

# Marc A. Moffett

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, EL PASO

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Colorado, (Philosophy). 2003

DISSERTATION: *Communication, Meaning and the Attitudes*

COMMITTEE: George Bealer (Chair), Kent Bach, Michael Tooley, Graeme Oddie, Christopher Shields,  
Laura Michaelis (Linguistics).

M.A. University of Colorado (Philosophy). 2002

B.A. New Mexico State University, (Philosophy, Psychology; minor Mathematics). 1993

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## Areas of Specialization:

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

## Areas of Competence:

Metaphysics, Philosophical logic, mathematical logic, 20<sup>th</sup> Century analytic, action theory

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## APPOINTMENTS

2013 – Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Associate Professor

2013 – 2018 Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, El Paso. Department Chair

2009 – 2013 Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Associate Professor

2003 – 2009 Department of Philosophy, University of Wyoming. Assistant Professor

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *The Indispensability of Intuition*. Elements in Epistemology. New York: Cambridge. (2025).
- *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind and Action*. Co-edited with John Bengson. New York: Oxford (2011).

## Articles

- Basic epistemic reasons: An action-theoretic proposal. *Ratio*, **38** (2025): 93-101.
- Intuitions as evidence. In Lasonen-Aarnio & Littlejohn (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*, Routledge (2023)
- Non-propositional intellectualism (w/ John Bengson). In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford (2011)
- Introduction: Two conceptions of mind and action (w/ John Bengson). In Bengson & Moffett (Eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge Mind and Action*, Oxford (2011)
- Against a posteriori functionalism. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, **40** (2010): 83–106.
- The folk on knowing how (w/ John Bengson & Jennifer Cole Wright). *Philosophical Studies*, **142** (2009): 387–401.
- Reasonable disagreement and rational group inquiry. *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, **4** (2007): 352–367.
- Know-how and concept possession (w/ John Bengson). *Philosophical Studies*, **136** (2007): 31–57.
- Constructing attitudes. *Protosociology*, **21** (2005): 105–128.
- Language, communication, and the paradox of analysis: Some philosophical remarks on Plato’s *Cratylus*. *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: Epistemology*, **8** (2005): 58–67.
- Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the Problem of Doxastic Shift. *Philosophical Studies*, **115** (2003): 81–97.
- A note on the relationship between Mates’ Puzzle and Frege’s Puzzle. *Journal of Semantics*, **19** (2002): 159–166.

## Minor Publications

- Action-theoretic foundations for epistemology. *Southwest Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)
- Review: Norms and Necessity by Amie L. Thomasson (Oxford). Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2023)
- Addendum to Synonymity. In D. Borchert (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Supplement), 2nd edition. New York: Macmillan (2006).
- Generalized quantifiers and NP conjunction in intensional algebraic logic (Abstract). *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, **10** (2003).

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### “Metaphysics for Non-disjunctive Direct Realism”

- *Balkan Analytic Forum 3*: Intentionality & Intentionality of Emotions, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, October 2025.

### “Purposive Knowledge & the Stability Thesis”

- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of California, Davis, June 2025.

“Russellian presentationality”

- 74<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Conference, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, April 2024. First place- Glenn Joy Award

“The motivational theory of inference”

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, March 2024.
- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, (poster presentation), University of Florida, Gainesville, November 2024.

“Action theory as epistemology”

- 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Online, February 2023.
- *Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society*, Duke University, March 2023.
- 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Conference, UTEP. First Place- Glenn Joy Award, April 2023.

“A unified theory of basic evidence”

- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, March 2019.

“The unity of understanding”

- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, February 2015.

“Intentionality – Propositional and objectual”

- *Workshop on Propositions*, Texas Tech University, November 2014.

“The dilemma of fair chase” — public lecture

- Boise State University, November 2013.

“Understanding, wisdom, & intellectual progress”

- *Bled Epistemology Conference*, Bled, Slovenia, June 2011.
- Boise State University, November 2013.
- *Southwest Epistemology Conference*, University of New Mexico, August 2014.

“Conceptions”

- *Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, May 2011.

“Intelligent action”

- New Mexico State University, April 2011.

“Radical intellectualism”

- University of Colorado, Boulder, March 2011.

Symposium presentation on epistemic conservatism and metaepistemology

- *UT Austin Methodology Workshop*, August 2008

“Valuing the wasteland” — public lecture

- *Red Desert Symposium*, University of Wyoming, September 2007.

“A paradox of ideal rational inquiry”

- *Episteme Conference 2007: Testimony*, Rutgers University, June 2007.

“Stability as an irreducible component of knowledge”

- *International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology*, University of Aberdeen, May 2007.

“Conservatism, stability, and self-trust”

- *Rationality in Contemporary Epistemology*. Canadian Society for Epistemology, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC, September 2006.
- *Society for Exact Philosophy: Time, Logic and Exact Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 2007.
- *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, July 2007.
- Colorado State University, September 2007

“Know-how and concept possession” (with John Bengson)

- *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Washburn University, September 2006
- *Symposium, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, CA. April 2007*

“Outline of a nonDavidsonian semantics for events”

- *It’s About Time: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Events*, Michigan State University, July 2003.

“Knowledge attributions as generic sentences”

- *Third Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference: General Terms*, June 2003.
- Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Washington, D.C, December 2003.

