

Michael Ball-Blakely

Curriculum Vitae

The University of Texas at El Paso
Department of Philosophy
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Employment

- Fall 2023 - The University of Texas at El Paso
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
- 2022 – June 2023 Stanford University
General Ethics Fellow, The McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society

Education

- 2022 Ph.D, Philosophy, University of Washington
Dissertation: “Immigration in a Global Economy: Why the Left Should Embrace Open Borders”
Committee: Michael Blake, Stephen Gardiner, Désirée Lim, José Jorge Mendoza, & Amelia Wirts

Research Interests

- AOS Social and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Immigration; Applied Ethics
- AOC Economic Justice; Environmental Ethics (esp. Climate Justice); Global Justice

Articles

- 2023 Climate Change and Green Borders: Why Closure Won’t Save the Planet
Philosophy in the Contemporary World (Forthcoming)
- 2022 Skill-Selection and Socioeconomic Status: An Analysis of Migration and Domestic Justice
Journal of Social Philosophy (Forthcoming)
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/share/author/WBRHCJBHANWPRNDMAKFJ?target=10.1111/josp.12485>
- 2021 Migration, Mobility, and Spatial Segregation: Freedom of Movement as Equal Opportunity
Essays in Philosophy 21 (1/2): 66-84.
https://www.pdcnet.org/eip/content/eip_2021_0022_0001_0066_0084

Public Writing

- 2021 Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for

Non-Domination.” (*APA Public Philosophy Blog*, 2021)
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/06/01/transnational-capitalism-and-feudal-privilege-open-borders-as-a-tool-for-non-domination/>

Reviews

2023 Review of Chandran Kukathas’ *Immigration and Freedom*. (Forthcoming, *Radical Philosophy Review*, Summer 2023)

Fellowships & Awards

2022 Department Nomination for the UW Distinguished Dissertation Award
2022 SPCW Joe Frank Jones III Graduate Paper Award
2020-21 UW Philosophy Graduate Teaching Award
2020-21 Joff Hanauer Excellence in Western Civilization Graduate Fellow
2018 John Hardwig Prize for Teaching Excellence
2018 Prados Summer Dissertation Award
2014-18 University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Fellowship

Recent Academic Talks

Invited

2023 “Relational Egalitarianism, Social Status, and Open Borders” California State University, Sacramento, April 25th
2023 “Relational Egalitarianism, Social Status, and Open Borders” Stanford Political Theory Workshop, April 7th
2022 Earth Systems Panel on Environmental Solutions, Stanford University, December 9th

Refereed

2023 Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, July, “Relational Egalitarianism, Social Status, and Open Borders”
2023 The North American Society for Social Philosophy, 40th Anniversary Meeting, July, “Relational Egalitarianism, Social Status, and Open Borders”
2022 6th Annual PPE Society Meeting, November. “Skill-Selection and Socioeconomic Status: An Analysis of Immigration and Domestic Economic Justice”
2022 Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, July. “Climate Change and Green Borders: Why Closure Won’t Save the Planet”
2022 Central APA, International Society for Environmental Ethics Session, February. “Climate Change and Green Nationalism”
2021 Pacific APA, April. “Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for Non-Domination”
2021 Eastern APA, January. “Skill-Selection and Socioeconomic Status: An Analysis

- of Immigration and Domestic Economic Justice”
- 2019 71st Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, October. “Transnational Capitalism and Feudal Privilege: Open Borders as a Tool for Non-Domination”
- 2019 MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory, September. “Realism as Utopia: Reimagining Ideal Theory and Economic Justice in the Law of Peoples”

Conference Commentaries

- 2022 Pacific APA, Symposium on Relational Equality and Vulnerability. Commentaries on Giacomo Floris “(Vulnerable to be) Socially Excluded: Justice for Impaired Agents” and Kimberley Brownlee “Interactional Equality and Interactional Vulnerability”
- 2021 NW Philosophy Conference. Commentary on Désirée Lim “Internal Restrictions on Movement: A Reconsideration”
- 2021 Ben Rabinowitz Environmental Ethics Workshop, Commentary on Megan Blomfield “Who is Responsible for the Climate Change Problem?”
- 2018 Tennessee Philosophical Association. Commentary on Christina Friedlaender “Ideal Theory and Shared Intentions”

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas at El Paso (Primary Instructor)

Problems in Philosophy Seminar 11373: Environmental Justice as Immigrant Justice

Stanford University (Primary Instructor)

Philosophy 178M: Introduction to Environmental Ethics

University of Washington (Primary Instructor)

Philosophy 102: Contemporary Moral Problems (2 times)

University of Tennessee (Primary Instructor)

Philosophy 252: Contemporary Moral Problems (10 times)

Philosophy 340: Ethical Theory

University of Tennessee (Teaching Assistant)

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Philosophy 252: Contemporary Moral Problems

University of Washington (Teaching Assistant)

Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy (2 times)

Philosophy 102: Contemporary Moral Problems (2 times)

Philosophy 114: Philosophy of Law (2 times)

Philosophy 115: Practical Reasoning
Philosophy 118: The Ethics of Persuasion
Philosophy 207: Global Justice (3 times)
Philosophy 240: Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy 242: Introduction to Medical Ethics (2 times)
Philosophy 243: Environmental Ethics
Philosophy 338: Human Rights

Professional Service

2023-present	European Journal of Political Theory Referee
2022-present	Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Executive Committee (APA Pacific Division Co-Moderator)
2021-present	Journal of Applied Philosophy Referee
2021	Internet of Things Referee
2021	AW Local 4121, Union of Academic Student Employees Philosophy Union Steward
2020	Author of 2020-2021 National High School Ethics Bowl case “The Medical Brain Drain”
2018	Tennessee Ethics Bowl Team Liaison for Austin East High School

Departmental & University Service

2021–22	UW Philosophy Department Writing Center Graduate Supervisor
2020–21	Program on Ethics (PoE) Research Assistant
2019–20	UW Philosophy Department Writing Center Graduate Supervisor
2018	University of Tennessee Graduate Student Faculty Representative
2018	1 st Annual University of Tennessee Graduate Student Conference, “Justice Across Borders”