

## Josef Mendoza, Ph.D.

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### Current Teaching Positions

Mercy University, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Montclair State University, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Montclair, NJ.

### Teaching and Research Interests

Value Theory, Metaphysics, Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Greco-Roman Classics, Modern European Philosophy, Women in Philosophy, Pragmatism in the Americas, Philosophy in Literature, Blue Humanities, Logical Thinking, Philosophy of Higher Education.

### Education

**CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, Ph.D. Postsecondary Education** **2015**

Diss. *A Thematic Analysis of Self-Directed Learning in Shelley's Frankenstein*

**THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, M. A. Philosophy** **2001**

Thesis: *Apperception and Subreption in Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*

Committee Members: R. J. Bernstein, D. Nikulin, Y. Yovel.

**BOSTON COLLEGE, M. A. Philosophy** **1992**

*Ancients, Hermeneutics, Existentialism, Phenomenology*

Committee: H.-G. Gadamer, D.M. Rasmussen, W. J. Richardson, J. Taminioux.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**

**B. A. Comparative Culture** **1981**

**B. A. Social Ecology** **1980**

### Teaching Experience

Full-Time

**BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY** **Fall 2011**

***Philosophy Instructor*** (Interim Sabbatical Appointments) **Spring 2003**

Teaching: Introduction to Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Aesthetics.

Research: Ethics Across the Curriculum; American History.

Service: Student Advisement; Faculty Assistant Advisor to the Latino Honors Society; Adjunct Faculty Observations; Hispanic Heritage Month Committee.

**BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Paramus, NJ** **2001-2002**

***Philosophy and Critical Thinking Minority Scholar and Faculty Intern***

Teaching: Introduction to Philosophy; Contemporary Moral Issues, First-Year Seminar.

Research: Learning in Retirement; World Philosophies and Religions.

Service: Gen-Ed Sub-Committee; Diversity Week Planning Committee; Co-Faculty Advisor to the Philosophy Student Club, *LOGOS*.

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Part-Time Teaching Experience

- MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**, Montclair, NJ 2022-2026  
***Adjunct Professor of Philosophy***  
Courses: Ethics, Logic, Ethics and Community Engagement,  
Winter Ethics (Canvas online).
- MERCY UNIVERSITY**, Dobbs Ferry, NY  
***Senior Lecturer in Philosophy*** 2022-2026  
***Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy*** 2016-2022  
***Lecturer in Philosophy*** 2003-2007  
Courses: Logical Thinking (In-person and in Blackboard online)  
Introduction to Philosophy  
First-Year Seminar
- BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY**  
***Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy*** 2015-2020  
***Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy*** 2001-2015  
Courses: Introduction to Philosophy  
Great Issues in Philosophy  
Critical Thinking  
Logic  
Aesthetics (College Now - High School Advanced Placement)
- SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**, South Orange, NJ 2004-2009  
***Adjunct Professor of Philosophy***  
Courses: Philosophy and the Ancient Mind  
Philosophy and the Modern Mind  
Introduction to Philosophy
- SUNY ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Suffern, NY Fall 2008  
***Philosophy Instructor***  
Honors Seminar: Processes of Thinking (Critical and Logical Reasoning)
- BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Paramus, NJ 2002 - 2008  
***Philosophy Instructor***  
Courses: Introduction to the College Experience (First-Year Seminar)  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Applied Ethics
- EUGENE LANG COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**, New York, NY Fall 1996  
***Philosophy Teaching Fellow*** – Program in Mind, Nature and Values  
Developed and Taught the Undergraduate Seminar: *Humanism and Diversity*

### Additional Teaching Experience

- *Philosophy Instructor*, The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (JHU-CTY) Grades 7-11. Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA. Summer 2026
- *Teaching Assistant*, Logic: The Principle of Reasoning. JHU-CTY, Grades 9-11. Dickinson University, Carlisle, PA. Summer 2025
- *Math Teacher*, Gr.6-8. The Boys Club of New York, Summer Camp Cromwell. 2001-04
- *Study Skills Workshop Leader*, BMCC/CUNY Pre-College Now Program. Spring 2001

### Conference Presentations

*Philosophical Dimensions of Créolité in L. Maria Child's A Romance of the Republic*. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Howard University, Washington, D.C. March 15, 2025.

