

# Darby Vickers

Ph.D., Philosophy

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**Area of Specialization:** Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, Ethics of Technology

**Areas of Competence:** Epistemology, Ethics

## Education

2015 – 2021 **University of California, Irvine, PhD., Philosophy.**

Dissertation Advisor: Casey Perin

Committee: Eric Brown (Washington University in St. Louis), Sven Bernecker, Duncan Pritchard

Dissertation: *Is Virtue an Expertise?: The Epistemology of Virtue in Plato's Meno & Republic*

2015 – 2018 **University of California, Irvine, M.A., Philosophy.**

Advisor: Casey Perin

2013 – 2015 **University of California, Irvine, M.A., Classics.**

Thesis Advisor: Zina Giannopoulou; Committee: James I. Porter (UC Berkeley), Anthony Edwards (UCSD)

MA Thesis: "Inventing Meta-Epic: Self-Consciousness in *Odyssey* 8-12"

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3df0g12s>

2011 – 2013 **University of California, Los Angeles, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Classics.**

Awarded with Distinction

2006 – 2010 **Reed College, B.A., Classics.**

Thesis Adviser: Nigel Nicholson; Committee: Jon Pratt, Diego Alonso, Tamara Metz

BA Thesis: "Plato's Critique of Tragedy"

## Academic Appointments

2024 – now **Elements Chair: Technology and Humanities, Humanities Center, University of San Diego.**

2022 – now **Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego.**

2021 – 2022 **Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego.**

## Research

### Published Research

Feb 16, 2024 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence, N. Smith & D. Vickers, Theory & Research in Education, <https://doi.org/10.1177/14778785241231>.**

Authors contributed 50-50 & names are in alphabetical order. This paper was short listed for the NAAPE / Educational Theory Outstanding Paper Prize: <https://www.naape.org/en/paper-prize>

Jan 19, 2022 **Doctoral Writing Workshops: A preregistered, randomized controlled trial, B.W. Sarnecka, P.N. Silva, J. Coon, D.C. Vickers, R.B. Goldstein, & J.N. Rouder, Innovative Higher Education, A quantitative study to determine the effect of the Sarnecka model writing group on doctoral students' well-being, writing productivity, and writing quality. Article: <https://rdcu.be/cFkVh> Study Materials: <https://osf.io/ftuhp/>.**

D. Vickers made suggestions for modifying the workshop format & rubric for judging writing quality for humanities students; she was the primary force behind revising the article based on reviewer comments during the R&R process

Apr 9, 2021 **Statistically Responsible Artificial Intelligences, N. Smith & D. Vickers, Ethics & Information Technology, <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10676-021-09591-1#Ack1>.**

Authors contributed 50-50 & names are in alphabetical order

## Under Review and R&R

*under review* **Tiresias Among the Shades: Teaching Virtue in Plato's *Meno*.**  
R&R at *Apeiron*

*under review* **Aristotle's Second Best Life: *Eudaimonia* and *Makaria* in the *Nicomachean Ethics*.**  
under review at *Journal of the History of Philosophy*

*in progress* **The Virtuous Technologist: what kind of exemplars do we need to train the character of the next generation of technologists?, D. Vickers & N. Smith.**  
D. Vickers was the primary originator of the idea and author of this article; contributions were about 70-30

*in progress* **Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community, R. Goldstein & D. Vickers.**  
both authors contributed 50-50 & names in alphabetical order

## Op-eds & Contributions in Non-Peer Reviewed Venues

Dec 12, 2022 **"The Writing Workshop": Increasing Representation in Philosophy**, R. Goldstein & D. Vickers, *American Philosophical Association Blog*.  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p95twbd>

## Fellowships, Awards, Grants & Honors

### Fellowships

June 2024 **Beyond the Ivory Tower Workshop Participant: June 2024 Cohort, Northeastern University.**  
Competitively selected for a fully-funded Op-ed workshop lead by a senior editor from the *New York Times*

2020-2022 **McPherson Fellow: Graduate Institute in Philosophy of Education 2020-2021, Center for Ethics & Education**, <http://ethicsandeducation.wceruw.org/grad-programming.html>.

Summer 2020 **Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate Division**, UC Irvine.

