TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Paul Wilson Title: Senior Lecturer, Philosophy

B. Educational Background

Degree	Year	University	Major	Thesis/Dissertation
Master of Arts	2003	Texas A&M University	Philosophy	"Constructing Numbers Through Moments in Time: Kant's Philosophy of Mathematics."
Master of Arts	1997	Texas State University	Sociology	"Personal Action and Societal Structure: A Feminist Conflict Assessment of Abortion."
Bachelor of Arts	1994	Texas State University	Philosophy/Sociology	

C. University Experience

Position	University	Dates
Professor of Instruction, Philosophy	Texas State University	August 2024-present
Senior Lecturer, Philosophy	Texas State University	August 2006-August 2024
Instructor, Philosophy	Texas Lutheran University	August 2006-May 2007
Instructor, Philosophy	Texas State University	August 2003-July 2006

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	Entity	Dates
Instructor, University Seminar	Texas State University	September 1999-May 2005
Assistant Professor-Adjunct, Philosophy	Austin Community College	May 2005-present
Instructor, Philosophy	Blinn College	January 2003-May 2004

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

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B. Courses Taught:

Philosophy 1305-Philosophy and Critical Thinking

Philosophy 1320-Ethics and Society
Philosophy 2311-History of Philosophy Before 1600
Philosophy 2312-History of Philosophy Since 1600
Philosophy 3301-Philosophic Issues
Philosophy 3322-Business and Professional Ethics
Philosophy 3326-Philosophy of Sport
Philosophy 3351-Philosophy and Literature (Special Emphasis on Science Fiction)
Philosophy 4388-Independent Study (Meaning of Life)
Philosophy 4363A-Philosophy and Science Fiction
Philosophy 4370-Metaphysics
Philosophy 4388- Philosophy of Music (teaching Spring 2024, will be offered as its own course thereafter)
US 1100-University Seminar

C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please indicate):

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D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Philosophy 4363A-Philosophy and Science Fiction;
Philosophy of Music (first taught as 4363B, Fall 2025)
Philosophy honors seminar, Spring 2026

E. Funded External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

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F. Submitted, but not Funded, External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

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G. Funded Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

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H. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

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I. Other:

Lab Director, Philosophy Department, 1997-2000; Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, 1997.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

a. Scholarly Monographs:

continued research and production of philosophy of music materials and related media

b. Textbooks:

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c. Edited Books:

Your University Experience-The Next Step. Co-edited with Carol W. Dochen, Russ Hodges, and Pam Wuestenberg. Pearson Custom Publishing, 2006.

d. Chapters in Books:

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e. Creative Books:

Cherish: The Associaton- The Story of America's First Folk Rock Band. Searles, Malcolm. Interviewed for book as member of group (Searles' book will be part of the literature for my current scholarly research project about the history, ontology, aesthetic and technology of pop music during the 1960s).

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

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b. Non-refereed Articles:

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3. Abstracts:

"Do We Know They Know?: Self Awareness and the Problem of Other (Animal) Minds." *Southwest Philosophical Studies,* Volume 28.

"Unsurpassability, Analyticity, and Necessary Existence: Kant and Hartshorne on the Ontological Argument." *Southwest Philosophical Studies,* Volume 27.

"Berkeley on the Nature of Ideas." *Southwest Philosophical Studies,* Volume 26.

4. Reports:

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5. Book Reviews:
Review of Houlgate, Laurence D. *Morals, Marriage, and Parenthood: An Introduction to Family Ethics.* Cengage Learning.

Review of Solomon, Robert (with Kathleen Higgins and Clancy Martin)--*Introducing Philosophy*: *A Text with Integrated Readings*, (done for upcoming 13th edition), Oxford University Press.

Review of Solomon, Robert (with Kathleen Higgins and Clancy Martin)--*Introducing Philosophy*: *A Text with Integrated Readings*, (done for 12th edition), Oxford University Press.

Review of Solomon, Robert--*Introducing Philosophy*: *A Text with Integrated Readings*, (done for 11th edition), Oxford University Press.

6. Other:

Guest Review for article "The Communities-of-Care for Female Professional Athletes' Injuries" submitted to *Journal of Research on Women and Gender*

Guest Review for article submitted to *Texan Philosophical Thought*

Manuscript Comments for chapters in forthcoming book, a critique of Ayn Rand's philosophy, author Bryan Register.

