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**Employment:**

Professor of Philosophy, San Jose State University	2016 --
Associate Professor of Philosophy San Jose State University	2010-2015
Assistant Professor of Philosophy San Jose State University	2005-2010
<b>Education:</b> Ph. D. Philosophy University of California, Santa Barbara, CA	2000-2005
B. A. Philosophy University of California, Los Angeles, CA	1996-1998
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**Background, Research, and Teaching:**

From 1995-2005 I was trained as an analytic philosopher: philosophy of language and logic, metaphysics, meta-ethics, normative-ethics, applied-ethics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, and the history of Western philosophy. My 2005 dissertation, *The Epistemology of Metaphysical Modality*, was a critical study of how we know what is possible and necessary via conceivability modeled in epistemic two-dimensional modal semantics. While I continue to work on the epistemology of modality, essence, and grounding, since 2010, I have expanded my interests out to the cross-cultural (esp. Indian philosophy and Anglo-Analytic philosophy) and multi-disciplinary (esp. cognitive science and psychology) study of mind, ways of knowing about reality, and critical thinking. I regularly teach in these areas as well as the capabilities approach to justice, and core topics in social justice, such as mass incarceration and disability rights.

## Publications:

### *Articles--*

- “Intuition and Modality: *A Disjunctive-Social Account of Intuition-Based Justification in the Epistemology of Modality*” in *The Routledge Handbook of Modality*, Eds. O. Bueno & S. Shalkowski Routledge Publishing; Summer 2020.
- “Analytic Essentialist Approaches to the Epistemology of Modality” in Fred-Rivera, I & Leech, J. (eds.) *Being Necessary: Themes of Ontology and Modality from the Work of Bob Hale*. Oxford: Oxford University Press; Fall 2018.
- “The Epistemology of Modality and the Problem of Modal Epistemic Friction” with Michael Wallner in *Synthese Special Issue: New Directions in the Epistemology of Modality* ed. Antonella Mallozzi; Summer 2018.
- “\*Intuition\* in Classical Indian Philosophy: *Laying the Foundation for a Cross-Cultural Study*” with Purushottama Bilimoria. In *The Map and the Territory: Exploring the Foundations of Science, Thought, and Reality*. Edited by S. Wuppuluri and F. A. Doria. The Frontiers Collection. Dodrecht: Springer Publishing; Summer 2018.
- “Making the Case for Jaina Contributions to Critical Thinking Education” in *Journal of World Philosophies*; Summer 2018.
- “Absence: An Indo-Analytic Inquiry” with Purushottama Bilimoria and Jaysankar Shaw in *Sophia: An International Journal of Philosophical Traditions and Culture*, Special Edition on Bimal K. Matilal edited by Jay Garfield; Spring 2016.
- “Modal Knowledge: Beyond Rationalism and Empiricism” in *Modal Epistemology after Rationalism*, Eds. R. W. Fischer & F. Leon. Springer Publishing; Summer 2016.
- “Does Critical Thinking Education Have a Western Bias? *A Case Study Based on Contributions from the Nyāya Tradition of Classical Indian Philosophy*” *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 50.2; 2016.
- “Dharmakīrti, Santaraksita, Kamalsīla, and Husserlian Phenomenology: A question Concerning Compatibility, *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 9-10; 2015.
- “Advaita Vedānta and the Mind Extension Hypothesis: Panpsychism and Perception” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*; 7-8; 2015.
- “The Epistemology of Modality” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; Summer 2015.

- “Public Philosophy: Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary”  
*Comparative Philosophy* Vol. 6.2; July 2015.
- “Mind and Knowledge at the Margins”  
 in May, E. C. & Marwaha, S. B. *Extrasensory perception: Support, Skepticism, and Science Vol.1 –History, Controversy, and Research*.  
 Prager Publication; Summer 2015.
- “On the Role of Modal Intuition in Modal Logic”  
*Belgrade Philosophical Annual*; December 2014.
- “The Nyāya Misplacement Theory of Illusion and the Metaphysical Problem of Perception” in *Comparative Philosophy and J.L Shaw*, Eds. P. Bilimoria & M. Hemmingsen. Springer Publishing: Sofia Series in Cross Cultural Philosophy; December 2014.
- “Manjula’s Meditation on Relativism, Absolutism, and Beyond”  
*Comparative Philosophy* Vol. 5.1; January 2014.
- “Nyāya Perceptual Theory: Disjunctivism or Anti-Individualism?”  
*Philosophy East & West* Vol. 63.4; October 2013.
- “Critical Thinking and Epistemic Responsibility”  
*Metaphilosophy* Vol. 44.4; July 2013.
- “Intuition and Inquiry”  
*Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 13.1; January 2012.
- “Understanding and Essence”  
*Philosophia* Vol. 38.4; December 2010.
- “Philosophical Methodology: The Current Debate”  
*Philosophical Psychology* Vol. 23.3; June 2010.
- “Modal Rationalism and Modal Monism”  
*Erkenntnis* 68.2; March 2008.
- “The Metaphysical Foundation of Logic”  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic* 35.2; April 2006.

