

David J. Paul

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy
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Administrative Experience

2019-present *Chair*, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University

Teaching Experience

2024-present *Master Faculty Specialist - Lecturer*, Philosophy Department, WMU
2019-2023 *Faculty Specialist II - Lecturer*, Philosophy Department, WMU
2020-2021 First Year Experience Instructor for Office of Student Transitions, WMU
2017-2019 *Faculty Specialist I - Lecturer*, Philosophy Department, WMU
2016-2017 *Instructor*, Philosophy Department, WMU
1998-2015 *Part-time instructor*, Philosophy Department, WMU
2012-2015 *Part-time instructor*, School of Professional Studies, Trine University
Fall 2015 *Part-time instructor*, Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Fall 2012 *Part-time instructor*, Glen Oaks Community College
1996-2012 *High school instructor*, Howe Military Academy
1990-1999 *Part-time instructor*, at GOCC, KVCC, and Kellogg Community College
1995-1996 *Instructor*, Humanities Department, Ferris State University
1990-1992 *Teaching assistant*, Philosophy Department, WMU

Professional Service

2022-present *IACUC Vice Chair*, Office of Research and Innovation, WMU
2014-2022 *IACUC member*, Office of Research and Innovation, WMU
2010-present *IACUC Member*, Zoetis
2024-2025 External Program Reviewer for Eastern Michigan University's Philosophy Program (within the Department of History & Philosophy)
2017-2019 *Faculty Fellow*, Office of Faculty Development, WMU
2012-2019 *Administrator and Bookkeeper*, Professional Instructors Organization, WMU
2015-2017 *Faculty Fellow*, Lee Honors College, WMU
2014-2015 *Faculty Fellow*, Academic Affairs, WMU

Other Professional Experience

2024-present *Author, game designer*, Rogue Genius Games
2007-2019 *Editor, author, game designer*, Rite Publishing
1994-2010 *Academic tutor*, Self Employed

Education

1992 M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University, Magna Cum Laude
1989 B.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University, Lee Honors College
Minors: Mathematics, Comparative Religion
1987 A.S. Glen Oaks Community College
Area of Concentration: Mathematics and the Sciences

Other Administrative, Leadership and Service Experience at Western Michigan University

2025-present	Center for the Study of Ethics in Society Executive Board
2024-present	WMU Heterodox Academy co-chair
2024-present	Higher Education for the Justice Involved Advisory Board
2024-2025	WES SLO Analysis Committee
Summer 2024	Search committee chair for Administrative Assistant II, Philosophy
Spring 2023	Search committee co-chair for Associate Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
2022-present	Advocates and Allies (ADVANCE)
2022-present	Higher Education for the Justice Involved Working Group
2022-present	WMUx Office of Faculty Development Advisory Board member
2022-present	Gateways to Completion Philosophy Committee Chair
2022-present	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Instructor
Fall 2022	First Generation Implementation Team (CAS representative)
2020-present	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workshop Facilitator (multiple units)
2020-present	Academic Integrity Committee
2017-2023	Faculty Senator (Philosophy Department)
2016-present	College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee (co-chair 2022-2025)
2021-2022	Graduate Student Teaching Intensive Committee, Office of Faculty Development
2021-2022	Strategic Planning Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee
2020-2022	Faculty Senate Transfer of Credit Committee
2020-2022	Racial Justice Advisory Committee, Training Faculty and Staff co-chair
2020-2022	Fall Contingency Planning Task Force (COVID planning)
2020-2022	Academic Affairs Team: Interdisciplinarity
2020-2022	Excellence in Academic Advising Committee
2013-2021	Lee Honors College Thesis Celebration Judge
2017-2020	Thesis committee chair for Lee Honors College students
2018-2019	Mentor, Graduate Student Teaching Intensive
2017-2019	Undergraduate advisor (Philosophy Department)
2017-2019	University Assessment Steering Committee
2016-2019	College of Arts and Sciences Assessment Committee
2016-2019	Co-facilitator: WMU NCORE Project
2016-2019	Diversity Council Member
2014-2019	Co-facilitator: Critical Thinking Institute (Office of Faculty Development)
2014-2019	Co-facilitator: Everyone Counts Diversity Learning Community (Offices of Faculty Development and Diversity and Inclusion)
2012-2019	Facilitator: Assessment and Curriculum Development (Philosophy Department)
2017-2018	Philosophy Department Graduate Student Admissions Committee Member
2017-2018	Philosophy Department Search Committee Member
Sum. 2018	Co-facilitator, Graduate Student Teaching Intensive
Spring 2018	Success at WMU Faculty/Staff Signature Task Force
2016-2017	College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee
Sum. 2016	Co-facilitator: Writing to Learn (Office of Faculty Development and Lee Honors College)
2015-2016	Anti-Bullying Task Force
2014-2016	Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee for General Education Reform
2014-2015	Co-chair for the Civility and Equity Project Action Team (Campus Climate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Tactical Action Community 2014-2015)

Awards, Certifications, Honors and Grants

Summer 2025	Heterodox Academy's 2025 Open Inquiry Award for Community Excellence, with co-chairs Jeffrey Brenneman (VP Government Relations) and Jennifer Townsend (Lee Honors College Executive Assistant)
2021-2022	WMU Open Educational Resources Creation Grant
2021-2022	University Assessment Steering Committee Mini-Grant
Summer 2021	Excellence in Diversity Award, WMU
Summer 2020	<i>WMU Professional Development Institute: Building Cultural Competencies</i>
Summer 2017	WMU NCORE Project Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, WMU
Fall 2015	Alumni Achievement Award, WMU
Fall 2015	Professional Development Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, WMU
Spring 2014	College of Arts and Sciences Part-time Instructor Excellence in Teaching Award, WMU
1989-1992	Teaching Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, WMU
1989	Presidential Scholar's Award, Department of Philosophy, WMU
1987	Community College Scholar's Award, WMU
1987-1989	Dean's List, WMU
1985-1987	President's List, Glen Oaks Community College

