

JAE JERKINS

Jae is a published scholar, public speaker, department chair, and faculty senator with two graduate degrees, 17 years of higher ed teaching experience, and the recipient of Tyler Junior College's prestigious *Thomas H. Shelby Jr. Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence*.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025 -	Dept Chair of Philosophy, Huma, & Foreign Lang.	Tyler Junior College
2025 -	Chair of <i>General Studies</i> A.A. Degree	Tyler Junior College
2024 - 25	Faculty Senator (2-Year Term)	Tyler Junior College
2019 - 20	Dept Coordinator (in lieu of Dept Chair)	Tyler Junior College

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 -	Adjunct Professor of Religion	Univ of Texas, Tyler
2012 -	Prof. of Philosophy, Ethics, Religion, & Humanities	Tyler Junior College
2008 - 11	Grad Teaching Fellow (Religion, Film, Humanities)	Florida State Univ.

AWARDS in EDUCATION

2021, 22	"Star Professor" Award (x2)	Phi Theta Kappa (TJC)
2019 - 20	"Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence"	Tyler Junior College
2008 - 11	Grad Teaching Fellowships (HUMA Dept & REL Dept)	Florida State Univ.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

2020	Postgrad Cert Holocaust Studies	Univ of Texas, Dallas
2011	MA History & Philosophy of Science	Philosophy Dept., Florida State Univ.
2009	MA Humanities (Religion)	Humanities Dept., Florida State Univ.

ACADEMIC COMPETENCES

Specialization	Intellectual History, Religion & Ethics, History of Religion
Competence	Philosophy, Ethics, World Religions, Humanities, Islam, Film
Languages	English (native), French & German (reading), Hebrew & Arabic (learning)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Chapter 1: Forgiveness in Judaism."
Invited chapter for *The Philosophy of Forgiveness: Vol. III*. Vernon Press. (2018)

“Islam in the Early Modern Protestant Imagination (1528-1588).”
ERAS Journal (Monash University, Australia). Issue 13. (2012)

“Soloveitchik, Joseph B. (1903-1993).” *Great Lives from History: Jewish Americans*.
Pasadena: Salem Press. Print. ISBN: 978-1-58765-741-2 (2010)

“Heidegger’s Bridge.”
The Florida Philosophical Review. 9.2: 121-135. Online. ISSN: 1535-3656. (2009)

HIGHER ED TEACHING EXPERIENCE (17 years)

University of Texas, Tyler (2019 –)

PHIL 4300	Islamic Philosophy
RELI 3320	Intro to Islam
PHIL 1304	World Religions

Tyler Junior College (2012 –)

PHIL 2306	Ethics
PHIL 1301	Philosophy / Honors
PHIL 1304	World Religions / Honors
HUMA 1301	Humanities / Honors

Florida State University (2008 – 11) *(Instructor of Record)*

REL 1300	World Religions
HUM 2250	Modern Humanities
HUM 2235	Medieval Humanities
HUM 3930	Television & Culture

Florida State University (2008 – 11) *(Teaching Assistant)*

HUM 3930	Islamic Culture
REL 3194	The Holocaust
REL 1300	World Religions
HUM 3321	Multicultural Film

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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| 2025 - | Department Chair Philosophy Dept., TJC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Set department policy for 10 professors teaching 900+ students- Evaluate profs, set department standards, lead department meetings- Schedule and assign profs across 9 courses, liaise between departments |
| 2019 - 20 | Department Coordinator (in lieu of chair) Philosophy Dept., TJC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contribute to monthly college meetings of department chairs- Lead committee policy meetings- Settle disputes between dept professors and their students |
| 2014 - 19 | Philosophy Committee Chair Humanities & Philosophy Dept., TJC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liaise between the Philosophy faculty and the department chair- Lead department discussions on textbooks, policies, etc.- Contribute to the interview process for new philosophy professors |

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2024 Invited Speaker for Staff Training, “Daoism & Institutional Effectiveness”
 TJC: The College of East Texas
- 2022 Invited Speaker for Honors Program Colloquium, “The Philosophy of Time”
 TJC: The College of East Texas
- 2018 Invited Speaker for Philosophy of Religion course,
 University of Texas at Tyler
- 2016 Invited Panelist, “Ethical Perspectives on the Syrian Refugee Crisis”
 University of Texas at Tyler
- Invited Speaker, “Ubuntu, Levinas, and Ethics in Africa”
 2nd Annual OMA Diversity Conference, Stephen F. Austin University
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Bioethics & the Philosophy of Science”
 Brown Bag Lecture Series, Univ. of Texas Biomedical Research Center
- 2011 “Hildegard of Bingen: The Agency of a Medieval Woman Mystic”
 American Academy of Religion Annual Conference
- 2010 “Gender Representation in the Western Film *Tombstone*”
 Modern Language Association Annual Conference, McGill University