Jan-Dec 2019 **Pedagogical Fellowship, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation**, UC Irvine.  
Graduate students competitively selected from across campus based on teaching evaluations, letters of recommendation, & demonstrated interest in pedagogy

Jun-Jul 2014 **NEH Summer Seminar: Mortality: Facing Death in Ancient Greece, National Endowment for the Humanities**, Athens Greece.  
One of three graduate students to receive a fellowship by the NEH to participate in the summer seminar, 4 weeks

### Awards

2018 **Kavka Award, Department of Philosophy**, UC Irvine.  
Awarded to a graduate student in the department of philosophy for meritorious research

### Grants—Ethics & Artificial Intelligence Projects

Feb 2022 **AI and the Humanities Project Grants**, for "Can Algorithms be Decent?", Humanities Center, University of San Diego.  
\$1000

Dec 2019 **Humanities Center Graduate Collaborative Conference Grant, N. Smith & D. Vickers**, for AI & Moral Learning, School of Humanities, UC Irvine.  
\$2000

### Grants—Dissertation

Mar 2021 **Graduate Student Research Grant**, Humanities Center, UC Irvine.  
\$3000

## Grants— Applied Epistemology Project

May 2019 **Illuminations Project Grant**, D. Vickers, T. Dunn, G. Ciullo, & S. Bernecker, for *Debunking 101: How to Spot Fake (Archaeology) News and What to do About It*, an undergraduate event, *Illuminations: The Chancellor's Arts & Culture Initiative*, UC Irvine.  
\$3000

Jan 2019 **UCHRI Conference Grant**, D. Vickers, T. Dunn, & S. Bernecker, for *Archaeology in a Post-Truth World: An Interdisciplinary Philosophical Conference*, an academic conference, *University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI)*.  
\$5000

Dec 2018 **Humanities Commons Collaborative Graduate Student Conference Grant**, D. Vickers & T. Dunn, for *Archaeology in a Post-Truth World: An Interdisciplinary Philosophical Conference*, an academic conference, *The Humanities Center* (formerly Humanities Commons), School of Humanities, UC Irvine.  
\$2000

## Grants—Lit & Chill Podcast

Mar 2021 **Illuminations Project Grant**, S. Rodriguez & D. Vickers, “*Suppliants & Chill*” and “*Iliad & Chill*”, *Illuminations: The Chancellor's Arts & Cultures Initiative*.  
\$3500

June 2020 **Illuminations Project Grant**, S. Rodriguez & D. Vickers, “*Oresteia & Chill*” <https://soundcloud.com/litandchill/sets/oresteia-chill>, *Illuminations: The Chancellor's Arts & Cultures Initiative*.  
\$1000

Fall 2019 **Illuminations Project Grant**, S. Rodriguez & D. Vickers, “*Odyssey & Chill*” <https://soundcloud.com/litandchill/sets/odyssey-and-chill-podcast>, *Illuminations: The Chancellor's Arts & Cultures Initiative*.  
\$1000

## Travel Grants

Nov 2023 **International Opportunity Grant**, *University of San Diego*.

Mar 2022 **International Opportunity Grant**, *University of San Diego*.

Feb 2020 **Early Cultures Travel and Research Graduate Student Grant**, *Early Cultures*, for presenting the paper "Strong Men Also Cry" at Feminism and Classics 2020 Eighth Quadrennial Conference at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.

Jan 2019 **Graduate Student Research and Travel Award**, *School of Humanities*, for "Writing for Philosophy Graduate Students" a presentation at the American Philosophical Association - Eastern, New York, NY.

Jan 2019 **Graduate Travel Award**, *Archaeological Institute of America*, for "Archaeology and Conspiracy Theories" a workshop at the AIA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Jan 2015 **Graduate Student Travel Award**, *School of Humanities*, for "Perpetual Lament: Anthropomorphic Mycenaean Figures in Funerary Context" a poster at the AIA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

## Presentations

### Refereed Presentations

Febr 2025 **Aristotle's Second Best Life: *Eudaimonia* and *Makaria* in the *Nicomachean Ethics***, *APA Central*, (scheduled) Online.

Jan 7, 2024 **Justice & Expertise: An Exploration of the Arguments in *Republic* 1**, *Winter Seminar on Plato in Siricusa, Exedra Mediterranean Center*, Siricusa, Sicily, Italy.

Oct 28-30, 2023 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence**, *NAAPE 2023*, N.Smith & D. Vickers.  
I presented alone as Dr. Smith was unable to attend

Oct 1-3, 2023 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence**, *Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC) Conference 2023*, N. Smith & D. Vickers.

