

Michael Calasso

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy, Boston University
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Areas of Specialization and Competence

- AOS** Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Language
AOC Moral Philosophy, Medical Ethics, History of Analytic Philosophy

Academic Employment

- Fall 2024 Teaching Professional/Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
Summer 2024 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Spring 2024 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Education

- 2024 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Dissertation: *Ontological Methodology and the Philosophy of Arithmetic: A Critique of Abstractionism*.
Committee: Roy T. Cook (advisor), Peter Hanks, Geoffrey Hellman, Thomas Hofweber (UNC, Chapel Hill), Michael Kac, and David E. Taylor.
2017 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
(Conferred in 2022)
2013 B.A. in Philosophy, Brooklyn College, CUNY
2011 A.A.S. in Broadcasting Technology and Management, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY

Publications

- 2023 Michael Calasso and Shay A. Logan. "Stratified Restricted Universals," *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 2(2): 44.
2017 Michael Calasso and Roy T. Cook. "Review: Abstraction and Infinity, Paolo Mancosu," *Philosophia Mathematica*, 27(1): 125-152.

Presentations

- 11/2023 "The Hopeful Account of Restricted Quantification." Australasian Logic Colloquium. (Canceled due to illness)
11/2023 "Patriarchy, the Mafia, and Why Men Buy Into a Losing Game" with Manon St. Amant. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, *Works in Progress Meeting*.

- 11/2018 “Frege’s Metaontology.” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, *Works in Progress Meeting*.
- 4/2017 “Ontological Methodology and the Philosophy of Arithmetic: A Critique of Thomas Hofweber.” Pacific APA Division Meeting, Seattle, *Colloquium*.
- 3/2017 “Ontological Methodology and the Philosophy of Arithmetic: A Critique of Thomas Hofweber.” University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, *Works in Progress Meeting*.

Teaching (* denotes graduate level; + denotes online course)

Boston University

Teaching Fellow Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2024)

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Graduate Logic Tutor 2014-2024
 I guided and instructed the graduate students as they completed assignments for the required logic courses* (which were taught by Roy T. Cook, Samuel Flecher, Cat Saint-Croix, and David E. Taylor). The content of these courses included the metatheory of sentential logic, first-order logic, and modal logic (up through semantic completeness), set theory and computability theory (up through Gödel’s Incompleteness Theorem). To guarantee my former colleague’s success, I helped them develop the following skills: proof-writing, rigorous mathematical argumentation, and the ability to apply various formal methods and concepts.

Primary Instructor Honors Logic (Spring 2020+)
 Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2021+)
 Introduction to Logic (Spring 2020+, Fall 2019)
 Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2024)
 Medical Ethics (Fall 2021, Summer 2021+, Fall 2019)
 Moral Problems of Contemporary Society (Summer 2024+, Summer 2020, Summer 2019)

Teaching Assistant Existentialism (Fall 2023)
 Introduction to Logic (Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014)
 Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2022, Spring 2016, Spring 2015)
 Introduction to Political Philosophy (Fall 2016)
 Medical Ethics (Fall 2017)
 Modal Logic* (Spring 2018)
 Moral Problems of Contemporary Society (Fall 2022)
 Philosophy and Cultural Diversity (Fall 2020)
 Symbolic Logic* (Fall 2018)

Brooklyn College, CUNY

Under-graduate Tutor 2011-2013
Philosophy Tutor, Learning Center

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- 2024 Thank a Teacher Certificate Award, Center for Educational Innovation
- 2024 Certificate of For-All-X-Awesomeness Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy
- 2023 Thank a Teacher Certificate Award, Center for Educational Innovation
- 2022 DRPP Summer Fellowship, Department of Philosophy
- 2022 Thank a Teacher Certificate Award, Center for Educational Innovation
- 2021 Thank a Teacher Certificate Award, Center for Educational Innovation
- 2020 Thank a Teacher Certificate Award, Center for Educational Innovation
- 2019 Swenson-Keirkegaard Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of Philosophy
- 2018 DRPP Summer Fellowship, Department of Philosophy
- 2017 GRPP Summer Fellowship, Department of Philosophy
- 2016 DRPP Summer Fellowship, Department of Philosophy
- 2016 MSA-COGS Teaching Award, Council of Graduate Students
- 2015 DRPP Summer Fellowship, Department of Philosophy

Service To Department

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- 2022-present Anti-Racist Reading Group, Founding Member
- 2022-present First-Generation Philosophers Affinity Group, Founding Member
- 2018-present Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Founding Member

Other

- 2022-2023 Facilities Committee, Diversity Committee, Department Council Representative Committee, Colloquium Committee, Reception Committee
- 2018-2019 Admission and Aid Committee, Awards Committee
- 2017-2018 Admission and Aid Committee, Awards Committee, Colloquium Committee
- 2016-2017 Admission and Aid Committee, Awards Committee
- 2015-2016 Colloquium Committee, Hospitality Committee
- 2014-2015 Reception Committee

Memberships

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science, Graduate Student Fellow

Other

American Philosophical Association
Salzburg Global Seminar, Alumnus

Reading Groups

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Foundations Interest Reading Group

Professional References

Prof. Roy T. Cook (cookx432@umn.edu)
Prof. David E. Taylor (detaylor@umn.edu)
Prof. Valerie Tiberius (tiberius@umn.edu)