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### Student Evaluations

"A teacher like this comes along once in a lifetime... Juliana has a passion for her work like I've never seen in an instructor before -- her knowledge, her insight, her general attitude... She's an amazing teacher! She has unlocked something in me that in turn motivates me to unlock it in others. She taught me how to change myself, after which I struggled less in life."

**Dan Kerlin**

"Juliana is thought provoking, compassionate, intriguing... she pulls a better thought-process out of her students. She gave me a whole new perspective on different aspects of my life. I learned things that changed me and that I will remember forever!"

**Jessica Gresser**

"Juliana's unique and effective way of teaching tills the soil of your mind, bringing up fresh and fertile ground, creating a place that previously did not exist in which seeds of thought can be planted and grown... She teaches philosophy in action, as a way of living... By such a method you not only learn how to better learn, but are able to retain much more from her teaching. Even now...years later, I find such seeds sprouting up... thoughts from a conversion we had or a new answer to a poignant question she proposed... Her ability to recognize student comprehension and unique aptitudes on an individual level makes her an excellent teacher to all levels of students.... She has a fantastic ability to change the wording or tone of a question or suggestion to fit the person to whom she is speaking so that that individual can understand it...I can honestly testify that my mind began functioning in a new and beneficial way when I took...my first class with her, a way that helped me to retain new ideas by realizing their connections with other ideas... the potential was within me and she helped me both to realize that it was there and to thus actualize it..."

**Joe Mayes**

### Professional Profile:

- Founder of the *Institute for Dialectic Complementarity Studies*, director of *Madison Mentor Center*, and developer of *Mind to Mind Teaching and Learning System*.
  - In private practice as an *APPA Certified Philosophical Counselor & Educational Consultant*, specializing in conflict resolution and academically discouraged kids and adults.
  - Ten years in my most recent position teaching philosophy and the history of ideas at the *University of Wisconsin-Marathon County* campus.
  - Twenty years of teaching, coaching, mentoring, counseling, and public speaking throughout the *University of Wisconsin* system and other Wisconsin colleges (including *UW-Madison*, *UW-Manitowoc*, and *UW-Stevens Point*, and *College of Menominee Nation*)
  - Thirty years of research and writing. Currently preparing a book for publication entitled *Many Paths to the Same Summit* on pedagogical and environmental insights of ancient wisdom traditions as evidenced by contemporary science.
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### Education and Certifications:

#### American Philosophical Practitioner's Association (APPA)

*Philosophical Counseling Certification*

2009

#### University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Master of Arts in Philosophy (High Honors)*

1996/01

Dissertation Topic: *Dialectic Thinking on the Socratic & Scientific Methods*

Master's Thesis: *A Walk through the Socratic Dialogues: The Greatest Story Never Told* (an adaptation of Plato's Socratic Dialogues to film).

#### University of Wisconsin-Madison & University of Wisconsin-Marathon County

*Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (High Honors)*

1992

Senior Honor's Thesis: *Deep Environmental Politics: On the Dynamics of Self-Interest in Human Relationships*

#### University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Certification in Integrated Liberal Studies (ILS)*

1989

Senior Capstone Project: *Beyond the Cartesian Paradigm: Dialectic Thinking and the Many-sidedness of Knowledge* (Won Department's Highest Award for *Best Paper that Integrates Between Disciplines*)

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### Awards, Honors & Distinctions:

- **UW Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award** (UWMC Nominee) **2007/2008**
- **Arthur M. Kaplan Award** for distinguished service/teaching (UWMC) **2007/2008**
- **Robert M. Pooley Prize** (for year's best paper ILS, UW--Madison) **1985/1986**
- **Gladys Phillips Scholarship for Academic Excellence** (UWMC) **1983/1984**
- **Distinction in Sociology** (UWMC) **1983/1984**
- **Distinction in Sociology** (UWMC) **1982/1983**

