

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Research Areas

Areas of Specialization: Ancient philosophy, especially metaphysics/Neoplatonism; Byzantine philosophy.

Areas of Competence: Medieval philosophy; contemporary metaphysics; philosophy of religion.

Academic Positions

Oct. 2021–Current: *Senior Postdoctoral Fellow* — KU Leuven / Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Project: *Substance and the Sensible World between Pagan Platonism and Early Byzantine Christians: A Philosophical Investigation.* (Grant #1287822N)
Promoter: Gerd Van Riel (KU Leuven)

Oct. 2019–Sept. 2021: *Postdoctoral Research Fellow* — Austrian Academy of Sciences
Attached to ERC project: *Neoplatonism and Abrahamic Traditions: A Comparative Analysis of the Middle East, Byzantium and the Latin West (9th-16th Centuries).* (Grant #771640)
Principle Investigator: Dragos Calma (UC Dublin) — Secondary Supervisor: Pavlina Rychterová (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Oct. 2017–Sept. 2018: *Adjunct Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter)* — LMU Munich

Education

Oct. 2014–Feb. 2018: *PhD Philosophy* — LMU Munich
Primary Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson (LMU Munich) — Secondary Supervisor: Prof. Jan Opsomer (KU Leuven)
Dissertation: “The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One’s Causality in Proclus and Damascius” — Defense date: February 26, 2018; awarded *Magna cum laude*.

Sept. 2013–Aug. 2014: *MSc by Research in Philosophy* — University of Edinburgh
Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva
Dissertation: “Proclus and Plotinus on Self-Constitution in the One”

Sept. 2012–Aug. 2013: *MSc Ancient Philosophy* — University of Edinburgh
Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva
Dissertation: “Plotinus and Aristotle on the Simplicity of the Divine Intellect”

Aug. 2006–May 2010: *BA Liberal Arts (Philosophy/Theology)* — Thomas Aquinas College (California, USA)

Publications

Monograph

1. Greig, J. (2021). *The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One's Causality in Proclus and Damascius*. Philosophia Antiqua. Leiden: Brill, <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004439092>.
 - Revised version of the PhD dissertation; book published Nov. 2020.
 - Book reviews:
 - Griffin, Michael J. (2021). Review of *The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One's Causality in Proclus and Damascius*, by Jonathan Greig. *The Review of Metaphysics* 75 (2): 375–377, <https://doi.org/10.1353/rvm.2021.0044>.
 - Krämer, Benedikt (2022). Review of: Jonathan Greig: *The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism. A Study of the One's Causality in Proclus and Damascius*. *Plekos* 24: 307–315, <https://www.plekos.uni-muenchen.de/2022/r-greig.pdf>.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

2. Greig, J. (2022). "Reason, Revelation, and Sceptical Argumentation in 12th- to 14th-Century Byzantium", *Theoria* 88 (1): 165–201, <https://doi.org/10.1111/theo.12312>.
3. Greig, J. (2022). "Proclus' Reception in Maximus the Confessor, Mediated through John Philoponus and Pseudo-Dionysius: A Case Study of *Ambiguum* 7". In *Reading Proclus and the Book of Causes, Volume 3*, edited by Dragos Calma, 117–167. Leiden: Brill. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004501331_007.
4. Greig, J. (2021). "The Aporetic Method of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* B in Damascius' *De Principiis*". *History of Philosophy and Logical Analysis* 24: 161–209. <https://doi.org/10.30965/26664275-bja10045>.
5. Greig, J. (2020). "Proclus on the Two Causal Models for the One's Production of Being: Reconciling the Relation of the Henads and the Limit/Unlimited", *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 14 (1): 23–48, <https://doi.org/10.1163/18725473-12341453>.
6. Greig, J. (2017). "Proclus' Doctrine of Participation in Maximus the Confessor's *Centuries of Theology* I.48–50". In *Studia Patristica LXXV*, edited by Markus Vinzent, 137–148. Leuven: Peeters, https://www.peeters-leuven.be/detail.php?search_key=9789042935716&series_number_str=75&lang=en.

