

Micah Edvenson

PhD Student in Philosophy · Florida State University

EDUCATION

PhD Program in Philosophy, Florida State University	2026–present
M.A. in Philosophy, University of Florida	2026
B.A. in Philosophy, minor in History (<i>cum laude</i>), University of Florida	2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Biology · Philosophy of Language · Philosophy of Psychology · Cognitive Science ·
Metaphilosophy · History of Analytic Philosophy

FURTHER AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Philosophy of Religion · Applied Ethics · Philosophy of Mind

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

(forthcoming) "The near miss modal ontological argument for atheism" (with Gene Witmer). *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Gene Witmer	Fall 2025–Spring 2026
University Scholars Program Undergraduate Research Grant: Bioethics with Dr. Molly Gardner	Fall 2022–Spring 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Teaching Assistant (grading, holding office hours, leading weekly breakout sessions):

PHI 1322: The Idea of Happiness (Quest) Instructor: Nathan Rothschild	Fall 2024
PHI 3641: Ethics and Innovation (AI Course) Instructor: James Simpson	Spring 2025

PHI 1001: Conflict of Ideas (Quest)

Summer (B) 2025

Instructor: Rodrigo Borges

AWARDS & GRANTS

University Scholars Program Research Grant	Fall 2022–Spring 2023
Langadas Scholarship, Center for Greek Studies	Spring 2023
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Spring 2022
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Fall 2023

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Revisiting Hume on Ideas and Cognition"	Spring 2026
Western Michigan Graduate Conference	
"A Dream of our Language: Wittgenstein on Thought"	Spring 2026
UF–FSU Graduate Conference	
"The Near Miss Modal Ontological Argument for Atheism" (with Gene Witmer)	Spring 2026
Society for the Philosophy of Religion	
"The Near Miss Modal Ontological Argument for Atheism"	2026
Florida Philosophical Association	
"Harm and Benefit in the De-extinction Debate"	2023
Undergraduate Research Symposium	
"Some Puzzles about Preemptive Harming"	Spring 2022
Undergraduate Philosophy Conference	
"Darwin and the Manifest Image"	Fall 2021
Undergraduate Philosophy Society	

SERVICE

Co-organizer, Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference at UF	Spring 2026
Vice President, Graduate Student Philosophy Society	Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Co-organizer, Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference at UF	Spring 2025
Secretary, Graduate Student Philosophy Society	Fall 2024–Spring 2025

LANGUAGES

Natural: English (native), Ancient Greek (Beginner)

Artificial: R (Beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the American Philosophical Association

Member of the Society for Philosophy of Religion

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

I host a YouTube channel featuring interviews with professional philosophers and lecture materials. Past guests include Jody Azzouni, Graham Oppy, Michael Huemer, Dustin Crummett, Eric Steinhardt, and more.

youtube.com/@medverson

REFERENCES

Gene Witmer	Associate Professor & Department Chair, Philosophy, University of Florida	gwitmer@ufl.edu
Chris Dorst	Associate Professor & Graduate Coordinator, Philosophy, University of Florida	cdorst@ufl.edu
Molly Gardner	Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of Florida	mollygardner@ufl.edu
Rodrigo Borges	Instructional Professor, Philosophy, University of Florida	rodrigo.borges@ufl.edu
Florin Curta	Professor, History & Medieval Archaeology, University of Florida	fcurta@ufl.edu