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Employment

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Illinois, Chicago	2021-
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Philosophisches Seminar, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	2017-2021
Guest Professor of Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin	2018

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, UC Berkeley (Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy)	2017
Dissertation: "Platonic Division and the Origins of Aristotelian Logic"	
Committee: Timothy Clarke, Klaus Corcilius, John MacFarlane, G.R.F. Ferrari	
B.A. in English Literature and Philosophy, Columbia University	2011

Research and Teaching Areas

AoS Ancient Philosophy, Early Analytic Philosophy

AoC Epistemology, Logic, Classical Arabic Philosophy, Latin Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

Edited Books

Jens Kristian Larsen, Vivil Valvik Haraldsen, and Justin Vlasits (eds.) *New Perspectives on Platonic Dialectic: A Philosophy of Inquiry* (Routledge, 2022).

Katja Maria Vogt and Justin Vlasits (eds.) *Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus* (OUP, 2020).

Journal Articles

"The Puzzle of the Sophist", *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (online first). DOI: 10.1515/agph-2019-0109

"Everything is Conceivable: A Note on an Unused Axiom in Spinoza's *Ethics*", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 30.3 (2022), 496-507.

"Margaret MacDonald's Scientific Common-Sense Philosophy", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 30.2 (2022), 267-287.

"Division, Syllogistic, and Science in *Prior Analytics* I.31", *Ergo* 8.10 (2021), 269-305.

"Pyrrhonism and the Dialectical Methods: The Aims and Argument of *Outlines of Pyrrhonism II*", *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis* 23 (2020), 225-252.

"Mereology in Aristotle's Assertoric Syllogistic", *History and Philosophy of Logic* 40.1 (2019), 1-11.

Book Chapters

"Plato on the Varieties of Knowledge", in Jens Kristian Larsen, Vivil Haraldsen, Justin Vlasits (eds.), *New Perspectives on Platonic Dialectic: A Philosophy of Inquiry* (Routledge, 2022), 264-283.

"Plato on Poetic and Musical Representation", in Julia Pfefferkorn and Antonino Spinelli (eds.), *Platonic Mimesis Revisited* (Academia, 2021), 147-165.

"The First Riddle of Induction: Sextus Empiricus and the Formal Learning Theorists", in Katja Maria Vogt and Justin Vlasits (eds.), *Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus* (OUP, 2020), 237-253.

Translations

“The Gods in the Fragments” in C.D.C. Reeve (ed.). *Aristotle’s Theology: The Primary Texts* (Hackett, 2022), 141-148.

Reviews, Introductions, Bibliographies

Jens Kristian Larsen, Vivil Valvik Hareldsen, and Justin Vlasits, “Introduction”, in Jens Kristian Larsen, Vivil Hareldsen, Justin Vlasits (eds.), *New Perspectives on Platonic Dialectic: A Philosophy of Inquiry* (Routledge, 2022), 1-24.

Literature update for Taneli Kukkonen, “Arabische Philosophie”, in Klaus Corcilius and Christoph Rapp (edd.), *Aristoteles Handbuch* 2nd edition (Metzler, 2021), 485-495.

“Review of Stefan Sienkiewicz, *Five Modes of Scepticism: Sextus Empiricus and the Agrippan Modes*”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58(4) (2020), 813-814.

Justin Vlasits and Katja Maria Vogt, “Introduction”, in Katja Maria Vogt and Justin Vlasits (eds.), *Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus* (OUP, 2020), 1-10.

Robby Finley, Justin Vlasits, and Katja Maria Vogt, “Greek and Roman Logic”, in Ruth Scodel (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Classics* (OUP, 2019).

“Review of Gail Fine, *The Possibility of Inquiry: Meno’s Paradox from Socrates to Sextus*”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23 (2015), 580-583.

Writing on Academic Placement

Carolyn Dicey Jennings, Pablo Contreras Kallens, and Justin Vlasits, “The Philosophical Gourmet Report and Placement”. October 22, 2017. APDA Blog.

Carolyn Dicey Jennings, Patrice Cobb, Chelsea Gordon, Bryan Kerster, Angelo Kyrilov, Evette Montes, Sam Spevack, David W. Vinson and Justin Vlasits, “Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2016 Final Report”. APA Funded Projects.

Carolyn Dicey Jennings, Angelo Kyrilov, Patrice Cobb, Justin Vlasits, David W. Vinson, Evette Montes and Cruz Franco, “Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2015 Final Report”. APA Funded Projects.

