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Ph.D. 2001, Philosophy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

M.A. 1995, Classics, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

B.A. 1992, Philosophy, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

Administrative Positions

2022-present, Department Head, Philosophy and Religious Studies

2021-present, Director, Wyoming Pathways from Prison

Honors and Awards

Thumbs Up Award, 2024, A & S Student Council

Seibold Professorship, 2018, University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences

Caitlin Long Excellence Fund Award, 2016, University of Wyoming

Extraordinary Merit in Teaching, 2016, University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences

The Harry J. Meeuwsen Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, 2015, University of Texas El Paso CETL

Thumbs Up Award, 2013, A & S Student Council

Extraordinary Merit in Teaching, 2012, University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences

Selected Publications and Presentations

1. Colter, Robert S., and Joseph Ulatowski, *The Socratic Classroom* (under review)
2. Colter, Robert S., *Why Stoicism Matters*, Yale University Press (in progress)
3. Colter, Robert S., “Metal as a Philosophy of Life”, *International Society of Metal Music Studies Meeting*, 2025.
4. Colter, Robert S., “Technology and Private/Public Partnerships in Prison Higher Education” *National Coalition for Higher Education in Prison*, 2025
5. Colter, Robert S., “Philosophy in the Ivory Tower, Philosophy behind Bars: Two Conceptions of Philosophy” *American Philosophical Association – Central Division. 2025*
6. Colter, Robert S., “Philosophy in the Ivory Tower, Philosophy behind Bars” *World Philosophy Day*, Keynote Lecture, City University of New York, 2024.
7. Colter, Robert S., and Joseph Ulatowski. “'The Socratic Method, Scaffolding, and the Friendly Socrates?'” *American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division*. 2024.
8. Colter, Robert S., Massimo Pigliucci, and John Sellars. “Athens Practical Philosophy Workshop: Stoicism and Aristotle.” The School for New Stoicism, 2023.
9. Colter, Robert S. “Comments on Evan Dutmer, '’A Mirror for Fellow-Citizens’: Cicero’s Transformational Leadership Ideal of the Rector Rei Publicae.'” *Seeking the Good: A Conference in Celebration of the Work of Richard Kraut*. 2023.
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15. Colter, Robert S. “Designing Immersive PWOL Experiences” *APA Central Division Meeting*. 2022.
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21. Colter, Robert S. “Modern Stoicism.” *Honors Class*. 2019.
22. Colter, Robert S. “Stoicism in Wyoming Prisons.” *Symposium on Transformative Education in Prison and Beyond*. 2019.
23. Colter, Robert S., and Joseph Ulatowski. “Social Dexterity in Inquiry and Argumentation: An Apologia of Socrates.” *AAPT Studies in Pedagogy* 2 (2017): 6–27.
24. Colter, Robert S. “Self and Nature in Stoicism.” *Front Range Ancient Philosophy Workshop*. 2017.
25. Colter, Robert S., and Joseph Ulatowski. “The Unexamined Student Is Not Worth Teaching: Preparation, the Zone of Proximal Development, and the Socratic Model of Scaffolded Learning.” *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 49 (2017): 1367–80.
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