

# Mike Ashfield

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Utah State University  
Department of History, Cultures, and Ideas  
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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., *Philosophy*, University of Southern California, Conferred May 2022 (Defended August 2021)  
Dissertation: "[The Virtue of Reasonableness](#)," Supervised by Ralph Wedgwood; see [ABSTRACT](#)

M.A., *Philosophy*, Northern Illinois University, August 2013

M.A., *Theology*, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, May 2009

Thesis: "[Must a Good God be Moral? An Exploration of Agatheism](#)," Supervised by Bill Brackney (Theology, Acadia Divinity College) & Stephen Maitzen (Philosophy, Acadia University)

B.A. with Distinction, *Philosophy & Great Books*, St. Thomas University, May 2005

**AOS** Value Theory, Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy

**AOC** Applied Ethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Mind, Logic, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic

### EMPLOYMENT

Utah State University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2022–present

Utah State University, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2021–2022

University of New Brunswick, Instructor, 2019–2021

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### SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Honors Faculty Fellow (Inaugural Cohort), USU Honors Program, 2025–28

[Reputation Catalyst Subvention Grant](#), USU College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHaSS), 2024

Teacher of the Year, USU Department of Communication Studies & Philosophy (CSPH), 2024

Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society for Philosophers

Graduate Fellow, USC Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, 2020–21

Research Assistantship, USC Graduate School, 2018–19

Competitive Summer Research Grant, USC Graduate School, 2018

Competitive Teaching Assistantship, USC Joint Educational Project, 2017–18

General Education Graduate Assistant Award, 2016–17

Provost's Ph.D. Fellowship, USC Graduate School, 2012–17

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2012–16

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Northern Illinois University, 2012

Graduate Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, 2010–12

Golden 'A' Award, Acadia University, 2007–08; one of three awarded University-wide

Renewable Entrance Scholarship, Acadia Divinity College, 2006–08

Outstanding Scholar Award, St. Thomas University, 2004–05

Fredericton Community Foundation Scholarship, St. Thomas University, 2003–04

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## RESEARCH

### Publications

- “Five Problems for the Moral Consensus on Sins,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 90 (3) (December 2021): 157–189; DOI: [10.1007/s11153-021-09795-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11153-021-09795-x).
- “Against the Minimalistic Reading of Epistemic Contextualism: A Reply to Wolfgang Freitag,” *Acta Analytica* 28 (1) (March 2013): 111–125; DOI: [10.1007/s12136-012-0153-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-012-0153-5).

### Accepted Peer Reviewed Contributions In Progress

- “A Bare Theism for a Fully General Comparative Philosophy of Religion” (with [Ravi Gupta](#)). In Alan Herbert, Ricardo Silvestre, Benedikt Göcke (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Concepts of God from Indian Traditions*. (Accepted for publication by Oxford University Press, 2027). <https://www.god-and-consciousness.com/publications>.
- “Bare Theism and LDS Philosophical Theology.” In Katie Paxman & Taylor-Grey Miller (Eds.), *Contemporary Philosophy and the Latter-day Saint Tradition* (Accepted for publication by Routledge). <https://ldsphilosophyproject.byu.edu/>.
- “The Problem of Revelatory Evil” (with [Taylor-Grey Miller](#)). In Gilles Beauchamp, Michelle Panchuk, & Maëlle Turbide (Eds.), *Epistemic Injustice and Religious Identities*. (Accepted for publication in Bloomsbury Academic’s “Expanding Philosophy of Religion” series, 2026. J. Aaron Simmons and Kevin Schilbrack (Eds.).) <https://www.lecre.umontreal.ca/en/epistemic-injustice-and-religious-identities/>.

### Selected Refereed Presentations

- “The Divinity of Non-Theistic Deities”  
December 2025 “Philosophy, Spirituality & the Meaning of Life,” De La Salle University  
(**Competitive Travel Bursary from the Global Philosophy of Religion Project 2**)  
February 2025 • Concepts of God in Underrepresented Religious Traditions
- “Aptic Normativity: The Right Fit for Abrahamic Righteousness?”  
May 2025 • Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (**SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy Award**)  
March 2025 • Society of Christian Philosophers' Work-in-Progress Series  
June 2024 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers
- “Aptic Normativity: The Right Fit for Confucian Righteousness?”  
April 2025 • Pacific APA Symposium  
November 2024 • Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought  
July 2024 • Summer Seminar in Asian Philosophy and Scholasticism: “Peace, Inside and Out,” Hong Kong Baptist University (**Travel Stipend+USU Heravi Peace Institute Conference Grant**)
- “A Bare Theism for a Fully General Comparative Philosophy of Religion” (with Ravi Gupta)  
May 2024 • God and Consciousness in Indian Traditions, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
(**Reputation Catalyst Subvention Grant, USU College of Humanities & Social Sciences**)
- “Aptic Normativity: The Right Fit for Rightness?”  
October 2024 • Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference  
August 2024 • Metaethics in the Mountains  
March 2024 • Intermountain Philosophy Conference

