

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2023 PhD Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Dissertation: *The Hopes of Rewilding*
Dr. Matt Ferkany (chair), Dr. Paul B. Thompson,
Dr. Gretel A. Van Wieren, Dr. Kevin C. Elliot
- 2017 MA Philosophy, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
With Graduate Certificate in Natural Resource Conflict Resolution
- 2010 MLitt Institute of Theology Imagination and the Arts, University of St Andrews, Scotland
- 2007 BA Philosophy and Theological Studies, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-2025 University of Montana, Visiting Professor in Philosophy, 3-year contract
UM Davidson Honors College, Lecturer
- 2024-Present International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE), Committee Member for
conference planning, membership management, strategic planning

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2024 Matthew Hansen Endowment for Wilderness Studies, Wilderness Inspiration Fellowship
Award funded 200-mile backcountry walk through Montana/Idaho's Great Burn (Hoodoo roadless area) to document wilderness characteristics and use. This was part of a larger creative-non-fiction/memoir project on wildness and US Public Lands.
- 2023 Holmes Rolston III Early Career Essay Prize in Environmental Philosophy, The International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE), for "Rewilding Anthropocentrism," forthcoming 2024 in *Environmental Ethics*.
- 2022 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University
- 2019, 2021 Slaughter Summer Writing Scholarship
- 2019 Engaged Philosophy Fellowship, MSU-funded ecological history research with Mountain Legacy Project, University of Victoria
- 2018 University Distinguished Fellowship, Michigan State University

PUBLICATIONS

Current Projects

- 2027 Board Member and Section Editor: Editing the largest section, “Main Theoretical Currents,” for *Handbook of Environmental Philosophy*, Eds. TR Kover and Nathan Kowalsky, Springer.
- 2027 Book Chapter: “Conservation and the Good Life” to be published in *Environmental Ethics Evolves: A Collaborative Introduction*, Eds. Arthur Obst and Linde De Vroey, Routledge.
- 2027 Book Chapter: “‘They can only be drawn in Love’: The Force and Practice of the Poetic in Holmes Rolston III,” to be published in *Walking with Holmes*, a memorial anthology honoring Holmes Rolston III, Eds. Kenneth Shockley and Katie McShane, Routledge.
- 2026 Book Chapter: “Our Technological Environment: Albert Borgmann in the Digital Worlds” to be published in *Finding our Place in the Digital World: Philosophical Essays on Technology, Phenomenology, and the Environment*. Eds. Mike Butler & Ian Werkheiser, The Center for Collaboration and Ethics, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Refereed Articles

- 2025 “Rewilding Anthropocentrism.” *Environmental Ethics*. 47.1: 5-22
- 2025 with M. Joseph Aloï. “We’ve Found Something Good Here: Deictic Discourse and Environmental Engagement,” *Environmental Ethics* Special Issue 46.4: 421-436

Reviews

- 2025 Book Review: “Henry Dicks, *The Biomimicry Revolution: Learning from Nature How to Inhabit the Earth.*” *Environmental Values*. (forthcoming)
- 2024 Book Review: “Arnold ‘Smoke’ Elser & Eva-Maria Maggi. *Hush of the Land: A Lifetime in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.*” *International Journal of Wilderness*. Volume 30, No 2, 2024.
- 2019 Book Review: “Benjamin Hale. *The Wild and the Wicked: On Nature and Human Nature,*” *Environmental Ethics*. Volume 41, issue 3, Fall 2019. (pp 287-288)

Other Publications

- 2024 “A Fierce and Fearful Love: On Delisting the Grizzly.” *The Missoulian*. May 11th, 2024, p. A6. Op-ed. (598 words) Reprinted in *Helena Independent Record, Billings gazette, Ravalli Republic, and The Montana Standard*.
- 2023 “In Memory of Albert Borgmann (1937 – 2023),” American Philosophical Association, Memorial Minutes, 2023. https://www.apaonline.org/page/memorial_minutes2023
- 2022 “The Steps up Vineyard Hill: Urban Forest Restoration in Wheeling, WV.” *Mustard Seed Mountain Paper*, May 1st, 2022. p. 10-11. <https://www.msmpaperwv.com/news/05-01-21-the-steps-up-vineyard-hill>.
- 2019 “Who Do We Want to be Here?: Ecological History in the Canadian Rockies,” Research blog post on www.mountainlegacy.ca, Oct. 1st, Cross-posted www.christopherjpreston.com – Sep. 23rd.

CONFERENCES

Conferences Organized

- 2025 Vice-Chair of planning committee: International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE), 22nd Annual Summer Meeting, University of Montana, June 8-12.
- 2020 Co-organized with Jared Talley: *Elusive Conversations: Environmental Philosophy Confronts Environmental Governance*. 15 presenters with keynote lectures by Andrew Light, Christopher Preston, and Deborah McGregor, Michigan State University, April 2-3. (Canceled for COVID)

Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2025 “They can only be drawn in Love’: The Poetic in Holmes Rolston III,” *Walking with Holmes: Memorial Conference for Holmes Rolston III*, Colorado State University, September 19-21.
- 2025 “Wilderness as (American) Architecture: Benton MacKaye’s Real Ethics,” Philosophy in the Wild conference, Sideling Hill Creek State Park, July 26.
- 2025 w/ Steven Vogel and M. Joseph Aloï, “Silence and Eloquent Nature: A conversation continued from the EE special issue on Steven Vogel’s work,” special panel presentation at ISEE 22nd Annual Summer Meeting, University of Montana, June 10.
- 2025 “Albert Borgman in the Digital Worlds,” conference presentation, University of Texas, Rio Grand Valley, March 1.
- 2024 “Love, Death, and Tears in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” invited talk, Davidson Honors College, University on Montana, September 25.
- 2024 Paper Commentary and Q&A: “Democratizing the wild: Revising global narratives, local agency, and democratic potential in rewilding,” International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) 21st Annual Summer Meeting. University of Fribourg, Switzerland. June 25.
- 2023 w/ Joey Aloï, “Eloquent Silence: Vogel and Borgmann on Speech and Practice,” Digital Worlds Workshop, Center for Collaboration and Ethics, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, May 23.
- 2020 “Two Conversations on Rewilding: Understanding the Larger History of Current Rewilding,” International Association of Environmental Philosophers (IAEP), Toronto, Canada, October 10. (Canceled for COVID)
- 2019 “Rewilding Land and Rewilding Life,” invited talk, Philosophy Colloquium, University of Montana, February 26.
- 2018 “Rewilding in Appalachia: Between Old and New Worlds,” a talk offered as part of an invited ten-day workshop organized by Professor Christopher Preston: *Nature in the Anthropocene: Restoration and Rewilding*, Monte Castello di Vibio. Italy, June 3–14.
- 2018 “Does Rewilding Make Sense in Appalachia?” Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Cincinnati, OH, April 6th.

2016 “‘All That Feeds Us’: Familiar Plants and Focal Practices in the Poetry of Marc Harshman”
Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Shepherdstown, WV, March 19th.

FUNDED RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

2019 *Ecological History Field Researcher, Mountain Legacy Project*, University of Victoria, Canada
Professor Eric Higgs’ research team. Two months in the Canadian Rockies collecting systematic repeat photographs and field measurements to document landscape-level ecological change. In addition to research, provided mountaineering instruction and wilderness safety training for field team.

2016 *Collaborative Restoration Intern, National Forest Foundation*, Missoula, MT
Facilitated collaborative planning efforts for restoration projects and forest planning processes on National Forests in Montana, Idaho, and New Mexico.

2016 *Field Restoration Intern, Watershed Consulting*, Missoula, MT
Prescribed burning, forest tree planting, riparian restoration, beaver-dam analogue restoration and monitoring.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Montana, Missoula, MT

Graduate

PHL 522 – Environmental Philosophy	Spring 2025
PHL 510 – Graduate Philosophy Colloquium	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
PHL 590 – MA Thesis	2024 – 2025

Advisor and Chair of successful MA Projects:

- Zoey Ballard — “The Environmental Craftfolk”
- Kat Jackson — “Coping with Eco-melancholia through Creativity and Community”
- Letasha Minter — “Harvesting Ethics: The Virtues of Sustainable Gardening”
- Matthew-Jack Biley — “Reflective Practices and the Environment”
- Casey Auberle — (TBD 2026)

Undergraduate

PHL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
PHL 110 – Introduction to Ethics	Fall/Spring 2023-2024, Fall 2024, Sum 2025
PHL 112 – Ethics and the Environment	Spring 2025
PHL 114 – Introduction to Political Ethics	Fall 2024
PHL 262 – Modern Philosophy (Honors)	Spring 2024, Spring 2025
PHL 326 – Ethics of Climate Change	Fall 2024
PHL 391 – Literature and Philosophy	Fall 2022
NRSM 373 – Wilderness and Civilization	Fall 2023

History & Ethics of Federal Wilderness while leading multiple Wilderness backpacking trips.

Wild Rockies Field Institute, Missoula, MT

Conservation Across Boundaries	Summer 2024
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12-credit 300-Level interdisciplinary field course while leading 40-days of backcountry travel

Alma College, Alma, MI

PHL 204 – Feminist Philosophy	Spring 2020
PHL 227 – Business Ethics	Spring 2020

Michigan State University

PHL 130 – Logic and Reasoning (online) Summer 2021
PHL 342 – Environmental Ethics (online) Summer 2020

As Teaching Assistant of Large Lecture course, leading weekly recitations:

IAH 206 – Greek Literature & Philosophy
IAH 206 – World Hunger
IAH 207 – Race, Identity, Literature
IAH 206 – Climate Change

Missoula College, Missoula, MT

PHL 110 – Introduction to Ethics Spring 2017

West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling, WV

PHL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2012

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Environmental Philosophy

Special Topics: History of Enviro Philosophy, Ecofeminism, Indigenous Enviro Philosophy, Ontology/Phenomenology of Nature and Wildness, Enviro Aesthetics.

Environmental Ethics

Special Topics: History of Conservation/Public Land/Policy, Wilderness, Restoration and Rewilding, Climate Change, Environmental Technologies, including geoengineering, climate mitigation, and industrial agriculture.

Philosophy of Technology

Special Topics: Albert Borgmann, Heidegger, Don Ihde, phenomenology of technology.

Philosophy and Literature

Virtue Ethics, Ancient and Contemporary

Ancient and Late Antiquity (esp. Plato, Aristotle, Augustine)

Feminist Epistemology and Ethics,

including Standpoint epistemology, embodied knowledge, and care ethics

Intro to Ethics

Intro to Philosophy

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK

2021-2022 *Chief Development Officer, Grow Ohio Valley, Inc. Wheeling, WV*

- In 12-months of strategic planning and fundraising I tripled organizational funding (from ~\$2million to ~\$6million), securing federal, state, and foundation funding for local and community agriculture infrastructure projects.

- 2012-2016 *Statewide Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program Evaluator*, First Choice Services, Inc., Charleston, WV
- Organized custom evaluation measures and reporting procedures of Federal Block Grants, state initiatives, and private funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment services across West Virginia, comprising hundreds of service providers and community coalitions across fifty-five counties.
- 2012-2015 *Freelance Grant Writer*
- Managed applications and reporting for Wheeling YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter and Transitional Housing programs, as well as many non-profit initiatives around West Virginia.

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