

Robert Farrow

Curriculum Vitae

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Objective Having completed PhD studies, experienced researcher with diverse skill set seeks a challenging position in the not-for-profit or education sectors.

Expertise

- Excellent organisational and administrative skills
- Executing and presenting original research
- Critical thinking, argument and philosophy
- Delivering projects to specification
- Creative problem solving
- Working in smaller organisations
- Accomplished analytic & editorial skills
- Writing clear, accessible copy
- Advanced relational database design
- Event organisation and management
- Innovative use of information technology
- Facilitating learning and communication

Employment **Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy** | www.tandf.no/inquiry

Editorial Office Manager (Oct 2005 – Oct 2008)

- Managed editorial office of internationally renowned academic journal
- Reviewed and reported on suitability of submitted manuscripts to editorial board
- Prepared three volumes (2016 pp.) for publication; issue planning, proof-reading, copy-editing
- Efficient cross-communication and liaison with academics and publishers
- Expedited administrative procedures and rationalised the flow of work through the office
- Designed and implemented effective office systems, databases & spreadsheets

University of Essex | www.essex.ac.uk/philosophy

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Sep 2005 – Jun 2008)

- Prepared, taught and assessed 7 classes of undergraduate Philosophy
- Given full responsibility for seminar content and course assessment
- Provided pastoral support to students on a range of academic and personal issues
- Developed innovative learning resources, including www.introductiontophilosophy.co.uk
- Awarded vocational 'Postgraduate Certificate of Higher Education Practice' (Pg.CHEP) 2008

National Association for Language Development in the Curriculum | www.naldic.org.uk

Office Manager (Oct 2004 – Nov 2005)

- Managed databases, administration and events for national education organisation
- Responsible for organisation banking; processing cheques, direct debits and BACS payments
- Co-ordinated 13th NALDIC annual conference

Association of Charity Shops | www.acs.org.uk

Research, Policy and Information Officer (Jul 2001 – Jul 2003)

- Planned, conducted and presented original research into charity retailing
- Convened recycling working party; scheduling meetings, preparing agendas, circulating minutes
- Lobbied Parliament and local government on behalf of member organisations
- Responded to membership queries by phone, post and email
- Contributed to the organisation of 3rd and 4th ACS annual conferences
- Represented the ACS at meetings (e.g. BRC; Performance & Innovation Unit)
- Managed all aspects of organisation IT; website, databases, networks

InBev (formerly Interbrew UK) | www.inbev.com

Customer Supply Coordinator (Sep 2000 – Mar 2001)

- Managed supply accounts for national brewers and regional wholesalers
- Logistics and business issue resolution with strong customer service focus
- Twice awarded departmental prize for highest monthly sales

Guinness | www.guinness.ie

Brand Ambassador (Sep 1999 – Jul 2000)

- Managed marketing and promotions for Guinness/Diageo in Canterbury
- Mentored students, handled the Guinness brand at the University of Kent
- Supported 300% uplift in like-for-like sales of Guinness across campus 1999-2000

Education**University of Essex** Oct 2004 – Jan 2009

PhD Philosophy (ABD, expected 2009)

“Communication, Recognition and Social Pathology: Normative Paradigms in Habermas and Honneth”

- *Awards:* University of Essex Scholarship (2004-2007); Inquiry Stipend (2005-2008)
- Research Assistant for Prof. Peter Dews, *An Idea of Evil* (London: Verso, 2007)
- Graduate Student Representative for research students (2006-2007)
- Organised 9th & 10th International Graduate Conferences in Philosophy (2006, 2007)

University of Essex Oct 2003 – Sep 2004

MA Continental Philosophy

Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Krakow (Poland) Jul 2007 | <http://tinyurl.com/6lnsfl>**Universiteit van Tilburg (Netherlands)** Jan 2006 | <http://tinyurl.com/6rbn69>

‘Democracy & Knowledge’ (Graduate Student Intensive Programme)

*European Union: Philosophy (epistemology), Sociology, Political Theory, Policy Analysis***University of Kent at Canterbury** Sep 1997 – Aug 2000

BA (Hons.) Philosophy (2:1)

Other Skills & Training**Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, University of Cambridge** (Jan 2007)‘CMI Enterprisers’ | www.enterprisers.org.uk*Entrepreneurial thinking; venture creation; knowledge exchange; developing self-efficacy***Information Technology**

- MS Office: Advanced Word; Advanced Excel; PowerPoint (Reed Training, 2002-3)
- Web: HTML; FTP; Advanced MS FrontPage (Happy Computers, 2001-2)
- Web: Adobe CS3 (esp. Dreamweaver, Fireworks); MS Expression
- Databases: MS Access; Filemaker; Appleworks; Bento; SQL
- SPSS (Information Systems Services Training, University of Essex, 2006)

Webmaster

- <http://blackthumb.org.uk> personal homepage (2007-9)
- <http://blackthumb.wordpress.com> research blog (2005-9)
- <http://introductiontophilosophy.co.uk> Introduction to Philosophy (teaching website) (2007-9)
- <http://projects.essex.ac.uk/ehrr/> Essex Human Rights Review (2006-7)
- <http://www2.essex.ac.uk/arthistory/rebus> Rebus: An Online Journal of Art History (2008-9)

Voluntary Work

I volunteered at the Hanley Road Resource Centre in Harringey, London as a musician performing at (and eventually running) their music workshop for visitors with various mental illnesses (2001-2003). I also worked at a number of charity shops in north London during my time with the Association of Charity Shops, and manned a telephone line at Comic Relief 2005.

Interests

Guitar, Socialising, Politics & Current Affairs, Cooking, Cinema, Computers, Travel, Web 2.0