

# Andrew Youpa

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## Professional Experience

Interim Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, July 2022 to June 2023.

Associate Dean of Student and Curricular Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, Southern  
Illinois University Carbondale, January 2020 to July 2022.

Program Coordinator, Philosophy Program, School of History and Philosophy, Southern  
Illinois University Carbondale, August 2021 to Present.

Professor of Philosophy, School of History and Philosophy, Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, promoted in April 2020.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2009 to  
2020.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2003 to  
2009.

Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow, University of California, Riverside, 2002-2003.

## Education

University of California, Irvine, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2002

San Francisco State University, M.A. in Philosophy, 1997

University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A. in Philosophy, 1991

## Areas of Specialization

Spinoza  
Early Modern Philosophy  
Modern Moral Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Contemporary Moral Philosophy  
Applied Ethics  
History of Ethics

## Publications: Books

*The Ethics of Joy: Spinoza on the Empowered Life*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

*Essays on Spinoza's Ethical Theory*, edited by Matthew J. Kisner and Andrew Youpa, Oxford University Press, 2014.

## Publications: Articles and Chapters

“Introduction,” co-authored with Matthew J. Kisner, in *Essays on Spinoza's Ethical Theory*, edited by Matthew J. Kisner and Andrew Youpa, Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Descartes's Virtue Theory,” *Essays in Philosophy*, July 2013, volume 14, number 2, 179–193.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, volume XXXV (2011), 310–334.

“Spinoza's Theories of Value,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, April 2010, volume 18, number 2, 209–229.

“Spinoza's Model of Human Nature,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, January 2010, volume 48, number 1, 61–76.

“Spinoza's Theory of the Good,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza's Ethics*, Koistinen, Olli (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, 242–257.

“Spinoza's Theory of Motivation,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, September 2007, volume 88, number 3, 375–390.

“Rationalist Moral Philosophy,” in *A Companion to Rationalism*, Nelson, Alan (ed.), Blackwell Publishing, 2005.

“Leibniz's Ethics,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, August 2004 (Updated: October 2016).

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Fall 2003, volume XLI, No. 3, 477–490.

## Publications: Reviews

Review of *Freedom, Action, and Motivation in Spinoza's Ethics* (Routledge, 2020), edited by Noa Naaman-Zauderer, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 29, 2020.

Review of *Doing Without Free Will: Spinoza and Contemporary Moral Problems* (Lexington, 2015), edited by Ursula Goldenbaum and Christopher Kluz, in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, volume 54, number 4, October 2016.

Review of Michael LeBuffe's *From Bondage to Freedom: Spinoza on Human Excellence* (Oxford, 2010), in *Ethics*, volume 121, number 2, January 2011.

Review of Franklin Perkins' *Leibniz and China: A Commerce of Light*, in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (Cambridge, 2004), volume 44, number 1, January 2006.

## Presentations: Papers

"The Ethics of Joy: Spinoza on the Empowered Life," manuscript workshop, University of Toronto, March 24, 2018.

"Spinoza's Friendship Ethics," South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, November 18, 2017.

"Spinoza and Moral Anti-Realism," Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University, Ireland, May 11, 2015.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Spinoza Symposium, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, May 8, 2015.

"Spinoza's Symptomatic Theory of Emotions," NUI Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland, May 7, 2015.

"Spinoza's Symptomatic Theory of Emotions," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, March 1, 2014.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Second Annual Seminar on Moral and Political Contractualism, Universidade Federal Rural Do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 7, 2013.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Joint Meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association and the Midwest Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Indiana University, Southeast, March 8, 2013.

"Spinoza's Ethical Objectivism," Human Nature and Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 15, 2012.

“Spinozistic Emotions as Teleological Information,” Judgement Conference, University of Turku, Finland, September 10, 2012.

“What Are We For?” Guest lecture in University College 101, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, August 28, 2012.

“Descartes’s Virtue Theory,” Shifting Subjectivities: Descartes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Lewis University, February 23, 2012.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” Colloquium in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, San Francisco State University, November 3, 2011.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” Mini-conference on Early Modern Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 13, 2009.

“Spinoza on the Very Nature of Existence,” Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Marquette University, November 9, 2008.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 10, 2008.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, March 20, 2008.

“Spinoza on Individual Essence and Value,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Group Session, Baltimore, December 28, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model of Human Nature,” South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tulsa, November 17, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Theories of Value,” California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, California State University Long Beach, October 26, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model of Human Nature,” Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, October 20, 2007.