**Book Reviews --**

“The Paradox of Egocentricity” a Review of *Minds Without Fear: Philosophy in the Indian Renaissance*” by Nalini Bhushan and Jay Garfield in *Sophia*; Fall 2018.

“*Attention, Not Self*” by Jonardon Ganeri in *Mind*; Summer 2018.

“The Next Step: a review of *Comparative Philosophy Without Borders*” by Arindam Chakrabarti and Ralph Weber. In *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 67.3: 922-932; July 2017.

“Proximality and Meditative Knowledge: a review of *Perceiving Reality: Consciousness, Intentionality, and Cognition in Buddhist Philosophy*” by Christian Coseru. In *Sophia*, Vol. 54. 2: 221-225; June 2015.

“Review of *Rational Imagination: How We Create Alternatives to Reality*” by Ruth Byrne. In *Philosophical Psychology*, Vol. 20. 2; Summer 2007.

**Edited Works --**

*Professions in Ethical Focus: An Anthology* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; Eds. Fritz Allhoff, Anand Vaidya, & Jonathan Millgram (Ontario: Broadview Press: 2019).

*Business in Ethical Focus: An Anthology* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; Eds. Fritz Allhoff, Anand Vaidya, & Alex Segar (Ontario: Broadview Press: 2016).

*Business in Ethical Focus: An Anthology* 1<sup>st</sup> Edition; Eds. Fritz Allhoff & Anand Vaidya (Ontario: Broadview Press: 2008).

*Professions in Ethical Focus: An Anthology* 1<sup>st</sup> Edition; Eds. Fritz Allhoff & Anand Vaidya (Ontario: Broadview Press: 2008)

*Readings in the History of Philosophy: Ancient*; Eds. Nicholas Smith, Fritz Allhoff, and Anand J. Vaidya (Massachusetts: Blackwell-Wiley Publishers: 2007).

*Readings in the History of Philosophy: Medieval*; Eds. Gyula Klima, Fritz Allhoff, and Anand J. Vaidya (Massachusetts: Blackwell-Wiley Publishers: 2007).

*Readings in the History of Philosophy: Early Modern*; Eds. A.P. Martinich, Fritz Allhoff, and Anand J. Vaidya (Massachusetts: Blackwell-Wiley Publishers: 2006).

*Readings in the History of Philosophy: Late Modern*; Eds. Elizabeth Radcliffe, Richard McCarty, Fritz Allhoff, and Anand J. Vaidya (Massachusetts: Blackwell-Wiley Publishers: 2006).

### **Professional Seminars --**

Participant in the National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer School on Self Knowledge East and West, College of Charleston, South Carolina, USA; Summer 2018.

Instructor at the Summer School on *Cultural Plurality: Language, Literature, and Media*, Mannheim, Germany; Summer 2017.

Participant in the Central European University: Summer School on Justice Studies Theories and Applications, Budapest, Hungary; Summer 2011.

Participant in the National Endowment of the Humanities: Summer School on Experimental Philosophy; University of Utah, Utah, USA; Summer 2009.

### **Presentations --**

“Causal-Disjunctivism and Knowledge-First in Nyāya” at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, India; January 2-5, 2019.

“Knowledge-First from the Perspective of Nyāya” at *Gaṅgeśa Epistemology Conference*, University of Toronto, Mississauga; November 8, 2019.

“Which Illusion, if any, should we accept? Consciousness and the Self” at *51<sup>st</sup> annual Meeting* of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy; Bath, England; June 18-21, 2019.

“Which Illusion, if any, should we accept? Consciousness and the Self” at *East Asian Contributions to Panpsychism*; Sun Yat Sen University; Zhuhai, China: June 11-13, 2019.

