

# William Evan Welchance

## Curriculum Vitae

Phone: (615) – 663 – 6143  
 Email: [ww9vk@virginia.edu](mailto:ww9vk@virginia.edu)  
 Website: [evanwelchance.com](http://evanwelchance.com)  
 Contact for address

University of Virginia  
 Corcoran Department of Philosophy  
 120 Cocke Hall  
 Charlottesville, VA 22903

**Areas of Specialization:** Metaphysics, philosophy of mind

**Areas of Competence:** Epistemology, philosophy of language, applied ethics

### ***Education***

University of Virginia

- PhD in Philosophy, *In progress*

Rutgers University

- Visiting Graduate Student, *August 2022 – May 2023*

Brandeis University

- MA in Philosophy, *December 2018*

Middle Tennessee State University

- BA in Philosophy, BS in Mathematics, *May 2017*

### ***Publications***

“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.” (co-authored with Louis Doulas) *Analysis* (2021).

### ***Under review***

“Perceiving persistence conditions.”

“Metaphysical infinitism and theoretical virtue.”

### ***Works in Progress***

“The perceptual argument against extraordinary objects.”

“The problem of referential adicity for easy ontology.”

“Justification, bias, and epistemic blame.”

### ***Presentations***

“Extraordinary objects.”

- UVA Undergraduate Philosophy Club, October 2023

“Perceptually justifying ordinary object beliefs.”

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2023
- Eastern APA (Symposium), January 2024.

“Justification, bias, and epistemic blame.”

- Virginia Philosophical Association, October 2023.
- Mind, Value, and Moral Psychology: Rice and University of Houston Graduate

Conference, November 2023

“Reference variance.”

- Rutgers Grad Talk Series, March 2023.

“Metaphysical infinitism and theoretical virtue.”

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2022.
- Central APA (Colloquium), February 2023.
- Long Island Philosophical Society, April 2023.

“Phenomenology-based quantifier variance.”

- Second Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology, University of Graz, September 2022.

“Perceiving persistence conditions.”

- Georgia Philosophical Society, June 2022.
- Rutgers Metaphysics Reading Group, November 2022.
- Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, November 2022.
- Eastern APA (Colloquium), January 2023.

“Acquaintability and ordinary ontology.”

- Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy, April 2022.

“Attention and cognitive phenomenology.”

- Morven Retreat for the University of Virginia’s Department of Philosophy, September 2021.
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2021.

“Vagueness is unitary.”

- Graduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2021.

“Ordinary objects are *a priori*-ty.”

- Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, March 2021.

“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.”

- Florida Philosophical Association, February 2021. (With Louis Doulas.)

“The functional conception of laws.”

- *Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy*, Stanford University, April 2020.
- Wisconsin Philosophical Association, August 2020.
- South Carolina Society for Philosophy, April 2021.

### **Comments**

“Skepticism, Conservatism, and Equilibrism’s Problem of Meta-philosophical Disappointment”, Scott Aikin

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2023

“Fallacy Accusation and Meta-Argument”, Scott Aikin

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2022

### ***Teaching***

(As sole instructor)

*Ethics in the Digital Age*: University of Virginia, Summer 2023 (one section)

*Environmental Ethics*: University of Virginia’s Launchpad Program, Summer 2021 (one section)

(As teaching assistant)

*History of Philosophy: Modern*: University of Virginia, Spring 2022 (three sections)

*Philosophy of Health and Healthcare*: University of Virginia, Fall 2021 (six sections)

*Meaning of Life*: University of Virginia, Spring 2021 (three sections)

*The Past, Present, and Future of Humankind*: University of Virginia, J-term 2021 (one section)

*Human Nature*: University of Virginia, Fall 2020 (three sections)

*Introduction to Symbolic Logic*: Brandeis University, Fall 2018 (~40 students)

*Introduction to Philosophy*: Brandeis University, Fall 2017 (one section)

### ***Professional Development***

*Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing*: University of Virginia

- August 2020 (as student)
- January 2023 (as graduate assistant)

### ***Other Professional Service***

Graduate Student Representative for UVA’s Philosophy Department, AY 2021-22

Index writer for Ross Cameron’s *Chains of Being* (2022)

Research Assistant for Elizabeth Barnes, AY 2023-24

### ***Honors and Awards***

2024 Eastern APA Graduate Travel Stipend

2023 Eastern APA Graduate Travel Stipend

2023 Central APA Graduate Travel Stipend

South Carolina Society for Philosophy Graduate Student Essay Prize (“The functional conception of laws.”)

University of Virginia Graduate Student Fellowship

Brandeis Philosophy Department Merit Scholarship

### ***Selected graduate coursework***

(At UVA)

State Legitimacy, Adams, Spring 2021

Material Objects, Merricks, Fall 2020

Vagueness, Merricks, Spring 2020

Infinitism Independent Study, Cameron, Spring 2020

Language and Logic in Aristotle, McReady-Flora, Spring 2020

Laws of Nature, Ott, Fall 2019

Ethics, Brewer, Fall 2019  
Experience, Langsam, Fall 2019

(At Brandeis)

External World Skepticism, B. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Formal Semantics, Malamud, Spring 2018  
Mathematical Logic, J. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, J. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Philosophical Problems with Space and Time, Hirsch, Spring 2018  
Metaphysics, Hirsch, Fall 2017  
Philosophy of Mathematics, Yourgrau, Fall 2017  
Fiction and Fictionalism, Yourgrau, Fall 2017