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# Joseph D. Kuzma, Ph.D.

I am an experienced educator and curriculum developer with a track-record of outstanding teaching. My pedagogy emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, social engagement, and inclusivity.

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## Education

2011

**Ph.D. Philosophy and Literature / University of Warwick**

2006

**M.A. Continental Philosophy / University of Warwick**

Awarded with Distinction

2005

**B.A. Philosophy and English / University of Colorado,  
Colorado Springs**

Eldon Stevens Award

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## Teaching Experience

MAY 2023 – PRESENT

**Teaching Professor / University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**

Previous roles: Promoted to Principal Instructor (Aug 2023-May 2024); Promoted to Senior Instructor (Aug 2021-Aug 2023); Promoted to Instructor (Jun 2015-Aug 2021); Lecturer (Aug 2012-Jun 2015).

Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Introduction to Ethics; Cosmology and Culture; Cyborgs and Monsters; Philosophy of Nature and Sustainability; Early Modern Philosophy; Politics and the Law; The Transhuman Future; GPS Freshman Seminar: Gray Matters; Conversations About Complexity.

Other activities: Departmental website maintenance; senior thesis advising; philosophy club coordination and support; general promotion and outreach; curriculum-development.

JANUARY 2014 – MAY 2014

**Visiting Instructor of Philosophy / Colorado State University, Pueblo, CO**

Course taught: Continental Philosophy

AUGUST 2011 – MAY 2014

**Instructor of Philosophy / Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs**

Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Logic, Environmental Ethics, Introduction to Literature

AUGUST 2012 – MAY 2014

**Adjunct Instructor / Colorado Springs Early Colleges, Colorado Springs**

Course taught: Critical Thinking

SEPTEMBER 2005 – DECEMBER 2009

**Teaching Assistant/ University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom**

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## Peer-Reviewed Publications

### BOOKS

*Philosophy in the Holodeck: Thinking Critically About the Emerging Technology* (Kendall Hunt, 2022)

*Maurice Blanchot and Psychoanalysis* (Brill, 2019)

*The Eroticization of Distance: Nietzsche, Blanchot, and the Legacy of Courtly Love* (Lexington, 2016)

### ARTICLES

"The Primal Scene," "Narcissism," and "Desire" in *Dictionnaire Maurice Blanchot* (eds.) Holland and Opelz (Paris: Classiques Garnier, 2024).

"Maurice Blanchot," *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <https://www.iep.utm.edu/blanchot>

"The Physiologies of Eros: A Response to Fiona Ellis." *Religious Studies* 52:2 (June 2016): 263-272.

"The Intimate Blanchot" *Comparative Literature* 68:1 (Spring 2016): 18-30.

"Intimacy of the Dispossessed: On Liminal Relations in Blanchot and Apuleius." *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History* 44.2 (March 2015): 193-215.

"Nietzsche, *Tristan*, and the Rehabilitation of Erotic Distance." *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 44.1 (2013): 69-89.

"Circulus Vitiosus." *The Agonist* 2.1 (March 2009): 31-47.

"Radiance and Vulnerability." *Pli: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy* 18 (2007): 113-129.

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## **Professional Service**

JUNE 2021-PRESENT

### **Executive Committee Member/ UCCS-ICORE (Interdisciplinarity and Complexity Oriented Researchers and Educators)**

Duties include: Promoting all interdisciplinary activities on campus with events and education; recommending degree programs to CUE, Graduate School, and Provost for implementation; maintaining web-presence and support for approved interdisciplinary programs; curating links among researchers and educators from diverse fields.

APRIL 2018 – PRESENT

### **Honors Program Faculty Associate Director / University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**

Duties include: Tracking student retention; overseeing program admissions; organizing learning-service opportunities for students; liaising with local non-profit organizations; building links to the community; advising students; program planning.

JANUARY 2016 – PRESENT

### **Faculty Sponsor, Philosophy Club/ Department of Philosophy, UCCS**

Duties include: Organizing and promoting philosophy club meetings; securing funding and managing a budget; liaising with departmental faculty and community members to arrange special events; participating in student recruitment efforts.

SEPTEMBER 2015 – PRESENT

### **Website Content Editor/ Department of Philosophy, UCCS**

Duties include: Developing content for the departmental webpage; updating website with course information; maintaining faculty pages and update faculty photos and CVs; liaising with alumni to build a collection of former student pages; using Ingeniux and Drupal; troubleshooting glitches; liaising with university IT services.

AUGUST 2014 – JANUARY 2016

### **Series Co-Organizer, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philosophy at the Library Series/ Department of Philosophy, UCCS**

Duties include: Collaborating with the Pikes Peak Library District, the Department of Philosophy, and the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences to organize a year-long lecture series in commemoration of the university's 50th anniversary; securing funding; liaising with speakers; sourcing a venue; creating promotional materials; completing logistical tasks.

2005 – 2010

## **Editorial Board Member, Pli: the Warwick Journal of Philosophy/ University of Warwick**

Duties include: Preparing scholarly manuscripts for publication; reviewing submitted articles to determine suitability for publication; working with other board members to refine the journal's mission; drafting calls-for-papers; performing indexing duties; processing electronic and hard-copy orders; receiving and processing new books for review; corresponding with scholars and philosophers; shipping journal-copies to libraries; helping maintain the journal's website; soliciting funding from the university.

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## **Volunteering**

MARCH 2023 – PRESENT

### **Food Pantry Volunteer / Catholic Charities of Central Colorado**

Duties include: Assisting a diverse clientele of folks experiencing food insecurity; helping these folks pick out food products from our pantry; restocking the pantry as needed; weighing food and keeping precise records; inputting client information into our database.

SEPTEMBER 2013 – JUNE 2016

### **Court Appointed Special Advocate / CASA of the Pikes Peak Region**

Duties include: Working to ensure that the needs and interests of abused and neglected children are being met; conducting interviews with the child, parents, foster parents and any other concerned parties or relatives; reviewing appropriate records and reports; working with Attorney Guardian Ad Litem as counsel, while representing the best interests of the child.

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## **Professional References**

Professor Robert Sackett, Ph.D.  
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