coxon,” *Ancient Philosophy*, 20 (2000), 463-467.

**R3** “Review of *Plato and the Socratic Dialogue*, Charles Kahn.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 53 (1999), 172-173.

**R2** “Review of *Ion, Hippias Minor, Laches, Protagoras: The Dialogues of Plato*. Volume 3, R.E. Allen.” *The Review of Metaphysics*, 52, (1999), 659-660.

**R1** “Review of *The Parmenides and Plato’s Late Philosophy*, Robert Turnbull.” *Ancient Philosophy*, 18, (1998), 484-486.

#### **ACADEMIC JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS**

**E1** Book Symposium Editor for *Philosophical Studies*, 2002 – present. The *Book Symposium Series* is a regular and on-going part of *Philosophical Studies*. Although there are exceptions, a

book symposium generally consists in a precis by the author (1500 words), three critical discussions (4000 words each), and a set of replies (6000 words).

**E2** Managing Editor for *Philosophical Studies*, 2011 - 3/2020. Responsible for managing all aspects of the journal, including special issues.

### **EDITED BOOK SYMPOSIUMS**

- S84** *Bias. A Philosophical Study*, Tom Kelly. Forthcoming.  
**S83** *Rational Sentimentalism*, Justin D'Arms. Forthcoming.  
**S82** *Reasons First*, Mark Schroeder. Forthcoming.  
**S81** *Ways to be Blameworthy*, Elinor Mason. Forthcoming.  
**S80** *Felicitous Underspecification*. Jeff King. Forthcoming.  
**S79** *The Rational Mind*, Scott Sturgeon. November 2023.  
**S78** *Being Rational or Being Right*, Juan Comesana. August 2023.  
**S77** *Unsettled Thoughts*, Julia Staffel. February 2023.  
**S76** *Fallibilism: Evidence and Knowledge*, Jessica Brown. August 2022.  
**S75** *The World Philosophy Made: From Plato to the Digital Age*, Scott Soames. June 2022.  
**S74** *Roads to Reference*, Mario Gomez-Torrente. March 2022.  
**S73** *Philosophy Within its Proper Bounds*, Edouard Machery. January 2022.  
**S72** *Narrow Content*, Juhani Yli-Vakkuri and John Hawthorne. September 2021.  
**S71** *The Primacy of Metaphysics*, Christopher Peacocke. August 2021.  
**S70** *Utopophobia: On the Limits (If Any) of Political Philosophy*, David Estlund. July 2021.  
**S69** *Strategic Justice*, Peter Vanderschraaf. May 2021.  
**S68** *Why Does Inequality Matter*, T.M. Scanlon. December 2019.  
**S67** *The Analytic Tradition in Philosophy*, Vol. 2. *A New Vision*, Scott Soames. May 2019.  
**S66** *Enactivist Interventions*, Shaun Gallagher. March 2019  
**S65** *The Boundary Stones of Thought*, Ian Rumfitt. August 2018.  
**S64** *Objective Becoming*, Brad Skow. July 2018.  
**S63** *Causation and Free Will*, Carolina Sartorio. June 2018.  
**S62** *Responsibility from the Margins*, David Shoemaker. April 2018.  
**S61** *Risk and Rationality*, Lara Buchak. September 2017.  
**S60** *Context*, Robert Stalnaker. June 2017.  
**S59** *Aboutness*, Stephen Yablo. March 2017.  
**S58** *Rationality Through Reasoning*, John Broome. December 2016.  
**S57** *Rethinking Language, Mind, and Meaning*, Scott Soames. September 2016.  
**S56** *Essays on A Priori Knowledge and Justification*, Albert Casullo. June 2016.  
**S55** *Meaning Mind, and Knowledge*, Christopher Hill. March 2016.  
**S54** *Shared Agency: A Planning Theory of Acting Together*, Michael Bratman. December 2015.  
**S53** *The Analytic Tradition in Philosophy*, Volume 1: *Founding Giants*, Scott Soames. June 2015.  
**S52** *Did Darwin write the Origin Backwards?*, Elliot Sober. March 2015.  
**S51** *Philosophy Without Intuitions*, Herman Cappelen. December 2014.  
**S50** *The Order of Public Reason*, Gerald Gaus. September 2014.  
**S49** *The Epistemological Spectrum*, Terence Horgan and David Henderson. July 2014.  
**S48** *A Defense of Robust Realism*, David Enoch. April 2014.  
**S47** *The Character of Consciousness*, David Chalmers. February 2014.  
**S46** *Knowing Full Well*, Ernest Sosa. December 2013.

