Mike Ashfield
Curriculum Vitae

Utah State University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., *Philosophy*, University of Southern California, Conferred May 2022 (Defended August 2021)
   Dissertation: "The Virtue of Reasonableness," Supervised by Ralph Wedgwood; see ABSTRACT

M.A., *Philosophy*, Northern Illinois University, August 2013

M.A., *Theology*, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, May 2009
   Thesis: "Must a Good God be Moral? An Exploration of Agatheism," Supervised by Bill Brackney
   (Theology, Acadia Divinity College) & Stephen Maitzen (Philosophy, Acadia University)

B.A. with Distinction, *Philosophy & Great Books*, St. Thomas University, May 2005

AOS   Social and Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Value Theory, Normative Ethics, Religion
AOC   Applied Ethics, Metaphysics, Mind, Logic, Critical Reasoning, 20th Century Analytic

EMPLOYMENT

Utah State University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2022–present
Utah State University, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2021–2022
University of New Brunswick, Instructor, 2019–2021

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Graduate Fellow, USC Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, 2020-21
Research Assistantship, USC Graduate School, 2018–19
Competitive Summer Research Grant, USC Graduate School, 2018
Competitive Teaching Assistantship, USC Joint Educational Project, 2017–18
General Education Graduate Assistant Award, 2016–17
Provost's Ph.D. Fellowship, USC Graduate School, 2012–17
Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2012–16
Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Northern Illinois University, 2012
Graduate Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, 2010–12
Golden 'A' Award, Acadia University, 2007–08; one of three awarded University-wide
Renewable Entrance Scholarship, Acadia Divinity College, 2006–08
Outstanding Scholar Award, St. Thomas University, 2004–05
Fredericton Community Foundation Scholarship, St. Thomas University, 2003–04

RESEARCH

Publications

"Five Problems for the Moral Consensus on Sins," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 90 (3) (December 2021): 157–189; DOI: 10.1007/s11153-021-09795-x.

"Against the Minimalistic Reading of Epistemic Contextualism: A Reply to Wolfgang Freitag," *Acta Analytica* 28 (1) (March 2013): 111–125; DOI: 10.1007/s12136-012-0153-5.

Papers Under Review or In-Progress

"The Normativity of Sin and Righteousness"
"Civic Virtue Reliabilism" *R&R* from Res Publica
"Reasonableness Ain't All in the Head: Epistemic Externalism for Liberal Anti-Perfectionists"
"Mass Manslaughter" (with Michael Otteson)
"Revelatory Evils and the Goodness of God" (with Taylor-Grey Miller)
"Bare Theism" (with Ravi Gupta)

Selected Refereed Presentations

"Bare Theism and LDS Philosophical Theology"
　　July 2024 • Tyndale Fellowship Study Group in Phil Religion (Tyndale House, Cambridge)
　　June 2024 • Canadian Philosophical Association
　　May 2024 • "Models in Theology" Panel, European Academy of Religion (invitation declined)
　　September 2023 • LDS Philosophy Project Workshop (Brigham Young University)

"Revelatory Evils and the Goodness of God"
　　June 2023 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

"The Good, the Bad, and the Sinful"
　　March 2024 • Society of Christian Philosophers (invitation declined)
　　July 2023 • Tyndale Fellowship Study Group in Phil Religion (Tyndale House, Cambridge)
　　May 2023 • Canadian Philosophical Association

"Reasonableness Ain't All in the Head: Epistemic Externalism for Liberal Anti-Perfectionists"
　　February 2022 • Intermountain Philosophy Conference
　　October 2021 • University of Kent: "Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology" (Sponsored by the Mind Association & the Aristotelian Society
　　May 2018 • Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference

"Liberal Virtues"
　　June 2023 • Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy (invitation declined)
　　May 2021 • Canadian Section of the IVR

"Sin as a Harm to Relationships"
　　May 2021 • Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference

"Is there a group-level analogue of manslaughter? Can it be a form of genocide?"
　　May 2019 • Canadian Section of the IVR

"Enemies of a Loving God: Amatory Christian Theology"
　　October 2019 • SLU Graduate Student Conference: "Justice and Philosophy of Religion"
　　October 2018 • 4th Theistic Ethics Workshop (**All Expenses Paid**)
　　June 2018 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

"On the Epistemic Status of Reasonable Disagreement: Reply to Enoch"
    September 2016 • Mᴀɴᴄᴇᴘᴛ Workshop on Theories of Public Reason (**Meritorious Bursary**)
    August 2016 • Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster presentation)
    May 2016 • Canadian Philosophical Association

