Theresa Hickey

Instructor in Philosophy

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Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy, Healthcare Ethics, Animal Ethics
Areas of Strong Competency: Environmental Ethics, Ethics and AI, Existentialism, Philosophy of Religion

Education

Post Graduate Certificate in Professional Ethics Texas State University 2011
M.A. in Applied Philosophy & Ethics, Texas State University 2011

- Master's Thesis: *Towards an Existential Ethic of Life* November 2011
- Graduate Minor in Sustainability with a focus on animal treatment, welfare, and public education

B.A. in Philosophy, Texas State University 2009

- Studies emphasized existentialism and Asian philosophy.
- Minor in Religious Studies with a focus on Hinduism and Buddhism.

Teaching Appointments and Experience

Houston Food Bank- Volunteer Liaison, Head of Dedicated Volunteer Training 2022-2023
University of Houston - Main, Associate Adjunct Professor 2019-2022
University of Houston - Clear Lake, Adjunct Distance Instructor 2020
Houston Community College, Adjunct Instructor 2018-2021
Texas State University, Lecturer 2012-2014
Northeast Lakeview Community College, Adjunct Instructor 2012-2013
Texas State University, Instructional Assistant 2010-2011

Delivery Formats	**Populations**
• Face to Face • Asynchronous • Synchronous • Telecourse • Distance Education via Mail	University • Graduate • Undergraduate • T.D.C. Inmates
Schedules	Community College
• Sixteen Week • Twelve Week • Eight Week • Five Week • Three Week	• Standard • Dual credit
	Workplace Training
	• Volunteers • Staff • Advocates

Courses Taught

BIO 6397 Selected Topics in Biology
BIO 6356 Medical Ethics
PHIL 4391 Selected Topics in Philosophy: Meaning
PHIL 3354 Medical Ethics
PHIL 3331 Ethics
PHIL 2307 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 1320 Ethics and Society
PHIL 1305 Philosophy and Critical Thinking
PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
US1100 University Seminar

Teaching Strengths

- Connecting historical and modern philosophical problems and text to contemporary learners using active-learning techniques, written exercises, thought experiments, text exposition, dialogue, and case studies, all with an eye towards increasing comprehension and participation.
- Helping students develop, construct, evaluate, and revise philosophical arguments in writing and in dialogue.
- Relationship and community building in both digital and face to face classrooms in order to foster an environment of open dialogue and expression.

Presentations and Invited Lectures

"Introduction to Volunteering and Issues Around Hunger" *Houston Food Bank Volunteer Education and Orientation* 2022-2023
"Animal Talk: How We Think and Talk About Animals" *Philosophically Drinking* January 2019
"LGBTQIAA Experiences in Primary Education" *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Fall 2017
Comments *Southwest Texas New Mexico Philosophy Conference*. Spring 2013
"Simone de Beauvoir and Existential Freedom" *Guest Lecturer for Dr. Jeffrey Gordon's Existentialism Class* Fall 2012.
"The Effects of Globalization on Animal Welfare" *Texas State Universities Common Experience Program: Dialogues at the San Marcos Public Library* Fall 2012.
"Buddhism and the Mind/Body Problem" *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Fall 2011
"We the People: An Open Dialogue" *Texas State University Phi Sigma Tau Talk of the Times* Fall 2011
"Love, Aesthetics, and Insanity" *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Summer 2011
"An East West Comparison of Wisdom" *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Spring 2011
"Is There Really Freedom of Religion?" *Texas State University Phi Sigma Tau Talk of the Times*. Fall 2010

“The Ethical Obligations of Academic Philosophy” *Texas State University Philosophy Symposium*. Spring 2011
“The Ethical Situation of Non-Humans” *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Fall 2010
“Capitalism and Environmental Responsibility” *Texas State University Dialogue Series* Fall 2010
“Simone de Beauvoir and Existential Ethics” *Guest Lecturer for Dr. Jeffrey Gordon’s Existentialism Class* Spring 2010
“An Asian Philosophical Perspective on Death” *Special Presentation for Dr. Jeffrey Gordon’s Honors Class: The Meaning of Death* Fall 2008

Awards and Service

Outstanding Faculty Achievement at Texas State University

- Spring 2014
- Fall 2013
- Spring 2013
- Fall 2012
- Spring 2012

Texas State University Annual Alumni Banquet Coordinator

- 2010
- 2011