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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Puget Sound, Department of Philosophy

*Professor* (2018-present)

*James Dolliver NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor* (2022-present)

*Chair* (2014-2017 and 2021-2024)

*Associate Professor* (2012-2018)

*Assistant Professor* (2006-2012)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of Philosophy (2005-2006)

*Visiting Fellow*, Parr Center for Ethics (2005-2006)

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy

*Assistant Instructor* (2004-2005), *Teaching Assistant* (1998-2004)

## EDUCATION

*Ph.D. in Philosophy*, University of Texas at Austin (August 2005)

*M.A. in Philosophy*, University of Texas at Austin (2001)

*B.A., New York University* (1996), *Cum Laude*

Majors: Computer Science, Philosophy / Minor: Mathematics

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS (selected)

*NEH Collaborative Research Grant, Challenges and Opportunities of Technology* for project  
“Robot Existentialism: Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of Rationality” (w/Justin  
Tiehen, 2023-2025)

*James Dolliver National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching  
Professorship*, for the project “The Humanities and Artificial Intelligence” (w/ Justin  
Tiehen, 2022-2025)

*John Lantz Senior Fellowship for Research or Advanced Study* (2020-2021)

*Influential Faculty of Color Award* (selected by graduates of color, Spring 2020)

*Burlington Northern Curriculum Development Grant*, (Summers 2008, 20013, 2017)

*Andrew Mellon Junior Sabbatical Fellowship* (2009-2010 academic year)

## PUBLICATIONS

“Authentic Artificial Love,” w/ Justin Tiehen. *Oxford Intersections: AI in Society* (2025)

“Existentialist Risk and Value Misalignment,” w/ Justin Tiehen. *Philosophical Studies*,  
special issue on AI Safety (2024)

“Value alignment, Human Enhancement, and Moral Revolutions,” w/ Justin Tiehen.  
*Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, special issue New Work on the  
Philosophy of AI (2023)

“Existential Choices and Practical Reason.” *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of  
Philosophy* (2023)

“Environmental racism: A causal and historical account.” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 52:4  
(2021)

- "Ethical Machines?" *Seattle University Law Review* 41:4 (2018)
- "Nietzsche and Self-Constitution." In Paul Katsafanas ed. *The Nietzschean Mind*, Routledge (2018)
- "Sound Advice and Internal Reasons." *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 97:2 (2016)
- "Nietzsche's Existentialist Freedom." *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 46:3 (2015)
- "Korsgaard's Constitutive Arguments and the Principles of Practical Reason." *The Philosophical Quarterly* 61:243 (2011)
- "Constitutive Arguments." *Philosophy Compass* 5:8 (2010)
- "Area Prioritization for Biodiversity Conservation in Québec on the Basis of Species Distributions: A Preliminary Analysis" with H. Sarakinos, A.O. Nicholls, A. Aggarwal, C.R. Margules and S. Sarkar. *Biodiversity and Conservation* 10 (2001)

### **Reviews**

- Review of Michael Slote, *From Enlightenment to Receptivity: Rethinking Our Values* (Oxford University Press: 2013). *Ethics* 126:1 (2015)
- Review of Paul Katsafanas, *Agency and the Foundations of Ethics: Nietzschean Constitutivism* (Oxford University Press: 2013). *Philosophy in Review* 34:6 (2014)
- Review of Patrick Frierson, *Freedom and Anthropology in Kant's Moral Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). *Ethics* 119:4 (2009).
- Review of Bernard Reginster, *The Affirmation of Life: Nietzsche on Overcoming Nihilism* (Harvard University Press, 2006). *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 38 (2009).
- Review of David Pugmire, *Sound Sentiments: Integrity in the Emotions* (Oxford University Press, 2005). *Ethics* 117:4 (2007).
- Review of R. Kevin Hill, *Nietzsche's Critiques: The Kantian Foundations of His Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2005). *Ethics* 116:4 (July 2006).

### **Pedagogy**

- "Adventures in Co-Teaching History and Philosophy: Evolution and Ethics" with Kristin Johnson. *History of Science Society Newsletter* Vol. 41, No. 4 (2012)

### **PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

- "Existential Choices in *Homo ex Machina*," *Bioethics Symposium*, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison WI (forthcoming, April, 2025).
- "AI Value Alignment and Misalignment," *Celebration of Creative Inquiry*, Meeting of the Board of Trustees, University of Puget Sound (February, 2025.)
- "Ethics of AI Use in Medicine and Healthcare," with Justin Tiehen, *Madigan Army Medical Center Bioethics Group*, Lakewood, Washington (July, 2024).
- "Authentic Artificial Love," with Justin Tiehen, *Greater Seattle Area Philosophical Symposium*, University of Washington (May, 2024)
- "Existentialist Risk and Value Misalignment," with Justin Tiehen. *Philosophy, Artificial Intelligence, and Society Workshop*, Stanford University (2023)
- "Dear ChatGPT: Asking AI for Advice," *Loggers Keep Learning*, talk for alumni, Seattle WA (2023)
- "A Philosophical Account of Environmental Racism." Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, New Orleans (2022)
- "Value Alignment and Misalignment" with Justin Tiehen. *Math and Computer Science Seminar Series*. University of Puget Sound (2022)