Invited Lectures, Panels, Posters, Exhibits and Papers

Spring 2025	<i>Uses of AI in Teaching and Learning</i> , (WMU English Department)
Spring 2025	<i>AI in Public Administration</i> , Center for Excellence and Research in Public Service (CERPS), School of Public Affairs and Administration (WMU, invited panelist)
Fall 2024	<i>Uses of AI in Teaching and Learning</i> , (November: Lee Honors College, October: Philosophy AI Symposium, September: WMU Math Club)
Summer 2024	New Faculty Orientation Keynote (<i>Using AI as a Thought Partner in Your Courses</i>)
Summer 2024	iiCoLab KPS/WMU (<i>Teaching with GPTs</i>)
Fall 2022	We Talk (WMU, invited panelist)
2021-present	Academic Leadership Academy Invited DEI Facilitator
Spring 2020	We Talk (WMU, invited panelist)
Summer 2019	Teaching Inclusivity Workshop (WMU, invited panelist)
Summer 2018	Teaching Inclusivity Workshop (WMU, invited panelist)
Summer 2018	National Conference for Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (Workshop: <i>Campus NCORE: Organizing, Experiences, and Learning Moments in Bringing Students, Faculty, and Staff to NCORE</i>)
Summer 2017	Teaching Inclusivity Workshop (WMU, invited panelist)
Summer 2017	National Conference for Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education
Summer 2016	National Conference for Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (Poster presentation: <i>Learning Communities as Campus Change Agents</i>)
Summer 2015	National Conference for Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education

Publications

Journal Articles

1989	Paul, David J., "A Review of Modern Examinations of the Ontological Argument" (1989). <i>Honors Theses</i> . Paper 1989
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David Paul's University and College Teaching Experience

Western Michigan University (Fall 1998 – Fall 2025)

Sections	Title
1	<i>Ancient and Medieval Philosophy</i> (PHIL 3000)
54	<i>Biomedical Ethics</i> (PHIL 3340)
12	<i>Biomedical Ethics, Honors</i> (PHIL 3340)
4	<i>Critical Thinking</i> (PHIL 2200)
4	<i>Critical Thinking, Honors</i> (PHIL 2200)
1	<i>Ethical / Social Issues with AI</i> (PHIL 3140)
1	<i>Ethics & Technology</i> (PHIL 3140)
1	<i>Ethics/Non-Human Personhood, Honors</i> (PHIL 3140)
9	<i>Existentialist Philosophies</i> (PHIL 3030)
2	<i>First Year Experience</i> (FYE 2100)
16	<i>Foundations of The Modern Worldview</i> (PHIL 3500)
1	<i>Honors College Thesis</i> (HNRS 4990)
3	<i>How and Why to Complete an Undergraduate Thesis</i> (HNRS 4980)
2	<i>Independent Research</i> (PHIL 7100)
10	<i>Independent Study</i> (PHIL 4980)
1	<i>Intro to AI</i> (HNRS 2900)
10	<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> (PHIL 2010)
1	<i>Introduction to Formal Logic</i> (PHIL 3200)
15	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (PHIL 2000)
3	<i>Introduction to Philosophy, Honors</i> (PHIL 2000)
1	<i>Medical Humanities</i> (PHIL 3350)
1	<i>NCORE Equity Studies Global</i> (A-S 4980)
1	<i>NCORE Equity Studies US</i> (A-S 3900)
2	<i>Pandemics Now and Then</i> (GIST 1100)
1	<i>Philosophy and Public Affairs, Honors</i> (PHIL 3140)
1	<i>Philosophy of Science</i> (PHIL 3240)
1	<i>Privilege and Oppression, Issues in Ethics, Honors</i> (PHIL 3140)
6	<i>Professional Ethics</i> (PHIL 4100)
1	<i>Professional Project</i> (PHIL 7150)
7	<i>Race and Gender Issues</i> (PHIL 3150)
3	<i>Readings in Philosophy</i> (PHIL 5980)
3	<i>Teaching Philosophy</i> (PHIL 5700)

Trine University (Summer 2012 – Spring 2015)

Sections	Title
5	<i>Applied Math</i> (MA 173) or <i>Essential Calculus</i> (MA 173)
3	<i>Business Algebra</i> (MA 103)
2	<i>Calculus I</i> (MA 134)
2	<i>College Algebra</i> (MA 113)
1	<i>Elements of Mathematics</i> (MA 153)
1	<i>Ethics</i> (PHI 313)
4	<i>Macroeconomics</i> (ECO 223)
2	<i>Microeconomics</i> (ECO 213)
2	<i>Statistics</i> (MA 253)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College (2015)

Sections	Title
1	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (PHI 201)
3	I also taught introduction to philosophy for KVCC in 1990, 1998 and 1999.

Glen Oaks Community College (2012)

Sections	Title
1	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (HUP 230)
12+	From 1991 to 1996 I taught several courses for GOCC including English composition, introductory philosophy, introductory ethics, developmental reading, developmental writing, and several pre-algebra-level mathematics courses.

Ferris State University

Sections	Title
9	I taught for FSU during the 1995-1996 academic year and the summer of 2001. I taught sections of medical ethics and critical thinking.

Kellogg Community College

Sections	Title
3	I taught introductory ethics and introductory philosophy for KCC in 1990, 1991 and 1997.

Note that my records prior to 2001 are a bit difficult to find, especially those before 1996. The details here are presented as being true to the best of my knowledge.