- S45 *Perplexities of Consciousness*, Eric Schwitzgebel. September 2013
- S44 *The Contents of Visual Experience*, Susanna Siegel. April 2013.
- S43 *Consciousness*, Christopher Hill. December 2012.
- S42 *When Truth Gives Out*, Mark Richard. September 2012.
- S41 *Subjective Consciousness. A Self-Representational Theory*, Uriah Kriegel. July 2012.
- S40 *Our Stories: Essays on Life, Death, and Free Will*, John Martin Fischer. April 2012.
- S39 *Slaves of Passion*, Mark Schroeder. February 2012.
- S38 *Relativism and Monadic Truth*, Herman Cappelen and John Hawthorne. December 2011.
- S37 *Our Knowledge of the Internal World*, Robert Stalnaker. September 2011.
- S36 *Normativity*, Judith Jarvis Thomson. July 2011.
- S35 *Perception and Basic Beliefs*, Jack Lyons. April 2011.
- S34 *Reflective Knowledge*, Ernest Sosa. March 2011.
- S33 *Supersizing the Mind*, Andy Clark. February 2011.
- S32 *The Nature of Normativity*, Ralph Wedgwood. December 2010.
- S31 *Doing without Concepts*, Edouard Machery. July 2010.
- S30 *Scientific Representation*, Bas van Fraassen. September 2010.
- S29 *Thinking about Acting*, by John Pollock. April 2010.
- S28 *Saving Truth From Paradox*, Hartry Field. February 2010.
- S27 *Hume's Difficulty: Time and Identity in the TREATISE*, Donald Baxter. December 2009.
- S26 *The Philosophy of Philosophy*, Timothy Williamson. September 2009.
- S25 *Simulating Minds*, by Alvin Goldman. June 2009.
- S24 *A Virtue Epistemology*, Ernest Sosa. April 2009.
- S23 *Fear of Knowledge*, Paul Boghossian. December 2008.
- S22 *Meaning, Expression, and Thought*, Wayne Davis. February 2008.
- S21 *Pleasure and the Good Life*, Fred Feldman. December 2007.
- S20 *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century, volume 2: The Age of Meaning*, Scott Soames. September 2007.
- S19 *Unprincipled Virtue: An Inquiry into Moral Agency*, Nomy Arpaly. June 2007.
- S18 *Ways a World Might Be*, Robert Stalnaker. April 2007.
- S17 *Consciousness and Cognition*, Michael Thau. February 2007.
- S16 *The Nature of Epistemic Justification*, Ernest Sosa and Lawrence Bonjour. December 2006.
- S15 *Welfare and Rational Care*, Stephen Darwall. September 2006.
- S14 *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century, volume 1: The Dawn of Analysis*, Scott Soames. June 2006.
- S13 *Beyond Rigidity*, Scott Soames. April 2006.
- S12 *Facts, Values and Norms*, Peter Railton. December 2005.
- S11 *Moral Realism: A defense*, Russ Shafer-Landau. November 2005.
- S10 *Reference and Consciousness*, John Campbell. October 2005.
- S9 *Rules, Reasons, and Norms*, Philip Pettit. May 2005.
- S8 *Truth and the Absence of Fact*, Hartry Field. May 2005.
- S7 *Motivation and Agency*, Al Mele. April 2005.
- S6 *The Limits of Abstraction*, Kit Fine. February 2005.
- S5 *The Possibility of Practical Reason*, David Velleman. December 2004.
- S4 *The Empirical Stance*, Bas van Fraassen. November 2004.
- S3 *Logical Properties*, Colin McGinn. April, 2004.
- S2 *Collective Rationality and Collective Reasoning*, Chris McMahan. November 2003.
- S1 *Consciousness, Color and Content*, Michael Tye. April 2003.

