

ALEX LeBRUN

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Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Language, History of Analytic Philosophy, Formal Pragmatics

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) 2023
PhD in Philosophy

Dissertation: *On the Metaphysical Content of Scientific Theories*
Advisors: Thomas Barrett, Daniel Korman
Committee: Kevin Falvey, Jill North (external)

Northern Illinois University 2017
MA in Philosophy

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2014
BA in Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly, SLO) 2023 - Present

Teaching Assistant / Associate, UC Santa Barbara 2018 - 2023

PUBLICATIONS

What are Empirical Consequences? On Dispensability and Composite Objects
Synthese 199, 13201–13223 (2021).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

No Science without Composites
Under Review.

On Dispensability and Indispensability
Under Review.

Putnam on Mathematics and Ontological Commitment
Under Review.

The Pragmatics of Subtraction
Under Review

PRESENTATIONS

Equivalent Theories and Ontological Commitment
Society for the Metaphysics of Science 2023 Conference

Aug. 2023
Halifax, Canada

No Science without Composites APA Pacific Division (presented by Katherina Gontaryuk)	Apr. 2023 San Francisco, CA
On Dispensability and Indispensability Philosophy of Science Association 2022 Conference	Nov. 2022 Pittsburgh, PA
No Science without Composites Northwest Philosophy Conference	Oct. 2022 Portland, OR
Moral Debunking and the Wrong Kind of Reason Philosophy Research Workshop, <i>Invited Presentation</i>	2020 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
The Pragmatics of Subtraction and the Prospects for Weaseling Graduate Student Colloquium	2019 UCSB
Yeah, like that will ever work: A purely pragmatic theory of irony American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA)	2018 University at Albany, SUNY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cal Poly, SLO

- Philosophical Classics: Ethics and Political Philosophy Fall 2023
- Logic and Argumentative Writing Fall 2023

University of California, Santa Barbara

Primary Instructor

- Theory of Knowledge (Upper Division) Summer 2022
- Biomedical Ethics Summer 2020, Winter 2021, Summer 2023
- Introduction to Ethics 2019, 2020, 2021, Winter 2023

Teaching Assistant

- Beginning Modern Logic Spring 2021
- Critical Thinking Spring 2019, Fall 2022
- Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2018, Spring 2023
- Introduction to Ethics Summer 2018, Winter 2019

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Aida & Philip Siff Award , best UCSB philosophy graduate paper for "Putnam on Mathematics and Metaphysical Commitment"	2023
Paul Wienpahl Award for Excellence in Teaching , UCSB	2023
UCSB Doctoral Student Travel Grant	2022
NSF Travel Grant	2022
Engaging Humanities Grant , UC Humanities Research Institute \$30,000, for "Exploring Educational Pathways through Ethics Bowl." Conducted a local high school ethics bowl competition.	2018
Chancellor's Fellowship , UCSB Central campus merit fellowship, 1 per cohort per department. 6 years of funding: 3 through teaching, 3 through a fellowship stipend.	2017 - 2023

SERVICE POSITIONS

* = Elected Position

President*, UCSB Philosophy Graduate Student Association 2021 - 2022

Co-Founder, UCSB Philosophy Graduate Student Association April 2021

Co-President*, UCSB Graduate Student Association (Campus-wide) 2020 - 2021

VP of Academic Affairs*, UCSB Graduate Student Association (Campus-wide) 2019 - 2020

Graduate Student Representative*, Philosophy Department, UCSB 2018 - 2020

Ethics Bowl Coach, UCSB Ethics Bowl 2017 - 2021

2020 - 2021 School Year

1st Place, California Regional Competition *Moved Online*

2021 National Ethics Bowl Championship *Moved Online*

2019 - 2020 School Year

4th Place, California Regional Competition Tempe, AZ

2020 National Ethics Bowl Championship *Moved Online*

2018 - 2019 School Year

1st Place, Wasatch Regional Competition Salt Lake City, UT

2019 National Ethics Bowl Championship Baltimore, MD

2017 - 2018 School Year

2018 National Bioethics Competition Mobile, AL

COMMITTEE SERVICE

* = Non-voting member

Graduate Division Dean Search Committee, UCSB 2021 - 2022

Graduate Council*, UCSB Academic Senate 2019 - 2021

Faculty Legislature*, UCSB Academic Senate 2020 - 2021

Chancellor's Coordinating Committee on Budget Strategy, UCSB 2020 - 2021

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee: for *Synthese*.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RISE Santa Barbara, Director of Communications 2020 - Present
501(c)(3) that mentors under-served high school students through the college application process.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Thomas William Barrett, UCSB

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Jill North, Rutgers

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