

# Brian J. Tebbitt

*Curriculum Vitae*, March 2023

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**Areas of Specialization:** Cognitive Science, Pragmatism, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

**Areas of Competence:** Cognitive Neuroscience, Philosophy of Mind, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Nietzsche

## Education

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### **Ph.D. Cognitive Science, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities (2024)**

AUG 2021–present, ABD

—Candidacy obtained DEC 2022, projected completion MAR 2024

Dissertation working title: *Truth, Belief, and Cognitive Science—A Pragmatic Perspective*

Advisor: Peter Hanks

Committee: Peter Hanks, Dwight K. Lewis Jr., Mark Johnson (U of Oregon), Charles Fletcher

### **M.A. Philosophy, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities (2021)**

SEPT 2019–MAY 2021

—Successfully defended thesis DEC 2020, degree conferred MAY 2021

Thesis: *Demarcation & Definition: The Metaphysics of Projects and their Management Considered*

Advisor: Peter Hanks

Committee: Peter Hanks, Tamara Fakhoury, Brian Bix

### **B.A. Philosophy (Minor in Arabic Language), University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee (2017)**

SEPT 2014–DEC 2017

—*Summa cum laude*, honors in Philosophy, certificate in MENA Studies

Capstone thesis: *Behold, I teach you the Übermensch!—Imminent Reality or Asymptotic Ideal?*

## Published Works

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Tebbitt, B. "A Consideration of Project Ontology." *Philosophy of Management* (2022).  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40926-022-00218-z>

## Teaching & Relevant Work Experience

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

SEPT 2021–present, Minneapolis, MN (H = Honors, W = Writing intensive)

#### Philosophy

- PHIL 1004W: *Intro to political philosophy* — TA + Section leader (Fall 2021)
- PHIL 1001: *Intro to logic* — TA, Mid-term grader (Fall 2021)

#### Cultural Studies/Comparative Literature

- CSCL 3352W: *Queer Aesthetic & Critique* — TA (Spring 2023)
- CSCL/SCMC 1201W: *Cinema* — TA + Section leader (Fall 2022)
- CSCL 3323: *Science and culture* — TA (Spring 2022)
- ARTH 3464: *Art since 1945* — TA (Spring 2022)

#### Anthropology

- ANTH 1003W: *Cultural Anthropology* — TA + Section leader (Fall 2022)

#### Global Studies

- GLOS 3145H: *Global Modernity, the Nation-State, and Capitalism* (Spring 2023)

#### American Indian Studies

- AMIN 1003W: *American Indians in MN* — TA (Spring 2022)

### Interim Coordinator, Center for Cognitive Sciences (CCS), University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

AUG 2022–present, Minneapolis, MN

Working with the Director of the *Center for Cognitive Sciences* (CCS) on maintaining the life of the Center, and serving as admin for the *Graduate Program in Cognitive Science* (GPCS).

## **Grader, Sophia Learning Inc.**

JUN 2021–JAN 2023, Minneapolis, MN

Graded and provided comprehensive feedback for essay assignments in a variety of online courses:

*English Composition 2, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Critical Thinking (Formal and Informal Logic), Religious Studies, Workplace Writing, Intro to Psychology*

## **Arabic Language Tutor, Panther Academic Support Services (PASS), University of Wisconsin**

SPRING 2016–Milwaukee, WI

Provided tutoring services in written and conversational Arabic within a classroom-style setting.

## **Works in Progress**

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“Truth, Belief, and Cognitive Science—A Pragmatic Perspective” (*dissertation*)

“Metaphysical Leveraging” (*in preparation*)

“Formal Logic” by F.C.S. Schiller, new edition + introduction and notes (*in preparation*)

“Logic for Use” by F.C.S. Schiller, new edition + introduction and notes (*in preparation*)

“On Nature” by J.S. Mill, new edition + introduction and notes (*in preparation*)

## **Awards**

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2017. Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK), inducted to Wisconsin H *<eta>* Chapter

2016. William J. Seidler Award, UWM Philosophy Department

2016. Alan D. Corré Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center (UWM)

2015. Nathan and Pearl Berkowitz Award, Sam and Helen Stahl Center (UWM)

## **Fellowships, Scholarships, & Grants**

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2016–2017. Foreign Language Area Fellowship (FLAS), Center for International Education (UWM)

2017. Undergraduate Research Grant *<summer>*, Center for International Education (UWM)

2016. New Directions Scholarship

2014. William F. Halloran Scholarship

## Languages

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Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish

## Research Experience

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2017. Arabic Language Ideology ⟨summer⟩

—Pilot study in Arabic Linguistics performed on-site in Rabat, Morocco under the direct guidance of Prof. Hamid Ouali of University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee.

2017. Philosophy of Prof. Y. Leibowitz ⟨spring⟩

—Independent research & translation.

## Presentations & Departmental Talks

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2022 May, “Value frames and the godlike position—Another look at machine metaethics.” (paper)

—Presentation as part of the (2nd) Machine Wisdom Workshop, Center for Philosophy of Science at University of Pittsburgh, PA

2022 April, “Meaning & Logic—The Pragmatic Philosophy of F.C.S. Schiller.” (presentation)

—Presentation as part of the 2022 Spring Research Day, Center for Cognitive Sciences at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN

2022 January, “First things first—An alternative approach to the introduction of ethics”. (poster)

—Presented as part of the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division annual conference in Baltimore, MD.

—APA/AAPT Teaching Hub, special poster session (transitioned to online).

2022 January, “Value frames and the godlike position—Another look at machine metaethics.”

—WIP colloquium in the Philosophy Department of University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

## Affiliations & Memberships

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### *Primary—*

Center for Cognitive Sciences (CCS), University of Minnesota

Cognitive Science Society (CSS)

American Philosophical Association (APA)

American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT)

### *Secondary—*

William James Society (WJS)

Lewis Carroll Society of North America (LCSNA)

Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)

## Service

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2023–2024. Conference Program Committee (American Association of Philosophy Teachers, AAPT)

2023–2024. Sessions (Teaching Hub) Committee (American Association of Philosophy Teachers, AAPT)

2022–2023. Executive Committee (Center for Cognitive Sciences, UMN)

2023 (Spring). *Discussion Leader*, Biweekly Journal Club (Center for Cognitive Sciences, UMN)

2022 (Fall). *Discussion Leader*, Biweekly Journal Club (Center for Cognitive Sciences, UMN)

2022. Spring Research Day 2022 Committee (Center for Cognitive Sciences, UMN)

2021–2023. *Judge*, Minnesota High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB)

2020–2022. *Adjudicator*, Annual Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (Alliance for Young Artists & Writers)