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*Curriculum Vitae*  
(Updated September 2022)

**Education**

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2013-2019 — **PhD in Philosophy**, The University of Texas at Austin  
2012-2013 — **Master of Arts (MLitt) in Philosophy**, The University of St Andrews  
2008-2012 — **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**, The University of Utah (*Magna Cum Laude*)

**Research**

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**Areas of Specialization**

Environmental Philosophy and Ethics, Philosophy of Psychology

**Areas of Concentration**

Philosophy of the Arts and Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind, Bio- and Medical Ethics, Philosophy of Religion (with a particular emphasis on Eastern and animistic traditions)

**Overview**

In my philosophical work, I articulate a series of arguments in defense of biodiversity, wildness, and dark night sky conservation. I contribute to the environmental ethics literature in a distinctive way by critically evaluating empirical research conducted in environmental psychology, which demonstrates that there are a variety of worrisome psychophysiological harms associated with the loss of biodiversity, wildness, and our starry night skies. Together, I contend, the loss of these environmental features constitutes a global threat to psychophysiological health. I situate this practical approach within a broader ethical framework (inspired largely by ecofeminist and indigenous philosophy), which conceives of our relationship with the more-than-human-world as being *reciprocally* beneficial in nature.

My present work draws upon these general themes, interweaving them more explicitly with discussions pertaining to the relational values and virtues that we ought to cultivate through our interactions with the more-than-human world. Included in these discussions, I emphasize the import of cultivating a series of environmental, moral emotions, including (but not limited to): reverence, felt connectedness, and wonder.

***Publications***

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***Published***

- “In Defense of Wild Night,” in *Ethics, Policy, & Environment* (2021)

- “Three Criteria for Environmental Authenticity: A Response to the Simulation Problem” in *Environmental Philosophy* (2021).

### **Book Chapters**

- “Mitigating Climate Change through Environmental Reverence” in *the Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, eds. Gianfranco Pellegrino and Marcello Di Paolo (publication date TBD).
- “Preserving Darkness in the Wildwood” in *Dark Skies: Places, Practices, Communities*, edited by Nick Dunn and Time Edensor (publication date set for November 2023).

### **Book Reviews (Published)**

- Written review of Erin McKenna’s *Living with Animals* in *Environmental Values* (2021)

### **In Progress**

- “A Fork on the Road to Knowledge at Mauna Kea: Epistemic Injustice, Two-eyed Seeing, and the Thirty Meter Telescope” (in process)
- “The Restorative Power of Biodiversity: Evidence from Environmental Psychology” (submitted to [journal name redacted for anonymity])
- *Harmonic Earth: on the Inseparability of Ecological & Human Flourishing* (book manuscript, in progress)

### **Awards and Fellowships**

1. Graduate Student Professional Development Award, UT Austin, (Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (x2), Fall 2017, Spring 2016)
2. Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, UT Austin, Fall 2013

### **Presentations**

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#### **Conference Presentations**

- Presentation on public-facing Dark Night Sky Conservation (March 2022, Exeter College, Oxford UK)
- “A Call to Environmental Reverence”, APA Eastern (2020)
- “A Call to Environmental Reverence”, International Society for Environmental Ethics meeting, Zoom (October 2020)
- “Three Criteria for Environmental Authenticity, Revisited” panel with Dr. A. R. Gammon and Dr. Eric Godoy, Meeting of the International Association of Environmental Philosophy, State College (PA) (October 2018)
- “In Defense of Wild Night”, International Society for Environmental Ethics meeting, University of Alaska (Anchorage) (June 2018)
- “Three Criteria for [Environmental] Authenticity”, Bioethics and Applied Philosophy Conference, York University (Toronto) (April 2018)
- “Three Criteria for [Environmental] Authenticity”, Environmental Philosophy Graduate Conference, The University of Kentucky (March 2018)
- “A Care Ethical Interpretation of Guardianship”, 2017 Meeting of the International Association of Environmental Philosophy, Sheraton Memphis (October 2017)

- “A Care Ethical Interpretation of Guardianship”, PGSA Environmental Philosophy Meeting (March 2017)
- “Mindfulness as a Guide to Direct Mental Action”, Phenomenology and Mind: Collaborative Investigations Conference, The New School (February 2016)
- “Mindfulness as a Guide to Direct Mental Action”, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, The University of Utah (March 2016)
- “A Defense of No-Self”, Tenth Annual MLK Conference, The University of Texas at Austin (January 2014)

## **Guest Lectures**

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- Invited guest lecture in the Department of Philosophy at San Jose State University (October 23rd, 2020)
- Lecture on environmental aesthetics in Kathleen Higgins’ Introduction the Philosophy of the Arts course (Fall 2018)
- Lecture on the philosophical implications of meditation practice in Galen Strawson’s Philosophy of Mind course (Spring 2017)
- Lecture on the Yoga Sutra’s in Stephen Phillip’s Yoga as Philosophy course (Fall 2017)
- Lecture on Peter Singer’s “Famine, Affluence, and Morality” in Sinan Dogramaci’s Introduction to Philosophy (PHL 301), Fall 2013

## **Comments**

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- Jeremy Bendik-Keymer’s “The Other Species Capability & the Power of Wonder,” at the International Society of Environmental Ethics meeting (Fall 2020)
- Alison Fritz’s “Understanding the Role of Climate Change Visualizations In Increased Concern,” at the International Society of Environmental Ethics meeting (Summer 2019)
- ... amongst others.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **Primary Instructor**

- Winter Quarter 2022 — Philosophy, Society, and Culture (C&I 1) **x 2** — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2021 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2021 — Environmental Ethics (UD) — Santa Clara University
- Spring Quarter 2021 — Philosophy, Society, & Culture (C&I 2) **x 2** — Santa Clara University
- Winter Quarter 2021 — Philosophy, Society, & Culture (C&I 1) **x 2** — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2020 — Indian Philosophy (UD) — Santa Clara University
- Spring Quarter 2020 — Environmental Ethics (UD) — Santa Clara University
- Spring Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Winter Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Winter Quarter 2020 — Culture and Ideas II — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2019 — Culture and Ideas I — Santa Clara University
- Spring 2019 — Human Nature — The University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2018 — Introduction to the Philosophy of the Arts — The University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2017 — Introduction to Philosophy of the Arts — The University of Texas at Austin

## Professional Service

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- SCU's Department of Philosophy Social Chair (present)
- SCU's Department of Philosophy Library Liaison (present)
- Founder, UT Austin's Meditation and Philosophy Group (Fall 2015-Present)
- Instructor, "Corrupt the Youth" Philosophy in Secondary Schools Program — Eastside Memorial High School, Austin, Texas (Spring 2016-Present)
- Social Chair, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2016-2017)
- Policy Advisor, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2015-2016)
- Undergraduate Liaison, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2014-Fall 2015)
- Organizer, UT Austin's Graduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2014)

## Reviewer

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- *Ethics, Policy and Environment & Conservation Science and Practice*

## Professional Membership

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American Philosophical Association  
International Association of Environmental Philosophy  
International Society for Environmental Ethics