“Bare Theism and LDS Philosophical Theology”

July 2024 • Tyndale Fellowship Study Group in Phil Religion, Tyndale House, Cambridge

June 2024 • Canadian Philosophical Association

September 2023 • LDS Philosophy Project Workshop, BYU

“Run-About Theological Inference Tickets” (with Taylor-Grey Miller)

December 2023 • Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group

“Revelatory Evils and the Goodness of God” (with Taylor-Grey Miller)

June 2023 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

“The Good, the Bad, and the Sinful”

July 2023 • Tyndale Fellowship Study Group in Phil Religion, Tyndale House, Cambridge

May 2023 • Canadian Philosophical Association

March 2023 • Intermountain Philosophy Conference

“Reasonableness Ain’t All in the Head: Epistemic Externalism for Liberal Anti-Perfectionists”

February 2022 • Intermountain Philosophy Conference

October 2021 • Mind Association & the Aristotelian Society: “Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology”

“Liberal Virtues”

May 2021 • Canadian Section of the IVR

“Sin as a Harm to Relationships”

May 2021 • Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference

“Is there a group-level analogue of manslaughter? Can it be a form of genocide?”

May 2019 • Canadian Section of the IVR

“Enemies of a Loving God: Amatory Christian Theology”

October 2019 • SLU Graduate Student Conference: “Justice and Philosophy of Religion”

October 2018 • 4th Theistic Ethics Workshop (**All Expenses Paid**)

June 2018 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

“On the Epistemic Status of Reasonable Disagreement: Reply to Enoch”

September 2016 • MANCEPT Workshop on Theories of Public Reason (**Meritorious Bursary**)

August 2016 • Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster presentation)

May 2016 • Canadian Philosophical Association

“Replies to Friedman on the Possibility of a Credal-Theoretic Account of Suspended Judgment”

March 2016 • American Philosophical Association Central Division

October 2015 • UNR Graduate Philosophy Conference (**First Prize for Best Conference Submission**)

“A Credal-Reductive Account of Rational Agnosticism: Reply to Friedman”

May 2015 • Northwest Student Philosophy Conference

April 2015 • Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (**Honorarium**)

“Paradox Lost: Anti-realism, Theism, Fitch’s Paradox, and the Conditional Fallacy”

October 2012 • Society for Exact Philosophy

“Against the Minimalistic Reading of Epistemic Contextualism: A Reply to Wolfgang Freitag”

October 2011 • Illinois Philosophical Association

September 2011 • Central States Philosophical Association

“Emergent Dualism and the Problem of Resurrection”

June 2011 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

### *Critical Commentaries*

- Blake Harris's "Are Subjectivists and Objectivists About Well-Being Getting at the Same Concept?" Central APA, 2025
- Martin Montminy's "Harm, Relevant Alternatives and Normativity," CPA, 2024
- Lindsay Crawford's "Doxastic Wronging in Reasoning About Others," Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, 2023
- Lea Bourguignon's "On the Possibility of Act Contractualism," RoME Congress, 2023
- Paul Garofolo's "Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics," USC/Shandong Workshop, 2022
- Matt Weiner's "Secondary Propriety and the Goals of Assertion," VSPC, 2022
- Arjun Sawhney's "Policing in the Age of Algorithms," CS-IVR, 2022
- Mark Satta's "A Disjunctive Argument Against Conjoining Belief Impermissivism and Credal Impermissivism," Mountains-Plains Philosophy Conference, 2021
- Nicole Dular's "Mansplaining as Epistemic Injustice," Central APA, 2020
- Julian Jonker's "Discrimination at a Distance: Vicarious Wrongs and the Comparative Test for Discrimination," Central APA, 2019
- James Fritz's "Uncertainty, Belief, and Ethical Risk," Eastern APA, 2019
- Rima Basu's "What We Epistemically Owe To Each Other," VSPC, 2018
- Travis Lacroix & Cailin O'Connor's "On the Role of Power in the Evolution of Inequitable Norms," CPA, 2018
- David Rouchelleau Houle's "Scanlon, Pure Normative Claims, and Necessity," CPA, 2018
- Georgi Gardiner's "Safety, Sensitivity, and Legal Standards of Proof," Universität zu Köln: "Rationality and Reasonableness," 2018 (**Graduate Respondent Honorarium**)
- Chris Dragos's "Extended (Group) Knowledge," CPA, 2017
- Amelia Hicks's "Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison," RoME Congress, 2016
- Eric Mathison's "Desires and Ill-Being," CPA, 2016
- Wesley Cragg's "Reshaping the Social Contract," CS-IVR, 2016