“Towards and Attention-First Epistemology” at *The Virtues of Attention*; New York University; April 24-26, 2019.

“Hale on Essence and Modality” at *Necessary Beings Conference in Honor of the work of Bob Hale*, Institute of London, London, United Kingdom; October 15-16, 2018.

“What’s in Your Head? –*Zombies from Phenomenal Consciousness to Moral Conscience*” at San Jose State University, San Jose, California, USA; September 18, 2018.

“Postulating Other Minds: *An Exercise in Cross-Cultural Conceptual Engineering—The Case of Arthāpatti, Epistemic Reduction, and Mindreading*” at Yale-NUS, Singapore; August 16-17, 2018.

- “Morality and Freedom: Problems from God’s Foreknowledge and Physicalism” at Little Flower Major Seminary School of Philosophy and Religion, Kochi, Kerala, India; August 6, 2018.
- “A New Debate on Consciousness: Vedānta and Panpsychism” at Ramakrishna-Vivekananda University, Kolkata, India; July 29, 2018.
- “The Role of Essence in the Epistemology of Modality” at Frei University, Berlin, Germany; June 29, 2018.
- “The Role of Essence in the Epistemology of Modality” at Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany; June 25, 2018.
- “The Role of Self-Knowledge in Critical Thinking” at Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Krakow, Poland; June 8-11, 2018.
- “The Paradox of Egocentricity: Comments on *Minds Without Fear* by N. Bhushan and J. Garfield” at Pacific Division American Philosophical Association; San Diego California; March 31-April 3, 2018.
- “Buddhism: Conceptuality vs. Non-Conceptuality” at University of California, Berkeley, Buddhist Studies Department; March 24-26, 2018.
- “Analytic and Experimental Philosophy in the Reflection of Comparative Philosophy” at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala, India; January 10, 2018.
- “Analytic and Experimental Philosophy in the Reflection of Comparative Philosophy” at Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India; January 6, 2018.
- “Mind, Knowledge, and Reality: *An Indo-Anglo-Analytic Inquiry*” at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, India; January 2-5, 2018.
- “Re-Conceiving Conceivability” at *Conceivability and Modality Conference*, Sapienza University, Rome; June 19, 2017.
- “Re-Conceiving Conceivability” at the University of Belgrade, Serbia; June 16, 2017.
- “Re-Conceiving Conceivability” at the University of Graz, Austria; June 13, 2017
- “Nyāya Perceptual Theory: Causal Disjunctivism Articulated” at Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland; January 4-7, 2017.

- “Cross-Cultural-Critical Thinking: The Case of Jain Philosophy” at Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy held during the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland; January 4-7, 2017.
- “Colonialism and the Impossibility of Pure Empirical Ethno-Epistemology: *A Path Forward for the Unification of Analytic, Comparative, and Experimental Philosophy through a Tripartite Examination of the Gettier Cases*” at International Conference on Ethno-Epistemology, Culture, Language, and Methodology, Kanazawa, Japan; June 2-5, 2016.
- “How Can Disability Studies Help Global Philosophy Think about Place and Space,” The 11<sup>th</sup> East-West Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii, Manoa; May 24-31, 2016.
- “The Inclusion Problem in the Philosophy of Mind: the case of Advaita Vedānta and the Extended Mind Hypothesis,” Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; January 15, 2016.
- “Absence: An Indo-Analytic Inquiry” with Purushottama Bilimoria at India International Center Conference on Absence, Negation, and Non-Apprehension, New Delhi; January 13, 2016.
- “Cross-Cultural Critical Thinking: The Case of Jain Philosophy” International Conference on Science and Jain Philosophy, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai; January 8-10, 2016.
- “The Inclusion Problem in Philosophy of Mind: the case of Advaita Vedānta and the Extended Mind Hypothesis” at San Francisco State University; November 6, 2015.
- “The Epistemology of Modality: New Debates and New Directions” at *The Epistemology of Modality Conference*, University of Stirling, Scotland; October 22-25, 2015.
- “Consciousness and Perception: An Indo-Analytic Inquiry” at the *Australasian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Melbourne, Australia; July 8-10, 2015.
- “Advaita Vedanta and the Mind Extension Hypothesis” at *Toward a Science of Consciousness*, Helsinki, Finland; June 5-15, 2015.
- “Critical Thinking and Democracy” at the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World; held during the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC; April 1-4, 2015.

