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Area of Specialization: Applied Ethics (esp. Ethics of Technology), Philosophy of Education, Ancient Greek Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Epistemology, Normative Ethics

Education

2015 – 2021 **University of California, Irvine, Ph.D., 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 **Element Chair: Technology and Humanities, Humanities Center, University of San Diego.**

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

Affiliated faculty in Classics Minor, Cognitive Science Minor, Embedded Ethics Certificate Program, Technologies & Society Minor

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

Research

Funded Federal Research Grants

Aug 2025 **Focusing Policy for Good: AI for Good for the Disability Community, NEH Collaborative Grant,**
Lead PI: D. Vickers. Co-PIs: J. Tillman, S. Baik, A. Choi-Fitzpatrick, Advisory committee: S. Babka, J. Tullis.
\$50,000

Published Academic Articles

Feb 16, 2024 **Living Well with AI: Virtue, Education and Artificial Intelligence, N. Smith & D. Vickers, *Theory & Research in Education*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/14778785241231561>.**

Authors contributed 50-50 & names are in alphabetical order. This paper was shortlisted for the NAAPE / Educational Theory Outstanding Paper Prize: <https://www.naaape.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

Accepted Academic Chapters

accepted **Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community**, *R. Alcalay & D. Vickers*, Peer-reviewed edited volume. *Educating Philosophers: A Handbook of Best Practice*, eds. Kenneth R. Westphal & Mark Addis.

both authors contributed 50-50 & names in alphabetical order

Under Review and R&R Academic Articles

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

R&R at *Apeiron*

R&R **The Virtuous Technologist: An Exemplar to Train the Next Generation**, *D. Vickers & N. Smith*.

R&R at *Theory & Research in Education*; *Vickers* was the primary originator of the idea and author of this article; contributions were about 75-25.

In Progress

in progress **Aristotle's Second Best Life: *Eudaimonia* and *Makaria* in the *Nicomachean Ethics***.

in progress **AI Can't Be Everything to Every Learner**, *D. Vickers & E. Hrabovsky*, This paper was co-authored with a student (65-35). This is part of *Vickers*' larger project on AI tutoring systems.

in progress **Technology Ethics through Cognitive Apprenticeship**, *D. Vickers, A. McDowell, N. Smith, Vickers* was the originator of the idea of this article. This paper was coauthored with *Smith* and a student research assistant. Contributions are roughly 70-20-10..

Op-eds & Invited Contributions

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

Grants, Fellowships, Awards, & Honors

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

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

Travel Grants

- Nov 2024 **International Opportunity Grant**, *University of San Diego*.
- 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

- Oct 19, 2025 **AI Can't Be Everything To Every Learner**, *NAAPE 2025*, [D. Vickers](#) & E. Hrabovsky.
- Jul 21, 2025 **AI Can't Be Everything To Every Learner**, *Advancing the Science of Teaching with Tutoring Data: A Collaborative Workshop with the National Tutoring Observatory*, ACM Learning at Scale 2025; Palermo, Sicil, [D. Vickers](#) & E. Hrabovsky.
- Mar 29, 2025 **The Virtuous Technologist: what kind of exemplars do we need to train the character of the next generation of technologists?**, *Philosophy of Education Society - Great Britain 2025*, [D. Vickers](#) & N. Smith, I presented alone as Dr. Smith was unable to attend.
- Mar 9, 2025 **Tiresias Among the Shades**, *Philosophy of Education Society 2025*, Alongside Content and Method: The Epistemological Dimensions of Teaching, Knowing, and Understanding Ethics Panel, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Feb 27, 2025 **Aristotle's Second Best Life: *Eudaimonia* and *Makaria* in the *Nicomachean Ethics***, *APA Central*, Online.
- Oct 27, 2024 **The Virtuous Technologist: what kind of exemplars do we need to train the character of the next generation of technologists?**, *NAAPE 2024*, [D. Vickers](#) & N. Smith.
- 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, Siricusa, 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
- Refereed Panels at Conferences**
- Mar 8, 2025 **Panel: "Artificial Intelligence in Classrooms and Tutoring"**, *Philosophy of Education Society 2025*, convened by *D. Vickers & N. Smith*.
- Feb 27, 2025 **Panel: "Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom"**, *APA Central*, Online, convened by *D. Vickers & N. Smith*.
- Invited Presentations**
- Aug 26, 2025 **Who's Afraid of Intelligent Tools? Autonomous systems, Guardian Angel Systems, and the Dangers of Cognitive Offloading**, *AI Speaker Series*, Coronado Public Library, Coronado, California.
- Mar 5, 2025 **Ethics & Artificial Intelligence**, *AI Speaker Series*, Coronado Public Library, Coronado, California.

