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Employment:

Professor of Philosophy,
San Jose State University

2015 ---

Associate Professor of Philosophy
San Jose State University

2010-2015

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
San Jose State University

2005-2010

Education:

Ph. D. Philosophy
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

2000-2005

B. A. Philosophy
University of California, Los Angeles, CA

1996-1998

Background, Research, and Teaching:

I was trained as an Analytic philosopher, primarily in language, logic, metaphysics, epistemology, mind, ethics, and the history of Western philosophy. My dissertation, *The Epistemology of Metaphysical Modality*, was a critical study of how we know what is possible and necessary for consciousness via conceivability. It focused on David Chalmers's argument against physicalist theories of consciousness. In it I argue that *a priori* thought experiments are not sufficiently strong enough to guide us to a theory of consciousness alone. Rather, *empirical* methods as well as *a priori* methods are required. I have expanded my research out to include cross-cultural philosophy. I work primarily on the relation between Indian and Analytic theories of consciousness, perception, intuition, knowledge, justification and critical thinking. I frequently teach in my areas of specialization, most often mind and epistemology. Recently, I have been focusing on questions at the intersection of mind and morality, such as: what facts about minds ground moral rights with respect to non-human animals, plants, and AI? I regularly teach business ethics and seminars on the capabilities approach to justice and the philosophy of economics.

Publications:

Public Philosophy--

“If a Robot is Conscious, is it Ok to turn it off? *On the moral implications of building true AIs*” in *The Conversation*, October 27, 2020.

“The Ethics of Suicide” in *The Philosophers Magazine*, February 1, 2023.

Encyclopedia Entries--

“The Epistemology of Modality” with A. Mallozzi and M. Wallner
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Summer 2021.

“The Epistemology of Modality”
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Summer 2015.

“The Epistemology of Modality”
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Summer 2007.

Edited Textbooks and Anthologies --

The Epistemology of Modality and Philosophical Methodology; Eds. A. Vaidya & D. Prevelic. (London: Routledge Publishing: 2023).

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

Business in Ethical Focus: An Anthology 2nd Edition; Eds. Fritz Allhoff, Anand Vaidya, & Alex Segar (Ontario: Broadview Press: 2018).

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

Professions in Ethical Focus: An Anthology 1st 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).

Research Articles by Area of Inquiry--

Analytic Epistemology--

“Introduction to the Epistemology of Modality and Philosophical Methodology” in *Epistemology of Modality and Philosophical Methodology*. Vaidya, A. & Prevelic, D. (Eds.). Routledge Studies in Epistemology. Spring 2023.

“The Epistemology of Modality” With Michael Wallner in *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*. Ed. Kurt Sylvan. Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. Spring 2024.

“Conferralism Examined” With Michael Wallner in *The Routledge Handbook of Essence*. Eds. K. Koslicki & M. Raven. Routledge Publishing. Spring 2024.

“Essence, Explanation, and Modality” with Michael Wallner in *Philosophy*; Summer 2020.

“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.

“Modal Knowledge: Beyond Rationalism and Empiricism” in *Modal Epistemology after Rationalism*, Eds. R. W. Fischer & F. Leon. Springer Publishing; Summer 2016.

“On the Role of Modal Intuition in Modal Logic” *Belgrade Philosophical Annual*; December 2014.

“Understanding and Essence” *Philosophia* Vol. 38.4; December 2010.

“Modal Rationalism and Modal Monism” *Erkenntnis* 68.2; March 2008.

Cross-Cultural Critical Thinking and Philosophy of Logic--

- “Logical Pluralism and Paradoxical Assertions in the Philosophy of Religion” in *Philosophy Compass* Spring 2024.
- “On the Need for Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary Critical Thinking” in *Learning Critical Thinking Skills Beyond the 21st Century for Multidisciplinary Courses* (ed.) Zehalia Babaci-White. Cognella Publications, Fall 2021.
- “Democracy and Polarization” in *Argument* Vol. 10. July 2020.
- “Is it Permissible to Teach Buddhist Meditation in a Critical Thinking Course?” in *Informal Logic* 40.4; 2020.
- “Making the Case for Jaina Contributions to Critical Thinking Education” in *Journal of World Philosophies*; Summer 2018.
- “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.
- “Critical Thinking and Epistemic Responsibility” *Metaphilosophy* Vol. 44.4; July 2013.
- “The Metaphysical Foundation of Logic” *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 35.2; April 2006.

Philosophical Methodology--

- “Analytical and Experimental Philosophy in the Reflection of Comparative Philosophy” with Purushottama Bilimoria in *Ethno-Epistemology: New Directions for Global Epistemology*, Ed. M. Mizumoto, J. Ganeri, and C. Goddard. July 2019.
- “Public Philosophy: Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary” *Comparative Philosophy* Vol. 6.2; July 2015.
- “Intuition and Inquiry” *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 13.1; January 2012.
- “Philosophical Methodology: The Current Debate” *Philosophical Psychology* Vol. 23.3; June 2010.

Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary Philosophy

- “Two Conceptions of the Relation between the Self and God: the Debate between Śāṅkara and Rāmānuja” in Silvestre, R., Herbert, A., & Paul Göcke, B. (eds.) *Vaiṣṇava Concepts of God*. London: Routledge Publishing. Fall 2024.
- “Interrogating Illusionism” in Shani, I and Beiweiss, S (eds.) *Cross-Cultural Approaches to Consciousness: Mind, Nature and Reality*; London: Bloomsbury Publishing: 267-290. Spring 2023.
- “Elements of Knowledge-First Epistemology in Gaṅgeśa” in *Oxford Studies in Epistemology* Vol. 7. Fall 2022.
- “On the Possibility of a Dual-Natured Self in *RUDN Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 26.2. June 2022.
- “Analytic Panpsychism and the Metaphysics of Rāmānuja’s Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta” in *Monist* Vol. 105: 110-130, January 2022.
- “Perceptual, Reflective, and Speculative Doubt: An Engagement with Nyāya” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* Vol. 45 2021: 77-98.
- “Multi-Factor Causal Disjunctivism: A Nyāya Informed Account of Perceptual Disjunctivism” in *Sophia: International Journal of Traditions and Cultures*; Fall 2020.
- “Arthâpatti: An Anglo-Indo-Analytic Attempt at Cross-Cultural Conceptual Engineering” in *Controversial Reasoning in Indian Philosophy*, Ed. Malcolm Keating. Bloomsbury Publishing. Fall 2020.
- “A New Debate on Consciousness: Bringing Classical and Modern Vedānta into Dialogue with Contemporary Analytic Panpsychism” in *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Vedānta*, Ed. Ayon Maharaj. Bloomsbury Publishing; Summer 2020.
- “*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. Dordrecht: Springer Publishing; 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.
- “Dharmakīrti, Santarakṣita, 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.

“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.

“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.

Book Reviews --

“Abhinavagupta, the Hard Problem of Phenomenal Consciousness, and the Grounding Problem for Moral Standing” in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Spring 2024.

“Artificial Consciousness: A Critical Notice of Susan Schneider’s *Artificial You*” in *Analysis* (forthcoming)

“A Critical Notice on the Moral Grounding Question in David Chalmers’ Reality+” in *Sophia Journal of Traditions*. Fall 2023.

“Reality+: A Review of Chalmers on Reality” in *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming)

“Considering Certification” a Critical Engagement with Stephen Phillips’ Gaṅgeśa, in *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming)

“Daya Krishna and Twentieth Century Indian Philosophy: *A New of Thinking about Art, Freedom, and Knowledge*, in Newsletter for Asian and Asian American Philosophers of the American Philosophical Association. Volume 22.1, Fall 2022.

“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.

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

Fellowships, Professional Seminars & External Courses:

Research Fellowship at University of Antwerp on *Perception and Hallucination in Nyāya and Analytic Philosophy*. May 1-22, 2023.

Research Lecturer for Kerala State Higher Education Council on *Consciousness, Reality, and Value* in Indian and Analytic Philosophy. January 1-10, 2023.

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 (virtual and in-person):

“Artificial Intelligence, Moral Standing, and Emotions” at *Grounding Consciousness, Understanding and Meaning*, Trivandrum, India. January 6-8, 2024.

“Knowledge, Perception, and Certification in Nyāya and Analytic Philosophy” at Ramakrishna Mission for Institute for Culture, Kolkata, India. January 1-4, 2024.

“Artificial Intelligence, Moral Standing, and Emotions” at *Workshop on AI, Agency, and Wellbeing*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. November 20-24, 2023.

“Knowledge, Perception, and Certification in Nyāya and Analytic Philosophy” at Oxford Center for Hindu Studies. November 17, 2023.

- “Perception, Hallucination, and Knowledge in Nyāya and Analytic Philosophy” at University of Leeds, UK. November 2, 2023.
- Perception, Hallucination, and Knowledge in Nyāya and Analytic Philosophy” at University of Stirling, UK. October 31, 2023.
- “Does The Pauli-Exclusion Principle Support Modalism or Essentialism about Metaphysical Modality?” at University of St. Andrews, UK. October 30, 2023.
- “Argumentation and Certification” at *World Congress of Logic*, Sinaia, Romania. September 3-8, 2023.
- “Moral Grounding and Grading: An Intelligent Systems-Based Approach” at *Trinity College Dublin*. August 25-27, 2023.
- “A Nyāya Response to Nanay on Amodal Completion Illusions as a Threat to Relationalism about Perception” at *European Society for Analytic Philosophy Conference*, Vienna. August 20-26, 2023.
- “Cross-Cultural Conceptual Engineering *Certification*” at University of Warsaw. June 10-11, 2023.
- “Moral Grounding and Grading: An Intelligent Systems Approach” at *Pedagogical University of Krakow*. June 3-4, 2023.
- “Nyāya Perceptual Theory and the Problem of Amodal Illusions” at *The Science of Consciousness Conference*, Taormina. May 25-31, 2023.
- “The Moral Grounding Problem: An Engagement Between David Chalmers' *Reality+* and Umasvati's *Tattvārtha Sūtra*” at University of Stockholm. May 21-23, 2023.
- “On Certification” at Ghent University. May 17, 2023.
- “Multi-Factor Causal Disjunctivism about Perception and the Problem of Illusion” at University of Antwerp. May 4, 2023.
- “On Certification: A New Architecture for Contemporary Epistemology Based on Nyāya Epistemology” at University of California, Irvine. April 28, 2023.
- “Samkhya-Yoga and the Status of Artificial Minds in Nature” at *Samkhya-Yoga Conference* at University of San Francisco. April 13-14, 2023.
- “The Parable of the Elephant: How Indian Philosophy Illuminates the Study of Consciousness” at *Mind-Fest* at Florida Atlantic University. March 16-17, 2023.