"Replies to Friedman on the Possibility of a Credal-Theoretic Account of Suspended Judgment"
    March 2016 • American Philosophical Association Central Division
    October 2015 • UNR Graduate Philosophy Conference (**First Prize for Best Conference Submission**)

"A Credal-Reductive Account of Rational Agnosticism: Reply to Friedman"
    May 2015 • Northwest Student Philosophy Conference
    April 2015 • Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (**Honorarium**)

"Paradox Lost: Anti-realism, Theism, Fitch's Paradox, and the Conditional Fallacy"
    October 2012 • Society for Exact Philosophy

"Against the Minimalistic Reading of Epistemic Contextualism: A Reply to Wolfgang Freitag"
    October 2011 • Illinois Philosophical Association
    September 2011 • Central States Philosophical Association

"Emergent Dualism and the Problem of Resurrection"
    June 2011 • Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

Critical Commentaries

Lindsay Crawford's "Doxastic Wronging in Reasoning About Others," Philadelphia Normative
    Philosophy Conference, 2023

Lea Bourguignon's "On the Possibility of Act Contractualism," RoME Congress, 2023

Paul Garofolo's "Legitimacy and Flourishing in Politics," USC/Shandong Workshop 2022

Matt Weiner's "Secondary Propriety and the Goals of Assertion," VSPC 2022

Arjun Sawhney's "Policing in the Age of Algorithms," CS-IVR, 2022

Mark Satta's "A Disjunctive Argument Against Conjoining Belief Impermissivism and Credal
    Impermissivism," Mountains-Plains Philosophy Conference, 2021

Nicole Dular's "Mansplaining as Epistemic Injustice," Central APA, 2020

Julian Jonker's "Discrimination at a Distance: Vicarious Wrongs and the Comparative Test for
    Discrimination," Central APA, 2019

James Fritz's "Uncertainty, Belief, and Ethical Risk," Eastern APA, 2019

Rima Basu's "What We Epistemically Owe To Each Other," VSPC, 2018

Travis Lacroix *&* Cailin O'Connor's "On the Role of Power in the Evolution of Inequitable
    Norms,"
    CPA, 2018

David Roucheleau Houle's "Scanlon, Pure Normative Claims, and Necessity," CPA, 2018

Georgi Gardiner's "Safety, Sensitivity, and Legal Standards of Proof," Universität zu Köln:
    "Rationality and Reasonableness," 2018 (**Graduate Respondent Honorarium**)

Chris Dragos's "Extended (Group) Knowledge," CPA, 2017

Amelia Hicks's "Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison," RoME Congress, 2016

Eric Mathison's "Desires and Ill-Being," CPA, 2016

Wesley Cragg's "Reshaping the Social Contract," Canadian Meeting of the IVR, 2016

Workshops and Summer Institutes

Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy (NEWLAMP), July 2023

Fourth Theistic Ethics Workshop, Wake Forest University, October 2018 (**All Expenses Paid**)

International Rationality Summer Institute 2, Irsee, Germany, September 2018 (**All Expenses Paid**)

Selected Invited Non-Refereed Presentations

"The Good, the Bad, and the Sinful: On the Evaluative Status of Sinfulness and Righteousness" presentation to the BYU Philosophy Department Faculty *via* Zoom, 01.24.2023

"On the Epistemic Status of Reasonable Disagreement," a public colloquium hosted by the Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, 07.22.2016

"Do Universal Human Rights Exist?" A panel discussion on practical ethics sponsored by the USC Levan Institute of Humanities and Ethics, Los Angeles, CA, 10.22.2015

"God, Evil, & Morality: A Debate" with Dr. Stephen Maitzen, co-sponsored by the ADC Students' Association, Acadia Students' Union, and Philosophy Department, Wolfville, NS, 03.06.2008

TEACHING HONORS, TRAINING, & SERVICE

Teaching Honors

Competitive Teaching Assistantship, USC Joint Educational Project, 2017–18

Competitive USC General Education Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 2016–17

Professional Teaching Presentation

Panelist: "Okay, but can we talk about ChatGPT?" CogTeacho: Teaching Philosophy as …: The Cogtweeto Philosophy Workshop Series (@CogtweetoSeries), August 2023

Selected Training & Professional Development

Teaching Scholar Certificate: Diversity Mentoring and Inclusive Teaching Track, USU Center Empowering Teaching Excellence (ETE), expected August 2024

