

Fields of Interest

Emerging fields of interest

- Teaching/ teaching abroad
- Working with the mentally ill
- Tourism
- Comedic Writing
- Screenwriting
- Human resources
- Community Work

List of courses related to fields of interest

- 1) PHIL 315- Ethics of Peace and War: Michael Fleming (Completed – Fall 2017) – Course discusses the ethical issues related to war theory. At some point I would strongly consider teaching philosophy at secondary and post-secondary levels.
- 2) PSYC 222- Abnormal Psychology: Leonard George (Completed- Spring 2017)- Course discusses various abnormal behaviour's that can be classified as mental illness. Although I would require much more research into such a vast topic, the course inspires me to work with the mentally ill.

- 3) PHIL 221- Existentialism in Literature: Susan Gardner (Completed- Spring 2017)- Course discusses various existential themes in human nature, death, religion- extremely hard not to consider it influential because the course epitomizes the importance in decision making and purpose in life.
- 4) ENG 191- Creative Writing 2: Roger Farr (Completed- Fall 2015)- Course explores various methods of creative writing; the instructor was flexible in terms of his willingness to allow students to attempt different styles of writing.
- 5) PSYC 204- Child Development: Sally Waters (Completed- Fall 2015)- Course explores the importance of cognitive development during childhood. I've always wanted to work with people and help them improve their lives, this course emphasizes the significance of childcare. Some of the community work I'm interested in could include working with children.

List of extra-curricular experiences related to field of interest

- 1) Community Rec Centre drop in: I used to play drop in hockey and other activities after school from 4-6 pm at John Braithwaite Community Centre from grade 5-9. It was a safe and fun place to hang out with friends and get exercise. It made me feel closer to the lower Lonsdale community and I grew a positive relationship with the various community workers; especially one of them named Sam. He always seemed to have a positive attitude and told me he worked various jobs such as a Carson

Graham Soccer coach and other community activities. He told me he had about his rough upbringing and explained how although his career option wasn't the highest paying, it allowed him to make a positive difference in the community, which was more important for him. Sam was a big influence of my interest to work within the community.

- 2) Travelling Europe: In 2016 I travelled from various place in Europe including Germany, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, and Austria. During the trip I made lots of good friends and most importantly absorbed an aspect of the European culture. My favorite places I visit were Berlin and Prague, this trip motivated me to consider working abroad and to challenge myself by learning a third language. The most frequent European country I visit is Germany because I have a lot of relatives who live there; I believe I could open a lot of options if I could learn to speak and read German to some high standard. The two career options I've considered in foreign countries would be either tourism or teaching English.
- 3) Some students have the luxury to explore various extra-curricular activities within comfortable financial flexibility; on the other hand, some students have to work part time jobs to be able to support themselves while going to school, rather than falling into a pit of debt. I have worked various part time jobs either throughout my university years including: drainage work, pizza delivery, managing a corner store, and security

work. But through my struggle for financial support I was able to find another passion and avenue of income. I was able to profit roughly \$4,000 this summer from playing poker. Most people consider poker as a form of gambling; and of course, there is variance involved, however, there is variance involved in practically every facet of life. Regardless, I still consider poker as more of a leisure hobby which I can over time profit on rather than a career path. However, one skill that dramatically improves through playing poker is the ability to use conjecture (incomplete information) which may take place in different forms in certain job settings.

- 4) My final extra-curricular activity is coaching peewee roller hockey. When coaching a team there are several qualities that are expected from you. You must be organized, punctual, reliable, and be able to motivate your subordinates. This type of volunteer work was always a pleasurable experience and although I do not see myself coaching sports to a high degree I am an avid sports fan with love for game of hockey. In the future I will look to coach teams in other sports as more of a hobby away from work and school.
- 5) No tutorials have been concluded to date.

Signature Work Analysis

Most of my best work at Capilano University has been in three different disciplines: Philosophy, Psychology, and English. I started at Capilano University in the Business Administration program, however, as I was taking a variety of electives I decided that

passion was best served in the humanities and social sciences. I've selected 2 research essays and a creative English assignment as the signature work I would like to present to whomever is reading this paper.

- 1) In spring of 2016 I was in an Ethics of Business (PHIL 207) course with Martyn Godwyn. In the course we explored the morality of various business ventures in our society. One of the topics we explored in class was the scarcity of wealth in North American society; whether inheritance was justified considered very few families had the ability to hoard it, and those who benefited off inheritance had an advantage over unfortunate families. I wrote a paper called, "A Case for Justified Inheritance" which I would argue against the critics of inherited wealth in North America.