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (invited)**

**L24** Comments on Thomas Slabon's "Divine Trust and Zetetic Norms in Plato." Pacific APA, April 2022. Presentation cancelled because of COVID-19 entry requirements to Canada.

**L23** Comments on on Freya Mobus's "Socratic Therapy for the Glutton," Pacific APA, April 2021.

**L22** "Comments on on Freya Mobus's "Socratic Therapy for the Glutton," Pacific APA, April 2020. Comments deliver to author. Presentation cancelled because of COVID-19.

**L21** "Prohibitions in Machine Ethics." *Nammour Symposium, The Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*. Sacramento State University, April 2019.

**L20** "Comments on Paul Bloomfield's 'Eudaimonia and Practical Rationality.'" *The Fifteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: The Work of Julia Annas*, February 2010.

**L19** "Comments on Russell Dancy's 'Better Late Than Never: Vowel Forms.'" *Fourteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Sophist and Statesman*. University of Tucson, February 2009.

**L18** "Comments on Alan Back's 'The Reality of Possible Worlds.'" Colloquium on Modality. *APA Pacific Division*, 2008.

**L17** "Comments on Constance C. Meinwald's 'The Metaphysics of the Republic.'" *Thirteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Republic*. University of Tucson, February 2008.

**L16** "Comments on Stephen Menn's 'On Socrates' first criticisms of the physicists.'" *APA Pacific Division*, 2007. Invited symposium on Ancient Greek Metaphysics.

**L15** "Plato's conception of practical reason." *Twelfth Annual Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Socrates on the nature and teaching of virtue*. University of Arizona, February 2007.

**L14** "Comments on S. Marc Cohen's 'Kooky Objects Revisited.'" Conference in Honor of Gary Matthews. University of Massachusetts, 2005.

**L13** "Comments on Thomas Senor's 'Lackey on Memory as a Generative Source.'" *APA Pacific Division*, 2005.

**L12** "Comments on Julia Annas's 'Systematizing Socrates.'" *The Tenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: The Socratic Legacy*. University of Arizona, 2005.

**L10** "Comments on Sarah Rappe's 'The practice of Elenchus.'" *The Ninth Annual Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Plato on Method and Plato's Methods*. University of Arizona, 2004.

**L10** "Comments on Timothy Mahoney's 'Becoming like God in the *Timaeus*: A Critique of David Sedley's Interpretation.'" *APA Eastern Division*, 2003.

**L9** "Comments on Adam Alga's 'Waffling to avoid doublethink.'" *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, 2003.

**L8** "Comments on Duncan Pritchard's 'Contextualism, Skepticism and Warranted Assertibility Manoevers.'" *APA Pacific Division*, 2003.

**L7** "Comments on Rachel G.K. Singpurwalla's 'Reasoning with the Irrational: Plato on Mental Conflict and Weakness of the Will.'" *The Eighth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Desire, Pleasure, and Love in Plato's Ethics*. University of Arizona, 2003.

**L6** "In defense of an unpopular interpretation of Pyrrhonian skepticism." Philosophy Department. University of Minnesota, Morris. 2002.

**L5** "Conceptions of Wisdom in Socrates and Plato." *The Wisdom of the Ancients. The Twenty-Sixth Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium*. University of Minnesota, Morris. 2002.

