# PHILIP D. GROTH

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**Areas of Specialization:**
Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Perception, Epistemology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

**Areas of Competence:**
Ethics (Incl. Contemporary Moral Problems), Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Technology

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## EMPLOYMENT:

Lecturer of Philosophy, Fresno State University, 2025-present

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## EDUCATION:

**University of California, Santa Cruz**
Ph.D. Philosophy, 2019-2026
Dissertation: *Perception, Belief, and Mental Imagery: Essays on the Representational Mind*
Committee: Nico Orlandi (chair), Janette Dinishak, Jason Samaha (external)

**George Fox University**
B.A. Philosophy, 2014-2018

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## PUBLICATIONS:

**"Belief, Perception, and the Laws of Appearance"** (2026) *Philosophical Psychology* 39:(2)

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## PRESENTATIONS:

**"The Epistemology of Mental Imagery and Perception"**
- 21st Annual Graduate Symposium, UC Santa Cruz, CA, 2025

**"Bounds of Cognition: Epistemology and Psychology of Perception"**
- Graduate Student Works-in-Progress Colloquium, UC Santa Cruz, CA, 2025

**"Belief, Perception, and the Laws of Appearance"**
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Colloquium, New York, NY, 2025

*Recipient of the Sanders Graduate Student Award
- International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind, Webconference, 2024
- Epistemic Significance of Perceptual Consciousness Conference, Jagiellonian, University, Krakow, Poland, 2024
- Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience Workgroup "Memphis in the Spring" Memphis, TN, 2024
- Graduate Research Workshop, CalPoly San Luis Obispo, CA, 2024

**"Inference and Other Cognitive Transitions"**
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, 2022

**"Engaging Heidegger: Dasein and Death of the Oppressed Other"**
- International Conference on Ethical Thinking-Past and Present, Stará Lesná, Slovakia, 2018

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**A W A R D S & F E L L O W S H I P S :**

- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award ($200), UC Santa Cruz, Department of Philosophy, 2025
- Sanders Graduate Student Award ($1.000), 2025
    - This award is given to three best papers in philosophy of mind, metaphysics, epistemology, or ethics submitted to the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association by graduate students. The prize is funded by the Marc Sanders Foundation
- APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Travel Grant ($300), 2025
- Dissertation Fellowship ($10.000), UC Santa Cruz, 2025
    - This merit fellowship was granted for the duration of one quarter to support the writing of a dissertation
- Dean's Travel Award ($200), UC Santa Cruz, 2024
- Sofia Dembia Scholarship ($3.000), The Kosciuszko Foundation, 2023
    - Merit scholarship for graduate students of Polish descent
- Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship ($2.000), Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning, UC Santa Cruz, 2023
    - This fellowship funded my participation in a series of pedagogy workshops and allowed me to design a Pedagogy of Philosophy graduate course, which I taught in the two following years.
- Stanislaw Chylinski Scholarship ($3.000), The Kosciuszko Foundation, 2022
    - Merit scholarship for graduate students of Polish descent.
- National Humanities Center Graduate Student Summer Residency Program Fellowship ($750), The Humanities Institute, 2022
- Public Humanities Graduate Student Instructor (GSI salary + $5,000), The Humanities Institute, 2021-2022
    - This grant was awarded to collaboratively design and individually teach an interdisciplinary undergraduate course on Imagination as a part of the Andrew W. Mellon-funded "Expanding Humanities Impact and Publics" project.
- Graduate Humanities Fellowship ($8.000), UC Santa Cruz, 2020
- Regent's Fellowship ($14.200), UC Santa Cruz, 2019-2020
- Bruin Achievement Award ($32.000), George Fox University, 2014-2018

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## RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT:

**Summer School on *Reality+***
Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, 2023
Instructors: David Chalmers (New York University); Nathan Wildman (Tilburg University); Brendan Balcerak-Jackson (University of Bielefeld)

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## TEACHING:

**At Fresno State University**

**As Instructor of Record**
- *Introduction to Professional Ethics* (upper division)
- *Theory of Knowledge* (upper division)
- *Issues in Political Philosophy* (upper division)
- *Methods of Reasoning* (in-person and asynchronous online sections)
- *Contemporary Conflicts of Morals* (upper division)

