

# *Curriculum Vitae*

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**Areas of Specialization:** Applied Ethics, The Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Areas of Competence:** Virtue Theory, Social-Political Philosophy, Christian Ethics

### **Academic Appointments**

- 2024- Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Political Science and Philosophy,  
University Missouri – Kansas City, Kansas City, MO
- 2022-2024 Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, Institute for Public and Professional Ethics in  
Leadership, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
- 2021-2022 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Philosophy, Department of History, Humanities, and  
Modern Languages, Utah Tech University, St. George, UT

### **Education**

- 2021 Ph.D. Philosophy: Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
  
Dissertation: *Public Servant: On the Application of Humility to the United States Congress*  
  
Committee: Linda Radzik, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Philosophy (Chair); Claire Palmer, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Philosophy; Robert Garcia, Baylor University: Dept. Of Philosophy; Kirby Goidel, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Communication
- 2019 M.A. Communication (Political Rhetoric concentration): Texas A&M University,  
College Station, TX  
  
Thesis: A Quantitative Study of Belief in American Exceptionalism  
  
Committee: Kirby Goidel, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Communication (Chair); Linda Radzik, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Philosophy; Johanna Dunnaway, Texas A&M University: Dept. of Communication
- 2014 B.A. Philosophy: New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

### **Academic Publications**

#### *Journal Articles*

“‘We Must Speak’: Humility and Social Activism.” *Eidos. A Journal for Philosophy of Culture* 6, no. 2 (2022): 51-61. <https://doi.org/10.14394/eidos.jpc.2022.0015>.

"The Transcendent Account of Humility" *Southwest Philosophical Review*. Vol. 38, No. 2 (2022), pp. 63-79.

“Myths of American Exceptionalism,” *Philosophy and Public Issues*. Vol. 8 (special issue on Social Myths), No. 3 (2018), pp. 97-117.

### *Book Reviews*

Glen Pettigrove and Christine Swanton eds. *Neglected Virtues*. (New York: Routledge, 2022) in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Mark Alfano, Michael P. Lynch, Alessandra Tanesini, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Humility*. (New York: Routledge, 2020) in *International Philosophical Quarterly* (September 2021) URL = <https://doi.org/10.5840/ipq2021613183>

## **Teaching**

### Upper Division Course

- Bioethics (Spring 2025)
- Ethics (Fall 2024)
- The Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Ethics and Political Discourse
- Ethics and Communication

### Introductory Philosophy Courses

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Social Ethics
- Reasoning and Right Decision-Making (a critical thinking course)

### Unconventional Courses

- How Do I Know the Changing World? (an asynchronous, online, accelerated (8-week) course)
- Field Work Experience (overseeing undergraduates mentoring high school students in philosophy)
- Ethics and Communication (an in-person, accelerated (4-weeks) course)
- Social Ethics (taught synchronously online to incarcerated youth from four different juvenile correctional facilities in Utah)
- Introduction to Philosophy (in-person summer course)
- Contemporary Moral Issues (in-person summer course)

### Courses Taught Outside of Philosophy

- Civic and Urban Engagement
- How Do I Know the Changing World? (a course on logic and scientific reasoning)
- Ethics and Communication (taught in the Communication Department at Utah Tech University)

### Co-Taught Courses

- Civic and Urban Engagement

### Assisted Teaching

- Ethics and Engineering
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Formal Logic

## **Public Philosophy and Outreach**

2024	Organized community discussion on solving Flagstaff’s affordable housing crisis, Flagstaff, AZ
2023	Guest appearance on Jeff Kennedy Radio show, Flagstaff, AZ
2023	Organized community summit on equal responsiveness in Flagstaff, AZ

## **Grants, Honors, and Awards**

- 2017 Davenport Graduate Essay Prize: Texas A&M University
- 2014 Graduate Merit Fellowship: Texas A&M University

## **Presentations and Talks**

### *Competitively Selected Presentations*

- 2024 “Martin Luther King’s Account of Agapeic Love as a Virtuous Response to the Tragedy of Political Polarization.” Christopher Newport University Virtue Ethics Conference.
- 2023 “Humility and Political Discourse.” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
- 2022 “Teaching Social Ethics to Incarcerated Youth.” PLATO Conference: Ethics in Schools, Communities, and the Public Sphere.
- 2022 “Effective Small-Group Dialogue in the Classroom.” Teaching, Learning and Student Success Conference, hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning at Utah Tech University.
- 2022 “Humility and Reason-Resistant Disagreements.” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
- 2021 “A Proposal for Disrupting Partisan Seating in Congress.” New Mexico- Texas Philosophical Association.
- 2021 “Governing Virtues.” Florida Philosophical Association.
- 2019 “A Defense of C.S. Lewis’ Critique of Pacifism.” Annual Conference for the Midwest Evangelical Philosophical Society.
- 2018 “Moral Injury and Jus ad Bellum.” International Society for Military Ethics.
- “Moral Injury and Jus ad Bellum.” New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Association.
- 2016 “On the Primary Aim of Creation.” Annual Conference for the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics.

### *Invited Talks & Workshops*

- 2024 “Martin Luther King’s Account of Agapeic Love as a Virtuous Response to the Tragedy of Political Polarization.” Northern Arizona University.
- “Martin Luther King’s Account of Agapeic Love as a Virtuous Response to the Tragedy of Political Polarization.” Timothy Cleveland 2024 NMSU Philosophy Alumni Conference.
- 2023 “‘I was Framed!’: The Ethics of Issue Framing in Political Discourse” Northern Arizona University.
- 2020 “Humility and Elected Public Officials” Texas A&M University.

## **Service**

- 2024 Northern Arizona National High School Ethics Co-Facilitator
- 2022 Guest instructor for Northern Arizona University’s Ethics in Leadership Alumni Series.

Selected and led discussions on free speech and college campuses.

2022 Utah Tech University Department of History, Humanities, and Modern Languages,  
Grading Assessment Development.

#### Memberships with Professional Organizations

American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Public Philosophers Network  
Society of Christian Philosophers

#### References

##### *Can speak to quality of teaching and research*

Dr. Linda Radzik, Texas A&M University, Dept. of Philosophy: [lradzik@tamu.edu](mailto:lradzik@tamu.edu)

Dr. Robert Garcia, Baylor University, Dept. of Philosophy: [robert\\_k\\_garcia@baylor.edu](mailto:robert_k_garcia@baylor.edu)

Dr. Luke Maring, Northern Arizona University, Dept. of Philosophy: [luke.maring@nau.edu](mailto:luke.maring@nau.edu)

##### *Can speak to quality of research*

Dr. Clare Palmer, Texas A&M University, Dept. of Philosophy: [c.palmer@tamu.edu](mailto:c.palmer@tamu.edu)

##### *Can speak to quality of teaching*

Dr. John Wolfe, Utah Tech University, Dept. of History, Humanities, and Modern Languages:  
[john.wolfe@utahtech.edu](mailto:john.wolfe@utahtech.edu)

##### *Served in a supervisory role*

Dr. Charn McAllister, Director of the Institute for Public and Professional Ethics in Leadership and  
Assistant Professor at Northern Arizona University: [charn.mcallister@nau.edu](mailto:charn.mcallister@nau.edu)

Dr. Julie Piering, Associate Director of the Institute for Public and Professional Ethics in  
Leadership at Northern Arizona University: [julie.piering@nau.edu](mailto:julie.piering@nau.edu)