# Jeffrey Scott Nielsen
*Curriculum Vitae*

## Biographical Overview

**Jeffrey Nielsen** is a philosopher educated at Weber State University and Boston College. At Boston College, Jeffrey was a Teaching Fellow where he taught courses in logic and critical thinking, the history and philosophy of art and science as well as in ethics and epistemology. He has also taught in the philosophy department at Brigham Young University, where he taught courses in the ethics of leadership, reasoning and writing, as well as in the history and development of science. He has been an adjunct lecturer in the Gore School of Business at Westminster College, where he designed and taught the MBA course in Ethical Leadership and Corporate Governance. Currently he is a lecturer in the philosophy department at Utah Valley University teaching courses in ethics, moral decision-making, and democracy.

Jeffrey has consulted with organizations around the world on management and leadership issues and assists organizations in developing peer-based managing, strategic decision-making, and ethical problem solving models. Professor Nielsen has traveled internationally training with many of the Fortune 500 companies. He authored the book ***The Myth of Leadership: Creating Leaderless Organizations*** published by Nicholas Brealey Publishing, which offers a new paradigm in peer-based management and council-based leadership.

## Review of Work Done in Association with the Center for the Study of Ethics at Utah Valley University

With support from the Center for the Study of Ethics, in 2008 Jeffrey started the nonprofit Democracy House Project. The Democracy House Project was an educational initiative to teach political literacy in communities, adult education programs, and schools. The Democracy House Projects also assisted local governments in organizing and training citizen councils to serve as audit and advisory bodies on public policy issues.

With continued support from the Center for the Study of Ethics, Jeffrey organized the Utah Institute for Public Deliberation in association with the Kettering Foundation of Dayton, Ohio. The institute is part of the network of such centers, which convene public forums for the National Issues Forum. Jeffrey has also been a faculty member with Kettering training new centers in the art of public deliberation.

More recently the Center for the Study of Ethics invited Jeffrey to become a project coordinator for the Appomattox Project. The Appomattox Project is a project designed to cultivate political literacy and encourage civil and respectful engagement in our public square through a variety of educational programs. Jeffrey's responsibilities will include training UVU students and community members in the skill of convening and moderating public forums.

Jeffrey has also helped organize the Conference by the Faculty hosted by the Center for the Study of Ethics in 2010 and 2011, assisting as well in editing the journal.

In 2017-2019 Jeffrey helped organize and convene Ethics Awareness Week—a preeminent program of the Center for the Study of Ethics.

Jeffrey is also currently the faculty liaison for the Center for the Study of Ethics.

Professor Nielsen has also coached the Utah Valley University Ethics Bowl team and has taken the team to nationals in 2010, 2013, and 2017. He also organizes and directs the Utah High School Ethics Bowl.

**Education**
Ph.D. (candidate – ABD)
Boston College

M.A. in Philosophy (*with distinction*)
Boston College

B.A. in German, with an emphasis in Economics (*Cum Laude*)
Weber State University

**Teaching Experience**
(Description of each course available upon request)

Utah Valley University              2007 – 2019
*Ethics and Values*
*Introduction to Philosophy*
*Senior Ethics Seminar – Ethics Bowl Competition*

Westminster College              2007 – 2016
*The Ethics & Laws of Corporate Governance (MBA)*
*The Ethical Leader (MBA)*
*Religions of the World*
*Honors Western Civ.*
*Introduction to Ethics*
*Introduction to Philosophy*
*Introduction to Critical Thinking*

Brigham Young University              2002 – 2007
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*History of Civilization*
*Advanced Philosophical Writing*
*Ethics of Leadership*
*Reasoning & Writing*
*Philosophy and History of Science*
*Epistemology*
*Science & Civilization*
*Philosophy of Religion*

Boston College              1990 – 1994
*Modernism and the Arts*
*Modernism and the New Science*
*The Phenomenology of Dance*
*Introduction to Logic*
*The Problem of Self-Knowledge*
*The Philosophy of Poetry and Music*
**Publications**

Book
***The Myth of Leadership: Creating Leaderless Organizations***, (Palo Alto, CA: Davis-Black Publishers, 2004).

***A Literary Suite: Stories on Beauty, Love, & Happiness***, (Orem, UT: Literary Suite Publishing, 2014).

Chapters in Books
"Forward," ***Coming to Critical Engagement: An Auto ethnographic Exploration***, Frank Fear, Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, Inc., 2006.

Articles
"A Place at the Table: Peer-based Managing for Dynamic Organizations," **The Capital**, Dubai, UAE: Business Journal, August 2006.

"H.R. Professionals: Guardians of Peer Context and Competencies," ***HR Magazine***, Sept 2004.

"Key Questions of Leaderless Organizations," http://triarchypress.co.uk/pages/articles/The Leaderless Organization.pdf, (July, 2006).

"Flies Killed in Action or How Rank-Based Management Kills Effective Communication and What to Do about It," http://4hoteliers.com'4hots_fshw.php?mwi=724, (May 30, 2005).

"Business as a Means of Promoting Democracy," http://www.refresher.com/!jsndemocracy.html.

"The Values and Competencies of Peer-Based Organizations," http://www.centerpointfor leaders.org/newsletters/Isbpeervalues804.pdf.


**Professional Experience**

Utah Humanities Council                    Public Square Speaker                    On-going

Deliver presentations on topics of democracy and public deliberation. Most recently, shares insights from ancient philosophy on the art of happiness in the present moment, using teachings from Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, as well as Stoic and Epicurean philosophy.


Kettering Foundation                    Faculty Member                    On-going

Teaches new centers in the network of public policy institutes to successfully convene public forums as part of National issues Forums. Teaches the art and skill of public dialogue and deliberation.


Utah Institute for Public Deliberation          Director                    On-going

Member of network of public policy institutes associated with the Kettering Foundation, which convenes public forums on behalf of The National Issues Forums. Holds training sessions to prepare citizens to convene and facilitate public forums in their own communities. The Institute is currently housed at the Center for the Study of Ethics at Utah Valley University.

Democracy House Project                    Founder/Director                              2008 - 2010

An educational initiative using the innovative peer-based model to teach political literacy in communities, adult education programs, and schools. Assists local governments in organizing and training citizen councils to serve as audit and advisory bodies on public policy issues


Right Management Consultants                Consultant/Trainer                          1999 – 2002

Worked with organizations to develop robust strategic business models. Provided strategic consulting and training and created strategy, training, and organizational design models to implement within organizations. Customized and created training content and materials to meet client needs. Contracted with outplacement service companies to deliver job-search skills and resume writing Traveled internationally delivering change management workshops and providing change management consulting.


Franklin-Covey Company                     Consultant/Trainer                          1996-1999

Presented both the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and the First Things First Time Management workshops. Taught interpersonal communication workshops for special clients of the former Covey Leadership Center as well as overviews of Principle Centered Leadership. Traveled internationally consulting with many of the Fortune 100 companies. Worked extensively with health care companies, computer and information technology companies and frequently visited Washington D.C. to work with a variety of groups within the Federal Government.