

# NATHAN KELLEN

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Ethics, Social Epistemology, History of Analytic Philosophy

## APPOINTMENTS

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### Owensboro Community & Technical College

Full-Time Instructor, Philosophy

*Spring 2021 -*

### Kansas State University

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy

*Spring 2021*

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

*Fall 2019 - Fall 2020*

### Metropolitan State University

Instructor, Department of Philosophy

*Summer 2018*

### University of Connecticut, Hartford

Instructor, Department of Philosophy

*Spring 2017*

### University of Connecticut, Storrs

Graduate Assistant & Instructor, Department of Philosophy

*Fall 2012 - Summer 2019*

## EDUCATION

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### University of Connecticut, Storrs

*Summer 2019*

Ph.D, M.A. in Philosophy, Graduate Certificate in Logic

**Dissertation:** *Pluralisms about Truth and Logic*

Committee: Michael P. Lynch (chair), Dorit Bar-On, Jc Beall, Stewart Shapiro, Keith Simmons

### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

*Spring 2012*

B.A. in Philosophy, Minor in German Studies

### Inver Hills Community College

*Spring 2009*

A.A. in General Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

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“The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism”

*Inquiry*, 63:3-4, 258-281, 2020

“Methodological Pluralism about Truth”

in *Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, eds. Wyatt, Pedersen, Kellen; Palgrave MacMillan, 2018

## EDITED COLLECTIONS

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*The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*

eds. Lynch, Wyatt, Kim, Kellen; MIT Press, 2021

*Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, eds. Wyatt, Pedersen, Kellen

Palgrave MacMillan, 2018

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## POPULAR PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS

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- “The Contradictory Clown Prince of Crime” (with Roy T. Cook)  
in *Joker and Philosophy*, eds. Dunn, Cappuccio, Eberl; Wiley-Blackwell, in progress
- “Why You Cannot Rationally Choose to be a Witcher”  
in *The Witcher and Philosophy*, eds. Brake & Decker; Wiley-Blackwell, in progress
- “Just How Many Lukes Are There In *A New Hope, Anyway?*” (with Roy T. Cook)  
in *Star Wars and Philosophy Strikes Back*, eds. Eberl & Decker; Wiley-Blackwell, 2022
- “There is No Truth in Ba Sing Se: Bald-Faced Lies and the Nature of Lying”  
in *Avatar: The Last Airbender and Philosophy*, eds. De Cruz & De Smedt; Wiley-Blackwell, 2022
- “Golden Lassos and Logical Paradoxes” (with Roy T. Cook)  
in *Wonder Woman and Philosophy*, ed. Held; Wiley-Blackwell, 2017
- “The Doctor is a (Wo)Man!”  
in *More Doctor Who and Philosophy*, eds. Lewis & Smithka; Open Court, 2015
- “Gospel, Gossip, and Ghent: How Should We Understand the New *Star Wars?*” (with Roy T. Cook)  
in *The Ultimate Star Wars and Philosophy*, eds. Eberl & Decker; Wiley-Blackwell, 2015

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## COURSES TAUGHT

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### Introduction to Philosophy

This course introduces students to various areas of philosophy by examining historical and contemporary philosophical problems. Topics include: logical paradoxes, lying, the ethics of triage, protests and civil disobedience, personal identity, skepticism, epistemic injustice and the meaning of life.

Owensboro Community & Technical College                      Fall 2022, Spring 2021 (Online)  
Fall 2021, Fall 2020 (Online)

### Medical Ethics

This course examines various moral issues surrounding medical practice and facing medical professionals. Topics include the right to healthcare, informed consent, patient autonomy, vaccination, procreative ethics and bias in medicine. This course is designed for future medical professionals.

Owensboro Community & Technical College    Fall 2022 (Online/F2F), Spring 2022 (Online/F2F)  
Fall 2021 (Online/F2F), Spring 2021 (Online)  
Kansas State University    Spring 2020 (Online)

### Business Ethics

This course examines various moral issues in business ethics, including the purpose of business, the nature of work, exploitation, the ethics of advertising and whistleblowing. This course is designed for future business professionals.