Book Reviews

7. Greig, J. (2021). Review of B. Bossi, T. Robinson (eds.) (2020), *Plato's 'Theaetetus' revisited*, Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, <https://bmc.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.10.52/>.
8. Greig, J. (2021). Review of N. Spanu (2020), *Proclus and the Chaldean Oracles*, London and New York: Routledge. *Plekos* 23: 387–404, <https://plekos.jimdofree.com/2021/11/15/nicola-spanu-proclus-and-the-chaldean-oracles-2021/>.
9. Greig, J. (2021). Review of M. Vlad, *Damascius et l'ineffable: récit de l'impossible discours*, Paris: Vrin, 2019. *Rhizomata* 9(1): 143–149, <https://doi.org/10.1515/rhiz-2021-0008>.
10. Greig, J., and John Whitty (2020). Review of J. Zachhuber, *The Rise of Christian Theology and the End of Ancient Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020). *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 72(3–4): 320–323.
11. Greig, J. (2020). "Cosmology and Politics in Plato's Later Works by Dominic O'Meara (review)", *Review of Metaphysics* 74(2): 399–400, <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/774883>.

Publications under Review/in Press

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

1. "The *Book of Causes* and Nicholas of Methone on Created and Uncreated Being". Submitted June 30, 2022; under peer review for volume on Being in the *Liber de Causis* and its legacy (eds. Dragos Calma, Evelina Maria Malgieri), to be published in Brill's *History of Metaphysics* series.
2. "Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas: Between Proclus and the Early Byzantines". Submitted March 4, 2022; in preparation for volume on Nicholas of Methone (see "Edited Volumes" below).

Book Chapters (non-peer-reviewed)

3. "Soul and Deification in Proclus, Nicholas of Methone, and the Palamite Controversy". Submitted June 1, 2021; in press for second volume on soul/body in Byzantine thought (eds. Frederick Lauritzen, Sarah

Wear), to be published in Franciscan University Press series, *Theandrites: Byzantine Philosophy and Christian Platonism*; expected to be published late 2023.

Publications in Progress

Journal Articles

1. "Neoplatonic Participation and Its Transformation in Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Methone". Journal article being finalized for submission to *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* by late 2022.
2. "Aristotle and Damascius on the Co-Relation of One and Being". Journal article in preparation for submission to *Méthexis* by early 2023.
3. "Plato's *Sophist*, Aristotle, and Plotinus on Motion in Intellect". Journal article in preparation for submission to *Phronesis* by early 2023.
4. "The Bundle and Substrate Theories of Sensible Substance Between Gregory of Nyssa and Maximus the Confessor". Journal article in preparation for submission to *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* by mid-2023.

Book Chapters

5. "The Bundle Theory in Gregory of Nyssa's *Apologia in hexaemeron*". Manuscript being finalized for peer review in volume on Gregory's *In hex.* (eds. Johannes Zachhuber, Anna Marmodoro), to be published in Oxford University Press; to be submitted late Oct. 2022.
6. "God and the Two Principles in 'On Principles and Matter' and Porphyry's Extant Works". Manuscript in preparation for edited volume on Syriac translation of "On Principles and Matter" by Porphyry (ed. Yury Arzhanov), to be published with De Gruyter; to be submitted Dec. 2022.
7. "Contradiction and God in Middle to Late Byzantium: The Afterlife of Proclus and Ps.-Dionysius". Manuscript in preparation for volume, *Contradiction and the Absolute* (eds. Graham Priest, Behnam Zolghdar); to be submitted Apr. 2023.

Edited Volumes

8. *Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition*. Collected proceedings from conference held Apr. 12–13, 2021 (see below), on the 12th-cent. Byzantine thinker, Nicholas of Methone, and his intellection context, esp. critical reception of Proclus. Peer-reviewed volume co-edited with Dragos Calma and Joshua Robinson; under contract in Brill's series, *History of Metaphysics*, expected publication late 2023.

Teaching Experience

BA courses

Feb.–May 2022: Text seminar, *Ancient Philosophical Inquiry and Methodology* (KU Leuven)
Text seminar course organized and taught for international BA program in philosophy in Spring Semester 2022, in connection with survey course, *Ancient Philosophy* (led by Prof. Gerd Van Riel). Evaluated by class participation and supervised term paper. Course syllabus available on request.

