David Jonathan Pederson
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2017–2025; M.A. in Philosophy, 2019
Committee: Gavin Lawrence (chair), Calvin Normore, A. J. Julius, Barbara Herman
Dissertation title: *Needs, Justice, and Exchange: A Study of* Nicomachean Ethics *5.5*

University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. student in Philosophy, 2013–2014

Princeton University

A.B. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy, 2008–2012

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy (esp. Aristotle), Social-Political Philosophy, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics (Data Ethics, Bioethics), Medieval Philosophy, Marx

PUBLICATIONS

"Aristotle on Needs, Justice, and Exchange." *Ancient Philosophy*. Vol. 45, Issue 2 (Fall 2025), 501–518.

"Equalizing the Producers in *Nicomachean Ethics* 5.5" (forthcoming in *Phronesis*)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Kant's Theory of Money in the *Metaphysics of Morals*" (in progress)
"Democracy and Eudaimonism" (in progress)
"The Meaning and Role of *Chreia* in *Nicomachean Ethics* 5.5" (in progress)

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Dissertation Year Award, UCLA, 2024–2025
Competitive, university-wide monetary award to support the completion of the dissertation

Departmental Teaching Award, UCLA Department of Philosophy, 2023
Awarded annually by departmental faculty vote; accompanied by cash prize

Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA, 2020–2021
Competitive, university-wide monetary award to support pre-candidacy research with Gavin Lawrence

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, 2019
Competitive, university-wide monetary award for summer research with Gavin Lawrence on Aristotelian political economy

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, 2018
Competitive, university-wide monetary award for summer research with A. J. Julius on Marx's theory of value

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Distinction, UCLA, 2017–2018
Competitive, university-wide monetary award given to exceptional incoming doctoral students

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Society, Princeton University, 2012

John Martyn Warbeke 1903 Prize in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 2012
Departmental award for senior thesis; accompanied by cash prize

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES [* INDICATES REFEREED]

"Equalizing the Producers: Two Problems in *Nicomachean Ethics* 5.5." International Conference on Ancient Philosophy & Other, University of Split, October 2025*

"Equality and Equalization in *Nicomachean Ethics* 5.5." UCLA History of Philosophy Workshop, January 2025.

"Aristotle on Needs, Justice, and Exchange." UCLA History of Philosophy Workshop, April 2024.

"Aristotle on Friendship, Need, and Exchange." Albritton Society, UCLA, April 2023.

"Friendship and Exchange in Aristotle." Proposition Workshop, UCLA, February 2020.

"What Is Intended as a Means? Anscombe and the Determinants of Intention." God, Virtue, and Moral Absolutes: Anscombe's "Modern Moral Philosophy" at 60, University of Notre Dame, January 2018*

"Aquinas on Actions and Circumstances." Works-in-Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, March 2014

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Classical Greek (reading)
German (reading)
Latin (reading)

SERVICE

Referee for USC–UCLA Graduate Student Conference, 2018–2025
Session Chair, USC–UCLA Graduate Student Conference, UCLA, April 2024
First-Year Mentor Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, UCLA, 2020–2024
First-Year Mentor, Department of Philosophy, UCLA, 2022–2023
Director of Publications, Graduate Student Association, UCLA, 2017–2019
"Tea Time" Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, UCLA, 2018
Colloquium Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, UCLA, 2017–2018

COURSES TAUGHT

As primary instructor (designed and taught)

Philos C119: Aristotle's Practical Philosophy (Summer 2023)
Philos 155A: Medical Ethics (Summer 2022) (TA: Colleen Hanson)

As teaching assistant

Philos 22: Introduction to Ethical Theory (A. J. Julius, Spring 2024)
Philos 100B: Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Calvin Normore, Winter 2024)
Philos 6: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Brad McHose, Fall 2023)
Philos 180: Philosophy of Action (Carlotta Pavese, Spring 2023)
Philos 3: Historical Introduction to Philosophy (Gavin Lawrence, Winter 2023)
Philos 100A: History of Greek Philosophy (Adam Crager, Fall 2022)
Philos 100C: History of Modern Philosophy (John Carriero, Spring 2022)
Philos 100B: Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Peter King, Winter 2022)
Philos 100A: History of Greek Philosophy (Ryan Cook, Fall 2021)
Philos 7: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Megan Robb, Summer 2021)
Philos 6: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Ayana Samuel, Summer 2020)
Philos C109: Descartes (John Carriero, Spring 2020)
Philos 22W: Introduction to Ethical Theory (Barbara Herman, Winter 2020)
Philos 117: Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* (Andrew Hsu, Fall 2019)
Philos 8: Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Katie Elliott, Spring 2019)
Philos 3: Historical Introduction to Philosophy (Janelle DeWitt, Winter 2019)
Philos 100A: History of Greek Philosophy (Adam Crager, Fall 2018)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK [* INDICATES AUDIT]

University of California, Los Angeles

Spinoza's Ethics (John Carriero, Spring 2019)*
Practical Philosophy (Gavin Lawrence, Spring 2019)
Minds that Matter (Pamela Hieronymi, Winter 2019)
Metalogic (Sean Walsh, Winter 2019)
Indexicality (Gabe Greenberg, Fall 2018)
Philosophical Theology (John Carriero, Spring 2018)
Logic – Second Course (Luca Struble, Spring 2018)
First-Year Proseminar (Andrew Hsu, Spring 2018)
Kant's Political Philosophy (Barbara Herman, Winter 2018)
Indeterministic Explanation and Chance (Katie Elliott, Winter 2018)
First-Year Proseminar (Gavin Lawrence, Winter 2018)
Life, Time, and World History (A. J. Julius, Fall 2017)
Nietzsche (Gavin Lawrence, Fall 2017)
First-Year Proseminar (David Kaplan, Fall 2017)

University of Pittsburgh

Topics in Ethics (Michael Thompson, Spring 2014)*
Metaphysics and Epistemology Proseminar (James Shaw, Spring 2014)
Philosophy of Action (John McDowell, Spring 2014)
Directed Study on Aquinas's Action Theory (Michael Thompson, Spring 2014)
Studies in Plato (James Allen, Fall 2013)*
Ethics Proseminar (Karl Schafer, Fall 2013)
Kant (Stephen Engstrom, Fall 2013)
Hegel (Robert Brandom, Fall 2013)

REFERENCES

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Barbara Herman, *Griffin Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Law (teaching)*
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