

BENJAMIN M. NELSON

Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Connecticut, May 2017

Dissertation: *Hume's "Of scepticism with regard to reason"*

Committee: Donald Baxter, Michael Lynch, Lionel Shapiro

MA, Philosophy, University of Connecticut, May 2013

BA, Philosophy, University of South Florida, December 2008

BA, English, University of South Florida, December 2008

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy (especially Hume)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Asian Philosophy

TEACHING POSITIONS

University of Connecticut

2020 – present: Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy

2019 – 2020: Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

2016 – 2019: Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

1. The Degeneration of Knowledge and the Fate of Intuitions in Hume's "Of scepticism with regard to reason"
2. Epistemic Presuppositions and Diminishing Assurance in Hume's "Of scepticism with regard to reason"
3. What is an Error in Reasoning for Hume?

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Respecting Hume's "Distinction of Reason": Discovering Resemblance in Apparent Difference
2. Distinguishing Likelihoods from Probabilities in Humean Probable Reasoning

TALKS

1. "Presuppositions and Diminishing Assurance in Hume's 'Of scepticism with regard to reason,'" 44th International Hume Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, July 17-21, 2017
2. "Mistaken Intuitions and Hume's Degeneration Argument," 43rd International Hume Conference, Sydney, Australia, July 19-23, 2016
3. "Mistaken Intuitions and Hume's Degeneration Argument," Boston University, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, October 2015

AWARDS

Fall 2020:	Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2019:	Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
Fall 2019:	Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2018:	Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2017:	Hume Society Young Scholar Award Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2016:	Hume Society Young Scholar Award
Spring 2014:	Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence

SERVICE

- Member:** Curricula and Courses Committee, University of Connecticut, 2020
- Referee:** 45th International Hume Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2018
- Commenter:** 45th International Hume Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2018
47th International Hume Conference, Bogotá, Colombia (postponed to 2021)

TEACHING

As Instructor of Record, University of Connecticut:

- 2021 – 2022:** Ethics (**online**)
Philosophy and Social Ethics, Honors (**online**)
- 2019 – 2020:** Philosophical Classics (**online**)
Ethics
17th & 18th Century Philosophy
Ethical Issues in Health Care
Metaphysics
Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy and Social Ethics
- 2017 – 2018:** Philosophical Classics
Philosophy and Social Ethics
Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy
Ethical Issues in Health Care
Problems of Philosophy
- 2015 – 2016:** Philosophy and Social Ethics
Ethical Issues in Health Care
Philosophy and Logic
Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy
- 2012 – 2014:** Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy
Problems of Philosophy

As Co-Instructor, University of Connecticut:

- Spring 2013:** Graduate Seminar in Asian Philosophy, co-taught with Joel Kupperman and Toby Napoletano

As Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Connecticut:

- 2012 – 2013:** Problems of Philosophy
- 2010 – 2011:** Philosophy and Logic

As Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Connecticut Continued:
2010 – 2011: Philosophy and Social Ethics
Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy
Problems of Philosophy

GRADUATE COURSE WORK

History of Philosophy:	The British Empiricists (Donald Baxter) Kant (Tim Elder) Frege (Marcus Rossberg) History of Analytic Philosophy (Sam Wheeler)
Epistemology:	The Metaphysics of Reason (Michael Lynch) Truth (Michael Lynch)
Metaphysics:	Composition as Identity (Donald Baxter) Contemporary Metaphysics (Tim Elder)
Asian Philosophy:	Seminar in Asian Philosophy (Joel Kupperman)
Ethics:	Seminar in Moral Philosophy (Paul Bloomfield)
Logic:	Logic (Jc Beall)
Language:	Seminar in the Philosophy of Language (William Lycan)
Philosophy of Mind:	The Character of Consciousness (Austen Clark)
Philosophy of Science:	Seminar in Philosophy of Science (Anne Hiskes)

REFERENCES

1. Donald Baxter, Professor of Philosophy
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Mansfield Rd., Storrs, CT 06269 USA, donald.baxter@uconn.edu
2. Michael Lynch, Professor of Philosophy
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Mansfield Rd., Storrs, CT 06269 USA, mplynch@uconn.edu
3. Lionel Shapiro, Associate Professor of Philosophy
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References Continued:

4. Don Garrett, Silver Professor of Philosophy
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New York, NY 10003, don.garrett@nyu.edu

5. Wade L. Robison, Professor and Ezra A. Hale Chair in Applied Ethics
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