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Area of Specialization

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Medieval Philosophy (Latin and Arabic traditions), History of Ethics

Academic Positions

Serra Húnter Fellow Universitat de Barcelona	Sept 2022–
Researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	2017–2022
Replacement Professor (Vertretungsprofessur) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Summer Sem. 2021
Solmsen Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities University of Wisconsin–Madison	2016–2017
Assistant Professor Northwestern University	2009–2016
Visiting Fellow Clare Hall and Classics Faculty, Cambridge	Winter 2013
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow University of California at Berkeley	2007–2009

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (alternate: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)	2016 - 2017
Spencer Foundation grant (\$40,000 supporting a year's research leave, one-term visit to Cambridge, and a major conference)	2012-2013
Alice Kaplan Humanities Institute Fellowship (50% research leave)	2011-2012

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles Dissertation: <i>Aristotle's Motivation for Matter</i>	2000-2007
B.A. in Philosophy with Honors, University of Chicago Study Abroad at King's College London	1996-2000 1998-99

Monograph

1. *Plato's Phaedo: Forms, Death, and the Philosophical Life* (Cambridge University Press, in production [copy editing done; estimated publication Nov. 2022])

Volumes Edited

2. *Cambridge Companion to Plato*, second edition (edited by David Ebrey and Richard Kraut) (Cambridge University Press, 2022)
3. *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* (Cambridge University Press, 2015; paperback, 2018)

Published and Forthcoming Essays (<https://sites.google.com/site/davidebrey/>)

4. "The *Phaedo* as an Alternative to Tragedy," *Classical Philology* (forthcoming)
5. "The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*" in 2, above, 268–297
6. "Introduction to the Study of Plato" (co-authored with Richard Kraut) in 2, above, 1–38
7. "The *Phaedo*'s Final Argument and the Soul's Kinship with the Divine" *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 61 (2021 [nominally]) (forthcoming)
8. "Aristotle on the Matter for Birth, Life, and the Elements" in *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Science* ed. Liba Taub (Cambridge University Press, 2020), 79-101
9. "Identity and Explanation in the *Euthyphro*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 52 (2017), 77-111
10. "Socrates on Why We Should Inquire," *Ancient Philosophy* 37 (2017), 1-17
11. "The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul's Proper Activity" *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 99 (2017), 1-30
12. "The Value of Rule in Plato's Dialogues: A Reply to Melissa Lane," *Plato Journal* 16 (2016), 75-80
13. "Introduction" in 3, above, 1-7
14. "Blood, Matter, and Necessity" in 3, above, 61-76
15. "Why Are There No Conditionals in Aristotle's Logic?" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2015), 185-205
16. "Meno's Paradox in Context," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22 (2014), 1-21
17. "Making Room for Matter: Material Causes in the *Phaedo* and the *Physics*," *Apeiron* 47 (2014), 245-265
18. "A New Philosophical Tool in the *Meno*: 86e-87c," *Ancient Philosophy* 33 (2013), 75-96

Book Reviews & Annotated Bibliography

19. Review of A. G. Long, *Death and Immortality in Ancient Philosophy* in *Mind* (forthcoming)
20. "Plato's *Phaedo*," *Oxford Bibliographies* in Classics. Ed. Dee Clayman. August 2017 [8,000 word online annotated bibliography]

21. Review of Gail Fine, *The Possibility of Inquiry: Meno's Paradox from Socrates to Sextus* in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55, 2017, 537-538
22. Review of Hugh Benson *Clitophon's Challenge: Dialectic in Plato's Meno, Phaedo, and Republic* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2016.11.21
23. Review of Iakovos Vasiliou, *Aiming at Virtue in Plato* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2009.08.21

Under contract

24. Translation of Asclepius' (fifth century, hitherto untranslated) commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics Zeta* (with James Wilberding) for the *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle Series* (Bloomsbury)
25. "Meno" (in *The Platonic Mind*, ed. Vasilis Politis and Peter Larsen, Routledge)

Works in Progress

26. "The Definition of Matter in *Physics I*"
27. "The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge"
28. "The Enemies of Stable Being in the *Cratylus*"
29. "Timaeus' speech as a Platonic Origin *Muthos*"
30. "Forms and The Origin of Self-Predication"