Owensboro Community & Technical College                      Fall 2022 (Online), Spring 2022  
Spring 2021 (Online)

### Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to ethics course composed of three parts: metaethics, normative ethics and applied ethics. Topics include relativism, realism, deontology, utilitarianism, animal ethics, abortion, gun control, consumer ethics, charity, privacy, antinatalism, race, gender, privilege and sexual consent.

Owensboro Community & Technical College                      Spring 2022  
Kansas State University    Spring 2021 (Online), Fall 2020 (Online)  
Spring 2020, Fall 2019  
University of Connecticut, Storrs                                      Summer 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

## COURSES TAUGHT (CONTINUED)

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### Introduction to Logic

Introduction to logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical logic, including reasoning with proofs.

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University of Connecticut, Hartford

Fall 2020 (Online)  
Spring 2017

### Symbolic Logic

Introduction to symbolic logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical,  $\mathcal{K}_3$ , LP and FDE. Ties between logic and classic philosophical problems are explored, as well as the history of logic in the western and non-western traditions. This course fulfills MN Transfer Curriculum Goal (GELS): Mathematical/Logical Reasoning Goal (04) and is thus largely mathematical in nature, and at a higher level than introduction to logic.

Metropolitan State University

Summer 2018

## RESEARCH AND GRANT PROJECTS

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### Humility & Conviction in Public Life: Research Assistant

2017-2019

As a research assistant on the Templeton funded Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project housed at the UConn Humanities Institute I organized three interdisciplinary workshops and assisted with other project activities and events.

### UConn Humanities Assistant: Research Assistant

2017-2019

As a research assistant for the UConn Humanities Assistant I organized several interdisciplinary events, including an "Authors Celebration" for all UConn liberal arts researchers and professors, celebrating their books released over a two-year period.

### ECOM Research Group: Coordinator

2014-2017

As Coordinator for Dorit Bar-On's interdisciplinary "Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning" (ECOM) Research Group at UConn I organized multiple workshops and conferences, semesterly reading groups and speaker series and assisted in grant writing and other research activities.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### "Logic and Multiple Realizability"

APA Central Division 2019 Meeting

Feb 2019

### "Adjudicating Disagreement about Logic via Logical Functionalism"

Disagreement Within Philosophy, Universität Bonn

Oct 2018

### "LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as an Open-Texture Concept"

APA Pacific Division 2018 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting

Apr 2018

### "The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism"

APA Central Division 2018 Meeting

Feb 2018

2017 Minnesota Philosophical Society

Nov 2017

Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop

June 2017

### "Not So Minimal: Against Wright's Minimalism"

Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop

June 2017

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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“Logical Functionalism and Logical Pluralism” Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop	June 2017
“Dummett, (Anti-)Realism and Pluralism about Truth” Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy 2017 Meeting	May 2017
“From Logical Pluralism to Mathematical Pluralism: The Neo-Logicist Route” APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting	Apr 2017
“The Logic of Truth Pluralism” North Carolina Philosophical Society 2017 Meeting 9th Annual Arche Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews	Feb 2017 Oct 2016
“Was Dummett a Truth Pluralist?” COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 3 (Bologna)	Dec 2016
“LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as a Functional Concept” Society for Exact Philosophy 2017 Meeting North Carolina Philosophical Society 2016 Meeting Iowa Philosophical Society 2015 Meeting OSU-Dubrovnik Pluralisms Workshop “Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism” (UConn)	May 2017 Feb 2016 Nov 2015 June 2015 Apr 2015
“The Varieties and Motivations of Truth Pluralisms” Korea Pluralisms Week (Yonsei)	June 2016
“Should Truth Pluralists be Logical Pluralists?” Yonsei University Invited Colloquium Society for Exact Philosophy 2016 Meeting COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 1 (Bologna)	June 2016 May 2016 June 2015
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic” 14th Annual Philosophy of Logic, Math and Physics Graduate Conference (Western)	June 2014
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic” VIII Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference in Philosophy (Brown)	Nov 2013

