

James Travis Ross

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EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor - Philosophy at San Jacinto College

January 2011 – Present

- Designing engaging curriculum centered around deep philosophical texts for a diverse student body; presenting complex, abstract ideas in a concrete and thought-provoking manner (both online and in the classroom).
- Drawing examples from real-life situations which allow students to reach their own conclusions and make connections between the curriculum and their own life.
- Teaching critical, analytic, and theoretical skills that will add rigor to a student's research approach and reasoning ability.
- Establishing a strong rapport with students and creating a learning environment that encourages critical thought, expression, and questioning.
- Developing and emending assessments (tests, essays, quizzes) that allow students to apply critical thinking skills learned in the classroom (or online for my internet courses).

Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy

Adjunct Professor - Philosophy at Lone Star College

January 2010 – Present

Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Intro to Ethics, World Religions

[See San Jacinto College position (above) for a full job description.]

Adjunct Professor - Philosophy at Houston Community College

August 2009 - Present

Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Intro to Ethics, Modern/Contemporary Philosophy, Women in Philosophy, Symbolic Logic

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Teaching Assistant at University of Houston

August 2008 - July 2009

- Assessed student essays and exams for three Ethics sections per semester.
- Presented several lectures over course material and communicated instructor expectations.
- Provided one-on-one assistance for a diverse group of students.

Producer / On-air Personality at KSYM-FM

November 2000 - June 2005

I originally got involved with the station as a course requirement of the RTVF program, but then stayed on as an on-air personality (which involved hosting and producing a weekly 2-hour music program). Other activities with the station involved volunteer work for local charities (food drives, benefit concerts, etc.) and an annual pledge drive.

EDUCATION

University of Houston

MA, Philosophy, 2009

Grade: GPA: 3.89 / 4.0

coursework: Metaphysics, Plato's Late Dialogues, 19th-century Philosophy, 20th-century Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science/Cognitive Linguistics, Aesthetics, Narrative Theory, Kierkegaard/Nietzsche, Globalization and French Theory, [and at Rice University]: Hegel, Ethics and Existence, Phenomenological Accounts of the Self

Texas State University-San Marcos

BA, Philosophy, Cum Laude (Religious Studies, minor), 2006

Grade: GPA: 3.55 / 4.0

Activities and Societies: Ethics Bowl (Debate Team)

Undergraduate Thesis: "Freedom and the Self in Seminal Works of Kant"

coursework: Existentialism and Phenomenology, Theory of Knowledge, Ethics, Symbolic Logic, Ancient/Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Western Religions, Eastern Religions, Mythology, Intermediate German I & II, Physics I & II, Calculus I, American Literature since 1865

San Antonio College

AAS, Radio, TV, and Film Technologies, 2002

Grade: GPA: 3.3 / 4.0

coursework: Audio Production I-III, Copywriting, News Writing, TV Production, Video Field Production, Non-linear Video Editing, MIDI, Computer Literacy, Intro to Psychology

HONORS

Presenter, "Non-Dualistic Accounts of Spatiality in Early Eastern Thought"

Paper presented on March 26, 2011 at the University of Kentucky 14th Annual Graduate Conference "Place, Space, and Spatiality".

ADDITIONAL TRAINING, COMPETENCY

Workshop on Martin Heidegger's "Building, Dwelling, Thinking" presented by Karsten Harries, PhD of Yale University

University of Kentucky Philosophy Department March 2011

Copyright & Library Literacy

HCC Certification in Instructional Technology July 2010

Top Tutor Training

HCC & The Association for the Tutoring Profession March 2010

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