- L4** “Comments on Jonathan Schaffer’s ‘Contrastive Knowledge.’” *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, 2003.
- L3** “Comments on Donald Morrison’s ‘Alcinous and the methods of analysis in philosophy.’” *APA Pacific Division*, 2000.
- L2** “Comments on Debra Modrak’s ‘Word, Image, and Reference in Aristotle.’” Invited session on Aristotle’s philosophy of language, *APA Pacific Division*, 1999.
- L1** “Why Plato Concluded that the Forms are Substances.” *APA Pacific Division*, 1994.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- PS7** Planning meeting of the Program Committee for the Pacific APA, April 2018.
- PS7** Planning meeting of the Program Committee for the Pacific APA, April 2017.
- PS6** Planning meeting of the Program Committee for the Pacific APA, March 2016.
- PS5** Co-chair, Subcommittee for Ancient Philosophy. Program Committee for the Pacific APA. Spring 2015 - Spring 2018. Responsible for referring submissions and arranging sessions.
- PS4** Chair for *Special Memorial Session: Memorial Session for Gareth Matthews*. *APA Pacific Division*. April 2012.
- PS3** Chair for *Invited session on Epistemology* (featuring J. Hawthorne, J. Stanley, and J. Schaffer). *APA Pacific Division*. Spring 2005.
- PS2** External referee for university tenure and promotion cases.
- PS1** Reader for Cambridge University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*, and (Spanish Philosophy journal) *Teorema*.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- O10** Panel member. *Wednesday Night Lecture Series: AI*. ASU, Lake Havasu. October 2023.
- O9** The *Gorgias* Movie Project. Consultant, 2019-2020.  
<https://gorgiasmovieproject.wordpress.com/>
- O8** “Plato’s Myth of Err.” *The Salon: Performances and Conversations on Contemporary Arts and Issues* (<http://www.spiritofthesenses.org/>), May 2016.
- O7** “Plato and Pythagoras.” *The Salon: Performances and Conversations on Contemporary Arts and Issues*, March 2014.
- O6** Hosted Professor Zhonghe Liang from Sichuan University, as part of *The American English and Culture Program* (AECPP), 2013. ASU and Sichuan University in Chengdu, China have a “familial” relationship that was created by President Crow and the President of SCU. This program contributes to that relationship and is meant to foster academic exchange and spur international cooperation.
- O5** “Plato’s Republic.” *The Salon: Performances and Conversations on Contemporary Arts and Issues*, September 2011.
- O4** “Machine Ethics in a Logic Programming Framework.” *Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix*, 13 June 2010.
- O3** “Artificial Intelligence.” *The Salon: Performances and Conversations on Contemporary Arts and Issues*, November 2009.
- O2** “What is Philosophy?” ASU Honors College, 2008.
- O1** “Conceptions of Wisdom in Socrates and Plato.” ASU Philosophy Club, 2002.



## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

**U14** Search Committee for Director of the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, 2018-2019. Committee Member.

**U13** University Graduate Council, 1998-2000, 2017-2020. Council Member.

**U12** Director of Graduate Studies for Philosophy, 2003 - 2014.

- *Presided over the admission* of the first PhD students in the new program, 2014.

- *Redesigned the PhD*, 2013. Changed the focus of the PhD to practical and applied philosophy. Changed the core requirements to reflect this new focus.

- *Redesigned the STEPS assessment plan for the MA*, 2013. STEPS required for accreditation.

- *Modernized the PhD*, 2009. Changed the core requirements to streamline the PhD and bring it in line with its emerging distinctive focus and its interdisciplinary connections in conformance with the goals of the New American University.

- *Modernized the MA*, 2007. Changed the core requirements and reduced credit hours to conform with changed university standards. Designed and implemented a thesis and portfolio option to make the MA more attractive to more students.

- *Masters in Passing*, 2004. Developed and moved the *MIP* through the relevant committees. Graduate students are now in position to have more teaching experience.

**U11** Special appointment to direct the development of the Philosophy Major for ASU Online, 2012- 2013. Responsible for course development and instructor assignments. The major came online late in 2012. It was one of three online philosophy majors then in existence. For some discussion, see *ASU Now: Access, Excellence, Impact*, 1/7/2013.

