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Appointments

Associate Professor, Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan	2016-Present
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan	2013-2016
Assistant Professor, University of Victoria Victoria, British Columbia	2011-2013
Lecturer, University of Victoria Victoria, British Columbia	2010-2011

Education

Ph.D., Classical Philosophy Princeton University, Philosophy Department Dissertation: <i>The Ally of Reason: Plato on the Spirited Part of the Soul</i> Advisors: John M. Cooper and Alexander Nehamas	2011
B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , Philosophy with Honors and Religious Studies The University of Texas at Austin Thesis: <i>Pyrrhonism and Belief</i> Advisor: Paul Woodruff	2005

Area of Specialization

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Moral Psychology, Ethics, Aesthetics, Political Philosophy

Languages

Ancient Greek, Latin, German, French, Spanish

Publications

Journal Articles

- "Plato's Protagoras the Hedonist," *Classical Philology* 111.3: 224-44. 2016
- "The Problem of Alcibiades: Plato on Moral Education and the Many," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 49: 1-36. 2015
- "Courage and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Republic*," *Philosopher's Imprint* 15.26: 1-21. 2015
- "*Akrasia* and the Rule of Appetite in Plato's *Republic* and *Protagoras*," *Journal of Ancient Philosophy* 8.2: 57-91. 2014
- "The Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Timaeus*," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 52.4: 627-54. 2014
- "Is Appetite Ever 'Persuaded'? An Alternative Reading of *Republic* 554c-d," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 31.3: 195-208. 2014
- "Moral Education and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Laws*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 45: 63-102. 2013
- "Tripartition and the Causes of Criminal Behavior in *Laws* ix," *Ancient Philosophy* 33 (1): 111-34. 2013
- "*Akrasia* and Self-Rule in Plato's *Laws*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 43: 25-53. 2012

Book Reviews

- Review of Olivier Renaut, *Platon, Le Médiation des Emotions: L'éducation du Thymos dans des Dialogues*, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 2016
- Review of Jill Gordon, *Plato's Erotic World: From Cosmic Origins to Human Death*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2013
- Review of Rachel Barney, Tad Brennan, and Charles Brittain (eds.), *Plato and the Divided Self*, *Philosophy in Review* 32.6: 439-42. 2012
- Review of Sandra Peterson, *Socrates and Philosophy in the Dialogues of Plato*, *Philosophy in Review* 31.6: 449-51. 2011
- Review of Alex Long (ed., trans.) and David Sedley (ed.), *Plato, Meno and Phaedo*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. 2011

Encyclopedia Entries

- "Gorgias," *Oxford Classical Dictionary*. Forthcoming 2017

Work in Progress

The Political Soul: Plato on Thumos, Spirited Motivation, and the City (Manuscript)

Presentations

Conference and Colloquium Presentations

- *"Gorgias and the Orators on the Powerlessness of Speech," Ancient Philosophy Circle, Michigan State University Jan. 2016
- *"Plato and Gorgias on the Power of Appearances," Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto March 2015
- "'Preserving' Reason: Courage and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Republic*," Second Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of British Columbia May 2014
- "'Preserving' Reason: Courage and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Republic*," 37th Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania April 2014
- "*Akrasia* in the *Republic*: Does It Actually Matter?" International Plato Society: Plato's Moral Psychology, University of Michigan Oct. 2012
- "Moral Education and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato's *Laws*," First Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of Alberta May 2012
- "Tripartition and the Causes of Criminal Behavior in Plato's *Laws*," Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Victoria Sept. 2011
- "The Ally of Reason: Plato on the Spirited Part of the Soul," 34th Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis March 2011

Commentator

- *Comments on J. Clerk Shaw, *Plato's Anti-Hedonism and the Protagoras*, 2016 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association April 2016
- *Comments on Susan Sauvé Meyer, "Virtue and Self-Mastery in Plato's *Laws*", 2014 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Feb. 2014
- Comments on C. Barry, "Socrates and Oedipus: Plato's Philosophical Transformation of a Tragic Paradigm", Canadian Philosophical Association 57th Annual Congress June 2013
- *Comments on David Wolfsdorf, "Protagoras on the Unity and Diversity of the Good," The 18th Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy Feb. 2013
- Comments on Emily Austin, "Fools, Malice, and Public Refutation in the *Philebus*," 2011 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association April 2011

Presentations (cont.)

Commentator

*Comments on Gabriel Richardson Lear, "Plato on the Power of Beautiful Speech," Princeton University Classical Philosophy Conference Dec. 2011

Comments on Mark Ralkowski, "The Politics of the *Phaedo*," West Coast Workshop in Ancient Philosophy May 2011

**Indicates Invited Appearance*

Awards and Honors

University Research Grant, Wayne State University 2015-2016

Wayne State University Academy of Scholars Junior Faculty Award 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Fellow 2014

Princeton University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship 2009-2010

Charlotte Elizabeth Proctor Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University 2009-2010

Graduate School Summer Stipend, Princeton University 2005-2010

Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University 2005-2010

William G. Bowen Merit Fellowship 2008-2009

Summer Language Study Grant, Princeton University 2007

Honors in Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin 2005

Phi Beta Kappa 2005

Professional Service

Journal Referee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2016

Journal Referee, *Phoenix* 2011-2016

Journal Referee, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 2015

Manuscript Referee, *Oxford University Press* 2014-2015

Journal Referee, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 2013

Journal Referee, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 2013

Referee, Canadian Philosophical Association 57th Annual Congress 2013

Journal Referee, *Ancient Philosophy* 2012-2013

Session Chair, 2012 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association 2012

Journal Referee, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 2012

Referee, Princeton University Classical Philosophy Graduate Conference 2008-2010

Professional Service (cont.)

Referee, Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference

2006-2009

Courses Taught

Wayne State University

PHI 1010: Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 1050: Critical Thinking

PHI 2100: Ancient Philosophy

PHI 5400: The Presocratics and Sophists

PHI 5410: Plato

PHI 5420: Aristotle

University of Victoria

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 301: Plato

PHIL 379: Early Greek Thought: The Pre-Socratics and Sophists

PHIL 383: The Life and Times of Socrates

PHIL 390: The Epicureans, Stoics, and Sceptics

PHIL 490/500: Akrasia, Weakness of Will, and Compulsion: Ancient and Modern Theories

PHIL 490/500: Plato's Theory of the Soul

PHIL 490/500: Plato's *Republic* in Context

Professional Memberships

International Plato Society

2012-present

American Philosophical Association

2009-present

December 2016