### *Workshops and Summer Institutes*

- Summer Seminar in Asian Philosophy and Scholasticism, HKBU, July 2024 (**Most Expenses Paid with additional support from USU Heravi Peace Institute**)
- Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy (NEWLAMP), July 2023
- Fourth Theistic Ethics Workshop, Wake Forest University, October 2018 (**All Expenses Paid**)
- International Rationality Summer Institute 2, Irsee, Germany, September 2018 (**All Expenses Paid**)

### *Selected Invited Non-Refereed Presentations*

- Panelist: "Civility & Ethics," Richard Richards Institute for Ethics, Weber State U, March 2025
- "[Bare Theism and LDS Philosophical Theology](#)," USU Philosophy Colloquium, December 2024
- "The Good, the Bad, and the Sinful: On the Evaluative Status of Sinfulness and Righteousness" BYU Philosophy Colloquium, January 2023

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## TEACHING HONORS, TRAINING, & SERVICE

### *Teaching Honors & Certifications*

Teacher of the Year, USU Department of Communication Studies & Philosophy (CSPH), 2024  
 Master Teacher Certificate, [USU Center for Empowering Teaching Excellence](#) (ETE), 2024  
 Teaching Scholar Certificate, ETE, 2024  
 Competitive Service-Learning Teaching Assistantship, [USC Joint Educational Project](#), 2017–18  
[USC University-Wide General Education Graduate Teaching Assistant Award](#), 2016–17

### *Professional Teaching Presentations*

Panelist: “Deliberating about What Matters: Case Studies and Community,” Public Philosophy Network, October 2025  
 “Ethics Bowl as a Class” with Rachel Robison Greene, 2025 Ethics Bowl Summer Workshop  
 Panelist: “[The Virtue\(s\) of Courage in Teaching](#)” USU Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference: “The Courage to Teach,” August 2024  
 Panelist: “Okay, but can we talk about ChatGPT?” CogTeacho: Teaching Philosophy as ...: [The Cogtweeto Philosophy Workshop Series](#) (@CogtweetoSeries), August 2023

### *Selected Training & Professional Development*

[Springboard to Action!](#) Building a Better Syllabus Workshop, ETE, March 2024  
 LGBT+ Allies on Campus Training, [USU Inclusion Center](#), March 2024  
 Trans Allies on Campus Training, USU Inclusion Center, February 2024  
 Great IDEAs: Getting the most from IDEA student ratings of instruction, ETE, November 2023  
 Sparkshop: Creating Equitable Classroom Policies, ETE, November 2023  
 Inclusive Excellence Symposium, [USU Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#), October 2023  
 One-on-one Consultations about Canvas Design (Jennifer Paskett), [USU Center for Instructional Design and Innovation](#) (CIDI), September 2023 & November 2022  
 Solicited [Student Collaborators on Teaching](#) Classroom Observations (PHIL 3600 & PHIL 2400), ETE, Spring & Fall 2023 Semesters  
[Teaching Documentation Workshop](#), USU Office of the Provost, May 2023  
[LAUNCH: Student Engagement and Learning Strategies Collaboration](#), ETE, May 2023  
[Springboard to Action!](#) Rethinking Student Assessment Workshop, ETE, March 2023  
 One-on-one IDEA Course Evaluation Consultation (Nathan Laursen), [USU Office of Data & Analytics](#), February 2023  
 One-on-One Community Engaged Learning Course Design Consultation (Nelda Ault-Dyslin), [Community Engaged Learning](#) (CEL), November 2022  
 Community Engaged Faculty Roundtable, CEL, September 2022  
 Writing Outcomes for Assessment (Amy Carpenter), CIDI, September 2022  
[Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference](#), ETE, August 2022  
 Teaching Political Philosophy With Role-Immersion: A Training Conference, UCSD, June 2022

