NATALIA NEALON

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION

PhD University of California, Irvine: Philosophy (exp. 2025)

Dissertation: “Easy Listening: Epistemic Virtues and the Formation of Testimonial Knowledge”

Advisor: Sven Bernecker

Dissertation Abstract: *My project examines the cognitive integration of various epistemic skills, such as unconscious attention and trust, and their crucial role in the successful acquisition and generation of testimonial knowledge. In doing so, I tackle philosophical topics such as the transmission/generativism debate, epistemic luck, the reductionist/antireductionist debate, and social application.*

MA San Francisco State University: Philosophy, May 2019

Thesis: “Creativity for the Epistemic Conservative”

Advisor: Carlos Montemayor

BA San Francisco State University: Philosophy & Religion and History, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Nealon, Natalia, “Epistemic Shortcuts and Unjust Diagnostic Practices.” *Social Epistemology.* 2024

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge” (revise & resubmit)

“Unconscious Bias as a Mechanism for Epistemic Accountability”

“Trust and Attention: A Two-Way Relation”

“The Problem with Social Media: When Good Skills Go Bad”

PRESENTATIONS

“Epistemic Shortcuts and Unjust Diagnostic Practices” Praxis as First Philosophy. University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 2024.

“Trust and Attention: A Two-Way Relation,” Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT). Universität zu Köln, 2023

“Unconscious Bias as a Mechanism for Epistemic Accountability,” Bled Philosophical Conference. Bled, Slovenia, 2023

“The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge,” APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Francisco, 2023

“The Unconscious Generation of Testimonial Knowledge,” 6th IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, 2022

“Siegel and Unconscious Attention,” New Perspectives on the Cognitive Penetrability of Perception Conference. University of Turin, 2018

“Responding to In-Class Disputes,” Teaching Philosophy Workshop, San Francisco State University, 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Commentator, APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Francisco, 2025 (upcoming)

Commentator, APA Pacific Division Meeting. Portland, 2024

Philosophy Club Advisor, UC Irvine, AY 2022-23

Commentator, Epistemic Injustice in the Medical Context Conference, UC Irvine, Fall 2022

Graduate Student Representative, UC Irvine, AY 2020-21

Panelist, WonderPhilosophy Workshop, UC Irvine, Fall 2020,

Cofounder, SFSU’s Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, San

Francisco State University, Summer 2019

Lead Graduate Teaching Associate, San Francisco State University, AY 2017-18

COURSES TAUGHT (Primary Instructor)

*University of California, Irvine*

Philosophy 131C/Religious Studies 175: Medical Ethics, UC Irvine, Summer 2024

Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems, UC Irvine, Summer 2022

*Irvine Valley College*

Philosophy 2: Introduction to Ethics, Irvine Valley College, Spring 2024

Philosophy 1: Introduction to Philosophy, Irvine Valley College, Fall 2023

*San Francisco State University*

Philosophy 110: Critical Thinking, San Francisco State University, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 (2 sections), Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (2 sections)

Philosophy 150: Contemporary Moral and Political Philosophy, San Francisco State University, Spring 2018

Philosophy 105: Introduction to Philosophy and Religion. San Francisco State University, Spring 2017

COURSES ASSISTED

*University of California, Irvine*

Philosophy 4: Introduction to Ethics

Instructor: Anna Pederneschi, Fall 2024

Instructor: Duncan Pritchard, Summer 2021, Summer 2023, Summer 2024

Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Spring 2021

Instructor: Aaron James, Winter 2021

Philosophy 1: Introduction to Philosophy

Instructor: Rachel Cooper, Spring 2024

Instructor: Duncan Pritchard, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Instructor: Russell Ming, Summer 2022

Classics 45B: The Heroes

Instructor: David Branscome, Winter 2024

Philosophy 3: Tech and Society

Instructor: Sven Bernecker, Summer 2023, Fall 2023

Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems

Instructor: Rena Goldstein, Spring 2023

Philosophy 10: History Ancient Philosophy

Instructor: Casey Perin, Winter 2023

Philosophy 2: Puzzles and Paradoxes

Instructor: Allison Koslow, Spring 2022, Winter 2022

Philosophy 22: Law and Society

Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Fall 2021

*San Francisco State University*

Philosophy 470: Environmental Ethics

Instructor: Michelle Wilcox, Spring 2019

Philosophy 621: Minds, Brains, and Computers

Instructor: James Blackmon, Spring 2019

Philosophy 680: Field Project in Philosophy

Instructor: Wendy Salkin, Spring 2019

Philosophy 380: Philosophy of Law

Instructor: Wendy Salkin, Fall 2018

Philosophy 610: Theory of Knowledge

Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2018

Philosophy 620: Philosophy of Mind

Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Spring 2018

Philosophy 502: World Religions

Instructor: Abrol Fairweather, Fall 2017

AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATES

Travel Funding Award, UC Irvine, Winter 2023

Mentoring Excellence Certificate, UC Irvine, Fall 2022

Kavka Endowed Prize, UC Irvine, June 2021

Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence, San Francisco State University, May 2019

Graduate Travel Award, San Francisco State University, Fall 2018

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

*University of California, Irvine*

Philosophy 210: Plato-*Phaedo*

Instructor: Casey Perin, Fall 2022

Cognitive Science 269: Neuro-Consciousness

Instructor: Kourosh Saberi, Spring 2022

Philosophy 221A: Medical Epistemology

Instructor: Sven Bernecker, Winter 2022

Philosophy 244: Collective Belief

Instructor: Margaret Gilbert, Spring 2021

Philosophy 210: Plato- *Republic*

Instructor: Casey Perin, Spring 2021

Philosophy 230: Contemporary Metaethics

Instructor: Karl Schaffer, Winter 2021

Philosophy 230: Husserl and Levinas

Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Fall 2020

Philosophy 215: Kant’s 1st Critique

Instructor: Jeremy Heis, Fall 2020

Logic & Philosophy of Science 244: Network Epistemology

Instructor: Cailin O’Connor, Spring 2020

Philosophy 230: Meaning of Life

Instructor: Jeffrey Helmreich, Spring 2020

Philosophy 210: Plato-*Gorgias*

Instructor: Casey Perin, Spring 2020

Philosophy 221: Social Hinge Epistemology

Instructor: Annalisa Coliva, Winter 2020

Philosophy 220: Metaphysics

Instructor: Marc Fiocco, Winter 2020

Culture & Theory 289: Arendt and Bourdieu

Instructor: Keith Topper, Winter 2020

Philosophy 244: Evolution of Signal

Instructor: Brian Skyrms, Fall 2019

Philosophy 232: Money

Instructor: Aaron James, Fall 2019

*San Francisco State University*

Philosophy 805: Cognitive Perspectives on Space and Time

Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2018

Philosophy 890: Consciousness

Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Spring 2018

Philosophy 805: Social Ontology

Instructor: Ásta Sveinsdóttir, Spring 2018

Philosophy 890: Virtue Epistemology

Instructor: Carlos Montemayor, Fall 2017

Philosophy 851: Feminist Ethics and Political Philosophy

Instructor: Michelle Wilcox, Fall 2017

Philosophy 890: Moral Possibility

Instructor: Alan Moore, Spring 2017

Philosophy 770: Descartes

Instructor: Alice Sowaal, Fall 2016

REFERENCES

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