“Spinoza’s Model Monism,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 21, 2007.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 27, 2006.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Motivation,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, December 30, 2005.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Motivation,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Baylor University, November 19, 2005.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Illinois Philosophical Association, Eastern Illinois University, November 5, 2005.

“Will, Intellect, and Cartesian Virtue,” Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy, University of Guelph, October 15, 2005.

“Is Spinoza’s God Good?” University of California, Irvine, Cartesian Circle Meeting, June 2005.

“Spinoza’s Ethical Objectivism,” Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 28, 2004.

“Leibniz’s Ethics,” University of California, Irvine, Cartesian Circle Meeting, August 2004.

“Spinoza’s Normative Intellectualism,” Midwest Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 21, 2004.

“Spinoza’s Normative Intellectualism,” SIUC Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 20, 2003.

“Spinoza’s Ethical Objectivism,” The History of Philosophy Roundtable, UCSD, March 2003.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” 2002 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia. Winner of an APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” University of California at Riverside, Philosophy Department Colloquium, December 4, 2002.

“Spinozistic Self-Preservation,” The 2000 Intermountain Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Utah State University.

## **Presentations: Comments**

Comments on Taro Okamura’s “Hume on the Inertness of Belief,” Central States Philosophical Association, Saint Louis, October 18, 2019.

Comments on Sahar Joakim’s “Is Hobbes Really an Antirealist about Accidents?” SIU Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University, March 29, 2019.

Comments on Christopher Martin's "*Individuum, Existentia, and Potentia: Spinoza's Recipe for Particulars*," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February 21, 2018.

Comments on Justin Steinberger's *Spinoza's Political Psychology*, manuscript workshop, University of Toronto, April 22, 2017.

Comments on Milo Jon-Christopher Crimi's "Seeking a Cartesian Contextual Definition of 'Life'," Illinois Philosophical Association, Eastern Illinois University, November 14, 2015.

Comments on Jonathan Reibsamens's "Social Epistemic Trust" (Saint Louis University), Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 1, 2013.

Comments on Alison Peterman's "On Spinoza's Physical Interlude," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, April 2, 2011.

Comments on Professor Matthew Kisner's "Reconsidering Spinoza's Free Man," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, Canada, April 10, 2009.

Comments on Professor John Greco's and Adam Green's "Testimony and the Basing Relation" (Saint Louis University), Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 28, 2008.

Comments on Rico Vitz's "Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, April 2007.

Comments on Edward Halper's "Spinoza on the Political Value of Freedom of Religion," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 25, 2004.

Comments on Jonathan Weinberg and Stacey Swain's "An Empirical Critique of Analytic Philosophers' Use of Intuitions," Philosophical Collaborations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, April 2, 2004.

Comments on Gideon Yaffe's *Liberty Worth The Name: Locke on Free Agency*. Southern California Philosophy Conference, California State University at Long Beach, 2002.

Comments on Don Garrett's "Spinoza's Conatus Argument." California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, 2000.

Comments on William Beardsley's "Love in the Ruins: Passion in Descartes' *Meditations*." Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2000.

## Honors, Grants, and Awards

Project Grant from the Illinois Humanities Council for the Humanities Forum's project concerning challenges that veterans face in their return home from war to civilian life: "Trauma and the Humanities," 2011-2012. The \$5000 grant was contingent on a \$14,000 matching fund.

SIUC Outstanding Faculty Member Teaching in the University Core Curriculum Award, 2010-2011.

Eastern APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend winner for the colloquium paper "Spinozistic Self-Preservation," 2002.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Philosophy Department, University of California, Irvine, 2001-2002.

University of California, Irvine Humanities Center Grant, Summer 2002.

University of California Regents' Dissertation Fellowship, Winter 2002.

University of California, Irvine, School of Humanities Fellowship, Summer 2001.

UCI Instructional Resource Center, participant in the Problem-Based Learning Workshop, Winter 2001.

University of California Chancellor's Fellowship, 1997-1998.

## Service to Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Student Conduct Code Review Committee, 2022

Program Review, internal reviewer for Ph.D. in Mass Communication and Media Arts, College of Arts and Media, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, November 17, 2021.

Member of Saluki Cares Team, 2020-2021.

