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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

2019-Present

Southern Utah University

EDUCATION

PhD Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy
Dissertation: "Communicative Context and Normativity"

2019

BA Seattle University, Department of Philosophy
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Honors Thesis, "The Reference of Empty Names"

2012

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language (especially Social and Political Philosophy of Language), Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Logic, Epistemology, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Metaphysics

PUBLICATIONS

"Conversational Goals and Internet Trolls." Forthcoming. *Conversations Online*. Edited by Jennifer Saul, Sanford Goldberg, and Patrick Connolly.

"Conversational Cooperation Revisited." 2021. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

"Power Matters." Review of *Words Matter* by Sally McConnell-Ginet. 2021. *Metascience*.

TEACHING

Southern Utah University

The Philosophy and Anthropology of Climate Change (co-taught course; Fall 2024)
Theory of Knowledge (Fall 2023)
Senior Seminar on Philosophy of Action (Spring 2023)
Deductive Logic (Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
Speech Act Theory (Fall 2021)
Mind, Language, and Reality (Fall 2020*, Fall 2022, Fall 2024)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020*, Spring* and Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
Political Philosophy (Spring 2020)
Critical Thinking [formally titled Reasoning and Rational Decision Making] (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2021**, Summer 2022**, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024**, Fall 2024)
Feminist Philosophy (Fall 2019, Fall 2023)

Northwestern University

Introduction to Philosophy (Winter 2019)
Climate Change and Sustainability (Spring 2019)

Guest Lectures

Guest Lecture on Epistemology (with Sean Murphy) in HONR 2010: Knowledge, Spring 2024
Guest Lecture on Philosophy of Time in HONR 2010: Time, Spring 2023
Guest Lecture on Feminist Epistemology in WGS 2010: Intro to Women and Gender Studies, Spring 2020
Guest Lecture on Applied Ethics in SUU 2250: Exploring Humanity Through Nature, Fall 2019

* indicates teaching in a remote synchronous format via zoom

** indicates teaching in a remote asynchronous format

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024	Finalist, Distinguished Service (SUU Thunderbird Award)
2022, 2023, 2024	Faculty Support Fund Travel Grant
2023	Outstanding Educator Award (SUU Thunderbird Award) <i>This award is presented to one full-time faculty member at SUU, indicating outstanding teaching effectiveness; scholarly activity; peer respect from fellow colleagues; sincere interest in students; and professional commitment and service to others and the University overall.</i>

2023 Dean's Summer Research Grant (Southern Utah University College of Humanities and Social Sciences), \$3500

SERVICE

Department and University Service

2023-Present Workload and Faculty Salary Equity Committee, SUU (Interim Chair 2024-Present)

2023-Present College Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, SUU

2019-Present Department Curriculum Committee, Department of Languages and Philosophy, SUU (Chair from 2023-present)

2019-Present Co-Advisor, SUU Philosophy Club

2019-Present, Faculty Co-Organizer, SUU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

2024 Ad Hoc Committee on Programmatic Policy, Department of Languages and Philosophy, SUU

2023 SUU Representative on Quantitative Literacy Committee, USHE "What Is an Educated Person" General Education Conference

2023 Hiring Committee in Philosophy, Department of Languages and Philosophy, SUU

2022 Hiring Committee in Chinese, Department of Languages and Philosophy, SUU

2022 Department Policy Committee, Department of Languages and Philosophy, SUU

2018 Graduate Student Liaison to Search Committee, Philosophy Department, Northwestern University

2014-2018 Organizer, Northwestern University PhLing Philosophy and Linguistics Workgroup

2015-2017 President, Northwestern University Philosophy Graduate Association

2013-2015 Northwestern Philosophy Department Climate Committee (Chair from 2014-2015)

Service to the Profession

2023-Present APA Committee on Women and Gender

2020 Co-organizer, Intermountain Philosophy Conference

2017-2019 APA Graduate Student Council, 2 year term

2018-2019 Graduate Student Council Liaison to the APA Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession

2016-2017 Co-organizer, Women in Philosophy in the Chicago Area (WIPHICA)

Refereeing

Broadview Press, Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Hackett Publishing, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Mind and Language, Noûs, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Theoria

PRESENTATIONS

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- April 2023 “Power, Authority, and Conversational Context,” Seaman Lecture Series, University of Idaho (Invited)
- Dec. 2022 “Power, Authority, and Conversational Context,” New York Philosophy of Language Workshop (Invited)
- July 2022 “Conversational Goals and Internet Trolls,” workshop of contributors to *Conversations Online*
- March 2022 “Conversational Goals and Internet Trolls”, Claremont McKenna College (Invited)
- Feb. 2022 “Power and Linguistic Context,” APA Central Division Meeting
- Oct. 2021 “Witches, Magic, and Philosophical Intuitions,” Cogweirdo (organized as part of the Cogtweeto conference series)
- August 2019 “The Cooperative Principle Revisited,” Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia
- April 2019 “Context, Common Ground, and Consent,” Southern Utah University
- Feb, 2019 “Context and Women’s Speech,” University of San Diego
- July 2018 “The Pragmatics of Ambiguous Consent,” International Social Philosophy Conference, Oakland University
- May 2018 “Power and (mis)communication,” WIPHICA Mini Conference, Northwestern
- April 2018 “The Pragmatics of Ambiguous Consent,” Western Michigan MAP Social and Political Philosophy Workshop
- March 2018 “Cooperation and the Conversational Record,” Mind, Language, and Action Group Graduate Conference II, University of Porto, Portugal
- Feb. 2018 “Cooperation and the Conversational Record,” Graduate Works in Progress Series, Northwestern University

- May 2017 “Metonymy and Deferred Reference,” Fifth International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz, Poland
- March 2017 “Metonymy and Deferred Reference,” Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University
- March 2016 “Meaning Transfer in Deferred Interpretation,” Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University
- Feb. 2016 “Deferred Interpretation and What is Said,” Graduate Works in Progress Series, Northwestern University

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- March 2024 “Philosophical Epistemology and Situated Knowledge: A Conversation on Feminist Epistemology,” Presentation for The Women and Gender Studies Program on International Women’s Day, Southern Utah University
- February 2023 Panelist, “Teaching and the Philosophy Job Market,” The Teaching Hub at the Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- June 2024 Participant, National Endowment of the Humanities Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy, “Native American, Indigenous, and Land-Based Social and Political Philosophy”
- May 2024 Presenter, “Working to Protect Faculty and Staff,” Center For Teaching Innovation’s Learning and Development Session, Southern Utah University
- October 2022 Participant, Summit on Belonging, Southern Utah University
- Nov. 2019 Participant, Pride Alliance Safe Zone Training, Southern Utah University
- June 2018 Participant and Commentator, Athena In Action, a networking and mentoring workshop for graduate student women in philosophy

REFERENCES

Kris Phillips
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Sanford Goldberg

Chester D. Tripp Professor in the Humanities, Northwestern University
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