Commissioned

“Hunting for Essence in the Early Academy”, in preparation for Giulia De Cesaris and Carlo Cacciatori (eds.), *The Philosophy of Plato’s Academy* (CUP, to be submitted in 2022)

“Butchering Kinds: Aristotle on Plato’s Dichotomous, Privative, and Cross-Cutting Divisions”, in preparation for a volume on the reception of Plato’s *Sophist* in antiquity (CUP, to be submitted in 2022)

“The Sceptical Use of Dogmatic Methods: Definition and Division”, in preparation for Máté Veres and Katerina Ierodiakonou (eds.), *Sextus’ Logic in Context* (to be submitted 2022)

Translation and Introduction of selected fragments of Aristotle’s lost works, in C.D.C. Reeve (ed.), *The Complete Works of Aristotle* (Hackett, to be submitted in 2022)

With Richard Lawrence, Translation and Introduction of Olga Hahn, “On the Coefficients of a Logical Equation”, in preparation for Colin Guthrie King and Venanzio Raspa (eds.), *Aristotle’s Organon in the Old and New Logic: 1800-1950* (to be submitted 2022)

“The Dangers of Sects: Lucian, Galen, and Sextus Empiricus”, in G. Anthony Bruno and Justin Vlasits (eds.), *Transformation and the History of Philosophy* (Routledge, to be submitted in 2023)

Edited with G. Anthony Bruno, *Transformation and the History of Philosophy* (under contract with Routledge, to be submitted in 2023)

Aristotle: Fragments, translated with an introduction and notes (under contract with Hackett)

Refereed Presentations

“The Modes of Agrippa as Argumentative Therapy”

Pacific APA, San Francisco (April 2023)

- “The Birth of Kinds: ΓΕΝΟΣ and (its) Genealogy in Plato’s *Sophist*”
Symposium Platonicum XIII, University of Georgia (July 2022)
- “The Stoic syllogism through two tropics or, what can you do with a valid, unsound argument?”
1st Pan-American Symposium on the History of Logic, UCLA (May 2019)
- “Pyrrhonism and the Dialectical Methods: The Aims and Argument of *PH II*”
British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Meeting, London (April 2019)
Workshop on Ancient Modes of Philosophical Inquiry, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (September 2018)
- “Plato’s Dialectical Methods”
Platonic dialectic – inquiring into the nature of things, University of Bergen (May 2018)
- “Knowability for Verificationists”
Pacific APA, Seattle (April 2017)
- “Transformative Experience in Plato and Paul”
Pacific APA Pre-Conference: *Themes in Transformative Experience*, Seattle (April 2017)
- “Using the Divine Method in Plato’s Examination of Knowledge”
Ninth West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University (May 2016)
- “Aristotle on the (Ab)use of Platonic Division in the *Analytics*”
Bay Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, UC Davis (November 2014)
Ninth Annual Marquette Summer Seminar on Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition (June 2014)
- “Two Dynamic Approaches to Logical Omniscience” (with Dustin Neuman)
Formal Epistemology Workshop Poster Session, Caltech (June 2014)
- “Probability, Information, & Rational Belief”
Berkeley-London Graduate Philosophy Conference, Institute of Philosophy (May 2014)
- “The Space of Epistemic Possibilities without Logical Omniscience”
Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference (April 2012)
University of Toronto Graduate Conference on Varieties of Possibility (March 2012)
- “From Investigation to Suspension of Judgment in Sextus Empiricus”
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham (October 2011)

Invited Presentations

TBA

DFG-Network “Thinking about Suspension” Conference, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main (Summer 2023)

TBA

Workshop on the Anonymous Commentary on the *Theaetetus*, Villa Vigoni (May 2023)

“Abelard and the Method of Division”

Medieval Logic, Metaphysics, and Science Colloquium, Moscow State and Radboud University (via Zoom, May 2022)

“Margaret MacDonald in the Eddington-Stebbing Debate”

Workshop on British Twentieth Century Women Philosophers on Science, Durham (via Zoom, May 2022)

“Division by Negation in *Topics VI.6*”

Logic, Ontology, and Epistemology in Aristotle’s *Organon*, Oxford (May 2022)

“Butchering Kinds: Aristotle on Plato’s Dichotomous, Privative, and Cross-Cutting Divisions”

Research Group in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Columbia (via Zoom, August 2022)

Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop Series, Stanford (via Zoom, April 2022)

Chicago Early Career Research Group in Ancient Philosophy (via Zoom, March 2022)

“An Academic Debate about Classification: *Parts of Animals I.2-3*”