Springboard to Action! Building a Better Syllabus Workshop, ETE, March 2024

LGBT+ Allies on Campus Training, USU Inclusion Center, March 2024

Trans Allies on Campus Training, USU Inclusion Center, February 2024

Great IDEAs: Getting the most from IDEA student ratings of instruction, ETE, November 2023

Sparkshop: Creating Equitable Classroom Policies, ETE, November 2023

Inclusive Excellence Symposium, USU Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, October 2023

One-on-one Consultations about Canvas Design (Jennifer Paskett), USU Center for Instructional Design and Innovation (CIDI), September 2023 & November 2022

Solicited Student Collaborators on Teaching Classroom Observations (PHIL 3600 & PHIL 2400), ETE, Spring & Fall 2023 Semesters

Teaching Documentation Workshop, USU Office of the Provost, May 2023

LAUNCH: Student Engagement and Learning Strategies Collaboration, ETE, May 2023

Springboard to Action! Rethinking Student Assessment Workshop, ETE, March 2023

One-on-one IDEA Course Evaluation Consultation (Nathan Laursen), USU Office of Analysis, Assessment and Accreditation, February 2023

One-on-One Community Engaged Learning Course Design Consultation (Nelda Ault-Dyslin), Community Engaged Learning (CEL), November 2022

Community Engaged Faculty Roundtable, CEL, September 2022

Writing Outcomes for Assessment (Amy Carpenter), CIDI, September 2022

Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference, ETE, August 2022

Teaching Political Philosophy With Role-Immersion: A Training Conference, UCSD, June 2022

PHIL 593 *Teaching Philosophy: USC Philosophy Teaching Practicum* (Mark Schroeder), Fall 2013

Teaching-Related Service

Instructor and Undergrad Mentor (Mentee: Lindsey Bach), *Introduction to Ethics* (Spring 2019) and Co-Instructor, *Introduction to Philosophy* (Fall 2020) with Vishnu Sridharan, Santa Fe Springs Women's Custody-to-Community Transitional Reentry Facility, USC Prison Education Project

Co-Teacher, Corrupt the Youth—Los Angeles, Youth Education Department, Los Angeles LGBT Center, 2018–19

Co-creator and Co-organizer with Rima Basu and Maegan Fairchild, inaugural *Ethics Boot Camp: Developing Your Ethical Toolkit*, USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, Spring 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Utah State University, Department of Communication Studies & Philosophy

PHIL 2400 *Ethics*
PHIL 3500 *Healthcare Ethics*
PHIL 3530 *Environmental Ethics*
PHIL 3600 *Philosophy of Religion*
PHIL 3700 *Political Philosophy*
Complete Utah State University IDEA Student Evaluations: here

University of Southern California, Summer Programs

CORE 195 *Ethical Business Strategies*; Co-instructed once with Rima Basu

Undergraduate Research Supervision

Zachary Zito, USU Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities (URCO) Grant
Miranda Judson, PHIL 4910 *Directed Readings in LDS Philosophical Theology*

Instructor (Tutorial Instruction, Tutoring in Office Hours, and Grading)

University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Arts

ARTS 1002 *Development of Western Thought II* (Megan Woodworth)
ARTS 1000 *Development of Western Thought* (Sean Kennedy & Carolyn MacDonald)

University of Southern California, Department of Philosophy

PHIL 140 *Contemporary Moral and Social Issues* (Jake Ross)
PHIL 155 *Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life* (Steve Finlay)
PHIL 174 *Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice* (Jon Quong)

PHIL 220 *Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind* (Zlatan Damnjanovic)
PHIL 288 *Love and its Representation in Western Literature, Film, & Philosophy* (Ed McCann)
Overall Average USC Student Evaluation Score: 4.65/5 (Complete USC student evals)

Teaching Assistant (Grading & Tutoring in Office Hours; No institutional evals conducted)

Northern Illinois University, Department of Philosophy

PHIL 101 *Introduction to Philosophy* (Tomis Kapitan)
PHIL 105 *Logic and Critical Reasoning* (John Beaudoin)
PHIL 231 *Contemporary Moral Issues* (Jason Hanna)
PHIL 231 *Contemporary Moral Issues* (Nicoleta Apostol)
PHIL 390 *Sex, Gender and Love* (Sharon Sytsma)

Guest Lectures

"What Should be for Sale? The Moral Limits of Markets Debate," PHIL 174: *Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice* (Jon Quong), University of Southern California, 2.3.2017

"Is there a Moral Duty to Obey the Law? Political Obligation in the *Crito* and Contemporary Thought," Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Concordia University Irvine, 2.27.2017

