

# JOSHUA MAY

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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#### University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Ph.D. (in progress), Philosophy, expected in 2011

M.A. & C. Phil., Philosophy, Spring 2008

Thesis: "Empirical Evidence against Psychological Egoism"

Committee: Aaron Zimmerman (chair), Matthew Hanser, Michael Rescorla

#### California State University, Sacramento (CSUS)

B.A., *cum laude*, Philosophy, Spring 2005

Senior Thesis: "Improperly Basic Belief in God: A Critique of Plantinga"

Advisor: Matthew McCormick

### RESEARCH

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#### Areas of Specialization

Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

#### Areas of Competence

Ethics (esp. Meta-ethics), Late Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Language

#### Publications

"Practical Interests, Relevant Alternatives, and Knowledge Attributions: An Empirical Study"

(with Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Jay G. Hull, and Aaron Zimmerman)

forthcoming, *European Review of Philosophy, Psychology and Experimental Philosophy*, 9

(2009), Edouard Machery, Tania Lombrozo, & Joshua Knobe (eds.).

#### Works in Progress

"Relational Desires and Empirical Evidence against Psychological Egoism"

### PRESENTATIONS

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"Empirical Evidence against Psychological Egoism"

- Interdisciplinary Approach to Philosophical Issues Conference, U. of South Alabama, Sept. 2008

- Graduate Colloquium Series, UCSB, 2008 (not refereed)

"Altruism, Egoism, and Negative-State Content"

- Graduate Philosophy Conference, Virginia Tech, Nov. 2006

- Graduate Colloquium Series, UCSB, 2006 (not refereed)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Instructor** (full responsibilities: syllabus, lectures, and grading)

Course Title	Course #	Term	University	# of Students
Moral Psychology	PHIL 134	2009, Winter	UCSB	40

**Teaching Assistant** (responsible for leading discussion sections and grading student work)

Course Title	Course #	Term	University
Ethics	PHIL 100A	2008, Fall	UCSB
Metaphysics	PHIL 100E	2008, Summer	UCSB
Late Modern Philosophy	PHIL 20C	2008, Spring	UCSB
Intro to Philosophy	PHIL 1	2008, Winter	UCSB
Ancient Philosophy	PHIL 20A	2007, Fall	UCSB
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL 100D	2007, Spring	UCSB
Critical Thinking	PHIL 3	2007, Winter	UCSB
Introduction to Ethics	PHIL 4	2006, Fall	UCSB

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

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### Professional Service

Copyeditor & Formatter	<i>Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i>	2006-present
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### University Service

Graduate Representative	Philosophy Department, UCSB	2006-present
Assembly Member	Graduate Student Association, UCSB	2005-2006

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Ralph W. Church Fellowship	UCSB, Phil. Dept.	2005-2006
Stephen Humphrey Fellowship	UCSB, Phil. Dept.	2005-2006
Graduate Student Travel Grant	UCSB, Graduate Division	Fall 2008

## GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN (\* indicates audit)

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### Metaphysics and Epistemology

Freedom and Determinism	(Anthony Brueckner)	Perception and Singular Thought	(Kevin Falvey)*
Contextualism & Pragmatism	(Aaron Zimmerman)	Computational Theory of Mind	(Michael Rescorla)
Consciousness	(Kevin Falvey)	Epistemology of Agency	(Kevin Falvey)*
Self-Knowledge	(Anthony Brueckner)*	Epistemology and Skepticism	(Anthony Brueckner)*
First-Person Thought	(Kevin Falvey)*	Conceptual Role Semantics	(Michael Rescorla)*
A Priori Knowledge	(Aaron Zimmerman)*		

### **Ethics and Value Theory**

Moral Psychology (Aaron Zimmerman)  
Practical Reasoning (Matthew Hanser)  
Meta-Ethics (Chris McMahan)\*

Moral Epistemology (Aaron Zimmerman)  
Moral Sense Theory (Aaron Zimmerman)  
British Moralists (Aaron Zimmerman)

### **History of Philosophy**

Leibniz (Thomas Holden)  
Berkeley (Thomas Holden)  
Hume (Thomas Holden)\*  
Hume on Religion (Thomas Holden)

Kant (Aaron Zimmerman)\*  
Frege (Michael Rescorla)\*  
Logical Positivism (Michael Rescorla)\*  
Saul Kripke (Nathan Salmon)\*

### **Logic, Math, and Language**

Modern Symbolic Logic I (Nathan Salmon)  
Modern Symbolic Logic II (Nathan Salmon)

Theories of Truth (Michael Rescorla)\*  
Philosophy of Math (Michael Rescorla)\*