- “A Classical Philosophical Engagement with David Chalmers’ Reality +” at Siena College. March 9, 2023.
- “Advaita Vedānta and the Mind Extension Hypothesis” at *RUND University*, Moscow, Russia. March 2, 2023.
- “The Epistemic Limit of Illusionism about Consciousness” at JNU, Delhi, India, February 1, 2023.
- “Can Contributions from Jaina Logic to Logical Theory Also Contribute to the Debate over Logical Pluralism?” at Benares Hindu University, Varanasi, India, January 14-18, 2023.
- “Can Machines Have Emotions?” at India International Center, Delhi, India, January 10-14, 2023.
- “Śāṅkara and Chalmers on Consciousness and Reality” at Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady, Kerala, India, January 3-13, 2023.
- “What is wrong with Conferralism, Normativism, Modalism about the Epistemology of Modality” at University of Miami, December 2, 2022.
- “Can Machines Have Emotions?” at University of Hawaii, Mano, November 4, 2022.
- “Kripke’s Account of the Epistemology of Modality” at 50th Anniversary of *Naming and Necessity*, City University of New York, October 19, 2022.
- “Can Machines Have Emotions?” at Florida Atlantic University Center for the Future Mind, October 12, 2022.
- “Similarity: An Anglo-Indo-Analytic Inquiry at *Indian and Analytic Approaches to Similarity Workshop* hosted by Malcolm Keating and Ben Blumson, August 4-5, 2022.
- “Can Indian Logic Contribute to the Debate over Logical Pluralism: The Case of Jaina Logic” at Calicut University. July 21, 2022.
- “Can Indian Logic Contribute to the Debate over Logical Pluralism: The Case of Jaina Logic” at *Workshop on Approaches to Argumentation* at Old Dominion University hosted by Malcolm Keating and Teresa Kouri-Kissel, July 19, 2022.
- “Concepts of Consciousness and Artificial Intelligence” at *Organizations, Artifacts, and Practices Workshop on Post-humanists Organizing for Post-humanism* hosted by San Francisco State University, June 22-24, 2022.

- “Essence and Possibility: On the Role of Controlling Conceptions in the Acquisition of Modal Knowledge” at *Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Chicago, Illinois, USA. February 22-26, 2022.
- “Epistemic Authority” at University of Hawaii, Manoa. January 15, 2022.
- “Interrogating Varieties of Illusionism: Against Phenomenal, Structural, Foundational, Accuracy, and Fundamental Illusionism” at Hindu Benares University, Varanasi, India. November 29-30, 2021.
- “Rāmānuja’s Qualified Non-Dualism and Analytic Panpsychism” at Sree Śāṅkacharya University, Kalady, Kerala, India. November 23, 2021.
- “Imaginability: From Mind to Morality” at University of Hawaii, Manoa, USA. October 29, 2021.
- “Resisting the Allure of Illusionism about Consciousness: Realism and Privacy” at William and Mary, Virginia, USA. October 1, 2021.
- “Jain Logic / Epistemology?” at Iranian Association for Logic Conference on *Oriental Logic*. June 29, 2021.
- “The Epistemic Argument Against Illusionism about the Self and Consciousness” at Sree Śāṅkacharya University, Kalady, Kerala, India. June 1, 2021.
- “Controlling Conceptions and the Problem of Epistemic Modal Friction” at Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy. February 22, 2021
- “Public Philosophy: Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary” at University of Delhi, Delhi, India; October 7, 2020.
- “The Role of Essence in Modal Knowledge” at Mind and Language Seminar New York University; March 31-April 1, 2020.
- “What Can a Modal Normativist Know About Metaphysical Modality?” at University of Graz, Austria March 13, 2020.
- “Causal-Disjunctivism and Knowledge-First in Nyāya” at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, India; January 6-8, 2020.
- “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 *51st 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 50th 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 11th 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.

Professional Positions:

- APA Pacific Division Member at Large: 2021-2022
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