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## Education

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| May 2010      | Master of Arts, Philosophy<br>University of Texas at El Paso<br>Thesis: "Causation and Circularity in Dispositionalism"<br>Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Juan Ferret |
| December 2006 | Master of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies (Biol, Phil, Psyc)<br>University of Texas at El Paso<br>Thesis: "Memes"<br>Thesis Supervisor: Dr. John Symons       |
| December 2002 | Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy<br>Minor: Humanities<br>(Comparative Mythology, Ancient & Modern Culture, Music)   |

## Appointments

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| Jan. 2016—Present       | Director<br>Honors College Northwest<br>Houston Community College   |
| Jan. 2012—Present       | Professor, Philosophy<br>Dept. of Philosophy, Humanities, & Library Sciences<br>Houston Community College |
| Aug. 2015—Jul. 2016     | Program Coordinator<br>Philosophy Program<br>Houston Community College                                    |
| Fall 2011               | Lecturer<br>Humanities Program<br>University of Texas at El Paso  |
| Jan. 2011—Dec. 2011     | Adjunct Instructor<br>Ft. Bliss Campus, El Paso, TX<br>Park University                                    |
| Jun. 2008—Dec. 2011     | Adjunct Instructor<br>Philosophy Program<br>El Paso Community College                                     |
| Spring 2006 & Fall 2007 | College Instructor<br>Department of Philosophy<br>New Mexico State University                             |

## Research Interests

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| Philosophy of Science:  | Laws of nature, Explanation, Epistemic limits                 |
| Philosophy of Religion: | Warranted belief, Abduction, Religious & Mystical Experiences |
| Logic and Normativity:  | Belief, Reason, & Action                                      |

## Courses Taught

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| Houston Community College      | PHIL 1301—Introduction to Philosophy<br>PHIL 1304—World Religions<br>PHIL 2303—Symbolic Logic<br>PHIL 2306—Introduction to Ethics<br>PHIL 2306—Introduction to Ethics: Issues in Bioethics<br>PHIL 2321—Philosophy of Religion<br>HUMA 1301—Introduction to Humanities |
| El Paso Community College      | PHIL 1301—Introduction to Philosophy<br>PHIL 2306—Ethics   |
| University of Texas at El Paso | HUMN 3303—Challenges of Modern Culture   |
| Park University                | LE 100—Liberal Education<br>PH 308—Business Ethics   |
| New Mexico State University    | PHIL 101—The Art Of Wondering<br>PHIL 302—Business Ethics<br>PHIL 397—Existentialism<br>PHIL 436—Independent Study, Graduate   |

## Academic Related Work Experience

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| Aug. 2004—Dec. 2005 | Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Philosophy<br>University of Texas at El Paso<br>Large class, 400 students |
| Jan. 2002—Dec. 2004 | Bilingual Writing Tutor, English & Spanish<br>Library Writing Center<br>University of Texas at El Paso |

## Non-Academic Work Experience

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| 1995—2000 | Support Manager<br>Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.<br>El Paso, TX                          |
| 1994—1995 | Shift Supervisor<br>Pizza Hut, Inc.<br>El Paso, TX                               |
| 1993—1995 | Stage Manager<br>University Symphony Orchestra<br>University of Texas at El Paso |

## Published Articles

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“The Not So Golden Rule.” *Philosophy Now*. April/May (2018): 20—22. Print.

“Correlations And Conclusions: Neuroscience And The Belief In God.” *Philos.* 17:1 (2014): 5—22. Print.

“Plato’s *Euthyphro*, Philosophers, And Uncertainty.” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*. 34 (2012): 1—9. Print

## Presentations and Talks (Philosophy and Related Interest)

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“Speculations On Police Officer Attitudes Toward The Mentally Ill.” HCC Philosophy & Humanities Conference. Houston, TX. Central Campus. November 3—4, 2017. (Paper)

“Death By Voyage: A Taxonomy Of Travel Scenes And The Death Of Aschenbach In Thomas Mann’s *Death In Venice*.” HCC Inaugural Philosophy & Humanities Conference. Houston, TX. Central Campus. November 4—5, 2016. (Presentation)

“The Golden Rule Succumbs To A Fatal Conceptual Flaw.” New Mexico—Texas Philosophical Society. Houston TX. March 27—29, 2015. (Paper)

“A Conversation With Men.” Guest Speaker. Empowering Women Series. HCC, Spring Branch Campus. Houston, TX. February 19, 2015. (Discussion and Talk)

“The (Not So) Golden Rule.” Texas State University—San Marco, Department of Philosophy. Invited Guest Speaker, *Dialogue Series*. San Marcos, TX. October 30, 2014. (Paper and discussion)

“Is God Necessary?” Debate at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Houston, TX. April 26, 2014.

