

Department of Philosophy
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Joseph D. Kuzma, Ph.D.

I am a philosophy professor with expertise spanning the history of philosophy, contemporary ethics, and philosophy of technology. I am committed to rigorous scholarship, student-centered teaching, and building intellectual community both in and beyond the classroom.

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

Teaching Experience

MAY 2014 – 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).

Philosophy courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Introduction to Ethics; Cosmology and Culture; Cyborgs and Monsters; Philosophy and AI; Philosophy of Nature and Sustainability; Early Modern Philosophy; Politics and the Law.

Other courses taught: The Transhuman Future (HUM 3990); GPS Freshman Seminar: Gray Matters (GPS 1010); Conversations About Complexity (HNRS 3011).

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

BOOKS

CRUX: Radical Philosophy and the Scandal of the Cross (Forthcoming, Cascade Books, 2025)

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, Forthcoming 2025).

"The Irreplicable Nature of Human Intuition: A Critical Response to Claims of Artificial Intuition." *Philosophy and Technology* 38:2 (2025). 1-15.

"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.

Fellowships, Research Centers, and Grants

AUGUST 2025 – PRESENT

C3 Innovation Fellow / University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Duties include: Directing the AI Ethics Literacy Initiative; providing AI ethics consultation to community organizations; developing workshops for local businesses and schools; mentoring UCCS students in applied ethics research through partnerships with regional stakeholders.

SEPTEMBER 2024-PRESENT

Co-Principal Investigator/ UCCS Center for the Study of AI & Well-Being

Duties include: Co-leading research initiatives on AI's impact on human well-being; developing methodologies for using AI to study AI; fostering interdisciplinary collaborations across humanities disciplines; contributing to grant management and center development; overseeing research on the ethical and emotional impacts of AI algorithms.

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.

Professional Service

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.

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 2024-MAY 2025

Co-Director/ CU Next Learning Assistant Program at UCCS

Duties include: Program management; recruitment and selection; training and development; assessment and evaluation; budget management; reporting; expansion and advocacy.

JANUARY 2016 – MAY 2025

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.

AUGUST 2014 – JANUARY 2016

Series Co-Organizer, 50th 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.

Volunteering

MARCH 2023 – PRESENT

Food Pantry Volunteer / Catholic Charities of Central Colorado

Duties include: Serving 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.

Professional References

Available upon request