## EVENTS ORGANIZED

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“Renewing Public Discourse: The HCPL Capstone Workshop” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2019
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Central APA 2019 Affiliated Group Meeting	Feb 2019
“The Conviction Workshop: An Interdisciplinary Exchange” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with A. Finger, M. Lynch	Feb 2019
Society for Exact Philosophy 2018 Meeting UConn, with J. Henderson, M. Rossberg	May 2018
“Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2018

## EVENTS ORGANIZED (CONTINUED)

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“Emotions and Expressions” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On, J. Ochs	Apr 2018
“Renewing Public Discourse: The HCPL Capstone Workshop” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2019
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Central APA 2019 Affiliated Group Meeting	Feb 2019
“The Conviction Workshop: An Interdisciplinary Exchange” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with A. Finger, M. Lynch	Feb 2019
Society for Exact Philosophy 2018 Meeting UConn, with J. Henderson, M. Rossberg	May 2018
“Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2018
“Emotions and Expressions” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On, J. Ochs	Apr 2018
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Pacific APA 2018 Affiliated Group Meeting	Mar 2018
“Human and Nonhuman Animals: Minds and Morals” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On	May 2017
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Pacific APA 2017 Affiliated Group Meeting	Apr 2017
“What’s in a Word?” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Dec 2016
“The A Priori” 2nd Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn	Feb 2016
“Expressive Language: Semantics, Pragmatics, and Origins” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Nov 2015
1st Annual PGSA Interdisciplinary Public Lecture (David Chalmers) Designed and secured funds for interdisciplinary public lecture at UConn	Sep 2015
“Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism” UConn Conference, with M. Lynch, N.J.L.L. Pedersen	Apr 2015
“What’s the Point? Pointing and Gestural Communication” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Mar 2015
“Realism and Anti-Realism” 1st Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn	Nov 2014

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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KCTCS Optimizing Online Learning (KOOL) Academy	Fall 2021 - Fall 2022
KCTCS Master Adviser Training	Spring 2021
American Philosophical Association “Talking Teaching” workshop participation:	
• “Giving Effective and Supportive Feedback”	4/19/2019
• “Building an Online Community”	3/22/2019
• “Increasing In-Class Engagement”	3/8/2019

## SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

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KCTCS General Education Curriculum Committee	Fall 2022 -
KCTCS Philosophy Curriculum Committee	Spring 2021 -
OCTC Common Reading Committee	Spring 2021 -
OCTC Nature Committee	Spring 2021 -
Kansas State University Rationali-tea Faculty/Student Tea Committee	Fall 2019 - Fall 2020
Kansas State University Philosophy Recruitment Committee	Fall 2019 - Fall 2020
UConn Philosophy Representative to CLAS Prospective Student Open House	Spring 2016
UConn Philosophy Graduate Student Association – President	Fall 2014 - Spring 2016

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Journal Refereeing: *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Synthese*

Book Proposal Refereeing: Palgrave MacMillan

Session Chairing:

- APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting – “Paradox” Colloquium
- APA Eastern Division 2017 Meeting – “Logic and Language” Colloquium

Comments:

- Doug Edwards’ *The Metaphysics of Truth* – Truth 20/20 August 2020
- A.J. Cotnoir’s “Parts of Proper Classes” – 2nd Annual Grover Alumni Conference (UConn)
- Steven Dalglish’s “Semantics and Contextualism about Truth” – Contextualism & Truth 2017 (OSU)
- Shay Logan’s “Unnamable Objects and Universal Quantification” – APA Eastern Division 2016 Meeting

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Philosophical Association

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

Society for Exact Philosophy

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy

UConn Logic Group

Prisma: Global Research Network for Pluralisms, Relativisms and Contextualisms

Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Research Group

Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences