

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Interests

Philosophy of Mind, Aesthetics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion,
Environmental Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Applied Ethics

Education

University of British Columbia, 2012-2020, PhD (philosophy)

Brandeis University, 2009-2011, MA (philosophy)

University of California, Berkeley, 2003-2005, BA (philosophy)

Modesto Junior College (California), 2001-2003

Academic Employment

Douglas College, Regular Faculty, 2026-Present

Douglas College, Regular Probationary Faculty, 2023-2025

Corpus Christi College, Sessional Instructor, 2020-2023

Teaching

Douglas College

Philosophy of Mind, Summer 2027

Reality and Existence, Summer 2027

Critical Thinking (two sections), Summer 2027

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2027

Sport Ethics, Winter 2027

Business Ethics (two sections), Winter 2027

Philosophy of Mind, Summer 2026

Reality and Existence, Summer 2026

Critical Thinking (two sections), Summer 2026

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2026

Sport Ethics, Winter 2026

Business Ethics (two sections), Winter 2026

Critical Thinking (two sections), Summer 2025

Philosophy of Art, Summer 2025

Reality and Existence, Summer 2025

Values and Contemporary Issues (two sections), Winter 2025

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2025

Sport Ethics, Winter 2025

Critical Thinking (two sections), Summer 2024

Reality and Existence, Summer 2024

Knowledge, Reason and Experience, Summer 2024

Business Ethics (two sections), Winter 2024

Values and Contemporary Issues, Winter 2024

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2024

Corpus Christi College

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2026

Critical Thinking, Fall 2023

Critical Thinking, Summer 2023

Business Ethics, Winter 2023

Introduction to Ethics, Winter 2023

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2022

Critical Thinking, Summer 2022

Business Ethics, Winter 2022

Introduction to Ethics, Winter 2022

Critical Thinking, Fall 2021

Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2021

Introduction to Ethics, Winter 2021

Critical Thinking, Fall 2020

Other

Business Ethics, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Summer 2023

Minds and Machines, University of British Columbia, Spring 2019

Moral Machines: The Ethics of Automation, UBC Future Global Leaders,
2018/2019

Teaching Assistance

Early Analytic Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Spring 2020 (TA for Anders Kraal)

Critical Thinking, Corpus Christi College, Fall 2019 (TA for Emma Esmaili)

Introduction to Philosophy, Corpus Christi College, Fall 2019 (TA for Madeline Ransom)

Medieval Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Fall 2019 (TA for Anders Kraal)

Biomedical Ethics, University of British Columbia, Fall 2019 (TA for Doran Smolkin)

Business and Professional Ethics, University of British Columbia, Fall 2019 (TA for Rana Amad)

Philosophy of Religion, University of British Columbia, Summer 2019 (TA for Anders Kraal)

Business and Professional Ethics, University of British Columbia, Summer 2018 (TA for Rana Amad)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, University of British Columbia, Summer 2018 (TA for Leslie Burkholder)

Philosophy of Religion, University of British Columbia, Summer 2018 (TA for Anders Kraal)

Philosophy of Religion, University of British Columbia, Spring 2018 (TA for Jonathan Ichikawa)

Bio-Medical Ethics, University of British Columbia, Spring 2018 (TA for Leslie Burkholder)

Environmental Ethics, University of British Columbia, Fall 2017 (TA for David Friedell)

Bio-Medical Ethics, University of British Columbia, Fall 2017 (TA for Leslie Burkholder)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Spring 2017 (TA for Eric Margolis)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, University of British Columbia, Fall 2016 (TA for Murat Aydede)

Philosophy of Language, Spring 2016 (TA for Ori Simchen)

Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking, Spring 2016 (TA for Stefan Lukits)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, University of British Columbia, Fall 2015 (TA for Murat Aydede)

History of 18th Century Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Spring 2015 (TA for Paul Russell)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Fall 2014 (TA for Karin Boxer)

Philosophy of Perception, University of British Columbia, Spring 2014 (TA for Murat Aydede)

Philosophy of Mind, University of British Columbia, Fall 2013 (TA for Murat Aydede)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Spring 2013 (TA for Eric Margolis)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Fall 2012 (TA for Andrew Irvine)

Introduction to Philosophy, Harvard University, Summer 2011 (TA for Andreas Teuber)