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

"Kant's Influence on Brouwer and Hilbert: The Case for the Synthetic A Priori" Presented at the North Texas Philosophical Association, Irving, TX. March, 2019.

"Can Wittgenstein Use Cooley's Looking Glass" Presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, November 2015.

"What in the Wide World of Sports is Going On (Ontologically Speaking)? :Teams, Fans, and a Peculiar Metaphysical Issue in the Philosophy of Sport." Presented at the meeting of the Far West Popular Culture Association, Las Vegas, Nevada. February, 2014.

"Phenomenology, Possibility, and Potentiality: Implications of Intuitionism." Presented at the meeting of the Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii. January, 2013.

“Free Will and Self—Unresolved or Dissolved?: What Possible Worlds Semantics Can’t Explain.” Presented at the meeting of the Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii. January, 2012.

“Human Nature and Community: Plato, Hobbes and Marx on Class Structure.” Presented at the meeting of the Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii. January 9, 2011.

“Are Synthetic A Priori Judgments Psychologistic?: The Problem of Objectivity in Kant’s Philosophy of Mathematics.” Presented at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, Texas. April 5, 2008.

"Do We Know They Know?: Self-Awareness and the Problem of Other (Animal) Minds." Presented at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, Texas. April 16, 2005."Descartes on he Nature of Ideas." Presented at the joint meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barcelona, Spain. July 4, 2004.

"Unsurpassability, Analyticity and Necessary Existence: Kant and Hartshorne on the Ontological Argument." Presented at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, Texas. March 28, 2004.

"Berkeley on the Nature of Ideas." Presented at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 13, 2003.

"A Priori Knowledge: The Ultimate Certainty?" Presented at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, Galveston, Texas. April 6, 2002.

"Personal Action and Societal Structure: A Feminist Conflict Assessment of Abortion." Presented at the meeting of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Corpus Christi, Texas. March 19, 1998.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, Presentations:

“Philosophy of Music” presentation for Philosophy Dialogue Series, Fall 2025.

“Songs of Peace” presentation for Philosophy Dialogue Series, Fall 2025..

“Were the First Philosophers Source and Substance Monists?” Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/ Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX. Spring 2019.

“Soteriology and Time in the Sarvastivada Buddhist Theory of Dharma.” Paper commentary Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/ Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, TX. Spring 2018.

“The Tet Offensive Conundrum: A Panel Discussion with Vietnam Veterans.” Panel moderator. Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2017.

"The X-Men on 'Ought Implies Can'." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/ Texas Philosophical Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Spring 2017.

"A Dilemma For Streetian Constructivism." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/ Texas Philosophical Society in San Marcos, Texas. Spring 2016.

"Discussing The Nature Of Delusions And The Ethical Permissibility of By-pass Reason Treatments." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in San Antonio, Texas. Spring 2013.

"Chained For Life: Conjoined Twins, Identity, and the Ethics of Separation Surgery." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Spring, 2012.

"The Subject and Principles in Avicenna and Aquinas." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Spring, 2012.

"Conservative and Liberal Biases in the Media." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, presented Spring 2012.

"Constructability in mathematics: a counterfactual approach to Non-Euclidean Geometries in Kant's philosophy of imagination." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in El Paso, Texas. Spring, 2011.

"Dewey and Quine on Cosmological Naturalism: Experience vs. Scientism" Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, in Abilene, Texas. Spring 2010.

"Emerson's Idealism: Its Basis and Departure from Kant." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in Houston, Texas. Spring 2009.

"Peter Singer and Tom Regan: A Comparison of Animal Rights Defenses." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, presented Spring 2009.

"Kant's Adoption of the Lockean Distinction between Archetype and Ectype." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in El Paso, Texas. Spring, 2008.

"Leibniz and Possible Worlds." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, presented Fall 2008.

"Hume and Kant on the Self (with Professor Amelie Benedikt)." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, presented Spring 2008.

"Kant's Adoption of the Lockean Distinction Between Archetype and Ectype." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, Texas. Spring 2008.

"Animals and Consciousness." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2007.

"John Stuart Mill on Social Contract Theory." Paper commentary at the meeting of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society in Austin Texas. Spring 2007.

"On Daniel Dennett's *Elbow Room* and *Freedom Evolves*." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2007.

