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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019– University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, John and Daria Barry Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2018–2019 Harvard University, Center for Hellenic Studies, Research Fellow
- 2017–2018 University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy, Postdoctoral Researcher
- 2016–2017 University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy, Lecturer

EDUCATION

- 2011–2016 PhD in Philosophy, University of Toronto
Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Thesis: *The Ontology, Etiology, and Moral Psychology of Action: Aristotle and Today*, Advisors: Lloyd Gerson, Brad Inwood, Philip Clark, Examiners: Christopher Shields, James Allen
- 2014 Visiting Graduate Student, University of Oxford
Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity
- 2010–2011 MSt in Ancient Philosophy (with distinction), University of Oxford
Merton College, Thesis: *The Voluntary in Nicomachean Ethics III.1*, Tutors: David Charles, Ursula Coope, C.C.W. Taylor, Examiners: David Charles, Gail Fine, Christopher Shields, David Sedley (external)
- 2008–2010 MA in Philosophy (highest honors), University of Oklahoma
- 2004–2008 BA in Philosophy, Greek & Hebrew, Spanish (high honors), Honors College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Thesis: *Distributive Justice and Rap*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Metaphysics (Action, Causation, Grounding), Virtue Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Medieval Philosophy (incl. Islamic Philosophy)

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘Aristotle’s Four Causes of Action.’ *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97.2 (2019): 213–227.
- ‘Aristotle on Divine and Human Contemplation.’ *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- ‘Are There Really Two Kinds of Happiness in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*?’ *Classical Philology* (forthcoming).

‘Out of Thin Air? Diogenes of Apollonia on Causal Explanation.’ In *Heat, Pneuma and Soul in Ancient Philosophy and Science: From the Presocratics to Aristotle*, edited by H. Bartoš and C. King, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Aristotle on Happiness, Virtue, and Wisdom (contracted with Cambridge University Press)

Aristotle on the Causation of Action (manuscript requested by Cambridge University Press)

‘Causal Deviance, Anarchic Hands, and Structuring-Causal Theories of Action’ (under revision for *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*)

‘Aristotle’s Virtue Epistemology: Theoretical and Practical Wisdom’ (presented in part at the University of Victoria and 2018 Pacific APA)

‘Ontological Priority and Relatives: A Problem of Metaphysical Grounding for Aristotle’ (presented in part at 2019 Eastern APA)

‘Aristotle on Praise, Honor, and Activity’ (to be presented in part at 2020 Eastern APA)

‘Metaphysical Grounding and Aristotle’s Fallacy of Accident’

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2013–2016 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (50,000 CAD stipend per annum, national research award issued by the Government of Canada)

2011–2016 Robinson Award in Classical Philosophy, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy (27,000 CAD stipend per annum)

2017 University of Toronto HealthyU Community Champion (awarded on the basis of student nomination for promoting a positive and inclusive classroom environment)

2016 Robinson Essay Prize (500 CAD, awarded for best essay, submissions open to Philosophy, Classics, and Medieval Studies)

2015 George Paxton Young Memorial Prize in Philosophy (150 CAD)

2014 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (1,811 CAD for research at the University of Oxford, Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity)

2013 Hadden Prize, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (100 CAD, awarded for the best paper presented at their annual conference)

2008–2010 Graduate Foundation Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy (22,000 USD stipend per annum plus full tuition and fees, awarded to one student in the department each year)

ACADEMIC TALKS

Invited Talks

- 10/2018 Aristotle on the Contemplation of the Divine, Bryn Mawr College
Classics Colloquium
- 05/2018 Plato on Knowledge, Belief, and Ignorance in *Republic* 5, University of Notre Dame, Center for the Aristotelian Tradition Workshop: *Republic* v and vi
- 01/2018 Aristotle on Theoretical and Practical Wisdom, University of Victoria
- 11/2017 The Standard Problem and Hard Problem of Happiness, San Diego State University
- 04/2017 Aristotle on the Unity of Action, UC Riverside
UC Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference
- 10/2015 Aristotle and Powers Theories of Action, University of Oxford
Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Visiting Speaker Series
- 11/2014 Aristotle's Four Causes of Action, UC Berkeley
Working Group in Ancient Philosophy
- 04/2013 Voluntary Action, Western University, London, ON
- 08/2012 Aristotle on Courage in *Eudemian Ethics* III.1, Cornell University
Eudemian Ethics Workshop
- 05/2012 Aristotle on Choice and Action, Tahoe Ancient Philosophy Workshop
(organized by Harvard University and Western University), Tahoe City, CA

