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Academic Interests

Philosophy

Epistemology, social epistemology, moral encroachment; philosophy of language, semantics, context-sensitivity; applied ethics, metaethics; mathematical and deductive logic; philosophy of economics and law

Economics

Microeconomics, market failures, decision and game theory; international economics

EDUCATION

2025- **The University of Michigan**
Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. student in Philosophy

2020-2024 **The University of North Carolina**
Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (In-major GPA: 3.933)
Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Minor in Spanish for the Legal Professions
Degrees Conferred (*with Distinction*): May, 2024

Most Relevant Coursework:

- PHIL 155H (*Honors*): Intro to Mathematical Logic
- PHIL 335: Theory of Knowledge
- PHIL 392 (*Ethics Scholar Capstone*): Ethics Research Seminar for Undergraduates
- PHIL 745 (*Graduate-Level*): Philosophy of Language: Context Sensitivity
- PHIL 765 (*Graduate-Level*): Value Theory: Morality and Partiality

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024

The Worth Award

Department of Philosophy, *The University of North Carolina*

- Awarded to the most outstanding graduating senior in philosophy, based on sustained excellence in coursework, faculty recommendation, and contributions to the undergraduate philosophy community.
- “*Ellie has demonstrated remarkable passion and talent for philosophy, excelling in class discussions and producing outstanding papers. Her leadership within the Parr Center for Ethics further underscores her valuable contributions.*”

2024

Ethics Scholar

The Parr Center for Ethics, *The University of North Carolina*

- Received Ethics Scholar designation upon graduation, recognizing sustained engagement with ethical reflection, leadership, and team-based project work
- Completed designation requirements of intensive ethical coursework, leadership in student-led ethical initiatives, and significant co-curricular involvement, culminating in one of the few official transcript designations available at UNC.

2023

The Leshner Fund

Department of Philosophy, *The University of North Carolina*

- Awarded full funding (\$2,615) for attendance at the 2023 Boulder Summer Seminar in Philosophy, in support of admission, through the generosity of James and Eleanor Leshner.

2021-2024

Honors Carolina

The University of North Carolina

- Selected for admission to the university’s Honors College in recognition of academic excellence and intellectual promise.

2021-2024

Dean’s List

The University of North Carolina

- Recognized for academic excellence in five of six eligible semesters.

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024

Research Assistant, Ethics & Education Research Project

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Michael Vazquez

- Qualitatively analyzed middle school student responses to ethical dilemmas to consistently track ethical reasoning and intellectual humility when introduced to various moral dilemmas, in coordination with research team
- Gained hands-on experience in data coding, pattern recognition, and the real-world implications of philosophy and education

2023

Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy

The University of Colorado, Boulder

- Selected for admission to a competitive three-week seminar for advanced undergraduates considering graduate school in philosophy
- Engaged in graduate-level seminars and discussions, exploring complex philosophical topics alongside faculty and nineteen peers
- Gained exposure to graduate study dynamics through daily workshops on graduate school applications and diversity in philosophy

Fall 2023

Independent Research in Ethics

PHIL 392, *The University of North Carolina*

- Critically analyzed consequentialist moral theories, applying them to contemporary moral questions about true crime entertainment
- Demonstrated advanced argumentative skills through literature review, source analysis, peer workshops, and final course paper presentation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025-Present Tutor for ESL Students, Ringle Inc.

Remote, part-time

- Lead one-on-one lessons with international professionals and students of varying ages, creating an encouraging environment that fosters confidence and fluency in English-speaking
- Teach natural and context-appropriate expressions while adapting instruction on the fly to match each learner's goals, proficiency, and communication style
- Provide individualized written feedback after each session, focusing on grammar, vocabulary, tone, and clarity to support measurable progress over time
- Completed over 100 lessons and consistently received 5-star evaluations from the vast majority of students, reflecting strong pedagogical impact and cross-cultural communication skills

2023-2024 Economics Tutor
Independent, part-time

- Hired by fellow students, typically freshmen and new economics majors, when needed to clarify complex economic models and concepts

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

2023-2024 Co-Executive Member, Ethics Education Pod
The Parr Center for Ethics, The University of North Carolina

- Developed and facilitated intergenerational discussions of ethics between UNC students and residents of local senior centers throughout academic year
- Created reading groups and proposed on- and off-campus ethics events alongside co-executive (a fellow student) and faculty advisor Dr. Michael Vazquez.

