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EDUCATION

Master of Art: Philosophy

May 2024

University of Toledo – Toledo, Ohio
Specialization Eastern Thought and Continental Philosophy
Granted by way of Final Exam Essays

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology and Religious Studies

December 2018

University of Toledo - Toledo, Ohio - *Cum Laude*
• Dean's List: Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018
• Graduated with Departmental Honors
Honors Thesis Title: "*Zen Satori and the Goal of Non-dualism Examined*"
Comity: Peter Feldmeier and Melissa Gregory

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Ernest W Dewey Memorial Scholarship December 2014
- Academic Year Research Program AYRP Grant May 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Philosophy Instructor

Spring 2021

Introduction to Philosophy, The University of Toledo

- Integrated multimedia approaches and used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical technique.
- Created a lesson plans that encouraged students to think critically and consider how the topics can be engaged in their everyday lives.
- Skillfully maneuvered between both in-classroom lectures and virtual lectures and office hours.

Religious Studies Instructor

Spring 2022

World Religions, The University of Toledo

- Created a class-room culture that emphasized tolerance and open-mindedness.
- Taught various approaches to other religions in traditional comparative work to allow students to learn how to discuss and assess religious belief and practice critically and respectfully.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019

Introduction to Logic, The University of Toledo

Instructor: Nina Atanasova

- Created and graded course assessments to ensure students understood material and stayed on track.
- Mentored and worked closely with students that struggled with course material.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ultimately, I believe my research interests come down how we understand ourselves in the world, and how that plays out for us personally and as a society. By doing comparative East-West Studies, Philosophy of Mind, and more current research such a Continental and Postmodern studies I am able to

ask questions that attempt to take a step back and look at what really makes our lives, and life in general, meaningful.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Series Editor American Philosophical Association Blog (Remote) March 2025- Present

- Leading Work-Life Balance series, coordinating interviews and editing posts for the APA Blog.
- Enhancing content quality through precise editing and effective collaboration.
- Developing professional networks, refining communication and editorial skills.
- Managing publication schedule, ensuring timely content delivery.
- Facilitating member engagement, driving increased participation in series.

Social Psych Research Lab Assistant, University of Toledo , Dr. Jason P. Rose

- Set up laboratory equipment and maintained an environment consistent with ethical standards.
- Facilitated experiments and ran participants in studies.
- Familiar with Statistical Programs (SPSS and Excel) and Survey Methods (Qualtrics and Medialab).

Emerging Philosophers Institute at Cincinnati (EPIC)

- Workshopped with other like-minded students discussing articles, some with the authors.
- Attend lectures and panels on graduate schools and profession preparation.

Ohio Philosophy Association Annual Meeting Program

- Attentively listened to lectures and presentations, asked question and made comments.
- Networked with researchers both faculty and graduate students.

Sunshine Children's Home

- Spent time interacting with a small group of developmental disabled clients at the facility along with their group leader.
- Promoted interpersonal relationship based on respect and patience.

REFERENCES

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