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Education

Master of Arts in Applied Philosophy and Ethics
& Graduate Certificate in Professional Ethics
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas — August 2023 – December 2024

Master's Thesis: *Philosophy Ready at Hand: A Defense of the "Relevance Conception" of Applied Philosophy in Epicureanism, Stoicism, and Aviation*

Overall Graduate GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas — August 2019 – May 2023

Honors Thesis: *Condemned to Exist: Legal, Military, and Ethical Considerations of Modern Immortality*

Overall Undergraduate GPA: 4.0

Academic Experience

Lecturer — January 2025 – Present
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
- PHIL 1320: Ethics & Society – Spring 2026, online, asynchronous. Two sections of approximately 25 students per section

Graduate Instructional Assistant — August 2024 – December 2024
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
- Taught two weekly lab sections (1 hour each, approximately 25 students per section) to recap content from course lectures as well as answer questions, aid comprehension, facilitate discussion activities, and increase engagement among students in a group dialogue setting
- Graded essays, weekly quizzes, and the midterm and final exam using Canvas LMS

Graduate Research Assistant — August 2023 – August 2024
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
- Research Assistant to Dr. Craig Hanks (Professor and Chair of the Texas State University Philosophy Department) and Dr. Bob Fischer (Professor of Philosophy, Texas State University)
- Wrote case studies and created glossary for second edition of textbook through Routledge Press

- Compiled data, designed curriculum, and prepared administrative report to assist in the creation of a new interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Applied Humanities at Texas State University
- Edited the department's state-mandated academic program review self-study report 2016-2023
- Drafted an application for a grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Managing Editor — August 2022 – May 2023
Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal – vol. XI
- Hired, trained, and managed editorial team for peer-reviewed journal
- Selected articles for publication and provided final oversight for print edition of journal

Lead Tutor — January 2022 – May 2023
Student Support Services / TRIO
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
- Managed tutoring requests and assigned tutoring sessions for team of seven tutors
- Trained new hires, led team meetings, and created resources such as the Lead Tutor Handbook

Inaugural Student Editor — June 2021 – August 2021
Texas Philosophical – vol. XI
- Created the role of student editor for online peer-reviewed academic philosophy journal

Editor — January 2021 – May 2022
Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal – vol. IX & vol. X
- Evaluated and edited peer-reviewed student research in preparation for print publication

Tutor — October 2020 – January 2022
Student Support Services / TRIO
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
- Tutored non-traditional and underrepresented students in various liberal arts disciplines
- Planned drop-in tutoring and created the Writing Circle student-centered program

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Honors & Awards

Winner of the 2022 Texas State University Writing Center Essay Contest
(Category 3: 3000 & 4000-level courses. Blind-reviewed contest open to all majors) — March 2023

LBJ Civic Leadership Award recipient (One of five students to earn university-wide award for outstanding civic service and involvement throughout the Texas State University community) — May 2022

College of Liberal Arts Award for Academic Excellence in Philosophy — April 2022 & April 2023

College of Liberal Arts Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science — April 2022 & April 2023

Medal of Hope recipient (The highest leadership award bestowed upon undergraduate students at Texas State University. Recognizes social responsibility, ethics, and integrity) — March 2022

Selected as the Texas State University Department of Philosophy's Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Year — 2021 – 2022

Member of the Texas State University Honors College	May 2020 – May 2023
Named on the College of Liberal Arts Dean's List	All Semesters

Publications

Jordan, Elektra. "Paradox is Fate: The Role of Self-Reflection in Heraclitean Philosophy." *Helicon*: The Yale Undergraduate Journal of Classics — June 2023

Jordan, Elektra. "Making Right Matter: Establishing the United States Military as an Ethical Exemplar for Our Times." *Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal*, vol. X — May 2022

Jordan, Elektra. "Condemned to Exist: A Theory on Modernity & Our Inescapable Immortality." *Texas Philosophical*, vol. X — August 2020

Presentations

"Epicureans, Stoics, and Skeptics on Happiness" panel discussion with Dr. Jo Ann Carson at the San Marcos Public Library Dialogue Series — November 2024

"Stoicism for the Rest of Us: How to Practice Applied Stoicism" presentation at ΦΣΤ "Tau Talks" lecture series, Texas State University — November 2024

"The Case for Applied Epicurean Ethics: Utilizing an Ancient Framework through an Applied Philosophical Approach" presentation at the Texas State University 27th Annual Philosophy Student Symposium — March 2024