July 7, 2023 **The Octopus as a Model for Multimodal Learning in Humans and AI**, *CogEvo2023 - Workshop on Cognition and Evolution*, University of Trento, Rovereto, Italy.

Mar 4, 2023 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence**, *Association for Practical & Professional Ethics Conference 2023*, N. Smith & D. Vickers, Portland, OR.  
I presented alone as Dr. Smith was unable to attend

Feb 10, 2023 **Don't Kill the NPC: Plato, Participatory Arts, and Moral Education**, *The Ethics of Video Games Conference 2023*, N. Smith & D. Vickers, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL

Oct 29, 2022 **Tiresias Among the Shades: Virtue and Expertise in Plato's *Meno***, North American Association for Philosophy and Education, Mundelein, IL.

June 8, 2022 **Can Algorithms Be Decent?**, *European Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness 2022*, Zurich, Switzerland.

May-June 2022 **Poetry's Influence on Character Formation: A Reexamination of the Censorship Program in Plato's *Republic***, *2022 Interdisciplinary Symposium on Paideia*, Fonte Aretusa, Exedra Mediterranean Center, Siracusa, Sicily, Italy.

May 2022 **Strong Men Also Cry**, *Feminism and Classics 2020 Eighth Quadrennial Conference*, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.  
Conference was originally scheduled May 21-24, 2020, but postponed due to COVID-19

Feb 2022 **Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community**, *Colloquium talk*, D. Vickers & R. Goldstein, American Philosophical Association Central Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Oct 29-31 **Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community**, D. Vickers & R. Goldstein, North American Association for Philosophy and Education, Mundelein, IL..

May 28, 2021 **Tiresias Among the Shades: Virtue and Expertise in Plato's *Meno***, *BPPA Seminar Series*, British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, Online.  
Refereed Works-in-Progress Seminar, one of 17 chosen out of 110 applications

Apr 17, 2021 **Teaching Ethics in a Changing World**, *2021 Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference*, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Online.

Dec 4, 2020 **Teaching Virtue: The Inter-generational Transmission of Virtue in Plato's *Meno***, *Post-graduate Works in Progress Seminar*, Institute of Classical Studies, Institute of Advanced Study, University of London, Online.  
Refereed Works-in-Progress Seminar, running throughout Academic Year 2020-2021

Oct 22-23, 2020 **Statistically Responsible Artificial Intelligences**, N. Smith & D. Vickers, AI Ethics Society Research Group, University of Edinburgh, Online.  
Paper at a professional conference. Conference was originally schedule for April 23-24, 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19

Jan 9, 2019 **Writing for Philosophy Graduate Students**, *Minorities and Philosophy Panel*, American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division Meeting, New York.  
Presentation/workshop at a professional conference

Apr 17, 2015 **Animalistic Tendencies: Plato's Depiction of Socrates as a Questioner**, *Group for the Study of Early Cultures Conference*, Irvine, CA.  
Paper at a graduate conference

Jan 9, 2015 **Perpetual Lament: Anthropomorphic Mycenaean Figures in Funerary Context**, Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.  
Poster at a professional conference

Sept 18, 2014 **Inventing Meta-Epic: The Self-Reflexive Formation of Oral Tradition in *Odyssey 8***, *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World XI*, Emory, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Paper at a professional conference

May 3, 2014 **κλέος τῶν ὄντων : The Collapse of Epic Distancing in Odyssey 8**, *Time is Out of Joint*, UBC CNERS Graduate Conference, Vancouver, Canada.  
Paper at a graduate conference

Apr 12, 2014 **A Soulful Remix: Quotation and Philosophical Education in Iamblichus' Protrepticus**, Education in Antiquity, Riverside, CA.  
Paper at a graduate conference

Mar 29, 2014 **What's τύχη got to do with it?: Epistemic Luck in Plato's *Meno***, Twists of Fate, Cambridge, MA.  
Paper at a graduate conference

### **Invited Presentations**

July 15, 2024 **Panelist for "Then How Shall We Live When AI Takes Over"**, *Compelling Preaching Events*, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, First Lutheran, Venice, CA.  
<https://crcc.usc.edu/how-then/>

Mar 29, 2024 **Sophia as Intellectual Expertise**, *Plato and the Virtues Conference*, Pennsylvania State University & Vassar College, State College, PA.