Spring 2023 Executive Member, Speaker Series Pod
The Parr Center for Ethics, The University of North Carolina

- Led a small group of Ethics Fellows in the inaugural Speaker Series pod alongside faculty advisor Sarah Stroud
- Organized and facilitated weekly discussions of academic readings corresponding with events on contemporary philosophical issues directed by local and visiting philosophers
- Served as a liaison between student members and Parr Center faculty

2023-2024 Undergraduate Intern, Orange County Office of the District Attorney
Hillsborough, North Carolina

- Drafted and dispatched individualized letters to victims of crimes, requesting their victim impact statements to be utilized as evidence in court hearings
- Supported legal assistants by communicating with law enforcement, creating and organizing digital and physical case files, and filing closed case documents
- Improved accessibility by collecting and organizing crucial discovery documents into digitized files for efficient trial preparation
- Entrusted with confidential and sensitive documents

2022-2024 Music Director, The Loreleis
Student-Run A Cappella Group
The University of North Carolina

- Elected by fellow Loreleis as Assistant Music Director (2021-2022), Co-Music Director (2022-2023), and Music Director (2023-2024)
- Coordinated and led rigorous group rehearsals and recording sessions for a minimum of six hours per week, curating a thorough, semester-long music-learning schedule at the start of each semester
- Composed original vocal arrangements of democratically-selected songs using MuseScore software on a weekly basis
- Directed and recorded members in a professional recording studio environment; produced and mixed professionally-recorded, self-arranged studio albums during the academic year and through summer
- Made executive decisions regarding concerts, rehearsals, performances, and group diplomacy as a member of the executive board
- Communicated directly and efficiently with fellow members and groups in the UNC a cappella community, as well as prospective clients, music producers, sound technicians, and performance venue staff

2020-2021 **Senior Writer, The Daily Tar Heel**
The University of North Carolina

- Wrote and published several original articles through student newspaper about the diverse artistic and cultural events/phenomena on and around UNC's campus (see <https://www.dailytarheel.com/staff/ellis-riggsbee>)
- Quickly promoted from staff writer to senior writer for the Arts and Culture desk (eventually, the Arts and Culture beat of the City & State desk)
- Scheduled and conducted several source interviews weekly, in-person and virtually

2022-2024 **Peer Ambassador, UNC Study Abroad**
The University of North Carolina

- Traveled to Stockholm, Sweden to study economic theory for 8 weeks in the summer of 2022
- Supported prospective study abroad students, serving as a point of contact and assisting in travel decisions
- Spoke on Q&A panels, hosting open conversations amongst students about the various hardships they experienced in studying abroad
- Engaged in various outreach events on campus with a diverse set of peers
- Featured in a video testimonial created by study abroad staff to be used in UNC's first-year "Thrive" course
- Created unique digital content of personal experiences abroad for the university's social media pages

WORK EXPERIENCE (OTHER)

2024-2025 **Administrative Assistant**, Titan Risk Consultants

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, part-time

- Digitize and organize important insurance documents, including applications, audits, policy declarations, renewals, claims, bills, and misc. correspondence
- Run social media accounts by adhering to an upload schedule and producing original graphics
- Warmly greet clients, prospective and current, upon entrance to the office

2024-2025 **Recording Engineer**, The Workshop NC

Durham, North Carolina, part-time/contract

- Independently track multiple vocalists for local a cappella groups' albums using Pro Tools
- Direct and schedule dozens of musicians in a professional recording studio
- Create a positive and encouraging creative environment for all clients

2019-2022 **Supervisor**, Cha House (now "Tea Hill")

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, part-time

- Promoted from barista (2019) to team leader (2020) to supervisor (2021) based on leadership skills and commitment to business excellence
- Managed a wide variety of customer communications to provide above and beyond consumer experiences
- Assumed responsibility of overseeing operations in the absence of upper management (owners)
- Crafted high-quality beverages and meals at an efficient pace by committing recipes to memory
- Liaised between team members and bosses electronically and in-person
- Trained junior employees
- Entrusted with opening and closing duties
- Collaborated with coworkers to maintain a creative, visually-appealing, and up-to-date chalkboard menu

SKILLS

Languages English (Native)
 Spanish (Proficient)

Technical R Studio
 Stata

 Statistics
 Calculus
 Economic Modeling

 Microsoft Excel
 Microsoft PowerPoint
 Microsoft Word

 Pro Tools
 Musical Composition