*L. Maria Child's Intertangled Agency: Liberty, Dignity, Interculturality or Coexistence, and Public Instruction*. Long Island Philosophy Society, Molloy University, April 13, 2024.

*L. Maria Child's Informal Adult Education: Caring and Values in Philothea*. Northeast Philosophy of Education Society, Columbia University Teacher's College, New York, NY. Oct. 7, 2023.

*L. Maria Child (1802-1880): An Informal Philosophy of Education for Democratic Republican Governance*. Philosophy of Education Society, Chicago, IL. March 5, 2023

*The Future of Truth*. World Philosophy Day Symposium, Mercy College, Nov. 17, 2022.

*The Viability of Using Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to Teach Ethics and Moral Theory*. Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. October 6-8, 2022.

*Plato's Allegory of the Cave and its Contemporary Relevance for Health and Correctional Education*. Zoom Presentation, Social Science at Southwestern College, June 2, 2022, CA.

"*Grace Chin Lee Boggs: Pragmatist to [r]Evolutionist—Sustainable Activism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*." Presented at the Feminist-Pragmatist Philosophy Colloquium, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY. 11/15/19.

"*Deep Health and Applied Philosophy: iatreia and oikeiosis as Ethical Terms of Care in Antiquity*." Panel presentation on "Health Science Student Challenges: Rebuilding Lives After Domestic Violence and Immigration—NY Sanctuary for Families and CUNY's Mexican Studies Institute," Sustainable Struggles Conference on Cross-Cultural Approaches to Latina/o Studies. New York City, November 13, 2015.

"*Latina/o Mestizaje*." Panel organizer and moderator, Health Education and Career Development. Latina/o Studies Conference, BMCC/CUNY. November 15, 2013.

"*Transculturality, Transformational Learning and Postcolonial Teaching Faculty Development*." Presentation on Higher Education at the Borders: Teaching from the Underside of History at the Caribbean Philosophy Association Conference, Shifting the Geography of Reason: The University, Public Education and the Transformation of Society. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. September 30, 2011.

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"Critical Thinking: An Old Sophism or a New Field of Study?" American Philosophy Association, Eastern Division Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. December 30, 2003.

### Professional Development

- Pulse on Learning, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Mercy College 2018-19
- Gateway Initiative, Supplemental Instruction and Course Redesign, BMCC/CUNY 2016-17
- Blackboard Certification for Teaching Online, CUNY Professional Studies Summer 2015
- STEM to STEAM: Assessing Art, Design and Visual Projects Fall 2014

### Service to the Profession

- Reviewer, *Hypatia* 36(2): *A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* Spring 2020
- Executive Board Member, CUNY Mexican Studies Institute 2015-18
- CUNY Mexican Studies Institute Annual Conference Planning Committee 2013-14
- Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee, Latino Film Festival, BMCC 2008-15

### Professional Affiliations

- American Philosophy Association (Two-Year Colleges Committee Member, 2002-05)
- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- American Association of Philosophy Teachers
- Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum
- Philosophy of Education Society

### Reading Languages

French, German, Spanish

### Awards & Honors

- Adjunct Faculty Development Fund Grant, Montclair State University, NJ. Spring 2025
- Professional Development Grant, Mercy University, New York. Spring 2024-25
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Summer 2022  
NEH Summer Institute for College and University Professors. *David Hume in the Twenty-First Century: Perpetuating the Enlightenment*. Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- Faculty Development Grant, Mercy University, New York. Summer 2022
- NYU Faculty Resource Network Associate Seminar Fellow, *The Practice of Ethics* 2003-4
- Carl Schürz Fellow, *Universität Bremen*, Germany Summer 1998

## References

Ben Abelson, Ph.D.

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Mercy University  
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