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Curriculum Vitae

Sam Houston State University, Department of Philosophy and Psychology

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2014-Present

### EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Philosophy, Spring 2014, Texas A&M University

Dissertation Title: "John Stuart Mill's Sanction Utilitarianism: a Philosophical and Historical Interpretation"

Dissertation Director: Linda Radzik

M.A., History, 2012, Texas A&M University

Thesis Title: "The Misplaced Role of 'Utilitarianism' in John Stuart Mill's Utilitarianism"

Thesis Director: R.J.Q. Adams

M.A., Philosophy, 2008, Ohio University

Thesis Title: "MacIntyre, Virtue, and Liberalism: A Response to Schneewind"

Thesis Director: James Petrik

B.A., Philosophy, 2006, Bethel College (IN) *Summa cum laude*

B.A., English, 2006, Bethel College (IN) *Summa cum laude*

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

John Stuart Mill, Ethical Theory, Social and Political Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Applied Ethics, Critical Thinking, Moral Responsibility, Introductory Logic, Ancient Philosophy

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Sam Houston State University:

-Instructor for *Critical Thinking* (sole responsibility): three semesters, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

-Instructor for *Introduction to Contemporary Logic* (sole responsibility): one semester, Fall 2014

-Instructor for *Introduction to Philosophy* (sole responsibility): two semesters, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

-Instructor for *Philosophical Readings: The Nature of Justice* (sole responsibility): one semester, Fall 2015

Texas A&M University:

-Instructor for upper division *Ethical Theory* (sole responsibility): three semesters, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014

-Instructor for upper division *Social and Political Philosophy* (sole responsibility): one semester, Fall 2011

-Instructor for *Introduction to Philosophy* (sole responsibility): four semesters, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2012 (Honors section); Fall 2012 (first-generation college students section)

-Instructor for *Introduction to Logic* (sole responsibility): six semesters, Summer 2009, Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Summer 2011; Summer 2012; Summer 2013

- Instructor for *Contemporary Moral Issues* (sole responsibility): one semester, Spring 2011
- Teaching Assistant for: *Nineteenth Century European History*: one semester, Summer 2011
- Teaching Assistant for: *Introduction to Philosophy*: two semesters: Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Ohio University:

- Instructor for *Principles of Reasoning* (sole responsibility): six quarters, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Bethel College:

- Teaching Assistant for: *Introduction to Philosophy*: two semesters, Fall 2005-Spring 2006
- Teaching Assistant for: *Logic and Critical Thinking*: one semester, Spring 2005

**HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS:**

- Co-Principle Investigator on Assessment Mini-Grant** (\$1000), The Office of Academic Planning and Assessment at Sam Houston State University, Spring 2015-Fall 2015
- Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Teaching**, The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, Spring 2013
- Winner of the Graduate Student Essay Contest**, Texas A&M Department of Philosophy, Spring 2013
- Graduate Assistantship**, Texas A&M Department of Philosophy, Fall 2008-Spring 2014
- Melbern G. Glasscock Graduate Travel to Conference Grant**, Texas A&M University, Spring 2010
- Idus Murphee Award for Commitment to Philosophical Literature**, Ohio University Philosophy Department, Spring 2008
- Graduate Assistantship**, Ohio University Philosophy Department, Fall 2006-Spring 2008
- Research in English Award**, Bethel College English Department, Spring 2006
- Philosophy Major Award**, Bethel College Philosophy Department, Spring 2005

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- “Thinking Critically about What (Arguably) Matters: Teaching Critical Thinking about Politics, Morality, and Self-Deception” International Conference for Critical Thinking and Education Reform, Berkeley CA, July 2015
- “Sensitive Virtues for Vulnerable Agents: Comments on Adam Morton’s *Bounded Thinking: Intellectual Virtues for Limited Agents*” Central APA, St. Louis, MO, February 2015
- “J.S. Mill’s Not Necessarily Utilitarian Theory of Wrongdoing” Sam Houston State University, February 2015
- “The Misplaced Role of ‘Utilitarianism’ in J.S. Mill’s Utilitarianism” Sam Houston State University Department of Psychology and Philosophy, May 2014
- “J.S. Mill’s Not Necessarily Utilitarian Theory of Moral Wrong” Texas A&M University Department of Philosophy, January 2014
- “J.S. Mill’s Ecumenical ‘Utilitarianism’ and his Curious Final Chapter” Lehigh University Department of Philosophy, October 2013
- “The Misplaced Role of ‘Utilitarianism’ in John Stuart Mill’s Utilitarianism” Texas A&M University Department of Philosophy Graduate Student Colloquium, April 2013
- “Minding and Liking Non-Humans” Conference Presentation (with TJ Kasperbauer), Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA, April 2010

**SERVICE:**

- Essay Reviewer for *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines*, Fall 2014
- Graduate Student Representative to Texas A&M Graduate Program Advisory Committee, Summer 2012-Summer 2013

- Evaluator for Faculty Teaching Awards for the Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Awards Selection Committee, Winter 2012-Summer 2013
- Member of 'Graduate Students in Philosophy' Organization at Texas A&M Department of Philosophy, Fall 2012-Present
- Member of Texas A&M Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Committee, Fall 2011-Spring 2012
- Academic Life Representative to Student Council at Bethel College, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
- Undergraduate Representative to Faculty Academic Counsel at Bethel College, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

## REFERENCES:

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