Mar 26, 2024 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence**, *Ethically Speaking, Center for Ethics*, Central Florida University.  
[https://youtu.be/qc7kFQuW-4A?si=Bq\\_kIESnQNTrV8yB](https://youtu.be/qc7kFQuW-4A?si=Bq_kIESnQNTrV8yB)

Oct 12, 2023 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education, and Artificial Intelligence**, *Education Society Meeting, BYU-Idaho*, N. Smith & D. Vickers.

Nov 29, 2022 **Aristotle's Second-Best Life: *Eudaimonia, Makaria*, and the Life of Study**, *Philosophy-in-Progress*. Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego

Oct 13, 2022 **Can Algorithms Be Decent?**, Humanities Center, University of San Diego.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smr8DT-pMsI>

May 20, 2021 **Teaching Ethics in Crisis**, Graduate Works-in-Progress, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine.

Dec 4, 2020 **The Epistemology of the *Meno***, Graduate Speaker Series, sponsored by Minorities and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara.

June 13, 2020 **Comment on S. Rodriguez's "The Penelopiad: From Page to Stage"**, *Presented at A Socially Distant Value Theory Conference*, via Zoom.  
<https://sites.uci.edu/sdotc/>

May 2, 2020 **Strong Men Also Cry**, *Presented at textit/A Socially Distant Open Topic Conference*, via Zoom.  
<https://sites.uci.edu/sdotc/>

Oct 17, 2019 **Symposia, Virtue, & Socrates**, *Virtuous Table: The Greek Table*, Organizer: Julia Lupton.  
This lecture will also be used as part of "Anteater Virtues" a project by Prof. D. Pritchard

Oct 24, 2019 **Archaeology and the Epistemology of Conspiracy Theories**, *Presentation for the UCI philosophy Club*, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine.

Sept 6, 2019 **Self-Protection and Self-Reflection: Suffering, Education, and Intellectual Virtue**, *Suffering and Virtue: Graduate Workshop on Michael Brady's Book*, author-meets-critic session, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine.

Apr 24, 2019 **Plato on Intellectual Pleasure**, Graduate Works-in-Progress, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine.

Nov 6, 2018 **Why Are There No Teachers of Virtue?**, Graduate Speaker Series, Sponsored by Minorities and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara.

Oct 25, 2018 **Why Are There No Teachers of Virtue?**, Graduate Works-in-Progress, Department of Philosophy, UC Irvine.

May 19, 2018 **Comment on A. Malik's "The Return to the Cave"**, *11th Annual West Coast Plato Workshop*. Response paper at a professional conference

## Conference & Event Organizer/Co-Organizer

2024-2025 **Technology & Humanities Speaker Series**, Humanities Center, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.  
Events include talks by Brian Merchant (Sept 19, 2024) & Kevin Donnelly (November 21, 2024)

Apr 14-15, 2023 **Ethical Decisions in Technological Societies**, *H. Baber, D. Tigard, D. Vickers, S. Babka*, Values Institute, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.  
<https://baberonline.wordpress.com/program/>

May 8, 2020 **Artificial Intelligence and Moral Learning (Provisional Title)**, *D. Vickers, N. Smith*, Symposium, (Cancelled, UC Irvine.  
COVID-19) Speakers: Alison Gopnik (Berkeley), Erik Linstead (Chapman), Philip Walsh (NYU)

Apr 6-9, 2020 **Artificial Intelligence and Moral Learning: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on AI Decision Making and Ethics**, *D. Vickers, N. Smith, R. Korf*, AISB Convention - The Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulated Behavior, Twickenham, UK.  
Refereed Symposium

Feb 8-9, 2020 **Archaeology in a Post-Truth World: An Interdisciplinary Philosophical Conference**, *D. Vickers, T. Dunn, G. Ciullo, & S. Bernecker*, UC Irvine, Sponsored by: UCHRI, the Humanities Center, the Department of Classics, the Department of Art History, the Ethnography Center, the Department of Philosophy.

Nov 19, 2019 **Debunking 101: How to Spot Fake (Archaeology) News and What to Do about It**, *D. Vickers, T. Dunn, G. Ciullo, & S. Bernecker*, UC Irvine, Sponsored by: Illuminations.

Jan 6, 2019 **Archaeology and Conspiracy Theories Workshop**, Organizer & Moderator: *D. Vickers*, Presenters: *J. Albertson, A. Leinberger, C. Maris, E. Parker, E. Sumner*, at the Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, 2019.