Refereed Talks

- 01/2020 Aristotle on Praise, Honor, and Activity
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, respondent: TBA
- 01/2019 Ontological Priority and Relatives: A Problem of Metaphysical Grounding for Aristotle, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, respondent: Katy Meadows
- 10/2018 Divine and Human Contemplation in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Workshop on Happiness and Ethics in the Aristotelian Tradition, Providence College
- 03/2018 Aristotle on Theoretical and Practical Wisdom,
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, respondent: Marta Heckel
- 02/2018 Are There Really Two Kinds of Happiness in *Nicomachean Ethics* 10. 8?
American Philosophical Association Central Division, respondent: Jean Clifford
- 05/2017 Hylomorphic Actions, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University,
respondent: John Thorp
- 05/2017 A Hylomorphic Account of Action, Hylomorphism Conference, Banff, Alberta

- 05/2016 Aristotle on Causation, Production, and Ontological Priority, Aristotle University World Congress: Aristotle 2400 Years
- 03/2016 Aristotle on the Starting-Point of Motion, University of Cambridge
Archai and Geneseis: Theorising Origins in Ancient Philosophy, respondent: George Medvedev
- 03/2016 A Note on Aristotle's *Aitai*, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy session
- 07/2014 On the Precursors and Influence of Diogenes of Apollonia, Aristotle University International Association for Presocratic Studies
- 04/2014 A Problem for Teleological Explanation in Aristotle's Biology, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, respondent: Michael Ferejohn
- 06/2013 On the State's Duty to the Poor, University of Victoria, International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy
- 06/2013 Aristotle on How Character Is Up to Us, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria, respondent: Michael Da Silva
- 06/2013 The Problem of Unbeneficial Features in Aristotle's *Parts of Animals*, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Victoria
- 04/2013 Diogenes of Apollonia on First Principles, Cause, & Explanation, U of Cambridge Conference on First Principles, Cause, and Explanation in Ancient Philosophy, respondent: Rhodes Pinto
- 03/2013 Out of Thin Air? Diogenes of Apollonia on Generation and Causal Interaction, Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin, respondent: Dhananjay Jagannathan
- 10/2012 On Science Pure and Simple, Plato's Moral Psychology Workshop, U of Michigan
- 04/2012 Matters of Taste, North Texas Philosophical Association, U of North Texas
- 02/2012 The Voluntary in *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1, American Philosophical Association Central Division, respondent: Susan Sauvé Meyer
- 06/2011 Epistemic Communities, Doxastic Alternatives, and Soteriological Exclusivism, International Conference in Philosophy of Religion: Philosophy of Religion in the 21st Century Krakow, Poland
- 04/2011 Aristotle on the Voluntary, North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas
- 08/2010 Causalism and the Normativity of Practical Reason, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 11/2009 On the Psychological Nature and Intersubjective Force of Epistemic Reasons, Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

10/2009 Socratic Self-Knowledge in the *Charmides* and the *Apology*, Fordham University
joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the
Study of Islamic Philosophy

Commentaries

03/2019 David Charles's Enmattered Forms and Efficient Causation, Annual Toronto
Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto

02/2017 Vanessa de Harven's Composition, Constitution, and the Continuum,
Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin

02/2015 Emily Katz's Ontological Separation in Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Ancient
Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin

06/2013 Marc Ramsay's Consenting Combatants: Gladiators, Boxers & Cage-Fighters,
International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy,
University of Victoria

08/2010 Frans Svensson's Eudaimonist Virtue Ethics and Right Action: A Reassessment,
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado

Interdisciplinary/Public Talks

11/2019 Magnanimity and Leadership, Cosmos Club, Washington, DC

11/2019 Happiness, Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC

02/2014 Plato on the Dangers of Intellectual Openness, Massey College Junior Fellow
Lecture Series, Toronto

11/2012 The Nature of Innovation, Massey College Junior Fellow Lecture Series, Toronto

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (at University of Toronto unless otherwise stated)

As Instructor

2017 Aristotle

2017 Human Nature

2016 Freedom, Responsibility and Human Action

2016 The Rationalists

2014 Ancient Philosophy

As Tutorial Leader

2016 Bioethics

2013–2014 Ancient Philosophy

2013 Later Medieval Philosophy

2012 Early Medieval Philosophy

As Teaching Assistant

2012 Critical Reasoning

2012 Puzzles and Paradoxes

2011 Ancient Philosophy
2010 Asian and Comparative Philosophy, University of Oklahoma
2009 History of Ethics, University of Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*

Conference organization and co-organization:

Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, March 2016

LANGUAGES

Fluency: English, Spanish

Reading: Classical Greek, French, German, Italian, Latin