Apr.–July 2018: BA seminar, *Ancient Philosophical Theology* (LMU Munich)
Course organized and taught for bachelors students in Summer Semester 2018. Evaluated by supervised term paper. Course syllabus/student feedback available on request.

Oct. 2017–Feb. 2018: BA seminar, *Mind and Soul in Platonism* (LMU Munich)
Course co-organized and co-taught with Mr. Máté Herner in Winter Semester 2017-18. Evaluated by supervised term paper. Course syllabus/student feedback available on request.

Reading groups

Oct. 2021–Current: Organized advanced, postdoc/postgrad reading group on Plotinus' *Ennead* VI.1, as commentary/critique on Aristotle's *Categories* (KU Leuven).

MA advising

Nov. 2021–Sept. 2022: Supervised one MA thesis, on contemplation in Plotinus/Augustine (KU Leuven).

Open to advise on a variety of topics in ancient, late antique, and/or Byzantine philosophy (this can include both strictly “philosophical” texts as well as “non-philosophical” texts, such as theological treatises that contain philosophical discussions), as well as aspects of medieval philosophy (esp. Thomas Aquinas).

Other Administrative Experience

- Examiner in two MA thesis defenses at KU Leuven (Sept. 2022).
- Responsible for administration of online bibliography page on Damascius (together with Saskia Aerts), hosted by KU Leuven (De Wulf-Mansion Centre) [*in progress*; for old site: <https://hiw.kuleuven.be/dwmc-OLD/ancientphilosophy/damascius/damasciusbiblio.html>] (Oct. 2021–current).
- Site administration for the International Plato Society [<http://platosociety.org>] (Aug. 2019–Sept. 2022).

Select Presentations

1. Jul. 10, 2022: “Plato’s *Sophist* 248b5–6 and Plotinus’ Defense of Motion in Intellect” — workshop, *Categories and Kinds: Ancient Philosophers on the Structure of Reality* (LMU Munich).
2. Jun. 5, 2022: “The Bundle Theory in Gregory of Nyssa’s *In hexaemeron*” — workshop on Gregory of Nyssa’s *Apologia in hexaemeron* (University of Oxford).
3. May 25, 2022: “*Ambiguum* 17, Gregory of Nyssa, and Maximus the Confessor’s Denial of the ‘Bundle Theory’” — *North American Patristics Society, 2022 Meeting* (panel, “Maximus the Confessor and Greek Philosophy”).
4. Apr. 8, 2022: “God and the Active Cause in Porphyry’s ‘On Principles and Matter’ and the Extant Works” — *Porphyry in Syriac* (Universität Wien) [online].
5. Mar. 16, 2022: “‘One and Being Are Said in the Same Number of Ways’: Damascius on the Relation of One and Being in Light of Aristotle’s Critique in *Metaphysics* Γ.2 and Iota” — Being, Essence, Individuality: Post-Proclean Developments (KU Leuven). (<https://hiw.kuleuven.be/dwmc/not-another-history-of-platonism/events/workshop-being-essence-and-individuality-post-proclean-developments>)
6. Nov. 6, 2021: “The Book of Causes and Nicholas of Methone on Created and Uncreated Being” — *Being, the First Created Thing: Sources and Reception of the Book of Causes, Prop. IV* (UC Dublin) [online].
7. Apr. 13, 2021: “Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas: Between Proclus and the Early Byzantines” — *Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition* (Austrian Academy of Sciences/UC Dublin) [online].
8. Oct. 15, 2020: “Soul and Divinization in Proclus, Nicholas of Methone, and the Palamite Controversy” — conference panel, “Theandrites”, organized by Frederick Lauritzen (Venice) and Sarah Wear (Franciscan University), for the conference, *Curare la persona* (Scuola Grande di San Marco/Istituto Ellenico di Venezia) [online].
9. Dec. 7, 2019: “Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas” — ERC project (NeoplAT) workshop, *Divine Ideas*, organized by Dragos Calma (UC Dublin).
10. Jul. 18, 2019: “The Ground of Being in the *Parmenides*’ First and Second Hypotheses: Damascius’ Inheritance of Proclus’ Reading of the First Hypothesis” — *Symposium Platonicum XII* (Paris).
11. Jul. 4, 2019: “Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Methone on Divine Causality in Their Critiques of Proclus and Use of Ps.-Dionysius” — *Symposium Thomisticum IV* (Rome).
12. May 24, 2019: “Nicholas of Methone on Participation in His Critique of Proclus” — workshop, *Vienna Colloquium in Byzantine Philosophy* (University of Vienna).
13. Jan. 11, 2019: Commentary on Prof. Luca Gili, ‘Ammonius, Philoponus, and the Activity of Syllogizing’ — conference, *Logic and Exegesis: The Logical Reconstruction of Arguments in the Greek Commentary Tradition* (De Wulf-Mansion Centre, KU Leuven).
14. May 31, 2017: “On the circle–radii–center analogy to divine causality in Plotinus, Proclus, and Damascius, and its legacy” — colloquium presentation (Latin Philology, LMU Munich).
15. Apr. 11, 2017: “Proclus and Damascius on the One’s Causality” — *Northern Association for Ancient Philosophy* 2017 (University of Edinburgh).