## Courses Taught & Teaching Experience

### Lead Instructor

Spring 2025 **Computer Ethics**, *Philosophy 345*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.  
(scheduled)

Fall 2024 **Ethics of AI and Robotics**, *Philosophy 348*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.

Fall 2024 **Ethics and Education**, *Philosophy 341*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
Ethics and philosophy of education for future K-12 teachers

Summer 2024 **The Changing Face of Humanity: AI and Identities of the Future (Freshman Seminar)**, *HUMC-294-01; Humanities Center*, University of San Diego, 1 sections, in person.  
Co-taught with a team of professors; <https://youtu.be/FgXFhX1nYBA?si=ufA00ePWA-S5aP-u>

Spring 2024 **Virtues and Vices**, *Philosophy 336*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.  
An ethics course focusing on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*

Spring 2024 **Pop-up Class: Toxic Rage & Tragic Fate: The Iliad through the Female Gaze**, *HUMC 394-03; One-unit course at the Humanities Center*, University of San Diego, 1 sections, in person.  
Co-taught with Prof. Tim McCarty

Fall 2023 **Ethics and Education**, *Philosophy 341*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
Ethics and philosophy of education for future K-12 teachers

Fall 2023 **Morality and Justice**, *Philosophy 116*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.  
Introductory Ethics Course

Summer 2023 **The Changing Face of Humanity (Freshman Seminar)**, HUMC-294-01; *Humanities Center*, University of San Diego, 1 sections, in person.  
 Co-taught with a team of professors: <https://youtu.be/b1gouySSGrg?si=FJjRgjbwI1Vgh3tK>

Spring 2023 **Pop-up Class: Chat GPT & AI Ethics**, HUMC-394; *One-unit course at the Humanities Center*, University of San Diego, 1 sections, in person.  
 Co-taught with Prof. Dan Tigard

Spring 2023 **Artificial Intelligence Ethics**, *Philosophy 334*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.

Fall 2022 **History of Ancient Philosophy**, *Philosophy 270*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 Ancient Greek Philosophy

Fall 2022 **Ethics and Education**, *Philosophy 341*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 Ethics and philosophy of education for future K-12 teachers

Fall 2022 **Morality and Justice**, *Philosophy 116*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 Introductory Ethics Course

Summer 2022 **Virtues and Vices**, *Philosophy 336*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 An ethics course focusing on virtue in Plato's *Apology*, *Crito*, & *Republic*

Spring 2022 **Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**, *Philosophy 334*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.

Spring 2022 **Virtues and Vices**, *Philosophy 336*, University of San Diego, 2 sections, in person.  
 An ethics course focusing on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*

Fall 2021 **Computer Ethics**, *Philosophy 334*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.

Fall 2021 **Ethics and Education**, *Philosophy 341*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 Ethics and philosophy of education for future K-12 teachers

Fall 2021 **Morality and Justice**, *Philosophy 116*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.  
 Introductory Ethics Course

Fall 2019 **Introduction to Ethics**, *Philosophy A120, Religious Studies A120*, Orange Coast College, 2 sections, in person.

### Teaching Assistant Courses

**Teaching Assistant Duties** Planning & leading in person discussion section; giving guest lectures; writing exam questions; creating quizzes & assignments ; grading papers, exams, quizzes, & homework assignments; holding office hours; maintaining a gradebook

Spring 2019 **Puzzles and Paradoxes**, *Philosophy 2*, UC Irvine, Hybrid Course.

Winter 2019 **Introduction to Ethics**, *Philosophy 4*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Fall 2018 **Introduction to Ancient Philosophy**, *Philosophy 10*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Summer 2018 **Puzzles and Paradoxes**, *Philosophy 2*, UC Irvine, Online.

Spring 2018 **Introduction to Philosophy**, *Philosophy 1*, UC Irvine, Online.

Winter 2018 **Introduction to Philosophy**, *Philosophy 1*, UC Irvine, Online.

Fall 2017 **Puzzles and Paradoxes**, *Philosophy 2*, UC Irvine, Hybrid Course.

Spring 2017 **Puzzles and Paradoxes**, *Philosophy 2*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Winter 2017 **Introduction to Ancient Philosophy**, *Philosophy 10*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Fall 2016 **Gods (in Greek Myth)**, *Classics 45A*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Summer 2016 **Puzzles and Paradoxes**, *Philosophy 2*, UC Irvine, Online.