"Why We Should Take Ethics Seriously," Inaugural *Ethics Boot Camp: Developing Your Ethical Toolkit*, USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, 4.22.2016

"God, Morality, and the Problems of Evil," Team lecture with Renee Bolinger, PHIL 155: *Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life* (Steve Finlay), University of Southern California, 2.20.2014

Other Teaching Experience

Utah State University, Summer Citizens Program

Co-Instructor, *Socrates & the Examined Life* (with Dr. Michael Otteson), Summer 2024

Dalhousie University

Teaching Assistant, PHIL 2260 *Philosophy of Art* (Carmel Forde), Fall 2020

University of New Brunswick

Writing Tutor, UNB Writing & Study Skills Centre, Fall 2019–Winter 2021

University of Southern California

Graduate Teaching Assistant, USC Joint Educational Project (JEP), 2017–18

I developed reflective curricula for JEP's service-learning project (Selected Prompts). JEP-participating courses allow students to earn credit for serving the community as mini- course instructors or tutors in nearby schools, translators for immigration legal aid services, volunteers with anti-poverty and housing organizations, and health service volunteers. Students are required to reflect on their service, in light of theories and concepts covered in the course, through reflective essays and discussions led by undergrad Program Assistants (PAs), who I mentored as discussion leaders and graders. Courses included:

AMST 252 Black Social Movements in the U.S.
COLT 374 Women Writers in Europe and America
COMM 324 Intercultural Communication
PHIL 166 Current Moral and Social Issues
PHIL 168 The Meaning of Life

        PHIL 254 Science, Knowledge and Objectivity
        PHIL 431 Law, Society, and Politics
        PSYC 355 Social Psychology
        SOCI 155 Immigrant America
        SOCI 353 Public Policy and the Criminal Justice System
        SOCI 360 Social Inequality: Class, Status, and Power
        Selected Volunteer Programs:
            Pre-Law Project
            Trojan Health Volunteers
            Understanding Homelessness Through Service

St. Thomas University

Research Assistant (Grader and Occasional Lecturer for Christine Cornell), 2008–10

    ENGL 1006 *Intro to English Literature*
    ENGL 2513 *Development of Science Fiction*
    ENGL 3386 *16th Century Poetry and Prose*
    GRID 3106 *Love & Friendship*
    GRID 3206 *Human Nature and Technology*
    GRID 4903 *Honours Seminar: The Inklings*

Writing Tutor, St. Thomas University Writing Centre, 2008–10

Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University

Research Assistant (Grader and Online Course Assistant to Glenn Wooden), 2007–08

    BIBL 5013/23 *Intro to the Old Testament 1* & *2*

SERVICE

Professional Service

Editorial Work

    Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Summer 2018–Fall 2019
    Editorial Assistant*, Proceedings of the 9th Annual Association of Core Texts and Courses*, 2004–05

Conferences Co-Organized

    USC-UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, 2018

    Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University, 2011

Other Service

    Judge, Rocky Mountain/Wasatch Regional Ethics Bowl, 2021 & 2023

    Referee, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Religious Studies*, *Phil Quarterly*

    Referee & Invited Commentator, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, 2018–22

    Referee, USC-UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, 2012–19

    Referee, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012–18, 2020

    Referee, Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010

    Admin, Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association (ARPA) Facebook page, 2015–19

Departmental Service

Hiring Committee (Tenure-Track Search), USU Communication Studies & Philosophy, 2023–24

Curriculum Review Committee, USU Communication Studies & Philosophy, 2022–present

Section Activity Coordinator, "Come Home to CHaSS" Homecoming Festivities, 2022–present

Hiring Committee (Tenure-Track Search), USU Communication Studies & Philosophy, 2022–23

Grad Mentor, USC Gathering Philosophers in Southern California Inaugural Workshop, 2018

Grad Student Representative, Graduate Committee, USC Philosophy Department, 2016–17

Vice President, Pegasus: USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2015–16

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) USC Chapter Committee Member, 2014–2016

Graduate Student Advisory Council, Department of Philosophy, NIU, 2011

University Service

Faculty Senator, USU College of Humanities *&* Social Sciences, USU Faculty Senate, 2023–2026

Staff and Employee Association/Faculty Senate Joint Task Force, 2024–present

Communications Committee, USU Faculty Senate, 2023–24

University Calendar Committee, Utah State University, 2023–24

Referee, USC Levan Ethics Essay Contest, 2016–18

Co-organizer, 8th Annual USC Graduate Research Symposium, Spring 2016

Co-creator and Co-organizer with Rima Basu and Maegan Fairchild, inaugural *Ethics Boot Camp: Developing Your Ethical Toolkit*, USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, Spring 2016