I found researching and writing this paper influential not only because it was one of my better marked papers to date but because it dramatically changed my views about inherited money in our society. After all, we educate ourselves not only to pursue a career but to have a better understanding of ourselves and our society. Before my research I considered inheritance unfair because it was an evident inequality in our society. However, when we consider what would have to be sacrificed in order to abolish inheritance I decided that the stakes were simply too high. Although inequality is unfair, it isn't necessarily unjust; and sacrificing the freedom to truly own what we earn in our life time during our passing is more important.

- 2) The second piece of work I would like to share was completed in the spring semester of 2017 in Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 222) with Leonard George. The paper was a case study that explored Mathematician John Nash's journey with the mental illness schizophrenia. This case was perhaps one of the most well-known cases for

schizophrenia; considering the movie “A Beautiful Mind” brought the issue into spotlight. Part of my desire in life which could also tie into my career path is my willingness to want to truly help people, of all sorts, whether its people with mental illness, children, or drug addicts. The case study focused solely on the battle and life of John Nash; however, it also brought into light how little we still actually know about schizophrenia. We understand the general diagnoses and prognosis, but there is little to no idea what causes the illness, only warning tendencies.

Despite being an extremely competitive field, there is still so much to explore in the study of psychology, as Leonard George said, “Every field in psychology could have a notion that further study is needed” it’s still an incomplete practice. Whether or not my career branches into mental health work I believe this course and many psychology courses have created me a larger branch of understanding as to how people operate and delivered me greater insight into the human psyche.

Nonetheless, my desire to want to work with people on an engaging basis has definitely been benefited by my various studies in psychology. This case study examines how even the most brilliant and well-educated people can fall victim to horrifyingly unbelievable mental illnesses; today, we have a greater institution of methods to help those who suffer with schizophrenia, unlike John Nash’s time.

- 3) My final signature piece was completed in a Creative Writing course (ENGL 191) with Roger Farr in the fall of 2015. The signature piece is 14 page final portfolio that has various creative writings such as: short stories, poems, screen plays, one on one dialogues and explores various themes of horror and dark comedy. I’ve always seen myself as a better writer than speaker; I was fortunate enough to be brought up in a bilingual household, as I learned in child development children who grow up with learning multiple languages develop better overall language skills. Therefore, a child

growing up learning both Japanese and English in Canada will statistically be better at English than a child who grew up solely speaking English.

I'm not writing to boast about my writing ability; but I do believe I possess an ability to express my thoughts with a higher degree over a paper than say a presentation; I also have an acute imagination which naturally leads me to believe that I could have a future in some sort of creative writing. I've thought about creating a pilot for a sitcom, or apply to comedic writing, or perhaps writing a novel. These are all very challenging goals, but I understand that, I've always been a person who hasn't feared high expectations, but I'll admit I need to find a way to motivate myself more consistently. As Ryan Knighton said, "Writers write. A lot. If you want to be a writer, you have to put the work in every day."

Sample Research Projects

- 1) I would like to explore whether or not various methods of conscription could be considered a complete breach of human rights in the notion of Just War Theory. I would propose to do this tutorial with Michael Fleming; I've had him in three different philosophy courses and despite obtaining good grades in albeit 2 out of 3 I haven't ever blown him away with one of my papers; usually just doing well on the tests. Conscription is not generally viewed as a war practice anymore because it is both considered ineffective and to a degree a breach of human rights, however it still exists in various places in the world (South Korea, North Korea, Israel, Iran, etc). It can be argued that these places are under constant military duress; so, they may need conscription. I want to explore if this truly is the case and to overview the moral implications of conscription. I took an Ethics

of peace and warfare class with Dr Fleming, so I believe he would be accepting of my proposal.

- 2) I would also like to create some sort of pilot or screenplay with a screenwriter at the university. I already have a few actors for the roles, but I haven't actually been able to join a screenwriting class due to field of study restrictions, which is unfortunate. During class when we were working on our Fields of Interest activity a class member mentioned the name David Geary. The pilot would revolve around 3 unique character who live together all working extravagantly different types of jobs. The catch of the screenplay is that you can hear the thoughts of all the characters (even the minor ones) as well as of course their dialogue. There are lot of quirky things you can do with this type of creative approach; naturally as social creatures we seldom think and say the same things, in fact, we would be dubious if we did so. Using this type of story writing will bring all this hidden dialogue into light, I would very much want to take this proposal seriously. I believe that if I attempt this as a tutorial not only would I receive professional guidance but I would also have to attempt it to the best of my ability.