Spring 2015 **Classical Greece**, *Classics 36B*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Winter 2015 **Heroes (in Greek Myth)**, *Classics 45B*, UC Irvine, In-person.

Fall 2014 **Roman Empire**, *Classics 37B*, UC Irvine, In-person.

## Pedagogical Training

Fall 2019 **Advanced Pedagogy & Academic Job Preparation**, *University Studies 390C*, UC Irvine, In-person.  
10-week Pedagogical Fellows Seminar, Part 3

Spring 2019 **Advanced Pedagogy & Academic Job Preparation**, *University Studies 390B*, UC Irvine, In-person.  
10-week Pedagogical Fellows Seminar, Part 2

Winter 2019 **Advanced Pedagogy & Academic Job Preparation**, *University Studies 390A*, UC Irvine, In-person.  
10-week Pedagogical Fellows Seminar, Part 1

Fall 2019 **Teaching As Research**, *University Studies 395*, UC Irvine, In-person.  
CIRTL Teaching as Research Seminar

Winter 2018 **Developing Teaching Excellence**, *University Studies 390X*, UC Irvine, In-person.  
10-week evidenced-based pedagogy seminar

## Leadership, Outreach, & Academic Service

Spring 2025 ***Iliad & Chill* Podcast**, Sponsored by Illuminations, UC Irvine.  
(scheduled) Two nerds give you highlights & insights into Homer

Jan 23, 2024 **The Philosophy & Ethics of AI with Darby Vickers, Ph.D.**, *Brain Public*, Irvine, CA.  
<https://www.brainpublic.com/events/012324>

Fall 2022 – present **Faculty Advisor for the Philosophy Club (Everthinkers)**, *Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego*.

Oct 12, 2023 **Presentation and Discussion of "Living Well with AI"**, *BYU-Idaho's Tri-Ed (Elementary, Special, and Early Childhood Education) Society*, co-presented with Prof. Nicholas Smith (Alabama A&M University).  
via Zoom

Fall 2023 **Socially Responsible Technologies Minor Committee**, *under the leadership of Dr. Hannah Holtzman*.

Spring 2023 – Fall 2023 **Dean's Advisory Council on Artificial Intelligence and the future of higher education**, *College of Arts & Sciences, University of San Diego*.

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 **Faculty Seminar on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition**, *Office of the Mission, University of San Diego*.

Dec 12, 2022 **"The Writing Workshop": Increasing Representation in Philosophy**, R. Goldstein & D.Vickers, *American Philosophical Association Blog*.  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p95twbd>

Jul 13, 2022 **GSSR Alumni Panel**, National Humanities Center, via Zoom.

Jun 2021 – **Consultant, AI Working Group, CEO Leadership Alliance of Orange County**, Newport Beach, CA.

Jun 2022 Member of the AI working group at CLA-OC. Began as a graduate intern, pay increase and hired as a consultant in August 2021.

Mar-Jun 2021 **"Creating Your Compass" a Series of Life Design Events for Graduate Students**, *Co-lead with SueJeanne Koh, Ph.D. (Graduate Futures Coordinator)*, Humanities Center, UC Irvine.  
A 3-part workshop for graduate students looking to design their way into academic and non-academic careers

Apr 14, 2021 ***Suppliants & Chill* Podcast**, Sponsored by Illuminations and Phil & Katie Friedel, UC Irvine.  
Two nerds give you highlights & insights into Aeschylus. In conjunction with *The Suppliants Project* by Theatre of War: <https://theaterofwar.com/projects/the-suppliants-project>

2016-2021 **TH!NK Mentor**, *Humanities Out There & Department of Philosophy*.  
Seven sessions of a 4-week program through which graduate students teach critical thinking skills to 5th graders at local elementary schools

Dec 1, 2020 ***Oresteia & Chill* Podcast**, Sponsored by Illuminations and Phil & Katie Friedel, UC Irvine.  
Two nerds give you highlights & insights into Aeschylus: <https://soundcloud.com/litandchill>

Sept 26-27, 2020 **WONDER Philosophy Co-Organizer**, Sponsored by Department of Philosophy & Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, UC Irvine, Online workshop.  
 Workshop on Discovering Entrance Requirements (WONDER) Philosophy is a 2-day workshop for first generation undergraduates who are considering applying to philosophy graduate programs: <https://wonderphilosophy.com/>

August 2020 **Member of the hiring committee for the Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, Humanities Center, UCI.**  
 Since I helped write the grant from the Mellon Foundation which funded this position during my time as a Graduate Student Researcher in the Humanities Center, I was asked to serve as one of a four member hiring committee.