“A Plausible Defense For Morality Without God.” San Antonio college, Department of Philosophy. Visiting Scholar Program. San Antonio, TX. March 20, 2014. (Paper)

“Philosophers’ Roundtable: Varieties Of Theism And Atheism.” Special joint presentation of the HCC Philosophy Club and the Secular Student Initiative, HCC—Northwest. Houston, TX. March 3, 2014. (Presentation)

“Same-Sex Marriage, The Church, And Human Dignity: A Plea For Justice.” Special joint presentation of the HCC Philosophy Club and the Secular Student Initiative, HCC Northwest. Houston, TX. March 20, 2013. (Paper and presentation)

“Neurocognitivist Data Show That Belief In God Is Unwarranted.” Texas Community College Teachers Association. San Antonio, TX. February 21—23, 2013. (Presentation)

“Is The Belief In The Existence Of God Warranted?” Special session of HCC Philosophy Club. Houston, TX. November 7, 2013. (Presentation)

“Plato’s *Euthyphro*, Philosophers, And Uncertainty.” Presidential Address. New Mexico—West Texas Philosophical Society. El Paso, TX. April 15—17, 2011. (Paper)

“Accounting For Circularity In Dispositionalism.”

- New Mexico—West Texas Philosophical Society. Abilene, TX. March 26—28, 2009. (Paper)
- Philosophy and Physics Research Group. El Paso, TX. February 26, 2010. (Presentation)

“Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium Demonstrates The Limiting Power Of Natural Selection.” New Mexico—West Texas Philosophical Society. Houston, TX. March 27—29, 2009. (Paper)

“Ellen Kappy Suckiel On ‘Pragmatic Authoritativeness’ And The ‘In Addition’ Principle In William James’ Pragmatic Method.” William James Conference: Pragmatism Revisited. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. April 13, 2007. (Paper)

“Emergence And Individuation.” New Mexico—West Texas Philosophical Society. Austin, TX. March 31—April 1, 2007. (Paper)

“Are Beliefs Memes? On The Relevant Of Information And The Repetition Of Patters.” New Mexico—West Texas Philosophical Society. Las Cruces, NM. April 9, 2006. (Paper)

“Memetics And Functionalism.” Tri-City Philosophical Society. El Paso, TX. October 2004. (Presentation)

## Public Philosophy/Philosophy in the Media

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“The Not So Golden Rule.” Interview on WRFL 88.1 Radio Free Lexington, KY. July 2, 2018 @ 2PM (EST). Ep. 71. Livestream: <http://wrfl.fm/stream>

- Re-air: July 9, 2018 @ 2PM (EST).
- Podcast Archive: TBA

“The Not So Golden Rule.” *Philosophically Drinking*. Rudyard’s British Pub. Houston, TX. July 31, 2018. A forum for addressing philosophical issues that is open to the public.

## Presentations and Talks (Education)

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“Fake News, Real Problems.” Panel On Fake News. HCC Faculty Conference. Houston, TX. Doubletree Hotel (Downtown). March 4, 2017.

“What Is A Definition? An Analytic Philosopher Discusses Definitions With The English Department: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?” HCC Spring English Colloquium: Life Beyond The Classroom. Houston, TX. Alief Campus. February 18, 2017.

“Arguments, Chapter Structure, And Meaning.” HCC Faculty Conference. Houston, TX. Doubletree Hotel (Downtown). March 7, 2015.

“Moral Judgement, Logic, and Houston Community College.” HCC Faculty Conference. Houston, TX. Doubletree Hotel (Downtown). February 22, 2014.

“From Plato To Pedagogy: Philosophical Perspectives In The Classroom.” Faculty Development Workshop. El Paso Community College. January 12, 2011.