Presentations

- "The Body in the *Phaedo*"
 - *Human Body and Identity in Greek Philosophy and Culture*, Norwegian Institute, Athens (Oct. 2022)
- Presentation on *Phaedrus* 241d-245c (with Emily Fletcher)
 - Plato Dialogue Project, Athens (Sept. 2022)
- "Timaeus' speech as a Platonic Origin *Muthos*"
 - Tartu-Stanford Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Tartu (June 2022)
 - University of Kentucky Online *Timaeus* Conference (May 2022)
- Presenter on A. G. Long (ed.) *Immortality in Ancient Philosophy* (April 2022)
 - *The Shelves* (Univ. of Turin, online)
- "Socrates' Autobiography"
 - National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Dec. 2021)
 - University of Oslo (March 2021)
- "Socrates as a Model and Guide in the *Phaedo*"
 - *The Relation Master and Disciple in Antiquity*, Universidad Complutense, Madrid (Sept. 2021)
- "The Causes of Beauty and Flux in the *Phaedo*'s Cosmology"
 - Keynote address, 6th Annual Berlin-Munich graduate conference (Dec. 2020)
- "The Structure of the *Phaedo*'s Recollecting Argument"
 - Ancient Phil Colloquium, University of Tübingen (January 2020)
- "Pleasure, Courage, and the Correct Exchange"
 - Invited Eastern APA Symposium (January 2020)
 - *Plato and Platonism*, University of Oslo (November 2018)

- *Plato's Pleasures: New Perspectives*, King's College London (August 2018)
- “Misology and the Method of Hypothesis”
 - University of Crete, Rethymno (October 2019)
 - Philosophy in Assos (Turkey) (July 2019)
- “Ascribing Matter to Aristotle's Predecessors”
 - *Aristotle on Plato and the Presocratics* at University of Oslo (Sept 2019)
- “The *Phaedo*'s Final Argument and the Soul's Kinship with the Forms”
 - Université libre de Bruxelles (December 2018)
 - Ancient Philosophy Colloquium, Bochum (November 2018)
 - Symposium, Central American Philosophical Association (February 2018)
 - Cambridge B Club (Nov 2016)
 - University of Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference (Nov 2016)
 - International Plato Society, Brasilia (July 2016)
 - Univ. of Chicago Ancient Greek and Roman Phil. Workshop (June 2016)
- “On *Ancient Medicine* and the Method of Hypothesis in the *Phaedo*”
 - Ancient Medicine Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (July 2018)
- “The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*”
 - *Plato's Philosophy: Eros, Polis, Cosmos*, Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Biennial Conference (October 2018)
 - Departmental Colloquium, Charles University (May 2018)
 - Conference on Substance, Fed. Univ. of Goiania (Brazil) (April 2018)
 - Departmental Colloquium, University of Groningen (January 2018)
 - Front Range Ancient Phil. Workshop, Univ. of Colorado-Denver (May 2017)
 - The Greeks at University of Wisconsin-Madison (December 2016)
 - Harvard Ancient Philosophy Workshop (November 2015)
 - University of Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference (October 2015)
- Presentation on *Phaedo* 92c5-94b3 (Socrates' Reply to Simmias' Objection)
 - *Phaedo Reading Week*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (August 2018)
- Presentation on *Peri Ideon* 97.27-98.24 (Aristotle's Reply to Eudoxus' Position)
 - Cambridge May Week on the *Peri Ideon* (May 2018)
- “The Enemies of Stable Being in the *Cratylus*”
 - Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Apr. 2018)
 - Keynote address, *Language and Reality in Ancient Philosophy*, University of Groningen (January 2018)
 - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (November 2013)
 - West Coast Plato Workshop, Stanford (May 2013)
- “The *Phaedo* as Anti-Tragedy”
 - PUC Rio de Janeiro (April 2018)
 - Keynote address, Humboldt-LMU Joint Graduate Conference (Feb. 2018)
- “The Definition of Matter in *Physics* I”
 - Contemporary Perspectives on Aristotle's Physics, Ligerz (January 2018)
 - Notre Dame Junior Faculty Workshop (May 2015)
 - Aristotle Conference at University of Kansas (April 2015)
 - Invited Central APA Symposium (February 2014)
 - Oxford (January 2014)
- “Plato's *Phaedo*: The Initiation of a Philosopher”
 - Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison (Oct 2016)