August 2020 **Instructor: Course Design Certificate Program, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, UC Irvine.**  
 Workshop to acquaint students with student-centered practices for course design. Meets for two hours once per week over Zoom. DTEI awards a certificate for successful completion of this course. Course taught by two instructors who must be Senior Pedagogical Fellows

July 2020 **Passionate Teaching in the Research Environment: How to Create Meaningful Online Learning Experiences, National Humanities Center.**  
 Week long institute focused on online teaching and using GIS in the classroom.

June 15-19, 2020 **Podcasting the Humanities: Creating Digital Stories for the Public, National Humanities Regional Institute for graduate students.**  
 72-hour podcast project <https://education.nationalhumanitiescenter.org/courseware/lesson/430>

Spring 2020 **Associated Graduate Students Judiciary Committee, UC Irvine.**  
 Member of a three-person committee to help AGS with deciding procedural issues

Spring 2020 **UC-wide Philosophy Writing Workshop Co-leader, D. Vickers & R. Goldstein, UC Schools.**  
 Co-lead a writing workshop for philosophy doctoral students based on Sarnecka's model; Participants from UC Berkeley, Davis, Riverside, San Diego, & Santa Barbara

Feb 2020 **Grad Slam Campus Finalist, Confronting Fake News, UC Irvine.**  
 I was one of 10 speakers selected by a panel of judges to compete in the Grad Slam Campus Finals at UC Irvine. Grad Slam is a UC-wide, 3-minute research pitch competition for graduate students.

Feb 4, 2020 **Confronting Fake (Archaeology) News, UCI Brews & Brains, Newport Beach, CA.**  
 10-minute TED talk-style talk for public audience

Jan 2-3, 2020 **TA Professional Development Program (TAPDP), for Engineers, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, UC Irvine.**  
 1.5 day workshop to provide new teaching assistants with pedagogical training

Dec 5, 2019 **Odyssey & Chill Podcast, S. Rodgers, D. Vickers, Sponsored by UCI Illuminations & Associated Graduate Students, UC Irvine.**  
 Two nerds give you highlights & insights into Homer. [sites.uci.edu/odysseyandchill](http://sites.uci.edu/odysseyandchill)

Fall 2019 - **Graduate Student Researcher, Humanities Center, School of Humanities, UC Irvine.**

Spring 2020 Grant-writing for Mellon & Luce Institutional grants for doctoral education, faculty development, event planning, logistics for Forum for the Academy and the Public, doctoral curriculum development

Fall 2019 - **Writing Workshop Co-leader, R. Goldstein, D. Vickers, Sponsored by the Humanities Center, UC Irvine.**

Summer 2020 Co-lead a writing workshop for doctoral students based on Sarnecka's model; Fall 2019: writing maintenance group for RCTs; Winter 2020- Summer 2020: Full writing workshop & writing maintenance group

Sept 24-25, 2019 **TA Professional Development Program (TAPDP), for Engineers, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, UC Irvine.**  
 1.5 day workshop to provide new teaching assistants with pedagogical training

Sept 20, 2019 **Panelist: Current Student Perspectives, Graduate Welcome & Orientation, UC Irvine.**  
 Spoke to a group of about 60 graduate students about graduate student life at UCI

Summer 2019 **Graduate Student Researcher, Humanities Center, School of Humanities, UC Irvine.**  
 Grant-writing for Mellon & Luce Institutional grants, event planning, doctoral curriculum development

Summer 2019 **Writing Workshop Leader**, sponsored by the Humanities Center, UC Irvine.  
 Lead a workshop based on my research on doctoral education to support doctoral writing & foster community among graduate students

April 18, 2019 **The Benefits of Transparent Pedagogy**, *Presentation at Pedagogy Skill Share*, Humanities Commons (renamed the Humanities Center), UC Irvine.

