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Courses

Introduction to core philosophical problems: knowledge; mind; self; free will; God; morality
Ethics: challenges to an objective foundation; comparative theory; contemporary moral issues
Critical thinking: argument analysis; precision in communication; formal and informal fallacies;
evaluating information reliability; sentential logic; class logic; inductive reasoning
All courses start with a philosophical framework unit: basic concepts; objectivity; arguments; basic logic;
approach to philosophical discourse
All courses include a scaffolded essay project: argument formulation; argument critique; essay thesis
and outline; essay version one with comments; essay version two with grade replacement

Education and Honors

M.A., Philosophy: University of California, Davis; graduate fellowship
M.B.A.: California State University, Chico; Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society
B.A., Linguistics: University of California, Berkeley; Golden Key international honor society

Teaching Experience

Cosumnes River College: instructor, Spring 2015 to present
Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics; Logic and Critical Reasoning
Sacramento State University: instructor, Fall 2013 to present
Introduction to Philosophy; Ethics; Critical Thinking
Student evaluations: average 4.3 on a 5-point scale
University of California, Davis: teaching assistant, Fall 2011 to Spring 2013
Introduction to Philosophy; Ethical Problems of Contemporary Society; Philosophy of Law
Student evaluations: 65% excellent, 26% very good

Professional Activities

Presentations of "Shoemaker's Three Types: Analysis of Moral Responsibility":
Arizona State Philosophy Graduate Conference, April 2013
Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2013
Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2013
Commentary on "Leiter's Religious Tolerance and Public Education" by Eric Mathison:
Arizona State Philosophy Graduate Conference, April 2013
Presentation of "Disqualification Not Disqualified: Indeterminacy and an Ontological Argument":
Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2012
Davis Group in Ethics and Related Subjects (DaGERS), weekly workshops, 2011-2013.

Community Service

Presenter: Future Philosophers Program – high school visitation to present on topics of philosophy
Treasurer (past): Davis Public Schools Education Foundation; Explorit Science Center

References and teaching letters available upon request.