

Jonathan M. Vajda

Curriculum Vitae

jonathanvajda.com

Education

| | | |
|------------|--|----------------|
| PhD | University at Buffalo (SUNY) | Present |
| (ABD) | Philosophy | - 2017 |
| | AOS: History of Early Modern, Metaphysics | |
| | AOC: Applied Ethics, Applied Ontology, History of Medieval, Philosophy of Religion | |
| MA | Western Michigan University | Apr 2017 |
| | Philosophy: Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind emphasis | |
| MA | Westminster Theological Seminary | May 2014 |
| | Religion: Theological Studies emphasis | |
| BA | Central Michigan University | Dec 2010 |
| | Philosophy, Psychology (double major) | Grad: May 2009 |

Teaching Experience

University at Buffalo, SUNY (Philosophy)

Instructor of Record

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Social & Ethical Val. in Medicine (online) | PHI 237 | Sum 2019 |
| Social & Ethical Val. in Medicine (online) | PHI 237 | Win 2019 |
| Social & Ethical Val. in Medicine (online) | PHI 237 | Fall 2018 |
| Contemp. Moral Problems (online) | PHI 105 | Sum 2018 |
| Ethics (online) | PHI 107 | Win 2018 |

Teaching Assistant

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Social & Ethical Values in Medicine | PHI 237 (David Hershenov) | Spr 2018 |
| Social & Ethical Values in Medicine | PHI 237 (David Hershenov) | Fall 2017 |

Niagara University (Philosophy)

Instructor of Record

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Introduction to Philosophy (two sections) | PHI 105 | Fall 2019 |
|---|---------|-----------|

Western Michigan University (Philosophy)

Instructor of Record

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Professional Ethics | PHIL 4100 | Sum 2017 |
| Deductive Logic (two sections) | PHIL 2250 | Spr 2017 |
| Deductive Logic (two sections) | PHIL 2250 | Fall 2016 |
| Critical Thinking (online) | PHIL 2200 | Sum 2016 |
| Introduction to Ethics | PHIL 2010 | Spr 2016 |

Teaching Assistant

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Critical Thinking (online) | PHIL 2200 (Marc Alspector-Kelly) | Sum 2016 |
| Introduction to Ethics | PHIL 2010 (C. Daniel Dolson) | Fall 2015 |

Central Michigan University (Psychology)

Teaching Assistant

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Applied Behavioral Analysis | PSY 370 (Michael Kephart) | Fall 2008 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|

Honors and Awards

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Research Assistant for Jorge J. E. Gracia, University at Buffalo | Fall 2019 |
| Research Assistant for Barry Smith, University at Buffalo | Spr-Fall 2019 |
| Dean's Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, UB | 2017-Present |
| Teaching Assistantship, University at Buffalo (SUNY) | 2017-Present |
| Heraclitean Society Essay Prize for Second-Year Students, WMU | Apr 2017 |
| Best Graduate Student Paper, North Carolina Philosophical Society | Feb 2017 |
| Mark Rachon Award, Department of Philosophy, WMU | 2015-2016 |
| Teaching Assistantship, Western Michigan University | 2015-2017 |
| Graduated <i>Cum laude</i> , Central Michigan University | May 2009 |
| President's list, Central Michigan University | Fall 2007-Fall 2008 |
| Dean's list, Central Michigan University | Spr 2009, Fall 2006-Spr 2007 |

Completed Graduate Courses (Philosophy)

University at Buffalo

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| Natural Kinds | Neil Williams | Spr 2019 |
| Independent Study: Cognitive Process Ontology | Barry Smith | Spr 2019 |
| Independent Study: Topical preparation | Lewis Powell | Spr 2019 |
| Independent Study: Descartes and his (female) critics | Lewis Powell | Fall 2018 |
| Biomedical Ontology | Smith & Ceusters | Fall 2018 |
| Metaphysical Foundations of Biomedical Ethics | David Hershenov | Fall 2018 |
| Teaching Philosophy | David Braun | Spr 2018 |
| Modal Logic | Thomas Bittner | Spr 2018 |
| Ontological Engineering | Barry Smith | Spr 2018 |
| Independent Study: Individuality and Individuation | Jorge J.E. Gracia | Spr 2018 |
| Meta-Metaphysics | Jorge J.E. Gracia | Fall 2017 |
| Life and Death | David Hershenov | Fall 2017 |
| Seminar in History of Philosophy (Hume) | Lewis Powell | Fall 2017 |

Western Michigan University

| | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------|
| History of Philosophy of Science | Tim McGrew | Spr 2017 |
| Metaphysics of Identity | C. Daniel Dolson | Spr 2017 |
| Independent Study: Moral Philosophy of Hume & Reid | Michael Pritchard | Fall 2016 |
| Theory of Knowledge | Marc Alspector-Kelly | Fall 2016 |
| Practical Ethics | Michael Pritchard | Sum 2016 |
| Philosophy of Science | Marc Alspector-Kelly | Spr 2016 |
| Philosophical Applications of Probability | Tim McGrew | Spr 2016 |
| Independent Study: Berkeley's Non-Abstract General Ideas | Kent Baldner | Spr 2016 |
| Aesthetics | John Dilworth | Fall 2015 |
| Quine, Meta-ontology, and Carving Nature at its Joints | C. Daniel Dolson | Fall 2015 |

Professional Activities

Publications

“Human-Nonhuman Chimeras, Ontology, and Dignity: A Constructivist Approach to the Ethics of Conducting Research on Cross-Species Hybrids” *Hilltop Review: A Journal of Western Michigan University Graduate Student Research* 9 (1): 49-62. 2016. Fall 2016