“What is Philosophy?” Faculty Development Workshop. El Paso Community College. August 19, 2008.

“A Technological Approach To Mass Education.” International SUN Conference On Teaching and Learning. El Paso, TX. November 18, 2004.

## Works In Progress

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### *From An Ethical Point Of View: Introducing Philosophy Through Ethics*

A full-length textbook that introduces philosophical argumentation and analysis using ethics as the medium covering traditional topics beginning with Basic Argumentation and moving through Moral Relativism, The Golden Rule, Classical Utilitarianism, Egoism, Kantian Ethics, and Aristotelian Virtue Ethics. The book is thematic and progressive and highlights the theories' arguments, analyzing what is good and bad in the theories, taking lessons from the analysis, and moving to the next theory with what has been learned. Some important features include numerous lessons that can be used in and outside of class for both individual and group work, meticulous, step-by-step argument analysis, and an explicit section in each chapter focusing on major criticisms of each theory.

### *Basic Logic And Argumentation For Philosophy: A Guide For Students And Instructors*

A short, easy to read, lecture-style book geared toward students and beginning philosophy instructors that introduces a methodical approach to basic logical concepts that all philosophy students should know including logical consistency, propositions, arguments and analysis, symbolic representation, and truth tables. It is written in numerous short, lecture-style sections that can be used individually, in part, or in whole. The format is perfect for graduate or first-time philosophy instructors who wish to be introduced to a clear method for introducing and teaching philosophical analysis.

## Future Projects

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*Does God Love You? A Philosophical Reflection On Subjective Experience And A Supreme Being*

*Religious Experiences And The External-Internal Debate*

*Death By Voyage: A Taxonomy Of Travel Scenes And The Death Of Aschenbach In Thomas Mann's Death in Venice.*

## Editorship

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| 2013—2015 | Editor-In-Chief, <i>Southwest Philosophical Studies</i> |
| 2009—2013 | Managing Editor, <i>Southwest Philosophical Studies</i> |

## Languages

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| English | Native             |
| Spanish | Speak, Read, Write |

## Academic Membership and Service

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| 2018         | American Association of Philosophy Teachers            |
| 2017—Present | Member, National Collegiate Honors Council             |
| 2013—2014    | Member, Texas Community College Teachers Association   |
| 2011—2014    | Secretary, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society      |
| 2010—2011    | President, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society      |
| 2009—2010    | Vice-President, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society |

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| 2008—2009    | Webmaster/Archivist, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society |
| 2006—Present | Member, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society              |

## Awards and Distinctions

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| July 2016   | Certificate of Instructor, Leadership Development Studies Program. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society |
| Spring 2001 | Nominee, Adjunct Faculty Award, El Paso Community College  |
| Fall 2009   | Certificate of Appreciation, Honors Program, El Paso Community College   |

## Institutional Service

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| Spring 2017—Present     | Faculty Advisor, HCC Honors Club Northwest  |
| Summer 2006—Present     | President's Executive Committee, HCC Northwest  |
| Fall 2016—Present       | Senator-At-Large, Faculty Senate, HCC   |
| Fall 2012—Summer 2016   | Senator, Faculty Senate, HCC Northwest  |
| Fall 2016—Summer 2016   | Program Coordinator, Philosophy, HCC  |
| 2014—17                 | Selection Committee (full-time hire), HCC<br>- Philosophy (Spring Semesters, 2014—2017)<br>- Honors College (Fall Semesters 2016, 2017) |
| Fall 2012—15            | Faculty Advisor, HCC Philosophy Club  |
| Spring 2014—15, 2017    | HCC Faculty Conference  |
| Fall 2013—Summer 2014   | Delegation Chair, Faculty Senate, HCC Northwest   |
| Fall 2013—Spring 2014   | President's Executive Committee, HCC Northwest  |
| Fall 2012—Spring 2013   | Educational Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, HCC  |
| Fall 2012—Spring 2013   | Instructional Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, HCC  |
| Fall 2008 & Spring 2011 | Faculty Development Workshop, EPCC  |
| Summer 2008—Spring 2011 | Instructor, Honors Program, EPCC  |
| June 2009               | Salary Committee, EPCC  |

## References

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Upon Request