PUBLIC LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2025 Invited Plenary Speaker for “Peace of Mind” Regional Conf. (1000+ atnd)
 Mosaic Counseling of East Texas, W.T. Brookshire Conference Center
- 2025 “Christianity in Context: A History of First Century Israel”
 Invited Speaker for 2-part lecture series, First Christian Church, Tyler
- 2024 “Jewish Ethics and the Face of the Other in the Exodus Narrative”
 Invited Speaker, Webb Historical Society / Texas St. Historical Assoc.
- 2023 TJC Honors Program Graduation Ceremony
 Invited Speaker, Tyler Junior College
- 2022 “What Christians can learn from Jewish History & Tradition,”
 An invited 2-Part Lecture Series, First Presbyterian Church, Kilgore
- 2020 *Two Regional Academic Presentations Cancelled due to COVID-19*
- 2019 “The Kaaba: The Center of the Islamic World.” Tyler Junior College
 “Sibling Rivalry in the Torah.” Sunday Sermon, Timberland Unitarian Church
- 2018 “The Book of Kells: Irish Christianity’s Most Cherished Artifact.” TJC
 “The Righteous at Yad Vashem.” Sunday Sermon, Timberland Uni. Church
 “Sibling Rivalry in Genesis.” Shabbat Sermon, Temple Beth El (Reform)
- 2017 “Religious Tolerance.” Honors Colloquium, Tyler Junior College
 “Antisemitism in America.” Timberland Unitarian Church

- Interfaith Discussion Panel at Wiley College (HBSC)
 “The Jews of Ireland.” Shabbat Sermon, Temple Beth El
- 2016 Interfaith Panelist for “The Crisis of Empathy.” SFA University
 “The Philosophy of Science.” Center for Earth & Space Science Ed., Tyler
 “The Golden Age of Islam.” East Texas Islamic Society
 Yom HaShoah Presentation, Ahavath Achim (Conservative Synagogue)
 “The Jewish Experience in America.” Black Student Association, TJC
- 2015 “The Jewish People & the World’s Religions.” 3-Part Lecture Series, Beth El
 “Islam with A. Khalifa,” Austin Heights Baptist Church
 “Totality & Infinity.” Yom Kippur Sermon, Temple Beth El
 Film Discussion for “One Peace at a Time.” Tyler Public Library
 “Islam & the Jewish People.” Sunday Sermon, Tyler Unitarian Church
- 2014 Panelist for “Artists, Philosophers, & Scientists.” Tyler Junior College
 Coffee Hour Discussion for Honors Students on “ISIS.” Tyler Junior College
 “Aristotle & the Happy Life.” Sunday Sermon, Tyler Unitarian Church
 “Hinduism & the Four Aims of Life.” Sunday Sermon, Tyler Unitarian Church
- 2011 “Christianity in Context: Jews, Greeks, Romans, and Arabs,”
 a 4-Part Public Lecture Series, First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee
- 2010 “Mars & the Specter of Progress.” HPS Brown Bag Series, Florida State
 “The Roots of the Reformation.” Guest Lecture at Florida State
- 2009 “Simulacra & Consumption.” Ecologies Colloquium, Florida State
- 2008 “Kant & the Imminent Surfer.” Lighthearted Phil Society, St. Pete College

ACADEMIC SERVICE at TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE (SELECTED)

- 2025 - Department Chair | Philosophy, Humanities, Foreign Language
 2025 - Chair | *General Studies* Associate of Arts degree program
 2019 - 2020 Dept Coordinator | Philosophy, Humanities, Foreign Language
 2014 - 2019 Philosophy Committee Chair for Department

Contributing Board Member | Tyler Junior College

- Faculty Senate Representative (2023-2025)
- Senate Rules Committee (2024-2025)
- Faculty Development Committee (2023-2024)
- Invited Member of the TJC International Day Committee (2023-)
- Focus Group for Best Teaching Practices | Pathways Institute (2022)
- Invited Member for TJC International Travel Committee (2022)
- Darwin Day Committee, a joint UT Tyler / TJC venture (2015-2020)
- Invited Member for TJC College Dean Hiring Committee (2021)

- Invited Judge for the University of Texas Ethics Bowl (2018-present)
- TJC Student Appeals Committee (2018-2020)
- TJC Food Pantry Committee (2018-2020)
- TJC Distinguished Lecture Series Committee (2017-2020)
- TJC Arts Festival Board (2016-2020)
- Hiring Committees for TJC Philosophy (2015, 2019, 2020, 2022)
- TJC Scholarship Committee (2014-2019)

PROFESSIONAL LECTURER DEVELOPMENT (SELECTED)

2025	University of Texas at Tyler Online Instructor Certification
2024	<i>Respondus</i> Online Training Module
2023	Caring Campus Program & Student Veteran Support Program
2022	Teaching Online Foundations & Pedagogy University of Texas Training
2020	Honorlock (Online Testing) Training
2016 - 20	Postgraduate coursework and research at the University of Texas at Dallas
2015	Core Curriculum Assessment
2014	Religious and Cultural Diversity (served as a panelist)
2014	Flipping the College Classroom
2013	Designing and Teaching Online using Canvas
2013	Civility in the Classroom
2007 - 11	Graduate coursework and research at the Florida State University
2007	Florida State University "Program for Instructional Excellence" Certificate
2007	"Pedagogy of Humanities" (Graduate Course, Florida State University)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
- Texas Community College Teachers Association
- TJC Faculty Senate (elected member, 2023-25)
- Temple Beth El: the oldest and largest synagogue in East Texas
Voted Vice President of the Board of Trustees, 2016.
Voted President of the Board of Trustees, 2018-20.
- U.S. Combat Veteran (Honorable Discharge)
Awards include the NATO Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal,
Air Force Expeditionary Medals (x2), Good Conduct Medal