(<https://asunow.asu.edu/content/asu-online-joins-select-few-offer-online-philosophy-degree>)

**U10** Academic Standards Committee, 2012. Committee Member.

**U9** School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Steering Committee, 2008. Committee Member.

**U8** Research Awards Committee, 2000-2001, 2002. Committee Member, Humanities Subcommittee Chair.

**U7** Committee of Review, 1998-2000. Committee Member.

**U6** Philosophy Department Self Study Committee, 1997, 2004. Committee Member.

**U5** Awards Committee, 1999. Committee Member.

**U4** External Review Team for Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, 1998. Committee Member.

**U3** External Review Team for Department of English, 1998. Committee Member.

**U2** CLAS Senate, 1997-1999. Senator.

**U1** Academic Senate, 1997-1999. Senator.

## DEPARTMENT AND SHPRS ADMINISTRATION

**D17** SHPRS Personnel Committee, 2020-2023. Committee Representative for Philosophy

**D16** SHPRS Transdisciplinary Council, 2019-present. Committee Representative for Philosophy

**D15** Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Metaphysics and Epistemology, 2017-2018. Committee Member.

**D14** Graduate Committee, 1996, 2003 - 2014, 2017-2018, 2023. Committee Member.

**D13** Director of Online Philosophy Major, 2014 - 2017. Director.

**D12** Search Committee for Lecturer in Ancient History, 2016. Committee Member.

**D11** Curriculum Committee, 2000, 2003 - 2014. Committee Chair, Committee Member.

- D10** Undergraduate Committee, 2000, 2003 - 2014. Committee Chair, Committee Member.  
 - *Modernized the Symbolic Systems Certificate*, 2012. Changed the requirements to reflect changing circumstances at ASU and within society. The SSC continues to be an important contribution to the STEM initiative.  
 - *Symbolic Systems Certificate*, 2000. Developed the certificate on the model of the well-known program at Stanford University. The SSC was an early (and maybe the first) interdisciplinary certificate at ASU. It brings together linguistics, philosophy, psychology, and computer science.
- D9** Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Metaphysics and Epistemology, 2005-2016. Committee Member.
- D8** Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Ethical Theory and in Metaphysics and Epistemology, 2004-2005. Committee Member.
- D7** Performance Review Committee, 1995, 1997. Committee Member.
- D6** Library Representative, 1995-98, 2000.
- D5** Chair Advisory Committee, 1996. Committee Member.
- D4** Conference Committee, 1996-1997. Committee Chair.
- D3** Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Ethical Theory, 1998-1999. Committee Member.
- D2** Colloquium Committee, 1997, 1998, 2000. Committee Member.
- D1** Affirmative Action Officer, 2002.

### **PhD Dissertations, MA Theses, MA Portfolios, Honors Theses**

- 29.** Myles Damon, *Followers and Calculators in Voting Models*. MA, 2022. Committee Member.
- 28.** Dalton Woodard, *On Consciousness in Artificial and Non-Biological Systems*. Honors Thesis, 2017. Committee Member.
- 27.** William Kilborn, Portfolio MA, 2015. Committee Member.
- 26.** Michael Elmer, Portfolio MA, 2014. Committee Member.
- 25.** Brandon Gagnon, Portfolio MA, 2013. Committee Chair.
- 24.** Nick Thomas, *Is Interactive Computation a Superset of Turing Computation?* Honors Thesis, 2013. Committee Member.
- 23.** Miles DeCoster, *Equal Treatment for Equal Relevance: The Unjustifiable Exemption of Farm Animals from Animal Cruelty Laws*. MA, 2102. Committee Member.
- 22.** Andrew Clapham, Portfolio MA, 2012. Committee Chair.
- 21.** Christopher Schimke. *Private Property, Coercion, and the Impossibility of Libertarianism*. MA, 2011. Committee Member.
- 20.** Kyle Christensen, Portfolio. MA, 2011. Committee Member.
- 19.** Gerald Marsh. *Disputes and Defective Disputes*. PhD, 2011. Committee Member.
- 18.** Sean Gallager, Portfolio. MA, 2010. Committee Chair.
- 17.** Chris Burrell, *The Readiness is All*. PhD, 2010. Committee Member.
- 16.** Shawn Klein, *See As and What if: Appreciation and Imagination in Moral Reasoning*. PhD, 2010. Committee Member (proxy).
- 15.** Aaron Rizzieri, *The Role of Justification in Animal and Reflective Knowledge*. PhD, 2009. Committee Member.
- 14.** Joel Dendiu, Portfolio. MA, 2009. Committee Member.
- 13.** Joseph Kim, *A Properly Functioning Exclusivism*. PhD. 2008. Committee Member.
- 12.** Frank Schwartz, Portfolio. MA, 2008. Committee Member.
- 11.** Ian Vandeventer, *Contextualism and the Lottery Problem*. MA, 2008. Committee Member.