### Colleague Evaluations

Juliana is deeply committed to helping her students reach their very best potential. She deeply believes in the capacity of her students to excel, and works hard to help them make that a reality... She knows her craft, she loves to teach, and she cares about her students... She demands the best but gives more. She respects all points of view... Her sense of what good teaching is and what learning should encompass is deeply rooted in the ancient traditions and as such it is timeless and very much needed... Critical thinking is highly valued, expected, and taught... Her personal and intellectual rapport with her students is unmatched. Every time I watched her surrounded by students, discussing issues, arguing different perspectives and simply and effortlessly move from one point to the next, I had the weird feeling that this is probably what Socrates did a long time ago... Examining issues with Juliana is an exercise that at the end leaves you enlightened... There is no stone that is left unturned, no perspective that is not covered, and no argument that is not questioned... and ideas are always set against the background of real life situations... Her teaching is not bound by classroom walls or the local boundaries of a campus. Taking students [abroad] through different and older cultures, teaching them along the way, fostering their growth, both personal and intellectual, mentoring them... giving them opportunities to interact with people from different backgrounds, to exchange ideas, to become more whole, to become citizens of the world... She will do whatever is necessary, whether it will require more of her time, effort, and even money, to reach out to her students and help them understand... or simply listen to them and help them overcome personal problems... without expecting anything in return... she is simply respected for who she is and what she does. Juliana is an idealist, a teacher and an inspirer of others... so consistent, so persistent, and so positive, that we cannot help but pay homage to the person responsible."

**Theo Koupelis** (Physicist, Astronomer, Author)

### Teaching History:

UW-Marathon County (UWMC), UW-Madison (UW-Mad), UW-Manitowoc (UW-Man), UW-Stevens Point (UWSP), College of Menominee Nation (CMN)

- **Eastern Philosophy:**
  - UWMC: 2002 (1 section), 2008 (1)
  - UW Man: 2005 (1)
- **Environmental Ethics:**
  - UWMC: 2003 (1), 2004 (1), 2005 (1), 2007 (1), 2008 (2), 2010 (2)
  - CMN: 2006 (1)
- **Ethics:**
  - UWMC: 2002 (1), 2005 (1), 2007 (2), 2008 (1), 2009 (2), 2011 (1)
- **Existentialism:** UWMC: 2006 (1)
- **Feminist Philosophy/Women's Studies:** UWMC: 2003 (2), 2006 (2)
- **Freshman Seminars:** UWMC: 2003-2007 (6)
- **Introduction to Philosophy:**
  - UWMC: 2002 (3), 2003 (3), 2004 (3), 2005 (1), 2006 (2), 2007 (2), 2008 (4), 2009 (2), 2010 (2)
  - UWSP: 2002 (2)
  - CMN: 2003 (1)
- **Logic:** UWMC: 2003 (1), 2007 (1)
- **Love, Sex & Friendship:**
  - UWMC: 2006 (2), 2007 (4), 2008 (1), 2009 (3), 2010 (1), 2011 (1)
- **Medical Ethics:** UWMC: 2002 (1)
- **Philosophical Ideas in Literature:** UWMC: 2010 (1)
- **Religion, Human Nature & Society (Religious Studies):**
  - UWMC: 2006 (1), 2008 (1)
- **Travel Study Courses** (Created and Completed):
  - **The Ancient Greek Origins of Critical Thinking & Democracy**
    - 2004 (1) & 2005 (2): Travel Studies to Greece
  - **Forgotten Truth: Synchronicity of Truth in Ancient Wisdom**
    - 2006 (1) & 2007 (1): Travel Study through Europe
    - 2009 (1): Travel Study to Greece
- **Courses Created** (and secured UWC approval for):
  - *Philosophy of Education* (2011)
  - *Philosophy of Critical Christian Thought* (2008)
  - *Online Course in Environmental Ethics* (2012)
- **Also taught:**
  - *English* (UWMC 2002-2003)
  - *Political Science* (UWMC 2003)
  - *Critical Thinking* (UIU 2004)

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### References:

- Charles W. Anderson: *Professor Emeritus, Political Science and Integrated Liberal Studies*, UW-Madison: 717 Poinciana Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561: (850) 934-1734 (mentor)
- Theo Koupelis: *Physicist, Astronomer, Author and Dean at Thomas Edison Community College*, Ft. Meyers, FL: [theo.koupelis@gmail.com](mailto:theo.koupelis@gmail.com) (colleague)
- Abha Thakker: *Eclectic Activist*, Madison, WI: [abhathakker@gmail.com](mailto:abhathakker@gmail.com) (former student)

"Juliana is Plato in blue jeans... The best student and Teaching Assistant I had in thirty years of teaching."

**Charles W. Anderson**  
(College Mentor)

#### **Client Testimonials**

"Studying ancient philosophy with Juliana is a delight and akin to engaging directly with 'The Ancients' themselves (i.e. Socrates, Aristotle, Plato...), whom she references often, like close, wise friends. Their presence and wisdom become so accessible through her passionate and interpretive insight."

**Joan Cybela** (educator)

"I especially appreciated the environment created by Juliana, one that generates respectful, heartfelt and inspiring conversation."

**Douglas Cybela** (psychologist)

"I've always thought I needed more fun in my life. I never think about that anymore ~ instead, I'm having it! In fact, I've just had the best year of my life, thanks to our weekly discussion group and the new friends I've made. Who knew old age would be where it's at?"