"Globalizing Rawls." Panel discussion with Professors Matthew Daude and Susan Alvarado on John Rawls' political theory. Presented at Austin Community College, Eastview Campus, Fall 2006.

"Self-Awareness in Children and Animals (with Professor Randall Osborne)." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2006.

"The Ethics of Science." Panel discussion with Professor Matthew Daude on issues in bioethics. Presented at Austin Community College, Rio Grande Campus, Spring 2006.

"Cinematic Depictions of Cartesian Skepticism." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2006.

"Reframing the Moral Community: Issues in Animal Welfare." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2005.

"God, the Problem of Evil, and Animals." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2005.

"The Influence of Plato's Theory of Forms on Contemporary Thought." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2004.

"On Possible Worlds Semantics." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2003.

"A Priori Knowledge: Innate Ideas or Instinct?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2003.

"Does Logic Need Justification?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2003.

"The Imagination of the Songwriter: A Phenomenology of Musical Composition." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2002.

"Reason and Belief." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2002.

"The Case for Animal Rights." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2002.

"When Does Life Begin?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2001.

"Suicide: Personal Choice or Moral Failure?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2001.

"Pro-Life and Pro-Choice: What Do They Mean?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2000.

"Is Sex a Moral Issue?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2000.

"Kant and the House of Metaphysics." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 1999.

"Utilitarianism and the Is-Ought Fallacy." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 1999.

"On Betrand Russell's 'Why I Am Not a Christian.'" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 1998.

"The Best of All Possible Worlds." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2008.

"The Intersection of Philosophy and Sociology." Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2008.

"Are We Morally Obligated to Be Vegetarians?" Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 1997.

3. Consultancies:

Invited colloquium with E.L. Stearns' Philosophy Club at Lake Travis High School, December 2022. Met with high school students and discussed the nature of the discipline and job market for those pursuing philosophy degrees; Ms. Stearns indicated desire for my joining with their club meetings via zoom with some regularity, and we will be connecting again this spring semester.

4. Workshops:

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5. Other:

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C. Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

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2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts:

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3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

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4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:

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D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

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IV. SERVICE

A. University:

Honors thesis advisor: Ashley Johnson, physics major and Spring 2026 graduate

Bobcat Day. 2024. Department representative for incoming students.

Paper Reviewer, *Texas Philosophical,* Undergraduate Philosophy, 2018

Faculty/Staff Advisor, Architects of a New Democracy, September 2005 to May 2007

Faculty/Staff Advisor, Disability Awareness Organization, October 2004 to May 2006

Faculty/Staff Advisor, Unitarian Universalist Group, September 2001-May 2003

Faculty/Staff Advisor, S.E.T.A. (Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), September 1998-May 2001.

B. Departmental:

Member, personnel committee, fall 2025 to present.

Member, undergraduate philosophy committee, fall 2017 to present

Member, Departmental Self-Evaluation Committee, Fall 2003.

Member, Grant Committee, Spring 1998-Fall 2002.

Member, Activities Committee, Fall 1997.

C. Community:

Pre production and planning for new KZSM FM radio show host, “Philosophy and Popular Culture.” Fall 2026

Voting board member, KZSM.org, San Marcos, TX, January 2021-December 2022

Radio Show Host, “Philosophy and Popular Music,” February 2020- November 2023 (four seasons of programming, approximately 70 episodes total; radio program about philosophical issues in music, the music business, aesthetics, ontology of music, and musicology.
Guest. KZSM.org “Bookmarked” hosted by Priscilla Leder, November 2023

Paper Reviewer, New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, 2018-2020, 2022-2023

Secretary, New Mexico/Texas Philosophical Society, March 2016- March 2017

Coordinated and scheduled Philosophy Dialogue Series, Fall and Spring semesters, 1997 to Spring 2014

Ethics Bowl Moderator, San Antonio Texas, Fall 2012
Ethics Bowl Assistant Coach, Texas State team, Fall 2014

D. Professional:

Member of Ethics Resource Committee (Austin Community College, Spring 2006)

E. Organizations

1. Honorary:

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2. Professional:

North Texas Philosophical Association

New Mexico/Texas Philosophical Society

International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Far West Popular Culture Association

F. Service Honors and Awards:

Runner-up for Presidential Service Award, College of Liberal Arts (Fall 2005).

Please note: For all entries, list most recent items first.