Senator, Graduate Student Government, USC 2015–2016

Academic Affairs Committee Member, Graduate Student Government, USC 2015–2016

Faculty of Theology Student Representative, Acadia University Senate, 2007–2008

Faculty of Theology Representative, Acadia Students' Union Council, 2007–2008 (**ASU Councilor of the Year Award**)

Professional Association Membership

American Philosophical Association

Canadian Philosophical Association

GRADUATE COURSEWORK & EXAMINATIONS

Social & Political Philosophy

PHIL 530 *Law and Philosophy Workshop* (Andrei Marmor & Alex Sarch, USC)

PHIL 530 *Law and Philosophy Workshop* (Jonathan Quong & Gary Watson, USC)

PHIL 537 *Social and Political Philosophy* (Jonathan Quong, USC)

PHIL 590 *Directed Reading: Public Reason* (Jonathan Quong, USC)

Qualifying Exam and Defense of Doctoral Dissertation on "The Virtue of Reasonableness" (USC)

Epistemology & Metaphysics

PHIL 501 *Belief and Degree of Belief* (Kenny Easwaran, USC)

PHIL 570 *Rational Belief* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)

PHIL 552 *Metaphysics of Science* (Carl Gillett, NIU)

PHIL 611 *Epistemology* (Mylan Engel Jr., NIU)

PHIL 612 *Metaphysics* (Alicia Finch, NIU)

Comprehensive Exam in Metaphysics & Epistemology (NIU)

Ethics & Value Theory

PHIL 501 *Rational Choice* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)

PHIL 503 *Intro to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)

PHIL 560 *Metaphysics for Moral Philosophers* (Kadri Vihvelin, USC)

Area Exam in Normative and Applied Ethics (Jonathan Quong & Ralph Wedgwood, USC)

PHIL 631 *Advanced Ethical Theory* (Steve Daskal, NIU)

Comprehensive Exam in Ethics (NIU)

THEO 6013 *Intro to Christian Ethics* (Bill Brackney, Acadia)

Logic, Language, & Mind

PHIL 450 *Intermediate Symbolic Logic: Metatheory* (Kenny Easwaran, USC)

PHIL 499 *Modal Logic* (Gabriel Uzquiano, USC)

PHIL 504 *Philosophy of Language* (Geoff Pynn, NIU)

PHIL 505 *Intermediate Logic* (David Buller, NIU)

PHIL 640 *Philosophy of Mind* (Carl Gillett, NIU)

PHIL 691 *Special Topics: Truth* (David Buller, NIU)

PHIL 691 *Special Topics: Paradoxes* (Valia Allori, NIU)

Comprehensive Exam in Philosophy of Science, Language, & Mind (NIU)

History

PHIL 411 *Plato* (Ralph Wedgwood, USC)

PHIL 500 *Intro to Contemporary Philosophical Literature* (Scott Soames & Gabriel Uzquiano, USC)

PHIL 520 *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid* (James Van Cleve, USC)

PHIL 529 *Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy* (David Buller, NIU)

CHUR 5013 *Church History to the Reformation* (Bob Wilson, Acadia)

CHUR 5013 *Church History since the Reformation* (Bob Wilson, Acadia)

Biblical Studies & Theology

BIBL 5013/23 *Intro to the Old Testament 1 & 2* (Ken Penner, Acadia)

BIBL 6013/23 *Intro to the New Testament 1 & 2* (Craig Evans, Acadia)

BIBL 7323 *Special Topics: The Biblical Canon* (Lee McDonald, Acadia)

BIBL 7533 *Life and Letters of Paul* (Craig Evans, Acadia)

GREE 6006 *New Testament Greek Grammar* (Greg Herrick, Acadia)

THEO 6203/13 *Systematic Theology 1 & 2* (Bill Brackney, Acadia)

THEO 7513 *Points of Contact: Understanding World Religions* (Bruce Matthews, Acadia)

Master's Thesis Defense of "Must a Good God be Moral? An Exploration of Agatheism" (Acadia)

Professional Development

PHIL 589 *Writing for Publication in Philosophy* (John Hawthorne, USC)

PHIL 593 *Teaching Philosophy* (Mark Schroeder, USC)

IDST 7053/63 *Research Methods 1 & 2* (Carol Anne Janzen, Acadia)

REFERENCES

Ralph Wedgwood
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Mark Schroeder
Professor, USC Dornsife School of Philosophy
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Jonathan Quong
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USC Gould School of Law
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