Spring-Fall 2019 **Graduate InterConnect Senior Peer Mentor**, *Graduate Division & the International Center*.  
 Serve as a peer mentor for 10 incoming international graduate students & oversee the training of 10 peer mentors

April 2018 **Intellectual Pleasure**, *AGS Symposium*, Awarded the People's Choice Award for the Humanities & Social Sciences Session.  
 Talk on using Plato's theory of intellectual pleasure to defend the humanities

Mar 6, 2018 **Collaborative Assignments with Google Docs**, *Presentation at Pedagogy Skill Share*, Humanities Commons (renamed the Humanities Center), UC Irvine.

Spring-Fall 2017 **Graduate InterConnect Peer Mentor**, *Graduate Division & the International Center*.  
 Serve as a peer mentor for 16 incoming international graduate students

Jan-Mar 2017 **The History of Greece: from the Paleolithic to Diocletian**, *Creator/author/narrator/producer*, historyofgreecepodcast.wordpress.com.

June 1, 2015 **"Talkback" for The Odyssey**, *Counter-balance Theater Production*, Director: Annie Loui, Grotowski Barn, UCI.  
 Scholarly commentary on the performance of the *Odyssey*

## Media

Dec 27, 2023 **Interviewed on "How Artificial Intelligence is Changing Our World & What Role Ethics Will Play When Regulating the Industry"**, *At the Edge of It All Podcast*.  
[https://www.sandiego.edu/news/detail.php?\\_focus=91132](https://www.sandiego.edu/news/detail.php?_focus=91132)

Nov 14, 2023 **Profiled in "Darby Vickers: Uniting academia with the unicorn dream job"**, by Munyao Kilolo.  
<http://tinyurl.com/darby-vickers-profile>

Nov 7, 2023 **Interviewed on "One year in, California leads advances in AI"**, *KPBS Midday Edition*.  
<https://www.kpbs.org/podcasts/kpbs-midday-edition/one-year-in-california-leads-advances-in-ai>

Mar 13, 2023 **Profiled in "USD Philosophy Professor Connects AI Ethics and Philosophy to the Lives of Her Students"**, *USD News Center*.  
[https://www.sandiego.edu/news/detail.php?\\_focus=88303](https://www.sandiego.edu/news/detail.php?_focus=88303)

Jan 21, 2022 **Featured in "A Toast to All the Rejects" by Rhaina Cohen**, *The Atlantic*.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2022/01/celebrate-your-rejections-failures/621327/>

Dec 3, 2019 **Episode 6: Epistemology, Post-Truth, and Speculoos Cookies**, *This Grad Life Podcast*.  
 Interview about my research: <https://www.thisgradlife.com/podcast/darbyvickers>

Oct 10, 2017 **The Theatre of Dionysus (Ep. 24)**, *Wonders of the World Podcast*.  
<https://wonderspodcast.libsyn.com/024-the-theater-of-dionysus>

Sept 26, 2017 **The Parthenon (Ep. 23)**, *Wonders of the World Podcast*.  
<https://wonderspodcast.libsyn.com/023-the-parthenon>

## Certificates

Spring 2020 **Communication Skills for Academics**, *Graduate & Postdoctoral Scholars Resource Center*, UC Irvine.  
 20 hours of public speaking & academic communication training with Sandra Tsing Loh

Nov 2018 **Public Speaking Certificate: Activate to Captivate**, *Graduate Division*, UC Irvine.  
 16 hours of public speaking & academic communication training

Oct 2018 **Course Design Certificate**, *Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation*, UC Irvine.  
 8-Hour Course; Principles of backward design & create one complete syllabus

July 2018 **Certificate in Teaching Excellence**, *Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation*, UC Irvine.  
10-week seminar on evidence-based pedagogy, 3 teaching observations

May 2018 **Mentoring Excellence Program Certificate**, *Graduate Division*, UC Irvine.  
12 hours of mentor training

Nov 2015 **disAbility Ally Training**, *Disability Services Center*, UC Irvine.  
3-hour workshop on strategies to help students in the classroom & beyond

## Languages

### Natural Languages

Ancient Greek reading: advanced, writing: intermediate, speaking: intermediate

Latin reading: advanced, writing: intermediate

French reading: advanced, writing: intermediate, speaking: intermediate

German reading: intermediate

Sanskrit reading: beginner

### Artificial Languages

Python intermediate

$\text{\LaTeX}$  intermediate

HTML intermediate

## Professional Memberships

2022-now Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

2018-now American Philosophical Association

2014-now Archaeological Institute of America

2014-now Society for Classical Studies

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