

Adrian Jacobs

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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine
PhD Student in Philosophy
GPA 3.975

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California Baptist University
Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy
Minors in Christian Studies and Children's Literature
Summa Cum Laude
GPA 4.0

April 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Aesthetics, Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UC Irvine Philosophy Department.

September 2025 - Present

Previously was a TA for Philosophy 1: Introduction to Philosophy, and Philosophy 5: Contemporary Moral Problems in AI. Oversees up to 80 students a quarter through moderating discussion boards, grading assignments such as projects and papers, and holding office hours for student questions, feedback, and advice.

Teaching Assistant, CBU Philosophy Department.

September 2025 - December 2025

Supported class of about 40 students (WLD 181: Goodness Truth and Beauty) through grading papers throughout the semester. Also helped grade papers for PHI312: Philosophy of Beauty.

Guest Lectures, HON101 and WLD181, CBU.

Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Gave a lecture on the concept of sublimity in HON101: Human Nature, and another guest lecture on Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling* in WLD 181: Goodness Truth and Beauty.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Student Award, CBU.

2023

Professor Scott B. Key Outstanding Philosophy Major Award, CBU.

2023

A.J. Staples Outstanding English Major Award, CBU.

2023

3rd place in Critical Essays in British Literature, Sigma Tau Delta Annual Convention.

2023

President's List, CBU

2020 - 2023

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, CAMPUS TALKS

CBU Philosophy Symposium.

Spring 2025

Presented “‘A Spiritual Triumph:’ A Langerian Approach to Religion and Art” at the CBU March Philosophy Symposium.

Presenter, Grad Talk Series, UCI.

Fall 2024

Participated in a graduate workshop series. Presented on “The Inconceivable Divine: Augustinian Beauty’s Bearing on Contemporary Sublimity.”

Sigma Tau Delta Annual Convention.

Spring 2023

Presented at the English Honors Society (Sigma Tau Delta) annual convention. Participated in Research in the Round on my chosen topic of *The Things They Carried*, as well as a paper presentation entitled "The Necessity of Nonsense" about Lewis Carroll and Wittgenstein's language games.

Final Capstone Presentation.

Spring 2023

“The Beautiful and the Divine: An Exploration of Aesthetic Experience in the Grimm Brothers’ ‘The Girl without Hands.’”
Was selected as one of two students to present a showcase to CBU English majors and faculty on my final research Capstone. Also created poster on Capstone research for viewing at the event.

CBU Arts and Letters Symposium.

Spring 2022 - 2023

Presented research in both 2022 and 2023 at the annual CBU Arts and Letters Symposium. Presented papers and did a lightning talk on my Capstone.

“The Acquisition of English Through Dr. Seuss: A Pedagogical Study.”

Spring 2022

“‘The Tiger’s Bride:’ A Beautiful Subject Becomes a Beastly Object.”

Spring 2023

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, Member.

Fall 2026 - Present

Evangelical Philosophical Society, Member.

Winter 2025 - Present

Susanne K. Langer Circle, Member.

Winter 2025 - Present

SERVICE

UCI-UCR Grad Student Conference.

Spring 2025 - Present

Was on the organizing committee for a joint graduate student philosophy conference with UC Irvine and UC Riverside in Fall 2025. Helped review papers and was the commentator for a paper presentation.

Ethics Bowl Coach

Fall 2024- Fall 2025

Helped coach the UCI undergraduate Ethics Bowl team, who competes twice a year at the regional Ethics Bowl tournament and the International Business Ethics and Sustainability Case Competition.

Session Leader, UCI Meaning of Life Silence Session.

Fall 2024

Led a UCI Silence Session entitled “‘A Great Art:’ Kierkegaard on Silence,” hosted by UCI’s Religious Studies Department.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Communication Specialist - CBU School of Christian Ministries.

Spring 2023 - Fall 2024

Assisted with student applications, brainstormed and executed departmental social media, helped with Honors program events, participated in student communication, and provided statistical reports for the department. Also helped staff the front desk of the department office and helped with maintaining the Dean's calendar while he was in the office.

Founder- AdrianKing Education. adriankingeducation.com.

Fall 2020 - 2024

Tutored students (K-12th) and coached forensics competitors so that they might succeed in their communication and education goals. Did individual tutoring, club coaching, and class teaching. Orchestrated two summer day camps (1 Creative Writing and 1 Logic and 1 Logic and Rhetoric) for middle school students during 2021 and 2022.

Peer Mentor - CBU English Program.

September 2022 - December 2022

Worked with students in the ENG 101 class to explore opportunities in the major, learn more about their program, and develop community. Met with a group of students as a whole as well as meets individually to cater to their specific needs.

Coach, Lecturer, and Guidebook Writer, Lasting Impact!.

Fall 2020 - 2023

Taught a platform speaking class for 5th to 12th grade students providing instruction on how to write, develop, and deliver winning speeches. Coached students individually as well in order to strengthen their skills. Helped develop a guidebook on Team Policy debate. Also lectured at week-long camps during Summer 2021 and Summer 2022 to teach and assist new speech and debate students in developing their skills and preparing for competition.

Lecturer, Lab Group Leader, and Casebook Writer- NIHD Summer Camp.

Summer 2020 - 2021

Worked at a week-long camp geared towards preparing students for the upcoming speech and debate season. Lectured on various speech events and forms of debate, provided individualized feedback and research help to a lab group, and wrote sample cases for both Lincoln Douglas and Team Policy debate to be distributed to campers.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Speech and Debate Competitor

Fall 2020- Spring 2021

Competed on CBU's forensics team in 2020, earning 1st in Open Interpretation at the PSCFA Warm Up, 1st in Open Prose and Poetry at the 2020 Cougar Classic, and Gold in Junior Parliamentary Debate at the PSCFA Spring Championships.