Consciousness, Brain and Self, Brandeis University, Fall 2010 (TA for Jerry Samet)

Aesthetics: Painting, Photography, Film, Brandeis University, Spring 2010 (TA for Andreas Teuber)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Brandeis University, Fall 2009 (TA for Jerry Samet)

Other Teaching Experience

Tutor and Learning Consultant at Lindemood-Bell Learning Processess, Berkeley, CA, 2006-2009

Introduction to Memetics, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2004 (Co-instructor of student run De-Cal course)

Professional Service

Contract Committee, Douglas College Faculty Association, 2026-Present

Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, Douglas College, 2024-Present

Social Committee, HSS faculty, Douglas College, 2024-Present

Faculty Representative, Educational Council, Corpus Christi College, Fall 2023

Philosophy Graduate Representative, UBC Graduate Student Union, 2013-2014

Graduate Student Representative on UBC Philosophy Department headship search, Spring 2015

Philosophy Graduate Student Representative to the UBC Philosophy Department Faculty, 2015-2016

Organizer, UBC Philosophy Department Graduate Colloquium Series, 2014-2015

TA Senior Mentor, UBC Philosophy Department, 2016-2017

Dissertation

Title: Affective Qualities: What Makes Objects Pleasant

Advisor: Murat Aydede

Abstract: We attribute pleasantness to experiences and objects. This ‘dual attributional’ characteristic is not found in the standard sensible qualities. In this work, I focus on what makes objects pleasant; what type of property is an object-pleasantness property? I canvass two objectivist views—physicalism and primitivism—and find both wanting. Object pleasantness is not a physical or primitive property. I argue that one form of subjectivism—projectivism—is better but still unsatisfactory. I argue for a relational view. Object pleasantness is whichever object property causes the sensory-affective system to classify the stimulus information in a particular way. I thereby argue that object pleasantness is a sophisticated subjective property.

Lab Work

Harvard Developmental Psychology Lab, Research Assistant, 2010-2011,
Project: “The Role of Executive Function in Intuitive Biology,” Primary
Investigators: Susan Carey and Debbie Zaitchik-Samet

Awards and Honors

Four-Year Fellowship, University of British Columbia, 2012-2016

International Partial Tuition Scholarship, University of British Columbia,
2012-2018

Philosophy Department Fellowship, Brandies University, 2009-2011

Alumni Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 2003-2005

Participation

Participant, Rethinking the Senses, Warwick Mind and Action Research Centre Spring School, Spring 2017

Student Speaker, CUNY Graduate Conference on the Senses, Spring 2014

Participant, Tübingen International Summer School: The Neuroscience and Philosophy of Taste, Fall 2015

Graduate Coursework

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*Affective Perception, Spring 2015, University of British Columbia (Dom Lopes and Murat Aydede)

Causation and Scientific Explanation, Spring 2014, University of British Columbia (Paul Bartha)

The Metaphysics and Phenomenology of Affect, Fall 2013, University of British Columbia (Murat Aydede)

Decision and Induction, Fall 2013, University of British Columbia (Chris Stephens)

Evolution and Morality, Spring 2013, University of British Columbia (Chris Stephens)

Philosophy of Perception, Spring 2013, University of British Columbia (Murat Aydede)

Intelligence, Spring 2013, University of British Columbia (Chris Mole)

Evolution and Rationality, Fall 2012, University of British Columbia (Chris Stephens)

Reference, Fall 2012, University of British Columbia (Ori Simchen)

Moral Responsibility, Fall 2012, University of British Columbia (Paul Russell)

Independent Study: Perception and Consciousness, Fall 2010, Brandeis University (Jerry Samet)

Transcendental Arguments, Fall 2010, Brandeis University (Berislav Marusic)

Philosophy of the State, Spring 2010, Brandeis University (Marion Smiley)

Topics in Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Spring 2010, Brandeis University (Jerry Samet)

Independent Study: Causation and Explanation, Spring 2010, Brandeis University (Jennifer Marusic)

Innateness: The Nature/Nurture Controversy, Fall 2009, Brandeis University (Jerry Samet)

Graduate Proseminar: Meta-ethics, Fall 2009, Brandeis University (Kate Moran)

Aesthetic Psychology, Fall 2009, Tufts University (Stephan White)

Heidegger, Fall 2004, University of California, Berkeley (Hubert Dreyfus)