"An Existentialist Discussion about Current Legislation on Freedom" presentation at ΦΣΤ "Tau Talks" lecture series, Texas State University — March 2024

"Philosophical Reflections on Decency Toward Those Around Us, Near and Far" presentation at ΦΣΤ "Tau Talks" lecture series, Texas State University — October 2023

"A New Word for an Old Spirit: Observations of American Pragmatism in *Democracy in America*" virtual presentation at the "John Dewey and His Legacy for Education" conference at Southern Illinois University — October 2023

"Paradox is Fate: The Role of Self-Reflection in Heraclitean Philosophy" presentation at the Texas State University 26th Annual Philosophy Student Symposium — March 2023

Invited talk – Honors Thesis panel, Texas State Honors Research Conference — November 2022

Invited talk – Honors 4390A: Senior Seminar – Honors Thesis development panel — September 2022

"Enforcing That 'Right' Matters Here: Utilizing Articles 133 & 134 of the U.C.M.J. to Enforce Ethical Conduct Within the United States Military" presentation at the Texas State Undergraduate Research Conference — Spring 2022

"Making Right Matter: Establishing the United States Military as an Ethical Exemplar for Our Times" presentation at the Texas State Honors Research Forum — November 2021

"Mapping Despair: Literary Cartography in Kierkegaard's *Sickness Unto Death*" presentation at the "Spatial Imagination in the Humanities" international virtual conference — May 2021

Research poster – "Mapping Despair: Literary Cartography in Kierkegaard's *Sickness Unto Death*" at the Texas State Undergraduate Research Conference — Spring 2021

"The Arrow of Law: Time, Ancient Law, and the Originalism Debate" presentation at the Texas State Honors Research Forum — October 2020

Research poster – "Condemned to Exist: A Theory on Modernity & Our Inescapable Immortality" at the Texas State Undergraduate Research Conference — Spring 2020

Memberships

Texas State University Open Education Committee – Member — October 2024 – Present
Working group: Open Education Teaching Fellows Program — January 2025 – Present

Phi Sigma Tau (ΦΣT) International Philosophy Honor Society
Texas State University Delta Chapter – Member & Officer
President — April 2024 – December 2024
Vice President — April 2023 – April 2024

Distance & Extended Learning Student Advisory Committee – Member — Spring 2022 – Fall 2024

Texas State University Honor Code Council – Student Council Member — Spring 2022 – Spring 2023

Phi Kappa Phi (ΦΚΦ) Honor Society – Member — October 2021 – Present

Pi Sigma Alpha (ΠΣA) Political Science Honor Society – Member — October 2021 – Present

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Activities

Editor of the "Self-Ownership" category on PhilPapers — January 2025 – Present
https://philpapers.org/browse/self-ownership

Liberal Arts Representative in the Graduate House of Representatives — March 2024 – December 2024
Texas State University – Student Government

- Nominated by the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
- First student from the Department of Philosophy to be sworn into the House of Representatives

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court — January 2022 – November 2022
Texas State University – Student Government
- Interpreted and reviewed violations of the Student Government Constitution and Code

Texas State Service & Leadership Institute Capstone program – Participant — Spring 2022
- Advanced skills in team management, public speaking, and leadership theory

Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl – Team Member — December 2021 – November 2022
- Represented Texas State University at the virtual national Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl competition fall 2021 & Texas regional competition 2022

Compass: Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop – Participant — Spring 2021
Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin
- Discussed aesthetics and received feedback and mentorship from graduate students

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Scholarships

Graduate

James Seamus Treanor Endowed Scholarship in Philosophy — Spring 2023
Victor Holk Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy, Sustainability, and Creativity — Spring 2023
Stelos Alliance Leadership Endowed Scholarship — Spring 2023
Texas State University Graduate Merit Fellowship — Spring 2023

Undergraduate

David Hume Endowed Scholarship — Spring 2022
Texas State University Student Government Scholarship — Spring 2022
Richard B. Henderson Award — Spring 2022
Walter Richter Endowed Scholarship — Spring 2021
Barney & Linda Knight Endowed Scholarship — Spring 2021
Glenn & Donna Joy Scholarship in Philosophy & Logic — Spring 2021
Texas State University Support Foundation Endowment — Spring 2021
The Honorable Doug Miller & Anne Miller Family Scholarship — Spring 2021
The Honorable Doug Miller & Anne Miller Family Scholarship — Spring 2020
Texas State University Distinguished Scholarship — Fall 2019