- “Critical Thinking, Intellectual Virtue, and the Possibility Democracy” at the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking; held during the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC; April 1-4, 2015.
- “Perception: A Nyāya-Buddhist-Cognitive Neuroscientific Examination of Christian Coseru’s *Perceiving Reality*” at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC; April 1-4, 2015.
- “Advaita Vedānta and the Mind Extension Hypothesis” at the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy; held during the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC; April 1-4, 2015.
- “Self-Awareness without a Self: A Buddhist, Analytical, and Existential Model” at *Indian Institute of Technology*, Madras; January 16, 2015
- “Self-Awareness without a Self: A Buddhist, Analytical, and Existential Model” at *Conference on Consciousness, Value, and Reality*, University of Calcutta, India; January 5-8, 2015.
- “On the Possibility of Self-Awareness without a Self” at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Buddhist Studies, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA; December 27-30, 2014.
- “Comments on Elijah Chudnoff’s Intuition” at the Society for Realism and Anti-Realism, at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA; December 27-30, 2014.
- “On Knowing Possibilities: Towards a Theory of Modal Heuristics” at *The Epistemology of Modality Conference*, Aarhus University, Denmark; September 24-26, 2014.
- “Essentialist-K Theories and the Epistemology of Modality” at *The Epistemology of Modality Workshop*, University of Belgrade, Serbia; September 18-20, 2014.
- “Understanding vs. Knowledge in the Epistemology of Modality” at *The Epistemology of Modality Workshop*, University of Lisbon, Portugal; August 29-31, 2013.
- “Epistemic Existentialism vs. Epistemic Essentialism” at *The Epistemology of Modality Workshop*, University of Cologne, Germany; February 23-24, 2012
- “The McDowell-Dreyfus Debate On Conceptual Content in Expert Action” at *Philosophy Department Colloquium*, San Jose State University; May 10, 2010.



- “The Role of Reliability in Philosophical Knowledge” at *Philosophy Lecture*, University of California, Santa Cruz; April 19, 2010.
- “Comments on Hubert Dreyfus’s McDowell vs. Merleau-Ponty: The Pseudo-Problem of Relating Mind and World” at *Conference on Constructive Engagement of Analytic and Continental Philosophy*, San Jose State University; April 10, 2010.
- “Comments on Bertram Malle’s Intentional Action in Folk Psychology” at *American Philosophical Association, Special Session on Experimental Philosophy*, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA; March 31-April 4, 2010.
- “Comments on Ronald Mallon’s Arguments from Reference, Intuition, and Experimental Philosophy” at *American Philosophical Association Special Session on Experimental Philosophy*, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA; March 31-April 4, 2010.
- “Modal Knowledge without Possible Worlds” at *Logos Research Institute*, University of Barcelona, Spain; November 20-27, 2009.
- “Can Expertise Save the Armchair” at *Thought Experiments and the A priori*; University of Fortaleza, Brazil; August 11-14, 2009.
- “Modal Cognition” at *National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Experimental Philosophy*, University of Utah; June 22- July 17, 2009.
- “A New Direction in Modal Epistemology” at *ARCHE Methodology Conference*, St. Andrews University, Scotland; April 2009.
- “On the Central Theoretical Posit of Experimental Philosophy” at *Armchair in Flames: Experimental Philosophy and its Critics*; University of Köln, Germany; September 22-24, 2008.
- “Experimental Philosophy and Comparative Philosophy” at the *Beijing Roundtable Conference on the Methodology of Comparative Philosophy*; Beijing, China; June, 2008.
- “Experimental Philosophy: The Current Debate” at the *Center for Applied Ethics*, Western Michigan University, USA; November, 2007.
- “Essence and Intuition” at *Philosophy Department Colloquium*; Western Michigan University, USA; November, 2007.
- “The Logic of Intuition” at the *Center for Consciousness Studies*; Australian National University, Australia; July, 2007.

“Modal Rationalism” at the *Köln Summer School on Phenomenal Consciousness, Metaphysics, and Conceptual Analysis* hosted by David Chalmers, University of Köln, Germany; September 4-8, 2006.

“Evolutionary Psychology and the Epistemology of Metaphysical Modality” at the *Annual Meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, University of Guelph, Canada; July 2005.

“Modal Rationalism and the Epistemology of Metaphysical Modality” at the *Annual Meeting of the Australasian Association of Philosophy*, South Molle Island, Australia; July 2004.

“Modal Intuition” at Interview for Arche Modality Project, St. Andrews University, Scotland; June 2004.