

Brian Tebbitt

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Employment:

Current

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, St. Cloud Technical & Comm. College
Fall 2023–Present

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Riverland Comm. College
Spring 2024

Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Minnesota
Fall 2023–Present

Teaching Assistant, Various Depts. & Programs, University of Minnesota, Fall 2021–Present

Previous

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Philosophy, St. Cloud State University
Fall 2023

Contract Professor, MN Department of Corrections, St. Cloud Correctional Facility
Fall 2023

Financial Helpline Analyst, Controller's Office, University of Minnesota, 2019–2021

Coordinator, Center for Cognitive Sciences, University of Minnesota, 2022–2024

Education:

Ph.D. in cognitive science, University of Minnesota, January 2024

Dissertation: *The Nature of Human Truths: The Pragmatism of FCS Schiller and Cognitive Science*

Advisors: Peter Hanks (University of Minnesota), Mark Johnson (University of Oregon)

M.A. in philosophy, University of Minnesota, May 2021

Thesis: *The Metaphysics of Projects and their Management Considered*

B.A. *summa cum laude* in philosophy, minor in Arabic language, certificate in MENA studies,
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, December 2017

Areas of Specialization:

Cognitive Science (Cognitive Philosophy), Pragmatism, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics,
Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence:

Cognitive Neuroscience, Philosophy of Mind, Political Philosophy, Nietzsche, Logic, Ethics

Teaching Experience:

As Instructor

Philosophy 1320: Introduction to Ethics

Spring 2024

Fall 2023

Philosophy 1340: Introduction to Logic

Spring 2024

Fall 2023

Philosophy 1130: Ethics

Spring 2024

Philosophy 111: Multicultural Philosophy

Fall 2023

Engineering 1500: (Ethics component)	Fall 2023
OLLI Course: “The Cognitive Science of Language”	Spring 2024
OLLI Course: “Untangling the Free Will Debate”	Spring 2024
OLLI Course: “Nature of the Mind & Cognitive Science”	Fall 2023

As *Teaching Assistant*

Global Studies 3145: Global Modernity, the Nation-State, and Capitalism	Spring 2024 Spring 2023
Global Studies 3144: Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation	Fall 2023
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies 1806: Mod. Mid. Eastern Cultures & Soc.	Fall 2023
Cultural Studies & Comp. Lit. 3352W: Queer Aesthetic & Critique	Spring 2023
Cultural Studies & Comp. Lit. 1201W: Cinema	Fall 2022
Anthropology 1003W: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	Fall 2022
Cultural Studies & Comp. Lit. 3323: Science and Culture	Spring 2022
Art History 3464: Art since 1945	Spring 2022
American Indian Studies 1003W: American Indians in Minnesota	Spring 2022
Philosophy 1004W: Introduction to Political Philosophy	Fall 2021
Philosophy 1001: Introduction to Logic	Fall 2021

Research Experience:

- Pilot study in Arabic Language ideology among Moroccan high-school and undergraduate students, funded by a CIE grant, research conducted on-site in Rabat, Morocco, under the supervision of Prof. Hamid Ouali, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, summer 2017
- Independent research and translation of the writings of Y. Leibowitz, for course credit, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, fall 2017

Publications:

- “A Consideration of Project Ontology” in *Philosophy of Management* Vol. 22, No. 4 (2022): 505-520.

Presentations & Talks:

- “Truth in the Pragmatic Turn,” Spring Research Day Conference, University of Minnesota, April 2023 (*poster*; voted best conference poster by people’s choice)
- “Value frames and the godlike position—Another look at machine metaethics,” Machine Wisdom Workshop, Center for the Philosophy of Science at the University of Pittsburgh, May 2022 (*presentation*)
- “Meaning & Logic—The Pragmatic Philosophy of FCS Schiller,” Spring Research Day Conference, University of Minnesota, April 2022 (*presentation*)
- “First Things First—An alternative approach to the introduction of ethics,” APA Eastern Division Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, AAPT Teaching Hub special poster session, January 2022 (*poster*; session transitioned to online format)
- “Value frames and the godlike position—Another look at machine metaethics,” Work-in-progress colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, January 2022

Honors and Fellowships:

- Scholar, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- Dissertation Writing Retreat, Center for Writing, University of Minnesota, summer of 2023

Foreign Language Area Study (FLAS) Fellowship, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2017
Undergraduate Research Grant, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, summer of 2017
Phi Beta Kappa, inducted to Eta Chapter, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2017
Foreign Language Area Study (FLAS) Fellowship, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016
William J. Seidler Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016
Alan D. Corré Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016
New Directions Scholarship, College of Letters & Science, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016
Nathan and Pearl Berkowitz Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2015
William F. Halloran Scholarship, College of Letters & Science, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2014

Professional and Academic Service:

External

Conference Sessions Committee, American Assoc. of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), 2023–2024 (term)
Joint Sessions Teaching Hub Committee, American Assoc. of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), 2023–2024 (term)

University of Minnesota

Executive Committee, Center for Cognitive Sciences, 2022–2023 (term)
Discussion Leader, Biweekly Journal Club, Center for Cognitive Sciences, Fall 2023
Discussion Leader, Biweekly Journal Club, Center for Cognitive Sciences, Fall 2022
Spring Research Day Committee, Center for Cognitive Sciences, Spring 2022

Community Service:

Judge, annual Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl (MHSEB), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Adjudicator, annual Scholastic Art & Writings Awards, Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Affiliations and Memberships:

Center for Cognitive Sciences, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Cognitive Science Society
American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
Philosophy of Science Association
William James Society
Lewis Carroll Society of North America