### *Teaching-Related Service*

USU Honors Book Lab: Alex Guerrero (2024) *Lottocracy: Democracy without Elections*. Oxford University Press, June 2025  
 Co-Leader with [Jason Gilmore](#) and [Sidi Becar Meyara](#), [USU Civil Rights Pilgrimage: “Bridging and](#)

["Reconciling Human Difference,"](#) March 2025  
Co-Instructor with [Michael Otteson](#), *Socrates and the Good Life*, [USU Summer Citizens](#) 2024/25  
Instructor and Undergrad Mentor (Mentee: [Lindsey Bach](#)), *Intro to Ethics* (Spring 2019) and  
Co-Instructor, *Intro to Philosophy* (Fall 2020) with [Vishnu Sridharan](#), Santa Fe Springs  
Women's Custody-to-Community Transitional Reentry Facility, [USC Prison Education Project](#)  
Co-Teacher, [Corrupt the Youth—Los Angeles](#), Youth Education Department, Los Angeles LGBT  
Center, 2018–19  
Co-creator and Co-organizer with [Rima Basu](#) and [Maegan Fairchild](#), inaugural *Ethics Boot Camp:  
Developing Your Ethical Toolkit*, USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, Spring 2016

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor of Record*

Utah State University, Department of Communication Studies & Philosophy

USU 1010 *University Connections* (First Year College Experience)

PHIL 1000 *Introduction to Philosophy*

PHIL 2400 *Ethics* (Introduction to Normative Ethical Theory)

PHIL 3500 *Healthcare Ethics*

PHIL 3530 *Environmental Ethics*

PHIL 3540 *Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl* (Co-Instructed with [Rachel Robison Greene](#))

PHIL 3550 *Philosophy in the Public Square*

PHIL 3600 *Philosophy of Religion*

PHIL 3700 *Political Philosophy*

PHIL 4500 *Advanced Ethical Theory*

Complete Utah State University IDEA Student Evaluations available [here](#)

University of Southern California, Summer Programs

CORE 195 *Ethical Business Strategies*; co-instructed once with [Rima Basu](#)

### *Undergraduate Research Supervision*

Zachary Zito, [USU Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities \(URCO\) Grant](#), 2024

Miranda Judson, PHIL 4910 *Directed Readings (LDS Philosophical Theology)*, Spring 2024

### *Instructor (Tutorial Instruction, Tutoring in Office Hours, and Grading)*

University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Arts

ARTS 1002 *Development of Western Thought II* (Megan Woodworth)

ARTS 1000 *Development of Western Thought* (Sean Kennedy & Carolyn MacDonald)

University of Southern California, Department of Philosophy

PHIL 140 *Contemporary Moral and Social Issues* (Jake Ross)

PHIL 155 *Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life* (Steve Finlay)

PHIL 174 *Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice* (Jon Quong)

PHIL 220 *Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind* (Zlatan Damjanovic)

PHIL 288 *Love and its Representation in Western Literature, Film, & Philosophy* (Ed McCann)

Overall Average USC Student Evaluation Score: 4.65/5 ([Complete USC student evals](#))

*Teaching Assistant (Grading & Tutoring in Office Hours; No institutional evals conducted)*

Northern Illinois University, Department of Philosophy

PHIL 101 *Introduction to Philosophy* (Tomis Kapitan)

PHIL 105 *Logic and Critical Reasoning* (John Beaudoin)

PHIL 231 *Contemporary Moral Issues* (Jason Hanna)

PHIL 231 *Contemporary Moral Issues* (Nicoleta Apostol)

PHIL 390 *Sex, Gender and Love* (Sharon Sytsma)

*Other Teaching Experience*

Dalhousie University

Teaching Assistant, PHIL 2260 *Philosophy of Art* (Carmel Forde), Fall 2020

University of Southern California

Graduate Service-Learning Teaching Assistant, [USC Joint Educational Project \(JEP\)](#), 2017–18

I developed reflective curricula for JEP's service-learning project ([Selected Prompts](#)).

JEP-participating courses allow students to earn credit for serving the community as mini-course instructors or tutors in nearby schools, translators for legal aid services, volunteers with anti-poverty and housing organizations, and health service volunteers.

