

# CHRISTOPHER WESSELS

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## ***SUMMARY***

Dedicated teacher with diverse academic training and eight+ years of direct experience in high school and university classrooms. Thoroughly understands the learning process and works hard to adapt methods and use various teaching styles.

## ***SKILLS***

- Diverse expertise in a variety of subjects, including philosophy, math, and science
- Clear communicator of complex ideas
- Creative instruction style
- Personal and approachable
- Active assessments
- PowerPoint, Excel, iLearn, whiteboard

## ***WORK HISTORY***

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

*Lecturer / San Francisco / August 2018 - Present*

Teach various undergraduate courses offered by the Department of Philosophy:

PHIL 110 - Critical Thinking

PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 464 - Philosophy and Film

PHIL 610 - Theory of Knowledge

*Graduate Teaching Associate / San Francisco / January 2017 - May 2018*

Taught two undergraduate courses offered by the Department of Philosophy:

PHIL 110 - Critical Thinking (three semesters, four sections)

PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy (two semesters, two sections)

*Instructional Student Assistant / San Francisco / January 2016 - May 2018*

Assisted professors with teaching, facilitating discussions, grading papers, and tutoring in the following:

PHIL 205 - Formal Logic (two semesters)

PHIL 351 - Philosophy of Risk (two semesters)

PHIL 395 - Ethical Issues: Science and Technology (one semester)

## ESCS HIGH SCHOOL

*High School Teacher / El Sobrante, CA / August 2010 - May 2015*

Taught math and science to upperclassmen, including:

Physics and Chemistry (five years)

Calculus and Algebra II (four years)

Pre-Calculus (three years)

Biology (one year)

Strove to integrate these subjects into a cohesive learning model based on real-world activities and applications. Designed many of my own labs using materials from the dollar store and a GoPro as a positioning and timing device.

## PCC STRUCTURALS

*Product Development Engineer / San Leandro, CA / July 2007 - June 2008*

Successfully managed all aerospace contracts with Rolls-Royce. Designed and implemented process experiments in a time-sensitive environment. Scrutinized experimental results and made autonomous decisions based on my conclusions.

## ***EDUCATION***

MASTER OF ARTS Philosophy

San Francisco State University

*San Francisco, CA / Spring 2018*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Mechanical Engineering

University of California at Berkeley

*Berkeley, CA / Fall 2006*

BACHELOR OF ARTS Integrative Biology

University of California at Berkeley

*Berkeley, CA / Fall 2006*

## ***ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Currently co-authoring a textbook on the Philosophy of Risk with Dr. Isabelle Peschard and Dr. Yann Benétreau-Dupin. Contract with Routledge.
- Received “distinction” for performance on both the qualifying exam (PHIL 896) and my thesis defense (PHIL 898) at SFSU (Philosophy M.A. program).