- “The Matter for Birth, Life, and the Elements”
- Workshop on Matter in Aristotle, Oxford (June 2016)
- “The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge”
- Conference *Knowledge and Value* Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil (June 2016)
 - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philos. (May 2016)
 - Central APA Colloquium (March 2016)
 - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (February 2016)
 - University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (January 2016)
 - Michigan State (November 2015)
- “Identity and Explanation in the *Euthyphro*”
- University of Arkansas (April 2015)
 - King’s College London (September 2014)
 - Colloquium at the NEH Summer seminar on Socrates, Lewis & Clark College (July 2014)
- “Natural Science and The Method of Hypothesis and in the *Phaedo*”
- Keynote, Brazilian Plato Society, the *Phaedo*, Uberlândia (April 2015)
 - *A New Perspective on Plato and his Philosophical Methods*, Kyoto University (March 2015)
- “Virtue, Teaching, and Divine Inspiration in the *Meno*”
- *Socrates: A Conference in Honor of Nick Smith*, Lewis & Clark (Oct. 2014)
 - 10th Biennial meeting of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (November 2014)
- “The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul’s Proper Activity”
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (January 2014)
 - Central European University (January 2014)
 - University of Chicago Ancient Philosophy Workshop (May 2013)
 - *Plato’s Moral Psychology*, U.S. Meeting of the International Plato Society, University of Michigan (October 2012)
- “The Difference between Teaching and Habituation in Plato and Aristotle”
- Central European University (January 2014)
 - *Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary* Northwestern (June 2013)
 - Northwestern Classics lunch talk (May 2012)
- “Forms and the Origin of Self-predication”
- University of São Paulo (May 2013)
 - Central APA (February 2013)
 - Cambridge B Club (January 2013)
 - University of Kentucky (April 2012)
 - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (May 2012)
 - Annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (October 2011)
 - Northwestern working group in Ancient Philosophy (May 2011)
- “Why are there no conditionals in Aristotle’s logic?”
- University of São Paulo (June 2013)
 - *Meaning, Metaphysics, and Inference in Aristotle and Aristotelianism*, Marquette (June 2012)
- “Blood, Matter, and Necessity”
- *New Directions* Conference at Rutgers (May 2013)
 - The University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (November 2012)

- The Greeks at the University of Wisconsin, Madison (April 2012)
- *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* Northwestern (Apr. 2012)
- Colloquium, Kaplan Instit. for the Humanities, Northwestern (Jan. 2012)
- “A New Philosophical Tool in the *Meno*”
 - West Coast Plato Workshop, University of Denver (May 2012)
 - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (October 2009)
 - Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (September 2009)
- “Making Room for Matter”
 - Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Pacific APA, Seattle (April 2012)
 - ATINER Inter. Conference on Philosophy (Athens, Greece, June 2011)
 - Workshop on Material/Teleological Causation, Center for Hellenic Studies (February 2011)
 - San Diego State University (March 2010)
 - Notre Dame Ancient Philosophy Workshop (February 2010)
- “Three Problems with the Royal Art”
 - West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Berkeley (May 2009)
- “Meno's Paradox in Context”
 - Northwestern University (February 2009)
 - Townsend Ancient Philosophy Working Group at Berkeley (October 2008)
- “What is Aristotelian matter present in?”
 - Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (June 2008)
- “Socrates and Plato on the Value of Knowledge”
 - West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Davis (May 2008)
- “Why Aristotle needs matter”
 - Northwestern (February 2008),
 - Berkeley (February 2007)
 - Washington University in St. Louis (January 2007)
- “Socrates on why we need to study ethics”
 - Townsend Ancient Philosophy Working Group at Berkeley (November 2007)

Conferences and Workshops Organized

- Plato's Philosophy: Eros, Polis, Cosmos* co-organized with Richard Kraut and Gabriel Lear [For the *Cambridge Companion to Plato*], (October 2018)
- Phaedo* Reading Week [Week-long intensive faculty reading week] (August 2018)
- Plato's Late Dialogues* (March 2016)
- Northwestern Junior Faculty Ancient Philosophy Workshop* (June 2014)
- Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary*, Spencer-funded conference (June 2013)
- Animality: Greco-Roman Conceptions of the Human Being* Co-organized with Gabriel Lear, the Chicago-Area Ancient Philosophy Consortium's conference (October 2012)
- Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy* (April 2012)
- Euthydemus*, the Second West Coast Plato Society Workshop on Plato's (May 2009)
- Northwestern's (Philosophy's) junior faculty working group (2009-2016)
- Co-organized Northwestern's Ancient Philosophy Workshop (2009-2016)

Courses designed and taught (Humboldt has two semesters: Winter and Summer)