10. Heidi Speck, *Contextualism: The Contingent A Priori Knowledge Problem*. PhD. 2007. Committee Member.
9. Bach Ho, *A Critical Examination of Ruth Chang's Theory of Comprehensive Values*. MA, 2007. Committee Member.
8. Steven Kolaga, Portfolio. MA, 2007. Committee Member.
7. Chris Burrell, *The Real Importance of What We Care About*. MA, 2006. Committee Member.
6. Michael Multalipassi, *Restricting Contextualism*. MA. 2006. Committee Member.
5. Mark Budolfson, *Knowledge, Norms, and Conditionals*. MA, 2004. Committee Member.
4. Rodney Zeibig, *Are the Poor Justly Treated by Rawls' Priority of the Opportunity Principle*. MA, 2001. Committee Member.
3. Sandra Woien, *Shame, Character, and the Law*. MA, 1999. Committee Member.
2. Jason Eberl, *Pomponazzi on Aquinas' Interpretation of Aristotle's De anima*. MA, 1998. Committee Member.
1. Jan-Erik Jones, *Putnam and Determinate Reference*. MA, 1997. Committee Member.

## GENERAL ADVISING AND MENTORING

10. Consciousness Club, Arizona State University Student Club. Faculty advisor, 2022.
9. Faculty Mentor, for PhD student Harits Hasra. 2021-2022.
8. Faculty Mentor, for PhD student Triston Hanna. 2020-2021.
7. Eyman State Prison Teaching Internships, 2015- 2016. Instructor for Haggeo Cadenas. Prison teaching program to provide non-credit courses to inmates.
6. Eyman State Prison Teaching Internships, 2014-2015. Instructor for Adam Betts, Carson Calloway, Gregory Yanke. Prison teaching program to provide non-credit courses to inmates.
5. Preparing Future Faculty Program, 2010-2011. Mentor to Chris Maesky. Wrote recommendation letter to PFFP, reviewed and helped with assignments in the program. Chris is the first philosophy PhD student in PFFP.
4. Sun Angel Foundation Undergraduate Humanities Research Award, 2008. Advisor to Michael Augustin. Michael received \$2000.00. I directed his research project in an independent study (PHI 499). Michael went on to enroll in a MA program in Classics at Georgia State University. He took a PhD at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is now Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Pennsylvania State University.
3. UGEM Summer Research Fellowship Award, 2006. Mentor to Christopher Burrell. I directed his summer research project in an independent study (PHI 499).
2. Reach for the Stars Fellowship, 2004-2006. Mentor to Christopher Burrell. I recruited and advised and helped Chris in the MA and PhD program. He is now an instructor at ASU's Downtown Phoenix Campus in the School of Letters and Sciences.
1. Sun Angel Foundation Undergraduate Humanities Research Award, 1997. Advisor to Joshua Reynolds. Joshua received \$1000.00. I directed his research project in an independent study (PHI 499). Joshua went on to enroll in a PhD program in Classics at Princeton University.

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