

David Poplar

Curriculum vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

University of Arizona Philosophy Department
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EDUCATION

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Doctor of Philosophy (in progress), Philosophy, 2017-present

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Master of Arts, Philosophy, 2017

Masters paper: *In Praise of Gratitude: Reevaluating the Moral Significance of Positive Reactive Attitudes for Moral Responsibility*
Supervisors: Berislav Marušić and Marion Smiley

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Liberal Arts, 2014

Areas of concentration: Philosophy, Creative Writing, and Religion
Capstone project: *Pragmatic Encroachment and the 'Word' of God*
Capstone advisor: Karen Detlefsen

Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle PA
Juris Doctor, 1997
Comments Editor, Dickinson Law Review

Lafayette College, Easton PA
Bachelor of Arts, Government & Law, 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Primary Instructor

Ethics & Economics of Environmental Policy (Spring 2023, 2024)

Environmental Ethics (Summer 2022; Winter 2023; Spring 2025)

The Ethical Entrepreneur (Summer 2022, 2023)

Medical Ethics (Summer 2021; Fall 2021)

Logic in Law (Spring 2020)

Business Ethics (Summer 2018; Summer 2019, 2020)

Law and Morality (Spring 2019; Winter 2020, 2024; Summer 2023, 2024)

Co-facilitator (with David Schmidtz)

Ethics & Economics of Environmental Policy (Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant

Philosophical Perspectives on Society (Prof. Tom Christiano) (Spring 2018)

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Law (Prof. Andreas Teuber) (Spring 2016, 2017)

Biomedical Ethics (Prof. Eli Hirsch) (Spring 2017)
Intro to Philosophy (Prof. Andreas Teuber) (Fall 2016)
Science on Trial (Prof. Dan Breen) (Fall 2015)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Law & Contemporary Legal Debates (Prof. Sharon Fray-Witzer)
(Summer 2016, 2017)
Intro to Philosophy (Prof. Andreas Teuber) (Summer 2016)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Teaching Assistant / Teaching Staff

Modern American Poetry (ModPo) (Prof. Al Filreis) (Fall 2012-present)

- Selected to be one of seven TAs who formed core teaching staff and helped develop Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on modern American poetry on Coursera platform (offered every fall semester since 2012)
- Participant in over one hundred video-recorded close reading discussions of poems that comprise the primary course content
- Facilitate student learning through in-person meetings, live webcasts, online discussion forums, and social media; answer questions and discuss interpretations, poetry, and literary theory

PRESENTATIONS

“The Play Frame and the Ethical Boundaries of Humor,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL (2/25/2022)

“The Conceptual Transformation of Political Corruption and the Insulation of Politically Motivated Selective Prosecution,” ASU Graduate Philosophy Conference (2/22/2020)

“The Conceptual Transformation of Political Corruption and the Insulation of Politically Motivated Selective Prosecution,” UA Symposium on Policing, Prosecution & Power: Examining Processes of Law and Inequity (3/22/2018)

“In Praise of Gratitude: Evaluating the Moral Significance of Positive Reactive Attitudes for Moral Responsibility,” FSU Free Will Conference (10/7/2017)

“In Praise of Gratitude: Evaluating the Moral Significance of Positive Reactive Attitudes for Moral Responsibility,” UA Philosophy SWAP (9/28/2017)

“Thomas Nagel and the Scientification of Intelligent Design,” Graduate Speaker Series, Brandeis University (3/24/2017)

“Restoring Equanimity: Treating Positive and Negative Reactive Emotions Symmetrically for Moral Responsibility,” Graduate Speaker Series, Brandeis University (11/11/2017)

“ModPo and Open Education” panel discussion (video produced as resource for educators on ModPo course site) (9/4/2014)

Presentation on ModPo at Advancing Language Education: Beyond the Classroom symposium, Penn Language Center Educator Series, University of Pennsylvania (12/8/2012)

PUBLICATIONS:
PEER-REVIEWED
& LEGAL WORKS

Framing the Ethical Boundaries of Humor, Philosophy of Humor Yearbook, Vol. 3, no. 1 (2022)

[MOOC Evolution and One Poetry MOOC’s Hybrid Approach](#), EDUCAUSE Review Online (11/24/2014)

Carl D. Poplar & David E. Poplar, Editorial, [The Fallacy Of In Re Wilson](#), 156 N.J. Law Journal 559 (5/17/1999)

[Tolling the Statute of Limitations for Battered Women After *Giovine v. Giovine: Creating Equitable Exceptions for Victims of Domestic Abuse*](#), 101 Dickinson Law Review 161 (Fall 1996)

PUBLICATIONS:
CREATIVE WORKS

[Navigation by Spoonlight](#) (poem), Cleaver Magazine (Sep. 2013)

[Pray It Forward](#) (humor), Winner, HumorPress.com Writing Contest (10/2012)

Clear Acrylics (poem), Apiary Magazine Online (2012)

Café Sunshine (flash fiction), Boston Literary Magazine (Summer 2011)

[Kool-Aid Haiku: An Elegy to Discontinued Flavors](#) (poem), PennAppetit (Fall 2011)

[Doorstep](#) (flash fiction), Winner, Gotham Writers Workshop 100 Word Story Writing Contest (Summer 2009)

ADDITIONAL
WRITING &
EDITING
EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy* (Spring 2021-Fall 2024)

Project Editor, *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 37:2 (Winter 2020)

Historical Researcher for author Stephen Fried, (2013-2014, 2019)

Assistant Poetry Editor, Cleaver Magazine (Fall 2013)

Founder, Philadelphia International Guild of Humor Writing (2013)

Juniper Summer Writing Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2011)

One Story literary magazine Summer Writing Program, Brooklyn, NY (2011)

Various creative writing workshops (University of Pennsylvania & elsewhere) (2009-2015)

SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AWARDS

University of Arizona Graduate College Fellowship (2020-21)

Merit Scholarship, Brandeis University

Woolsack Academic Honor Society, Dickinson School of Law

ACADEMIC
ORGANIZATIONS

University of Arizona Philosophy Department Climate Committee, Graduate Student Representative (2017-2019)

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Carl D. Poplar, PA, Cherry Hill, NJ
Attorney (1998-2011)

- Litigated civil and criminal cases at all levels of federal and state courts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania
- Argued before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Appellate Division of the N.J. Superior Court, and trial courts at all levels of federal, state, and municipal government
- Conducted and defended depositions of witnesses, parties, and various technical experts in various fields
- Counseled individuals and entities under criminal investigation; provided legal advice to clients about legal, professional, and business issues
- Represented clients accused of professional ethics violations before administrative boards
- Researched and wrote extensively on various legal issues including employment law, professional malpractice, consumer fraud, corporate defense, personal injury, civil rights, tax foreclosure, white collar crime, possession/distribution of controlled substances, criminal fraud, cybercrime, and political corruption

Plutona LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Co-founder & Co-owner (2007-2017)

- Acquire, rehab, and manage residential real estate in Philadelphia area
- Experience with residential construction, remodeling, and property management

EARLY
CAREER
EXPERIENCE

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden, NJ
Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Joseph H. Rodriguez, U.S.D.J. (1997-1998)

United States Attorney's Office, Harrisburg, PA
Legal Intern (1996-1997)

Federal Public Defender's Office, Camden, NJ
Legal Intern (Summer 1996)

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA
Legal Intern (Summer 1995)

New Jersey Democratic State Committee, Trenton, NJ
Campaign Staff, 1993

Sea Isle City Police Department, Sea Isle City, NJ
Class I Special Officer (Summer 1991, 1992)

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