Students are required to reflect on their service, in light of theories and concepts covered in relevant courses, through reflective essays and discussions led by undergrad Program Assistants (PAs), who I mentored as discussion leaders and graders for:

AMST 252 Black Social Movements in the U.S.

COLT 374 Women Writers in Europe and America

COMM 324 Intercultural Communication

PHIL 166 Current Moral and Social Issues

PHIL 168 The Meaning of Life

PHIL 254 Science, Knowledge and Objectivity

PHIL 431 Law, Society, and Politics

PSYC 355 Social Psychology

SOCI 155 Immigrant America

SOCI 353 Public Policy and the Criminal Justice System

SOCI 360 Social Inequality: Class, Status, and Power

St. Thomas University

Research Assistant (Grader and Occasional Lecturer for Christine Cornell), 2008–10

ENGL 1006 *Intro to English Literature*

ENGL 2513 *Development of Science Fiction*

ENGL 3386 *16<sup>th</sup> Century Poetry and Prose*

GRID 3106 *Love & Friendship*

GRID 3206 *Human Nature and Technology*

GRID 4903 *Honours Seminar: The Inklings*

Writing Tutor, St. Thomas University Writing Centre, 2008–10

Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University

Research Assistant (Grader and Online Course Assistant to Glenn Wooden), 2007–08

BIBL 5013/23 *Intro to the Old Testament 1 & 2*

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## SERVICE

### *Selected Professional Service*

#### Conferences Co-Organized

- USC-UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, 2018
- Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University, 2011

#### Selected Other Service

- Judge, Intercollegiate National Bioethics Bowl, 2025
- Judge, APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Championships, 2025
- Judge, Rocky Mountain/Wasatch Regional Ethics Bowl, 2021, 2023, and 2024
- Referee, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Religious Studies*, *Phil Quarterly*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*
- Referee & Invited Commentator, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, 2018–22
- Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Summer 2018–Fall 2019
- Admin, [Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association \(ARPA\) Facebook page](#), 2015–19

### *Selected Departmental Service*

- Event Organizer, “[Ask Us Anything](#)” a Public Panel in Honor of World Philosophy Day with the USU Philosophy Faculty, Hosted and Co-Sponsored by Logan Library, 2024 ([UPR Interview](#))
- Event Organizer, [Grad School Info Session: A Panel with USU Philosophy Faculty & Alumni](#), 2024
- Event Organizer, [Philosophy Homecoming Hike](#), 2023–24
- Series Organizer, [USU Philosophy Colloquia](#), 2024–25
- Awards Committee, USU Communication Studies & Philosophy (CSPH), 2024
- Hiring Committee (Tenure-Track Search), USU CSPH, 2023–24
- Co-Chair, Curriculum Review Committee, USU CSPH, 2022–present
- Section Activity Coordinator, “Come Home to CHaSS” Homecoming Festivities, 2022–2023
- Hiring Committee (Tenure-Track Search), USU CSPH, 2022–23
- Grad Mentor, [USC Gathering Philosophers in Southern California Inaugural Workshop](#), 2018
- Grad Student Representative, Graduate Committee, USC Philosophy Department, 2016–17
- Vice President, Pegasus: USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2015–16
- Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) USC Chapter Committee Member, 2014–2016
- Graduate Student Advisory Council, Department of Philosophy, NIU, 2011

### *Selected University Service*

- General Education Breadth & Depth Humanities Subcommittee, CHaSS, 2024–present
- Faculty Senator, CHaSS, USU Faculty Senate, 2023–2026
- Communications Committee, USU Faculty Senate, 2023–2026
- University Calendar Committee, Utah State University, 2023–2026
- Reviewer, [URCO Grants](#), USU Office of Research, 2024
- Admissions Reviewer, USU Honors Program, 2024–present
- Evaluator, [USU Student Research Symposia](#), USU Office of Research, 2023–present
- Co-creator and Co-organizer with [Rima Basu](#) and [Maegan Fairchild](#), inaugural [Ethics Boot Camp: Developing Your Ethical Toolkit](#), USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, Spring 2016
- Senator, Graduate Student Government, USC 2015–2016
- Academic Affairs Committee Member, Graduate Student Government, USC 2015–2016

Faculty of Theology Student Representative, Acadia University Senate, 2007–2008  
Faculty of Theology Representative, Acadia Students' Union Council, 2007–2008 (**ASU  
Councilor of the Year Award**)