- “Can AI be a Better Version of Ourselves?” Featured Speaker on Ethics and AI, *Ethics and Broader Implications of Technology Conference*, Kutak Center at University of Nebraska, Lincoln (2019)
- “Existentialist Constitutivism.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC (2019)
- Comments on João Constancio, “Nietzsche on Normativity: ‘Reason’ in the Space of Culture and Taste.” *NYU History of Modern Philosophy Conference: Normativity*, New York (2019)
- “Environmental Racism.” *Ethics and Inclusivity in Sustainability and Bioethics Club*, University of Puget Sound (2018)
- Comments on Roman Altshuler’s “Temporalized Constitutivism and Free Agency.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, San Diego (2018)
- “Ethical Machines?” *Singularity: AI and the Law Conference*, Seattle University Law School (2018)
- Comments on Nathan Hanna’s “Desert’s Moral Significance Reconsidered.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco (2016)
- “Justifying Action Guiding Norms: Constitutivism and Transcendental Arguments.” *Meeting of the Latin American Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Fortaleza, Brazil (2014)
- “Nietzsche’s Existentialist Freedom.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco (2013)
- “Reasons Internalism and Sound Advice.” *Meeting of the Latin American Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2012)
- “Reasons Internalism and Sound Advice.” *Moral Motivation: Evidence and Relevance Conference*, Gothenburg, Sweden (2012)
- Comments on Nina Brewer-Davis’ “Partiality and the Significance of Shared History.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Seattle (2012)
- Comments on Declan Smithies and Jeremy Weiss’ “Affective Phenomenology and Reasons for Action.” *Saint Louis Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, Saint Louis (2011)
- Comments on Elizabeth Victor’s “Self, Agency, and World: A Response to Korsgaard’s Self-Constitution.” *Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Minneapolis (2011)
- Comments on Jonathan Matheson’s “The Epistemology of Moral Responsibility.” *Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Chicago (2010)
- “Existentialism and Self-Conception.” *Robert C. Solomon Memorial Conference*, Austin, TX (2008)
- “Pretending to Want Things You Don’t Want,” comments on Tyler Doggett and Andy Egan’s “Wanting Things You Don’t Want.” *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference* (2007)
- “Korsgaard: Actions, Reasons, Laws.” *Conference of the British Society for Ethical Theory*, Southampton, England (2006)
- “Korsgaard: Actions, Reasons, Laws.” *Research Triangle Ethics Circle*, Durham, North Carolina (2005)
- “On the Metaphysical and Psychological Dimensions of Nietzsche’s Critique of Morality.” Annual Meeting, *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Memphis, Tennessee (2004)
- Comments on Nadeem Hussain’s “The Return of Moral Fictionalism.” Conference: *Moral Theory after Nietzsche*, Austin, Texas (2003)

“Why Do Bayesian and Frequentist Analysis Give Different Results in Population Viability Analysis?” with Sahotra Sarkar. Annual Meeting of the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), Oaxaca, Mexico (1999)

## TEACHING

### ***University of Puget Sound*** (2006-present)

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy  
PHIL 104: Existentialism  
PHIL 250: Moral Philosophy  
PHIL 285: Environmental Ethics  
PHIL 286: Ethics, Data, and Artificial Intelligence  
PHIL 312: Latin American and Latinx Philosophy  
PHIL 348: Philosophy of Law  
PHIL 350: Moral Psychology and Metaethics  
PHIL 370: Social and Political Philosophy  
PHIL 390: Gender and Philosophy  
PHIL 450: Topics in Value Theory (senior seminar, topics vary)  
SSI1 111: Life, Death, and Meaning (first year seminar)  
LAS 399: Latin American Travel Seminar (team-taught interdisciplinary travel course)  
STS 333: Evolution and Ethics (team-taught interdisciplinary)

### ***University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*** (2005-2006)

Ethics of War, Peace, and Defense  
Social Ethics and Political Thought  
Philosophical Issues in Feminism  
Morality and Law

### ***University of Texas at Austin***, Teaching Assistant (1998-2004)

Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Political Philosophy  
Problems in Knowledge and Valuation (year-long course in Plan II Honors program)  
Early Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant  
Existentialism  
Environmental Ethics  
Contemporary Moral Problems

### ***Independent Research and Honors Thesis Supervision*** (selected)

“AI, Consciousness, and Ethics,” independent research project by Dominique Langevin (co-advisor Justin Tiehen, 2024)  
“AI Art and Existentialism,” summer research project by Tad Walcott (2024)  
“A Philosophical Approach to the Standardization of Hospital Ethics Services,” summer research project by Colleen Hanson (2018)  
“Dialogues Between Philo and Sophia”, Independent Study by Nick Navarro (Spring 2016)  
“The Art of Thought Experiments,” Independent Study by Si-Won Song (co-advisor Elise Richman, Spring 2015)  
“Theories of Self and Agency,” Independent Study by Michael Elmer (Spring 2012)  
“A Metaphysical Map to Jurisprudence,” Honors Thesis by Steven Zane, Awarded “Best Honors Thesis Presentation” by the Honors Program (2007-8 academic year)  
“Nietzsche and Autonomy,” Independent Research by Aaron Frein (Spring 2008)

