

BRANDON M. WILLIAMS

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Academic Positions

Director - Northwest Honors College 8/2022 - Present
- Houston Community College
Interim Chair - Philosophy, Humanities, and Library Science 9/2021 - 8/2022
- Houston Community College
Full-Time Instructor - Philosophy 8/2017 - Present
-Houston Community College

Education

Rice University Houston, TX
Ph.D.: Philosophy 5/2021

Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL
M.A.: Philosophy 05/2012

Central Bible College Springfield, MO
B.A.: Biblical Studies/Theology 12/2003

Additional Education:

International University of Africa - Khartoum, Sudan
- Arabic Language Study 02/01/07 – 12/20/07

Area of Specialization: Metaethics

Areas of Competence: Normative & Applied Ethics, Social-Political Philosophy, Epistemology

Publications:

- Kirsten Ostherr, Svetlana Borodina, Rachel Bracken, Charlie Lotterman, Eliot Storer, **Brandon Williams** (equal effort), "Trust and Privacy in the Context of User-Generated Health Data," *Big Data and Society* 4 (1) 2017.

- Brandon Williams, "From Internalism to Instrumentalism," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 30 (1) 2014.

Teaching Experience

- Instructor of Record:
+Intro. to Philosophy
- Houston Community College
+Intro to Ethics
- Houston Community College
+ Intro to Formal Logic
- Houston Community College
+Problems of Philosophy
- Rice University
+Intro. to Philosophy of Science
- Rice University
+Contemporary Moral Issues
- Rice University

+Intro. to Philosophy

- Lone Star College, Kingwood

- Teaching Assistant:

+History of Modern Philosophy - Assistant to Mark Kulstad

Service

- Interim Department Chair - Philosophy, Humanities, and Library Sciences (2021- present)
- Faculty Senate Delegate, Houston Community College (2019 - 2020 & 2021-2022)
- Member of the DEI subcommittee of the Faculty Senate (2018 - present)
- Facilitator - Adjunct Academy, Houston Community College (2019 - 2021)
- Co-organizer of Ethics & Society at Rice (summer philosophy program for underprivileged high school students) (2016-2017)
- Rice Philosophy Department Admissions Committee (graduate student member)
- Moderator for the Houston Ethics Bowl (2014 - 2017)
- Co-organizer of the Houston area Graduate Talks in Philosophy (2013 - 2014)
- Rice Philosophy Department representative to the Humanities Graduate Student Association
- Rice Philosophy Department Speaker Committee member

Awards

- Graduate Fellow, Hebrew University, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy (Summer 2019)
- American Philosophical Association - Diversity and Inclusiveness Grant
 - +Co-organizer
- A. W. Mellon Graduate Research Seminar - "The Quantified Self"
 - +Student participant (competitive position)
- Humanities Research Center - Public Humanities Fellowship (declined)

Papers and Commentary:

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| Presenter: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
- "Wanting to Want" | Aug. 2022 |
| Presenter: Central States Philosophical Association
- "Choose Either Error Theory or Realism" | Apr. 2022 |
| Commentator: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
- "Public Justification and Changes of Personal Commitments" - Xuanpu Zhao | Aug. 2021 |
| Commentator: American Philosophical Association (Pacific)
- "Practical Hope" - Catherine Rioux | Apr. 2021 |
| Commentator: American Philosophical Association (Central)
- "Famine Affluence and Amoralism" - David Sackris | Feb. 2021 |
| Presenter: American Philosophical Association (Central)
- "Toward a Functional Account of Normative Reasons" | Feb. 2018 |
| Presenter: Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization
- "Ethics and Society Summer Enrichment Program" | June 2017 |
| Presenter: University of Texas, Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference | Apr. 2016 |

- "Against External Reasons: What Williams Should Have Said"	
Presenter: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "The Failure of Desire Satisfactionism"	Feb. 2016
Presenter: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "The Possibility of Carnapian Error Theory"	Feb. 2015
Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "Causal Explanation in Social Neuroscience: Two Analyses" - Aaron Kostko & John Bickle	Feb. 2015
Presenter: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress - "Choose Either Error Theory or Objective Realism" (poster)	Aug. 2014
Commentator: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress - "Fit, Fitness, Fittingness" - Arthur Ward	Aug. 2014
Presenter: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "Against External Reasons: What Williams Should Have Said"	Feb. 2014
Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "Which Causes of Moral Beliefs Matter?"	Feb. 2014
Presenter: Institute of Applied Ethics (University of Hull) "What is Welfare?" - "Personal Welfare as Simple Desire Satisfactionism"	Nov. 2013
Presenter: Southwest Philosophical Society Annual Meeting - "From Internalism to Instrumentalism"	Oct. 2013
Presenter: Indiana Philosophical Association, fall conference - "Personal Welfare as Simple Desire Satisfactionism"	Oct. 2013
Commentator: Indiana Philosophical Association, spring conference - "Dehorning the Darwinian Dilemma for Realist Theories of Value"	Apr. 2012
Presenter: Indiana Philosophical Association, spring conference - "From Internalism to Instrumentalism and Its Normative Implications"	Apr. 2012
Presenter: SUNY-Albany Graduate conference on Metaethics - "From Internalism to Instrumentalism and Its Normative Implication"	Apr. 2012
Commentator: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "Subservience, Information Responsiveness, and Autonomy"	Feb. 2012
Presenter: Midsouth Philosophy Conference - "From Internalism to Instrumentalism"	Feb. 2012
Commentator: Fifth Annual Midwest Regional Graduate Conference - "The Reflective Wisdom Account and Humean Metaethics"	Oct. 2011

Work Experience

Houston Community College

8/2017 – Present

- Instructor of Philosophy (full-time)
Interim Department Chair (2021-2022)

Lone Star College

8/2014 – 6/2015

- Adjunct Instructor: Philosophy

Little City Foundation

8/2010 – 8/2011

- Personal Care Provider
 - o Provide therapy and care of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Behavioral Intervention Solutions

2/2010 – 7/2010

- Behavioral Assistant
 - o Facilitate the care and behavior therapy of adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders

International Aid Services Khartoum, Sudan

3/2009 - 7/2009

- Interim Country Director
 - o Manage the daily activities of the organization in the absence of the permanent Country Director
 - o Sit on Steering Committee of International NGO's working in Sudan

International Aid Services Khartoum, Sudan

11/2008 - 12/2009

- Human Resource Manager / Program Support Manager
 - o Manage all issues of staff for Humanitarian Organization in Sudan (~150 staff members)
 - o Help Administer organizational programming throughout Sudan

Safe Harbor International Khartoum, Sudan

6/2008 - 11/2008

- Country Director – Sudan
 - o Manage all operations of organization in Northern Sudan,
 - o Facilitate the closure of organizational operations in Northern Sudan