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University of Connecticut
Department of Philosophy

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Indian Philosophy (esp. Buddhism & Jainism), Chinese Philosophy (esp. pre-Qin), Comparative Philosophy

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Logic (esp. Formal), Africana Philosophy, Mesoamerican Philosophy, Islamic Philosophy, Philosophy of Gender, Ethics, Environmental Philosophy

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut

Ph.D. in Philosophy Expected Spring 2023

Dissertation title: "Negation, Denial, and Silence: What Classical Indian and Chinese Proto-logics Tell Us about Negative Speech Acts"

Committee: A. McLeod (advisor), J. Garfield, M. Green, L. Shapiro, E. Mills

M.A. in Philosophy Fall 2020

Graduate Certificate in Logic Fall 2020

Graduate Certificate in Literary Translation Fall 2020

University of New Mexico

M.A. in Philosophy Summer 2015

Sam Houston State University

B.S. in Political Science Spring 2010

Minor: Philosophy & History

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications (Peer-reviewed)

"Nāgārjuna's Negation." *Journal of Indian Philosophy*. Volume 50. Issue 2. 307–344. 2022

Academic Guides (Non-peer-reviewed)

A Guide for Incorporating Jainism into the Philosophy Curriculum. 2022
College of Liberal Arts and Philosophy Department, University of Connecticut

Academic Publications (Non-peer-reviewed)

"Book Review of *Indian and Intercultural Philosophy: Personhood, Consciousness, and Causality* by Douglas L. Berger." *The Indian Philosophy Blog*. 2022

Literary Publications [Translations] (Non-peer-reviewed)

"From the Mūlamadhyamakakārikā" & Translator's note. *The Hudson Review*. Volume 74. Issue 1. Spring 2021
"Senses," "Fire," and "Suffering" by Nāgārjuna. *New Poetry in Translation*. Issue 6. 2021

TEACHING

Courses Taught (Instructor of Record)

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| PHIL 1101 Introduction to Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Waterbury) | S2021 |
| PHIL 1102 Philosophy & Logic (University of Connecticut, Harford) | S2020, F2020 |
| PHIL 1103 Philosophical Classics (University of Connecticut, Hartford) | S2020, S2021, F2021 |
| (University Philosophy & Social Ethics (University of Connecticut, Storrs) Business School Edition | F2019 (2x) |
| Student Support Services Summer Program Edition | Summer 2020 |
| PHIL 1106 Non-western & Comparative Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Harford) | F2020, F2022 |
| (University of Connecticut, Waterbury) | S2022 |
| PHIL 1107 Philosophy & Gender (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | Summer 2021 |
| (University of Connecticut, Harford) | F2022 |
| PHIL 1108E Environmental Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Harford) | F2021 |

Courses Scheduled to Teach (Instructor of Record)

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| PHIL 1102 Philosophy & Logic (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | Winter 2023 |
| PHIL 1104 Ethics & Social Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | S2023 |
| PHIL 3264 Classical Chinese Philosophy & Culture (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | S2023 |
| PHIL 222 Ethics (Smith College) | S2023 |

Further Teaching Experience (Graduate Assistant)

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| PHIL 1104 Ethics & Social Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | S2019 |
| PHIL 1101 Introduction to Philosophy (University of Connecticut, Storrs) | F2018 |
| PHIL 201 Greek Thought (University of New Mexico) | F2013 |
| PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (University of New Mexico) | F2012, S2013 |

Evidence of Teaching Excellence

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| Teaching Excellence Recognition Letter. Office of the Provost, University of Connecticut. | S2019, F2020 |
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PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

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| “Truth in Nāgārjuna’s <i>Mūlamadhyamakakārikā</i> ” Virtual International Consortium of Truth Research (VICTR) | Jun 2022 |
| “Translating Sanskrit, Buddhism, & the Limits of Language” Invited Lecture for Dr. Peter Constantine’s <i>Literary Translation: Theory</i> Course (University of Connecticut) | Feb 2022 |

Other Presentations

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| “A Tripartite Account of Negation” Brown Bag Series (University of Connecticut) | April 2022 |
| “Truth and Negation in Nāgārjuna’s <i>Catuskoṭī</i> ” | |

Truth Without Borders Workshop (University of Waikato)
“Nāgārjuna’s Logic”
Brown Bag Series (University of Connecticut)

Dec 2021

Sept 2020

SERVICE

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| UConn Philosophy Department, Climate Committee, Member | 2020–2022 |
| UConn Philosophy Department, Teacher Training and Mentoring Program, Head Mentor | 2019–2021 |
| UConn Translation Studies Department, Mentoring into Print, Mentor | 2021 |

AWARDS/NOMINATIONS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

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| Ruth Garrett Millikan Fellowship | 2022 |
| Summer Grant Work for Incorporating Jaina Philosophy into the Curriculum | 2022 |
| Pushcart Prize Nomination | 2020 |

WORKING LANGUAGES

Sanskrit, Pali, Classical Chinese, German, Classical Tibetan (rudimentary), English (native)

PROFFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
The International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy
Caribbean Philosophical Association