Ancient Ethics: Plato and Aristotle (undergrad lecture)	Summer 2021
Plato's <i>Symposium</i> in Greek (advanced undergrad)	Wi. 2020-1, Summer 2021
Plato on the Soul (grad seminar)	Summer 2021
Theories of Justice: Ancient and Modern (adv. undergrad)	Summer 2021
Writing and Argumentation course: Phil. Of Games (Intro Undergrad)	Summer 2021
Contemplation as Happiness in Plato, Aristotle, and Plotinus (advanced undergrad)	Winter 2020-21
Matter in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy (grad seminar)	Winter 2020-21, Spring 2014
Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> (graduate seminar)	Summer 2020, Winter 2017-18, Spring 2016, Spring 2009
Dissertation Seminar (Discussion PhD work in progress)	2017-18, 2018-19
Aristotle On the Soul	Spring 2016
Homer and Plato: Philosophy, Poetry, and the Heroic Ideal (freshman seminar)	Winter 2016, Winter 2015
History of Philosophy: Medieval (lower division)	Winter 2016
Plato on Knowledge (upper division)	Spring 2015
Job Market Prep course (grad seminar)	Spring 2014, Spring 2015
History of Philosophy: Ancient (lower division)	2015, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006
Aristotle: Scientist and Philosopher (upper division)	Fall 2013
Plato's Forms (2-quarter graduate Proseminar)	Winter-Spring 2012
Doing Philosophy with Socrates (freshman seminar)	Winter 2011, Spring 2010
Aristotle's Logic and Scientific Methodology (upper div)	Winter 2011
Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> Beta (graduate seminar)	Fall 2010
Aristotle's <i>Physics</i> II (graduate seminar)	Spring 2010
Plato's <i>Meno</i> (graduate seminar)	Spring 2008
Plato (upper division)	Fall 2007
Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind	Summer 2005
Introduction to Ethics	Summer 2004

Online Teaching Resources

- Introduction to Ancient Philosophy Course (audio recordings from UC Berkeley)
"Academic Writing Advice with an eye towards ancient philosophy"
- Translated into Portuguese by Fernando Martins Mendonça
 - I am interviewed about this writing guide at the Endoxa Blog

Graduate Advising

- Dissertation filed (on committee): Daniel Tovar, Haewon Jeon, Hung
Nguyen, Oksana Maksymchuk
- Informally advise approximately twenty-five doctoral students at Humboldt
- Co-organized Northwestern's weekly Greek philosophy reading group
- Run Dissertation Seminar and Greek reading group at Humboldt

Awards and Predoctoral Fellowships

Nomination, “Preis für gute Lehre 2020” [Prize for good teaching 2020]	Winter 2020-21
Learn German in Germany Grant (DAAD)	January 2017
Funded Participant, NEH Summer Seminar on Socrates	Summer 2014
Dissertation Year Fellowship	2006-2007
Collegium of University Teaching Fellows (UCLA)	2006-2007
Carnap Prize (best philosophy essay by a UCLA grad student)	2002-03, 2005-06
Wooden Fellowship	2000-01, 2004-05
University Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002-2003
Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002
Quinn Fellowship	Summer 2001

Sources of Grant Support:

From Oct 2021: Three-year DFG grant held by Prof. James Wilberding to translate Asclepius’ commentary on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics Zeta*
July 2017– March 2021: DFG funded Research Training Group
“Philosophy, Science, and the Sciences”

Professional Service and Affiliations

Evaluator in the 2011, 2014, and 2017 Philosophical Gourmet Report
Anonymous Journal Referee (I accept approximately ten requests a year): *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *Oxford University Press* (book proposal), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Phil Studies*, *Analysis*, *Mnemosyne*, *Mind*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Cambridge Classical Journal*, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, West Coast Plato Society meeting, *Apeiron*, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Classical Philology*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi*
Anonymous Book Referee for a major press (name withheld)
Held a full-day workshop at Universität Dortmund on journal publishing
Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge
Member of: American Philosophical Association, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, and the International Plato Society

Departmental service

Undergrad Committee (2015-2016)
Grad Committee (2011-2012)
Graduate Admissions (2010-2011)
Ancient Philosophy Graduate Admissions (2009-2016)
Speaker Committee (2013-2014, 2011-2012, 2009-2010)
Logic Program Coordinator (2009-2010)

References

- Prof. Gábor Betegh, University of Cambridge - gb230@cam.ac.uk
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Prof. David Sedley, University of Cambridge - dns1@cam.ac.uk
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