Emergency Coronavirus Committee, Spring 2020-Fall 2020

2019 Doctoral/Morris Fellowship Selection committee for the selection of the 2019-2020 Fellows

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy, 2010-2013 and 2014 to Present

Undergraduate Committee, Chairperson, Philosophy, 2010-2013 and 2014 to Present

Graduate Placement Committee, Philosophy, 2012-Present (chairperson 2013-2018)

The Philosophical Society (registered student organization), Supervisor, 2010-Present

Advisor, Lambda Chapter, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society: The International Honor Society for Philosophers, 2010-2019

College of Liberal Arts Council, 2011-2016 (chairperson 2013-2014)

Graduate Committee, Philosophy Department, 2013-2015

Mentoring Committee, Philosophy Department, 2013-2015

Library committee, Philosophy Department, 2005-2015

Dean's Budget and Planning Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2012-2015

McNair Scholars Program, Thesis Director, 2014

Graduate Council, research committee, 2012-2013

College of Liberal Arts Humanities Forum, Co-Director, 2006-2012

Computer committee, Chair, Philosophy Department, 2004-2012

Presidential-Chancellor Scholarship Judge, Spring 2011

Faculty & University Associate Program, Faculty Associate, Neely Hall, 2008-2010

Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Co-Organizer, 2008

McNair Scholars Program, Thesis Co-Director, 2007

Ad Hoc Department of Philosophy Admissions committee, 2007

Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Philosophy Department, Co-Organizer, 2007

College of Liberal Arts Council, Teaching and Learning committee, Chairperson, 2006-2007

Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Co-Organizer, 2006

College of Liberal Arts Council, Promotion and Outreach Committee, 2005-2006



Graduate Placement Committee, Philosophy Department, 2005-2006

Ad Hoc Operating Paper Revision Committee, Philosophy Department, 2005-2006

Nominating Committee, Philosophy Department, 2005-2006

Referee, European Studies Forum Annual Graduate Student Paper Contest, 2005

Referee, European Studies Forum Annual Graduate Student Paper Contest, 2004

Undergraduate Committee, Philosophy Department, 2003-2005

## Service to the Profession

Co-Director, North American Spinoza Society, 2021 to Present.

Program Committee member, 2020 APA Central Division Meeting. Chicago, February 26 – 29, 2020.

Chair, 2018 APA Central Division Meeting. Chicago, February 24, 2018. Colloquium: Spinoza.

Session organizer, North American Spinoza Society: Invited Session, 2018 APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 23, 2018.

Session organizer, North American Spinoza Society: Vice and Virtue in Spinoza's Philosophy, 2018 APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 22, 2018.

Chair, 2017 APA Central Division Meeting, Kansas City, Kansas. March 4, 2017. Colloquium: History of Ethics.

Advisor, Lambda Chapter, Phi Sigma Tau, The International Honor Society for Philosophers, 2010-Present

Chair, 2006 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Washington DC. Colloquium; Descartes.

Session Chair, Illinois Philosophical Association Conference, November 8, 2003.

Chair, 2001 APA Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis. Colloquium: Spinoza.

Session Organizer and Chair, 2000 Southern California Philosophy Conference, Long Beach State University, Long Beach, California. Session: Modern Philosophy.

Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Epoché*, *Ergo*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Res Philosophica*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*

## Teaching

*Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

Philosophy 102: Introduction to Philosophy  
Philosophy 104: Introduction to Ethics  
Philosophy 305A: Modern Metaphysics and Epistemology  
Philosophy 305B: Modern Moral and Political Philosophy  
Philosophy 310: Advanced Critical Thinking  
Philosophy 340: Ethical Theories  
Philosophy 445: Philosophy of Law  
Philosophy 468B/587: Kant's Practical Philosophy  
Philosophy 472A: The Rationalists  
Philosophy 472B: Spinoza  
Philosophy 473B: Hume  
Philosophy 490: Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Spinoza  
Philosophy 530: Contemporary Moral Realism  
Philosophy 545: Contemporary Ethical Naturalism  
Philosophy 545: Feminist Ethics  
Philosophy 551: Introduction to Teaching and the Profession  
Philosophy 590: Spinoza's Ethical Theory

*University of California, Riverside*

Philosophy 2: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Philosophy 30m: Introduction to the History of Philosophy: Modern Moral Philosophy  
Philosophy 122J/222J: The Rationalists: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz  
Philosophy 169E: Moral Relativism and Moral Objectivity

*University of California, Irvine*

Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems  
Philosophy 131A: Advanced Applied Ethics