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### Education

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#### **University of California, Irvine**

PhD. Philosophy 2022-*Present*

Dissertation: *On Trial: Punishment, Proof, and the Epistemic Stakes of Justice*

Committee: Jeffrey Helmreich(Chair), Duncan Pritchard, Aaron James, Ken Simons

#### **San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA**

M.A., Philosophy and Certificate in Ethical Issues in Artificial Intelligence 2020

Thesis: *An Aretaic Approach to Legal Epistemology*

Committee: Carlos Montemayor(Chair), Justin Tiwald, Wendy Salkin(Stanford)

#### **University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA**

J.D., 2018

#### **St. John's University, Jamaica, NY**

B.A., Philosophy 2015

### Research Areas

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*Areas of Specialization:* Philosophy of Law, Ethics, Philosophy of Education

*Areas of Competence:* Political Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

### Teaching Experience

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#### ***Cal State University, San Marcos***

Instructor of Record:

**Introduction to Critical Thinking:**(Eight Sections) Fall 2025(X4), Spring 2026(X4)

**Philosophy of Technology:** Spring 2026

#### ***Cal State University, Fullerton***

Instructor of Record:

**Logic:** Fall 2025

**Introduction to Critical Thinking:**(Two Sections) Fall 2025. Spring 2026

**AI, Ethics, and Robots:** Spring 2026

## ***University of California, Irvine***

### Instructor of Record:

**Contemporary Moral Problems:** Summer 2025

### Teaching Assistant:

**Topics in Aesthetics**(Paul Taylor) Spring 2025(at UCLA)

**Latinx Philosophy**(Robert Sanchez) Winter 2025(at UCLA)

**Introduction to Moral Philosophy**(Jeff Helmreich) Fall 2024

**Introduction to Philosophy** (Duncan Pritchard) Summer 2024, Summer 2025

**Law & Society** (Jeff Helmreich) Spring 2024, Summer 2025

**Puzzles & Paradoxes** (Ari Koslow) Winter 2024

**Introduction to Ethics** (Jeff Helmreich) Fall 2023

## **San Francisco State University**

### Instructor of Record:

**Philosophy of Criminal Law:** Spring 2021

**Great Thinkers: East and West:** Fall 2019

**Introduction to Philosophy:** (Two Sections) Summer 2019, Spring 2020

**Introduction to Critical Thinking:** (Four Sections) Spring 2019(x2), Fall 2019, Spring 2020

### Teaching Assistant:

***Ethics in Science & Technology:*** Fall 2018-Spring 2019(James Blackmon)

***Environmental Ethics:*** Fall 2019(Joel Kassiola)

## **Fellowships, Awards, and Honors**

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### **University of California, Irvine**

Gregory Kavka Award-2024 \$500

Eugene Cota Robles Fellowship 2022-*Present* 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year fellowship, 4 Years of Summer Stipend.

WAC+WID Graduate Scholars Program Winter 2024-Spring 2024 \$5,000

### **San Francisco State University**

Distinguished Achievement Award 2020

Graduate Equity Scholarship 2019 \$2,000

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Fellowship 2019 \$3,000

Jason Zarri Award 2019 \$1,000

Vincent Constantino University Scholarship 2019 \$500

### **University of Pittsburgh**

Ronald D. Ecker Memorial Award 2017 \$500

Marshall-Brennan Fellow 2016

### **Commentary**

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Commentary-2024 **Ideologies and Belief** Graduate Workshop, “Ideology and Fragmented Psychology”, by Anugya Sood

Commentary- **The Giles T. Brown Student Project & Research Symposium**, Orange Coast College, Evaluator, April 2024

Chairperson & Commenter, Session on **Care, Trust, and Forgiveness** American Philosophical Association Pacific Division March 2024

Commentary- 2024 **UCI Graduate Conference in Philosophy**, UCI DOP, & LPS “Chicanx Triangulation: Distinct from Double Consciousness?” By Leonel Alvarez Ceja February 2024

Chairperson-, Session on **Consciousness and Enhancement** American Philosophical Association Central Division February 2022

### **Presentations**

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“Just Law” *Rights and Wrongs: A Constitution Day Conference*, San Francisco State University Sept 2019

“Truth, Irony, and Practical Wisdom” *To What End?*, University of Notre Dame July 2019

“Effective Equality and Liberty” *Rights and Wrongs: A Constitution Day Conference*, San Francisco, September 2018

### **Service**

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#### **University of California, Irvine**

Graduate supervisor for *Falsafa: An Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*, UCI 2024-*present*

Associated Graduate Students, Council Member, Presidential Committee and Planning and Budget Committee 2024-*Present*

Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department 2023-2024

TH!NK Graduate Coordinator and Instructor 2023-*Present*

Ethics Bowl Coach 2022-*Present*

### **San Francisco State University**

Philosophy Instructor Project Rebound, San Francisco State University Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Lead Graduate Teaching Associate, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

### **University of Pittsburgh**

Constitutional Literacy Fellow Fall 2016-Spring 2017 Marshall-Brennan Program

### **Graduate Coursework**

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#### **UC Irvine:**

First Year Proseminar (Duncan Pritchard)

Philosophy of Language: Speech Acts (Kate Ritchie)

Plato's *Phaedo* (Casey Perin)

Medical Epistemology (Sven Bernecker)

Wittgenstein: Philosophical Investigations (Annalisa Coliva & Anna Boncompagni)

Hard Problem of Ethics (Jeff Helmreich & David W. Smith)

Philosophy of Rights (Margaret Gilbert)

Forms of War (David Pan)

Religious Hinges (Annalisa Coliva)

Blameless Wrongs (Jeff Helmreich)

Money (Aaron James)

Large Language Models & Philosophy of Language (Kenny Easwaran)

Nicomachean Ethics (Casey Perin)

Legal Epistemology (Jeff Helmreich)

Women in the History of Analytic Philosophy (Anna Boncompagni)

Leibniz & Clarke (Juan Garcia Torres)

Consent: Legal and Moral Dimensions (Ken Simons)

The Human Person (Anastatia Berg)

#### **San Francisco State University:**

Philosophical Writing (David Landy)

Philosophy of Language, Culture, & Society: Ideology (Ásta)

Neo-Confucianism & Buddhism (Justin Tiwald)

Independent Study: Prison Industrial Complex (Wendy Salkin)

Du Bois & Democracy (Wendy Salkin)

Public Philosophy (Ásta)

Philosophical Issues in AI (Carlos Montemayor)  
Applications in AI (Carlos Montemayor)

**University of Pittsburgh:**

Jurisprudence (Jesse Allen)

Kant: Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals (Stephen Engstrom)

Hegel: A Spirit of Trust (Robert Brandom)

19<sup>th</sup> Century German Idealism (Robert Brandom)

**Professional References**

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Jeff Helmreich

Associate Professor, Philosophy and Law

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