Conferences Organized

1. *Apr. 12–13, 2021: Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition*, conference hosted with the Austrian Academy of Sciences and University College Dublin (online, due to the 2020-21 pandemic). Co-organized with Dragos Calma and Joshua Robinson.
2. *Oct. 5–6, 2017: Philosophy in Byzantium: The Order of Nature and Order of Humankind*, conference hosted at the LMU Munich. Co-organized with Peter Adamson (LMU Munich) and Dimitrios Vasilakis (Erlangen-Nürnberg).
3. *Jun. 14, 2017: Conference panel, 'Form and Participation in Graeco-Arabic Neoplatonism'*, for the annual *International Society of Neoplatonism Studies* congress (Olomouc, Czech Republic). Co-organized with Bethany Somma (LMU Munich).

Awards/Fellowships

- *May 2021: FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship*
 - Three-year research position (Oct. 2021–Sept. 2024) hosted at KU Leuven under the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). (See “Academic Positions”, above.)
- *May 2021: Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship*
 - Two-year research position (Sept. 2021–Sept. 2023) to be hosted at UC Dublin under the Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme, for project entitled, “Subversive Platonism and Orthodoxy: John Italos’ Revival of Pagan Philosophy in Byzantium”.
 - Rejected in favor of competing offer for FWO position (above).
- *Apr. 2014: Doctoral Research Fellowship*
 - Three-year stipendiary fellowship (Oct. 2014–Sept. 2017) for PhD research in the Munich School of Ancient Philosophy (MUSAΦ) at LMU Munich. (See “Education”, above.)
- *Aug. 2014: Highly Commended Dissertation Award*, by the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (University of Edinburgh), for the MSc in Research degree.
- *Aug. 2013: Dissertation distinction for the MSc Ancient Philosophy degree* (University of Edinburgh).

Academic Memberships

- ERC project, *Not another history of Platonism. The role of Aristotle's criticisms of Plato in the development of ancient Platonism* (PlatoViaAristotle) – Associated member since Oct. 2021.
- ERC project, *Neoplatonism and Abrahamic Traditions: A Comparative Analysis of the Middle East, Byzantium and the Latin West (9th-16th Centuries)* (NeoplAT) – Employed in project Oct. 2019–Sept. 2021; associated member since Oct. 2021.
- International Plato Society (May 2019–current)
- International Society of Neoplatonism Studies (May 2017–current)
- Aquinas and “the Arabs” International Working Group (May 2022–current)
- LECTIO: KU Leuven Institute for the Study of the Transmission of Texts, Ideas and Images in Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (Oct. 2021–current)
- North American Patristics Society (May 2022–current)

Languages

- Ancient Greek (expert)
- Ancient Latin (intermediate)
- German (intermediate)
- French (reading competence)
- Italian (reading competence)

References

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