*Professional Association Memberships*

American Philosophical Association  
Canadian Philosophical Association

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**GRADUATE COURSEWORK & EXAMINATIONS**

*Social & Political Philosophy*

PHIL 530 *Law and Philosophy Workshop* (Andrei Marmor & Alex Sarch, USC)  
PHIL 530 *Law and Philosophy Workshop* (Jonathan Quong & Gary Watson, USC)  
PHIL 537 *Social and Political Philosophy* (Jonathan Quong, USC)  
PHIL 590 *Directed Reading: Public Reason* (Jonathan Quong, USC)  
Qualifying Exam and Doctoral Dissertation Defense of “The Virtue of Reasonableness” (USC)

*Epistemology & Metaphysics*

PHIL 501 *Belief and Degree of Belief* (Kenny Easwaran, USC)  
PHIL 570 *Rational Belief* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)  
PHIL 552 *Metaphysics of Science* (Carl Gillett, NIU)  
PHIL 611 *Epistemology* (Mylan Engel Jr., NIU)  
PHIL 612 *Metaphysics* (Alicia Finch, NIU)  
Comprehensive Exam in Metaphysics & Epistemology (NIU)

*Ethics & Value Theory*

PHIL 501 *Rational Choice* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)  
PHIL 503 *Intro to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)  
PHIL 560 *Metaphysics for Moral Philosophers* (Kadri Vihvelin, USC)  
Area Exam in Normative and Applied Ethics (Jonathan Quong & Ralph Wedgwood, USC)  
PHIL 631 *Advanced Ethical Theory* (Steve Daskal, NIU)  
Comprehensive Exam in Ethics (NIU)  
THEO 6013 *Intro to Christian Ethics* (Bill Brackney, Acadia)

*Logic, Language, & Mind*

PHIL 450 *Intermediate Symbolic Logic: Metatheory* (Kenny Easwaran, USC)  
PHIL 499 *Modal Logic* (Gabriel Uzquiano, USC)  
PHIL 504 *Philosophy of Language* (Geoff Pynn, NIU)  
PHIL 505 *Intermediate Logic* (David Buller, NIU)  
PHIL 640 *Philosophy of Mind* (Carl Gillett, NIU)  
PHIL 691 *Special Topics: Truth* (David Buller, NIU)  
PHIL 691 *Special Topics: Paradoxes* (Valia Allori, NIU)  
Comprehensive Exam in Philosophy of Science, Language, & Mind (NIU)

### *History*

PHIL 411 *Plato* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)  
PHIL 500 *Intro to Contemporary Philosophical Literature* (Scott Soames & Gabriel Uzquiano, USC)  
PHIL 520 *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid* (James Van Cleve, USC)  
PHIL 529 *Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy* (David Buller, NIU)  
CHUR 5013/23 *Church History to/since the Reformation* (Bob Wilson, Acadia)

### *Biblical Studies & Theology*

BIBL 5013/23 *Intro to the Old Testament 1 & 2* (Ken Penner, Acadia)  
BIBL 6013/23 *Intro to the New Testament 1 & 2* (Craig Evans, Acadia)  
BIBL 7323 *Special Topics: The Biblical Canon* (Lee McDonald, Acadia)  
BIBL 7533 *Life and Letters of Paul* (Craig Evans, Acadia)  
GREE 6006 *New Testament Greek Grammar* (Greg Herrick, Acadia)  
THEO 6203/13 *Systematic Theology 1 & 2* (Bill Brackney, Acadia)  
THEO 7513 *Points of Contact: Understanding World Religions* (Bruce Matthews, Acadia)  
Master's Thesis Defense of "Must a Good God be Moral? An Exploration of Agatheism" (Acadia)

### *Professional Development*

PHIL 589 *Writing for Publication in Philosophy* (John Hawthorne, USC)  
PHIL 593 *Teaching Philosophy* (Mark Schroeder, USC)  
IDST 7053/63 *Research Methods 1 & 2* (Carol Anne Janzen, Acadia)

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## REFERENCES

Dr. Ralph Wedgwood, Ph.D.  
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Dr. Mark Schroeder, Ph.D.  
Professor, USC Dornsife School of Philosophy  
Dissertation Committee Member  
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Dr. Jonathan Quong, D.Phil  
Professor, USC Dornsife School of Philosophy & USC Gould School of Law  
Dissertation Committee Member  
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