**Steve Smith** (retiree)

"Sometimes I'm not sure why I go, but I ALWAYS leave feeling welcomed, refreshed, validated, and enriched by the discussion, the philosophy, and the ideas put forth by others in the group." **Elmae Passineau** (retired middle school principal)

"Juliana provided a forum for me to express... something I had never been able to express in public before. Once I was able to do that, I quit worrying about that problem, and it doesn't bother me at all anymore! I am grateful to Juliana for that."

**Tom McGrath** (retiree)

"My husband and I have attended her discussions over and over, and still it's always fresh and inspiring... Every discussion offers new and interesting voices to learn from."

**Alice Schact** (retiree)

"You are a Socratic gadfly who stings the social and epistemic conscience of students and clients much in need of self-examination, and that...once stung they will never be the same."  
**Anonymous Colleague Evaluation**

#### **Professional Development, Presentations, Papers & Grants:**

- **Institute for Dialectic-Complementarity Studies, Madison Mentor Center & Mind-to-Mind Teaching & Learning System:**
  - Founded, Directed, Designed & Developed (2011-2014)
- **Private Course** on *Ecological Equilibrium and the Ethics of Climate Change*
  - Taught 10 week group discussion on all things ecological (Sept to Nov 2012)
- **United Way of Marathon County** on *The Emotional Aspects of Aging*
  - Talk and Discussion (5/23/2012)
- **UWMC Continuing Education Course** on *Ancient Philosophy and Education*
  - 4-week Course and Discussion (March & April 2012)
- **UWMC Soapbox Lecture** on *Ancient Philosophy and the Future of Education*
  - Presentation and Discussion for College of the Emeriti (11/2011)
- **UWMC Continuing Education Course** on *Philosophical Counseling*
  - 4-week Course and Discussion (Fall 2010)
- **UWMC Good Ideas Sessions: The Healing Power of Philosophical Counseling**
  - 3-day workshop for College of the Emeriti (1/2011)
- **UWMC Good Ideas Sessions: Philosophical Ideas in Literature**
  - 3-day workshop for College of the Emeriti (1/2010)
- **Unitarian Universalist Church**
  - Facilitated ongoing weekly discussion on the *Gnostic Gospels* (Fall 2009)
- **Dance for Charity**
  - Organized monthly multigenerational dances to raise funds for charity (2008-09)
- **UWMC International Dinner Lecture to College of the Emeriti: Ancient Greek Origins of Critical Thinking & Democracy**
  - UWMC Dinner Presentation on *Study Abroad Program to Greece* (12/2007)
- **Common Ground Diversity Conference**
  - *Many Paths to the Same Summit: Common Insights of Ancient and Indigenous Wisdom Traditions* (8/2007)
- **FACETS Project Grant on Education Reform**
  - Presented Research Results on *Education for Understanding* at UW- Stevens Point (9/2006)
- **UWMC Good Ideas Sessions** on *Nature in Crisis*
  - 3-day workshop for College of the Emeriti (1/2005)
- **Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education** Grant on *Dialectic Thinking and the Many-sidedness of Knowledge*
  - Presented at Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO (5/2005)
  - Presented at Annual Conference, Kalamazoo, MI (8/2005)
  - Published in MIIE Digital Journal (10/2005)
- **Wisconsin Humanities Council: A More Perfect Union: Wisconsin Reads**
  - Facilitated weekly discussions on Aeschylus' *Orestia* in Libraries around the state (2004-'05)
- **UWMC Good Ideas Sessions** on *The Value and Power of Dialogue*
  - 3-day workshop for College of the Emeriti (1/2004)
- **UWMC Soapbox Lecture: Original Sources vs. Education as Game of Telephone**
  - Presentation and Discussion for College of the Emeriti (11/2003)
- **Club Advisor** to *Armchair Philosophy Club, Environmental Club, LGBT Club, Feminist Club*, and facilitated the development of *Acoustic Café* - a monthly campus open-mic event (2002-2011)
- **Café Philos**
  - Facilitate ongoing weekly Socratic discussion in UWMC Student Union (2002-2011)
- **Founder, Director, and Private Tutor** for *BOOKIES: Best of our Knowledge Independent Education Services*
  - Start-Up for Academically Discouraged Kids: (1996-2000, 2012-2014)
- **Board of Directors** for MILSA: *Alexander Meiklejohn Integrated Liberal Studies Alumni Association* (1998-2001) & **Editor:** *Alexander Meiklejohn Educational Association Newsletter* (1993-1995)