“Knowing facts and believing propositions: A solution to the problem of doxastic shift”

- *The Creighton Club (New York Philosophical Association)*, Cornell University, October 2002. Graduate Student Presentation Award.
- *Illinois Philosophical Association*, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, November 2002.
- Colloquium, *Pacific Division APA*, San Francisco, CA, March 2003

“Are ‘that’-clauses really singular terms?”

- *Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Washington State University, October 2001.
- Colloquium, *Eastern Division APA*, Philadelphia, December 2002.

## GRANTS

### External

- John Templeton Foundation (subaward), *The Unity of Practical and Theoretical Understanding*, (co-PI, with John Bengson), 2014, \$98,989.00.

### Internal

- Basic Research Grant, University of Wyoming, College of Arts & Sciences, 2003, \$2,500.00.

## AWARDS

- First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2024
- First Place, Glenn Joy Award. New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. 2023
- Extraordinary Merit in Research Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2007
- Graduate Student Presentation Award, *The Creighton Club*, 2002

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### GRADUATE

#### Metaphysics

- Metaphysics: Time, Identity & Persistence

#### Epistemology

- Rationalism vs. Empiricism
- Knowledge & Intelligent Action
- The Indispensability of Intuition
- Zombies, Consciousness, and Knowledge
- Basic Evidence
- Transformative Experience
- Epistemology: Modal Epistemology
- Epistemology: Contextualism
- Epistemology: Knowledge How

#### Logic & Language

- Formal Semantics
- Problems of Intensionality
- Introduction to Mathematical Logic (through Incompleteness Theorem)

#### History

- The Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein
- Plato's *Republic*
- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
- The Philosophy of W. V. O. Quine
- Foundations of Analytic Philosophy (Frege, Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein)

### UPPER DIVISION

- Epistemology
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- Philosophy of Biology
- Environmental Ethics
- Political Philosophy
- Formal Syntax
- Philosophy of Hunting/Fishing [animal rights, environmental ethics and aesthetics]
- Native American Philosophy

### LOWER DIVISION

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introductory Logic (quantified logic w/identity)
- Introduction to Ethics
- Philosophy & Society
- Critical Thinking: Puzzles & Paradoxes

**MASTER'S THESIS COMMITTEES**Chair

- 2014, *Moral Supervenience* (Co-Chair, Caroline Arruda)
- 2013, *Understanding Nature*
- 2012, *Arbitrary Things*
- 2012, *Truth and Abstracta*
- 2012, *A Defense of Ontological Deflationism*
- 2010, *Reference and Stuff*
- 2010, *Specificity and Know-how Attributions*
- 2008, *Disagreement in Context*

Reader

- 2022, *Traveling Epistemology*
- 2019, *The Latinx, Anti-Black Racism, and Forward-Looking Collective Moral Responsibility*
- 2014, *The Problem of Using Evil Against the Possible Existence of God*
- 2008, *Problems for Presentism*
- 2007, *Spinoza on the Relation between Substance and Attribute*
- 2007, *Groundwork for a Concept-based Theory of Confirmation*
- 2007, *Improving Improvability*
- 2005, *The Problem of Prior Probabilities in Bayesian Confirmation Theory*
- 2004, *From Inner Perception to Direct Attention*

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**SERVICE****DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**UTEP

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| 2024      | Member, Post Tenure Review Committee (Best)                    |
| 2024      | Member, Philosophy of AI Search Committee                      |
| 2022–2023 | Ethics Search Committee  |
| 2021      | Member, Philosophy Chair Search Committee                      |
| 2020      | Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee (Dasgupta)               |
| 2020      | Member, Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee        |
| 2019–2020 | Faculty Senate   |
| 2019      | Member, Philosophy Lecturer Search Committee                   |
| 2019      | Member, Third Year Review Committee (Dasgupta)                 |
| 2019      | Member, Post Tenure Review Committee (Best)                    |
| 2019–     | Member, Professional Achievement Report Departmental Committee |
| 2016–2017 | Liberal Arts Committee on the Transition to Graduate School    |
| 2016–2017 | Liberal Arts Committee on Stackable Degrees                    |
| 2014–2015 | Liberal Arts Faculty Leave Committee                           |
| 2015      | Chair, Administrative Assistant Search Committee               |

2014–2015	Chair, Philosophy of Mind/Philosophy of Science Search Committee
2013–2015	Undergraduate Advisor, minor in Feminist Philosophy
2014	Reviewer, UTEP Arts & Humanities Career Enhancement Awards
2013–2014	Chair, Latin American Search Committee

### Wyoming

2013	Graduate Program Assessment, Philosophy M.A.
2007–2013	Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee
2006–2007	Co-chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee
2005–2006	Ancient Philosophy Search Committee
2005–2013	Undergraduate Advisor
2004–2013	Graduate Program Assessment Committee, Philosophy M.A.
2003–2013	Philosophy Club Faculty Mentor
2003–2013	Director, Philosophy Colloquium Series
2003–2013	Graduate Admissions Committee

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Guest Editor, 2010. *Synthèse*, 176 (2), Special issue on Selected Papers from the 36th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy.

External Reviewer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2025).

Local Organizer & Program Chair, 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Laramie, WY

Refereeing: *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, , *Analysis*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthèse*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Topoi*, *Ratio*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press

Session Chair: *Pacific Division APA*, 2004; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, August 2006, *Eastern Division APA*, 2011.

Conference Refereeing: *Society for Exact Philosophy*; *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*; *Canadian Philosophical Association*, *New Mexico/Texas Philosophy Conference*

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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association, Society for Exact Philosophy

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### **REFERENCES**

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