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Courses

Introduction to core philosophical problems: knowledge; mind; self; free will; God; morality

Ethics: objective foundations; comparative theory; contemporary moral issues

Critical thinking: argument analysis; precision in communication; formal and informal fallacies; evaluating information reliability; class logic; inductive reasoning

All courses start with a philosophical framework unit: basic concepts; objectivity; arguments; basic logic; approach to philosophical discourse

All courses include a scaffolded essay project: argument formulation; argument critique; essay outline; thesis formulation; essay draft with comments; essay final version with grade update

Education and Honors

M.A., Philosophy: University of California, Davis; graduate fellowship

M.B.A.: California State University, Chico; Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society

B.A., Linguistics: University of California, Berkeley; Golden Key international honor society

Teaching Experience

Cosumnes River College: instructor, Spring 2015 to present

Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics; Logic and Critical Reasoning

Sacramento State University: instructor, Fall 2013 to present

Introduction to Philosophy; Ethics; Critical Thinking

Student evaluations: average 4.3 on a 5-point scale

University of California, Davis: teaching assistant, Fall 2011 to Spring 2013

Introduction to Philosophy; Ethical Problems of Contemporary Society; Philosophy of Law

Student evaluations: 65% excellent, 26% very good

Professional Activities

Presentations of "Shoemaker's Three Types: Analysis of Moral Responsibility":

Arizona State Philosophy Graduate Conference, April 2013

Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2013

Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2013

Commentary on "Leiter's Religious Tolerance and Public Education" by Eric Mathison:

Arizona State Philosophy Graduate Conference, April 2013

Presentation of "Disqualification Not Disqualified: Indeterminacy and an Ontological Argument":

Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2012

Davis Group in Ethics and Related Subjects (DaGERS), weekly workshops, 2011-2013.

Community Service

Presenter: Future Philosophers Program – high school visitation to present on topics of philosophy

Treasurer (past): Davis Public Schools Education Foundation; Explorit Science Center

References and teaching letters available upon request.