

Jamin Asay

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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EDUCATION

2005-present The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philosophy PhD Student (MA earned May 2007)
2003-2005 Northern Illinois University, MA in Philosophy, GPA 4.00
1998-2002 Whitman College, BA in Philosophy, *Cum Laude*, GPA 3.78

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Metaethics, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic

HONORS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship, 2005-2006

Northern Illinois University

C. Mason and Madeline Myers Graduate Philosophy Award, 2005

Northern Illinois University Graduate School Fellowship, 2004-2005

Whitman College

Phi Beta Kappa, 2002

Whitman College Undergraduate Academic Honors, 1999, 2001

Whitman College Scholarship Improvement Awards, 1999-2001

Scholar Athlete Award, 1998

Other

Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Fellowship, St. Olaf College, 2004

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching Fellow, 2007-present

Research Assistant, Parr Center for Ethics, 2007

Teaching Assistant, 2006, 2008

Northern Illinois University

Graduate Assistant, 2003-2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Parr Center for Ethics Graduate Student Fellow, 2007-present
President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2007-2008
Undergraduate Ethics Bowl team coach, 2006-2008
Graduate Committee, 2006-2007

Northern Illinois University

Organizer, First Annual Graduate Student Conference, 2005
Graduate Student Advisory Committee, 2004

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Latin (intermediate reading level)
Danish (introductory reading level)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FULL RESPONSIBILITY

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2008)
Experience and Reality (Summer 2008)
Introduction to Mathematical Logic (Summer 2007)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Philosophy of Science (Marc Lange; Spring 2008)
Experiential Learning: Ethics Bowl (Jeanette Boxill; Fall 2007)
Bioethics (Terry Price; Fall 2006)

Northern Illinois University

Biomedical Ethics (Sharon Sytsma; Spring 2005)
History of Philosophy: Ancient (Sharon Sytsma; Fall 2004)
Contemporary Moral Issues (Craig Greenman; Spring 2004)
World Religions (Lawrence Poncinie; Fall 2003)

RESEARCH

MA THESIS

“Truth in Constructive Empiricism”. Adviser: John Roberts. Readers: Marc Lange and Keith Simmons.

PRESENTATIONS

“T-Sentences and Truthmakers: A Tale of Two Truths”. Work in Progress Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 2008.
“Metaphysics, Ontology, Truth”. Carolina Philosophy Retreat, Cranberry Lake, NY, July 2007.
“Truth and 20th Century Meta-Ethics”. Work in Progress Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2006.

- “Truth in Realism”. Work in Progress Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2006.
- “Realism and Minimalism”. Carolina Philosophy Retreat, Cranberry Lake, NY, August 2006.
- “Conceivability without Possibility”. Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Conference, January 2005.
- “Exhuming Conclusive Reasons”. Northern Illinois University Epistemology Conference, November 2003.
- “With a Little Help From My Friends: Plato, Socrates, and John Lennon”. Whitman College Undergraduate Conference, April 2002.

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS

- “Socratic Friendship, Friendly Music”. Adviser: Patrick Frierson. Readers: Tom Davis and Hollibert Phillips

GRADUATE COURSES

METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

- Epistemology (Ram Neta; Spring 2008)
- Metaphysics: Modalities (William Lycan; Fall 2007)
- Realism and Anti-Realism (Dorit Bar-On; Fall 2006)
- Philosophy of Mind (William Lycan; Spring 2006)
- Epistemology (Jennifer Lackey; Spring 2005) *
- Metaphysics (Tomis Kapitan; Spring 2005)
- Epistemology (Mylan Engel, Jr.; Fall 2003)

LOGIC AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

- Philosophy of Logic (Thomas Hofweber; Spring 2008)
- Philosophy of Science (Marc Lange; Fall 2007) *
- Metaphysics of Physics (Marc Lange and John Roberts; Fall 2006)
- Bas van Fraassen (Marc Lange; Spring 2006)
- Philosophy of Logic (Keith Simmons and Thomas Hofweber; Fall 2005)
- Philosophy of Natural Science (John Roberts; Fall 2005)
- Symbolic Logic (Thomas Hofweber; Fall 2005)
- Philosophy of Science (Michael Bishop; Fall 2004)
- Intermediate Logic (David Buller; Fall 2003)

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- Kant (Alan Nelson; Spring 2008) *
- Empiricism (Alan Nelson; Spring 2007)
- Modern Philosophy (Alan Nelson; Fall 2006)
- Kant (Jay Rosenberg; Spring 2006) *
- Early Analytic Philosophy (Ram Neta; Spring 2006)
- 19th Century Philosophy (Michael Gelven; Spring 2005) *
- Plato (Michael Gelven; Fall 2004)
- Spinoza (Baron Reed; Fall 2004)
- 20th Century Analytic Philosophies (David Buller; Spring 2004)

Hume (James King; Fall 2003)
Nietzsche (Ivan Soll; Fall 2002) *

ETHICS

Ethical Theory (Geoffrey Sayre-McCord; Fall 2007)
American Political Philosophy (Bernard Boxill; Spring 2006)
Individual Diversity and Social Morality (Gerald Gaus; Fall 2005)
Advanced Ethical Theory (William Tolhurst; Spring 2005) *
Ethics of Plato and Aristotle (Sharon Sytsma; Spring 2004)

OTHER

Proto-Seminar (Marc Lange and Keith Simmons; Spring 2006)
The Problem of Thinking (Michael Gelven; Spring 2004)

* audited course

RESEARCH STATEMENT

I am interested in the interconnections between philosophical theses involving the nature of truth and the various realism and anti-realism disputes that crop up across the philosophical domain. In my Master's thesis I argued that deflationary theories of truth are inadequate for formulating a distinction between realist and anti-realist interpretations of science that rely on distinguishing between truth and empirical adequacy. Right now I am investigating a number of topics in this neighborhood, hoping to formulate a dissertation project soon.