“Objectivity in Law and Morality: A Metaethical Approach,” University Research Scholar Project by Steven Zane (Summer 2007)

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE** (selected)

Chair, Department of Philosophy (2014-2017 and 2021-2024)  
Coach for the Puget Sound Ethics Bowl Team (2013-2020 and 2021-present)  
Co-investigator of *Philosophy in an Inclusive Key North West Five Project* (2015)  
Creator/editor for the *Puget Sound Philosophy* blog (2009-present)  
Co-founder and co-organizer of the *Puget Sound Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. (2012-2024)  
Organizer or co-organizer of campus lectures and class visits by over 20 philosophers (ongoing)  
Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (2007-2009)  
Co-Organizer of *Philosophy Movie Night* (2006-2008) and (with Alisa Kessel and Justin Tiehen) the *Philosophy and Political Theory Film Series* (2008-2014)

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE** (selected)

Faculty Representative/Member of university wide AI Working Group (2024-present)  
Member of the Interdisciplinary Data Analytics Program Advisory Committee (2024-present)  
Member of the Bioethics Emphasis/Minor Advisory Committee (2015-present)  
Member of the Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Program Committee (2017-present)  
Member of the Graduate Fellowship Advisory Committee (2021-2024)  
Chair of the Faculty Senate (2014-2016)  
Member of the faculty senate (2012-2014)  
Faculty Ombudsperson (2021-2022)  
Interim Chief Diversity Officer (2019-2020)  
Chair, Diversity Advisory Council and Co-Chair, Bias-Hate Education Response Team (BHERT) (2019-2020)  
Mentor for the first Posse group on campus (2016-2020)  
Faculty Advisor for the Coalition for Multiracial and Biracial Students (2018-2020)  
Faculty Representative, Budget Task Force (2016-2018), Provost Search Committee (2019), Vice President for Enrollment Search Committee (2019-2020)  
Co-facilitator, Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop for New Faculty (Jan 2020)  
Co-leader, Mosaic Core Curriculum Development Group (summer 2019)  
Member of the Collier Committee (2008-2017)  
Member of the ad hoc committee reviewing Faculty Family, Medical, and Disability Leave policies (2014-2016)  
Member of the Library, Media, and Information Systems Committee (2007- 2011)  
Honor Court Judge (Spring 2008 – Spring 2009)

### **Service to the Community** (selected)

Collaborated with University of Washington and Freedom Education Puget Sound to bring the first ethics bowl to the Washington Correction Center for Women (2019)  
Started and led an ethics bowl program for Tacoma public high school students (in collaboration with Access Programs, 2014-2018)  
Presentation on Daniel Dennett’s *Freedom Evolves* and Ted Chiang’s *Exhalation*, Junia Todd Hallen Book Club (Fall 2007, Spring 2024)

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (selected)**

- Chair, Program Committee, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (2024-2025)
- Member, Program Committee, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (2021-2024)
- Chair, Invited Symposium on Philosophy of AI Safety, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (2024)
- External Reviewer, Full professor review for philosophy professors at liberal arts colleges (2021 and 2022)
- Chair, Session on David Killoren and Jacob Sparks, “Non-Interactionist Problems and Occasionalist Solutions.” *Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop* (2022)
- Chair, Session on Travis LaCroix’s “Moral Dilemmas for Moral Machines.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC (2022)
- Chair, Session on Peter Stewart-Kroeker’s “Pessimism and the Affirmation of Life: Nietzsche’s Music-Making Socrates.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC (2022)
- Chair, Symposium on Michael Smith’s “Constitutivism.” *Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Saint Louis, MO (2015)
- Chair, Session on Philip MacReynolds “Climate Change Deniers’ and Nietzsche.” *Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Saint Louis (2015)
- Chair, Session on Michael Bratman’s “Why Be Means-Ends Coherent?” *Practical Reason and Metaethics Conference*, Lincoln, Nebraska (April 2012)
- Chair, Session on Jonathan Way’s “Value and Reasons to Favor.” *Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop* (2011)
- Chair, Session on Justin Breyer’s “Moral Perception and the Causal Objection.” *Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC (2009)
- Referee for *Analytic Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Policy*, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

## **OTHER**

### *Languages*

Spanish (native speaker), French (advanced level), German (basic reading knowledge)

### *Selected non-academic work experience*

Programmer Analyst, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), News Computers Division, New York, NY (March 1996- December 1997) (Other positions held at NBC News 1994-1996, summers 1998, 2000, 2001)

Freelance Translator (English-Spanish), Adams Translations, Austin, TX (May 2001-January 2003) – Projects included Dell’s Technical Database and the Texas House of Representatives website.