- 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_kIESnQNTTrV8yB
- 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
- Feb 19, 2015 **Kleos Interrupted: Parody and Oral Culture in Odyssey 8**, *Works-in-Progress*, Department of Classics, UC Irvine.

Conference & Event Organizer/Co-Organizer

- Oct 18, 2025 **Formulating AI Guidelines**, *NAAPE 2025*, Organized by D. Vickers & N. Smith.
- 2024-present **Technology & Humanities Speaker Series**, Humanities Center, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.
Events include talks by Brian Merchant (Sept 19, 2024), Kevin Donnelly (Nov 21, 2024), Drew Chambers (Jan 29, 2026)

- 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, UC Irvine.
(Cancelled, 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.
(Cancelled, COVID-19) 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.

Selected Courses Taught & Teaching Experience

- Spring 2026 **Morality and Justice**, *Philosophy 116H*, University of San Diego, 1 section, on Zoom.
(scheduled) Introductory Ethics Course; taught as a Living Learning Communities Course for honors students (Illuminate Theme)
- Fall 2025 **History of Ancient Philosophy**, *Philosophy 270*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.
Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Fall 2025 **Morality and Justice**, *Philosophy 116H*, University of San Diego, 1 section, on Zoom.
Introductory Ethics Course; taught as a Living Learning Communities Course for honors students (Illuminate Theme)
- Fall 2025 **Ethics and Education**, *Philosophy 341*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.
Ethics and philosophy of education for future K-12 teachers
- Summer 2025 **Focus on College Writing (Freshman Seminar)**, *ENG 294*; , University of San Diego, 1 sections, online.
Intensive class for incoming undergraduates who want to improve their academic writing skills
- Summer 2025 **The Environment and Action (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/mSFWSjet0do?si=H4jnnzjU_yj8-hUZ
- Summer 2025 **Ethics of AI & Robotics**, *Philosophy 348*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.
- Spring 2025 **Pop-up Class: Old Men Yelling at Clouds**, *HUMC 394-02; One-unit course at the Humanities Center*, University of San Diego, 1 sections, in person.
Deep dive into Plato's *Laws*; Co-taught with Prof. Tim McCarty & Prof. Ryan Albrecht
- Spring 2025 **Computer Ethics**, *Philosophy 345*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.
- Spring 2025 **Virtues and Vices**, *Philosophy 336*, University of San Diego, 1 section, in person.
- 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.

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

- 2025 — now **Founding member**, *The Provost's Artificial Intelligence Steering Committee (AISC)*, University of San Diego.
- Aug 6, 2025 **Keeping Up with AI-Driven Value Creation**, *TEMSCON Global 2025*, Panel: Swati Chaturvedi, Founder and CEO of Propel(x) deep tech investment platform; Founder, MIT Angels; Praveen Gujar, LinkedIn; Darby Vickers, University of San Diego; Moderator: Arun Tanksali, Cofounder and CTO, Nearex and IEEE TEMS Treasurer.
- Aug 5–Sep 26 **Presenter on AI ethics & mission aligned AI policy**, with *Elazar Harel (CIO) & Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick (Associate Provost)*, For the Strategic Leadership Team, Athletics, Advancement, President's Cabinet Meeting, Engineering School, Board of Trustees, University of San Diego.
- Spring 2025–Fall 2025 **College of Arts and Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence**, *Committee convened by USD Academic Assembly*.
- 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 – Fall 2024 **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 – Jun 2022 **Consultant**, *AI Working Group, CEO Leadership Alliance of Orange County*, Newport Beach, CA.
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 for 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
- 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*, on hiatus
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
- 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
- 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
- \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