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PROFILE

I build and promote accessible, engaging, and lasting educational opportunities, through teaching, publishing, advising, and service. My field of expertise is political philosophy.

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ -- B.A. Political Science (June 2003)

University of Dallas, Irving, TX -- Ph.D. Politics (December 2017) Dissertation: *Xenophon's Republic: Nobility, Self-Knowledge, and the Identity of the Philosopher* (Advisor: Jonathan Culp)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Arts, Languages, & Philosophy: August 2022 - present
Missouri S&T - Rolla, MO

- Teaching applied ethics (Engineering Ethics mainly). Managing several Honors contracts. Emphasizing current events so as to keep classes lively and relevant to non-philosophy majors.
- Won two travel grants for presenting at the Northeastern Political Science Conference (Nov 2022).

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy & Religion: January 2018 - January 2022
Dallas College - Dallas, TX

- Recognized as an "Exceptional Dual Credit Instructor," May 2019. Tutored frequently outside of class time, unpaid. Maximized my accessibility, saw dividends in student engagement.
- Member of the Dallas College Honors Committee, Fall 2021. Surveyed successful honors programs for best practices. Documented and publicly promoted committee efforts.
- Philosophy Club Co-advisor, Fall 2021. Supported my students who joined the club, reached out to those from other classes. Contributed significantly to the sense that faculty as a whole are committed to student success.

OTHER EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

- Political Campaign Experience: Political Manager, "Joshua Rocks for Freeholder," 2011. Diligent with phone banking, reaching hundreds of voters. Helped design the candidate's platform. Blogged and managed the candidate's website, enlisting our team in promotion.
- Blogs at "Encouragement:" <https://encouragement.ghost.io/> — a running commentary on poems and excerpts from philosophers about how we see the world. I also interview creators, fellow academics, journalists. Twitter @akarra at 1900+ followers; LinkedIn at 187 followers and counting.