Book Reviews

Review of *Trinity and the Vindication of Christian Paradox, The: An Interpretation and Refinement of the Theological Apologetic of Cornelius Van Til*, by BA. Bosserman, *Theological Book Review* (Liverpool Hope University), Vol. 27 No.1, 2016. Spr 2016

Presentations / Talks

- “Expanding the Representation of Permissions and Deontic Roles in the Informed Consent Ontology (ICO)” (co-authored)
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 2019 Annual Nov 2019
- “Refactoring and Expanding the Informed Consent Ontology (ICO)” (co-authored)
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 2019 Annual Nov 2019
- “[Using Stases to Enrich Queries for When and Where Regulations Are in Force](#)” (co-authored)
Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Biological Ontology (ICBO 2019), Buffalo, New York, USA (and our [poster](#)) July 2019
- “[Coordinated Evolution of Ontologies of Informed Consent](#)” (co-authored)
Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Biological Ontology (ICBO 2018), Corvallis, Oregon, USA (and our [poster](#)) July 2018
- “Berkeley’s Concrete General Ideas and the Problem of Universals”
International Berkeley Society (session during APA Eastern Division) Jan 2019
8th Margaret Dauler Wilson Philosophy Conference (University at Buffalo) June 2018
Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Iowa) Apr 2018
Lunchtime talk at Graduate Philosophy Association (University at Buffalo) Apr 2018
24th Annual Waterloo Philosophy Grad. Conf. (University of Waterloo) Mar 2017
North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference (UNC, Wilmington) Feb 2017
Brown Bag Colloquium (Western Michigan University) Nov 2016
- “Human-nonhuman Chimeras, Ontology, and Dignity: a constructivist approach to the ethics of conducting research on cross-species hybrids”
Sixth Annual Medical Humanities Conf. (Western Michigan University) Sept 2016
- “Conditions of Fundamental Metaphysics: A Critique of Jorge Gracia’s Proposal”
Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Iowa) Apr 2016
12th Annual Essays of Significance: A Grad. Phil. Conf. (University of Windsor) Mar 2016

Conference Comments

| | |
|--|----------|
| For Zachary McCarty, "Grounding Physicalism," at 10 th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference | Nov 2016 |
| For Hyungrae Noh, "Biocommunication," at 23 rd Annual Kent State Philosophy Graduate Student Conference in Remembrance of May 4th | Mar 2016 |
| For Aaron Arinder, "Reformulating Modalism," at 9 th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference | Dec 2015 |

Paper Referee

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Grad Conference in Metaphysics (University at Buffalo) | Fall 2018 |
| 10 th Annual Grad Philosophy Conference (Western Michigan University) | Fall 2016 |
| 9 th Annual Grad Philosophy Conference (Western Michigan University) | Fall 2015 |

Guest Lecturer/Facilitator

| | |
|---|-----------|
| UB Undergrad Philosophy Club - The Argument from Design for God's Existence | Spr 2019 |
| UB Undergrad Philosophy Club - The Problem of Universals | Fall 2018 |
| UB Undergrad Philosophy Club - The Atheist's Argument for God's Existence | Spr 2018 |
| For Adam Zweber, Deductive Logic (PHIL 2250), April 11, 2016 at WMU | Spr 2016 |

Professional Memberships and Service

| | |
|---|-----------|
| American Philosophical Association | Present |
| Graduate Philosophers Association (SUNY Buffalo) | Present |
| Graduate Student Association of Philosophers at WMU | 2015-2017 |
| International Berkeley Society | Present |
| The Hume Society | Present |
| Society of Christian Philosophers | Present |
| Evangelical Philosophical Society | Present |

Other Related Experience

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Graduate Intern - Ontology Research for the Intelligence Community Project: Develop an ontology for the domain of cognitive processes, dispositions, etc., especially those involved in intentionality (<i>aboutness</i>) and skill acquisition. | Present - Jan 2019 |
|--|-----------------------|

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Ontology Consultant - University of Michigan, School of Medicine Project: "Metadata applications on informed consent to facilitate biorepository data regulation and sharing." Refactored, expanded, and reworked taxonomies and definitions in the Informed Consent Ontology (ICO). Created models and diagrams for presentation, publication, and implementation. Coordinated with other ontologies based on Basic Formal Ontology. Project supervised by Marceline Harris. | Present - May 2018 |
|---|-----------------------|

| | |
|---|----------|
| Graduate Recruiting Advisor - <i>Dept. of Philosophy</i> (WMU) Developed a massive marketing campaign and strategies for future initiatives. Supervised by Fritz Allhoff. | Jan 2017 |
|---|----------|

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Tutor - <i>Academic Assistance Services</i> (CMU) Philosophy and psychology courses: Intro to Logic, Moral Problems, etc. | May 2009- Feb 2008 |
|---|-----------------------|

Educational Technology / Learning Platforms

Blackboard
Desire2Learn (D2L)

Languages

English Native Language

German Intermediate Speaking, Listening, Writing, Reading

Koiné Greek Intermediate Reading, Novice Writing

Biblical Hebrew Novice Writing, Reading

Classical Latin Novice Writing, Reading

Academic References

David Hershenov <dh25@buffalo.edu>

David Braun <dbraun2@buffalo.edu>

Lewis Powell <lewispow@buffalo.edu>

Neil Williams <new@buffalo.edu>

Other

U.S. Citizen