**At University of California, Santa Cruz**

**As Instructor of Record**
- *Imagination* (upper division)
- *Introduction to Philosophy*
- *Epistemology* (upper division)
- *The Pedagogy of Philosophy* (graduate seminar)
- *Philosophy of Mind* (upper division)
- *Introduction to Ethical Theory* (asynchronous online)
- *Introductory Symbolic Logic (*asynchronous online)

**As Teaching Assistant**
- *Introduction to Philosophy,*
  for Thomas Rule
  for Janette Dinishak
  for Mariana Imaz-Sheinbaum
  for Jordan Dopkins
  for Emine Hande Tuna
- *Ethical Theory,*
  for Kyle Robertson
  for Rachel Achs
- *Reason, Logic, and the Idols of Thought,* for Jon Ellis (online)
- *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, for Jordan Dopkins (online)
- *Philosophy of Cognitive Science*, for Nico Orlandi
- *Contemporary Ethical Theory*, for Jeanne Proust

**Advising**
Jonas Amaya "Phenomenal Consciousness in Complex Adaptive Systems under Panpsychism and the Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness," Koret Scholar, UC Santa Cruz 2025

**Guest Lecture**
- "Effective Altruism and its Criticisms" for Ethical Theory (Rachel Achs), Winter 2024

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## TEACHING DEVELOPMENT:

- Course Design and Delivery Certificate, Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning, UC Santa Cruz, 2023
- Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning, UC Santa Cruz, 2023
- Graduate Student Summer Residency Program on Teaching and Learning, National Humanities Center, 2022
- Course Design Workshop, Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning, UC Santa Cruz, 2021
- Graduate Seminar: The Pedagogy of Philosophy, UC Santa Cruz, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020

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## SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES:

**Departmental & University Service**
- Philosophy Program Graduate Student Representative, UC Santa Cruz, 2023-2024
- Grad Peer Mentor, UC Santa Cruz, 2022-2023
- Panelist, The Pedagogy of Philosophy Graduate Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, 2021
- Panelist, S.T.A.R.T. Graduate Student Panel, UC Santa Cruz, 2021
- Philosophy Colloquium Committee, UC Santa Cruz, 2020-2025
- Organizer, "Works in Progress" graduate colloquia, UC Santa Cruz, 2020-2021
- Assistant Organizer, Environmental Peace Colloquium Series, Center for Peace and Justice, George Fox University, 2017
- Organizer, Philosophy Club, George Fox University, 2015-2016

**Service to the Profession**
- Colloquium chair, APA Pacific Division, online, 2026
- Referee for *Asian Journal of Philosophy*
- Colloquium chair, APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, 2025

**Public Philosophy**
- "Ask a Philosopher" Booth, UCSC Center for Public Philosophy & Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, 2023
- Judge, NorCal High School Ethics Bowl, UCSC Center for Public Philosophy, 2023

**Professional Memberships**
*Central Valley Philosophy Association* (2026-present)
*International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind* (2024-present)
*American Philosophical Association* (2020-present)

**L A N G U A G E S :**

Polish (native), English (near-native)

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**G R A D U A T E  C O U R S E W O R K :**
**Philosophy Department at UC Santa Cruz**
***Indicates audited course**

- *Longuenesse on the Transcendental Analytic (Abe Stone)*
- *Scientism, Epistemologies of Ignorance, and Epistemic Injustice in Science (Janette Dinishak)*
- *Aesthetic Normativity (Robbie Kubala)*
- *Concepts (Nico Orlandi)*
- *Ethics, Nature and Natural Selection (Daniel Guevara & Claudio Campagna)*
- *Philosophy and Fiction (E. Hande Tuna)*
- *Nagel's "The View From Nowhere" (Robbie Kubala)*
- *Locke (Abe Stone)*
- *Early Modern Women (E. Hande Tuna)*
- *Intro to Philosophy of Mind (Nico Orlandi)*
- *Wittgenstein (Janette Dinishak)*
- **Epistemology (Jon Ellis)*
- Independent Study: *Moral Deliberation (E. Hande Tuna)*
- Directed Reading: *Siegel and Sellars (Paul Roth)*
- Directed Reading: *Audi's "Moral Perception" (Nico Orlandi)*
- Directed Reading: *18th Century Aesthetics (E. Hande Tuna)*
- Directed Reading: *Wittgenstein on Aspect Perception (Janette Dinishak)*
- Directed Reading: *Motivated Reasoning (Jon Ellis)*

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**R E F E R E N C E S :**

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