- New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, NYU (via Zoom, March 2022)
- “A Pyrrhonian Way with Inquiry and Suspension”
 DFG-Network “Thinking about Suspension” Workshop Series (via Zoom January 2022)
- “The Dangers of Sects: Lucian, Galen, and Sextus Empiricus”
 Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern (December 2021)
 Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago (December 2021)
- “Dichotomous division in Plato’s *Sophist-Statesman* and Aristotle’s *Parts of Animals*”
 The Reception of Plato’s *Sophist* in Antiquity, Villa Vigoni (via Zoom, November 2021)
- “Aristotle on the (Ab)use of Platonic Division in the *Analytics*”
 New Perspectives on Dialectic in Plato’s Later Dialogues, Villa Vigoni (via Zoom, November 2021)
- “The Skeptical Use of Dogmatic Logical Methods”
 Sextus’ Logic in Context (via Zoom, October 2021)
- “Accuracy and the Epistemic Value of Inquiry”
 Tübingen Philosophy of Science & Methodology Colloquium (via Zoom, May 2021)
- “Skeptical Healing: The Modes of Agrippa as Argumentative Medicine”
 Philosophy Colloquium, Durham University (via Zoom, February, 2021)
- “Plato on the Varieties of Knowledge”
 History of Philosophy Roundtable, University of California, San Diego (via Zoom, April 2021)
 Ancient Epistemology Work in Progress Group (via Zoom, November 2020)
 Chicago Early Career Research Group in Ancient Philosophy (via Zoom, October 2020)
 Plato Centre, Trinity College Dublin (April 2019)
- “Plato on Harmonic and Rhythmic Representation”
 Oberseminar, Friedrich August Universität Erlangen (via Zoom, May 2020)
 Ancient Philosophy Colloquium, Uppsala University (via Zoom, April 2020)
 Conference on Mimesis, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (May 2019)
- “Aristotle on Reduction: *Prior Analytics* II.25”
 Workshop on *Prior Analytics* II.23-27, LMU-Munich (July 2019)
- “Aristotle on the Hunt for Essence”
 Philosophy Colloquium, Trinity College Dublin (April 2019)
 Ancient Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (May 2018)
 Philosophy Colloquium, University of Toronto (January 2018)
- “The First Riddle of Induction: Sextus Empiricus and the Formal Learning Theorists”
 Early Career Workshop on Scepticism, Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies, Hamburg (November 2017)
 Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus, UC Berkeley (March 2017)
- “Aristotle on the (Ab)use of Platonic Division in the *Analytics*”
 Reasoning and Inquiry in Ancient Philosophy, University of Chicago (May 2016)
- “How is Platonic division different in the *Sophist* and *Statesman*?”
 Plato’s Late Dialogues, Northwestern University (March 2016)
- “From Platonic Division to Aristotelian Syllogistic”
 Fourth CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality and Intelligent Interaction, Stanford (May 2015)
- “Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* II.1-2”
 BayCAP Colloquium: James Lennox’s *Aristotle on the Design of Inquiry*, UC Berkeley (March 2015)
- “Probability, Information, & Rational Belief”
 Berkeley-Stanford Circle in Logic and Philosophy (December 2014)
- “Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Z.17”
 LMU-Berkeley Workshop on Aristotle: *Metaphysics* H (September 2014)

“Aristotle’s *Physics* III.1”

BayCAP Colloquium: Aryeh Kosman’s *Activity of Being*, University of San Francisco (March 2014)

“Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* II.13”

LMU-Berkeley Workshop on Aristotle: Between Sense-Perception and Knowledge (August 2013)

“Collection, Division, and the Origin of Aristotle’s Syllogistic”

MUSAΦ Workshop on Principles and Explanation in Aristotle, LMU-Munich (June 2013)

“Ancient Logics”

UC Berkeley Undergraduate Philosophy Club (April 2013)

“The Space of Epistemic Possibilities without Logical Omniscience”

First CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality and Intelligent Interaction, Stanford (June 2012)

Comments on Conference/Workshop Presentations

On “Natural Language Ontology as a Philosophical Practice and an Emerging Discipline” by Friederike Moltmann

Durham-Chicago Symposium on Logic and Language, Online (November 2022)

On “The Time of Activity? On A Puzzle about Kairos in Aristotle” by Antoine Pageau-St-Hilaire

Central APA, Chicago (February 2022)

On “Goodness across the Categories” by Christopher Shields

Workshop on Chris Shields, *Fractured Goodness*, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (June 2019)

In a symposium on Greek Mathematics and Ancient Philosophy

Pacific APA, Vancouver (April 2019)

On “Ancient Philosophy and Disjunctivism: The Case of the Stoics” by Iakovos Vasiliou

Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Columbia University (April 2019)

On “Why are Forms the basis of all causation and explanation?” by Vasilis Politis

Workshop on Vasilis Politis, *Plato’s Essentialism*, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (May 2018)

On “*Empeiria* in the *Gorgias*” by Marta Jimenez

Tenth West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Davis (May 2017)

Commentator At Large

Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus, Columbia University (October 2016)

On “Stoics on Clarity and Distinctness of Impressions” by Pavle Stojanovic

Pacific APA, San Francisco (March 2013)

Outreach

Panelist on “Logic, A History”

Forum for Philosophy, London School of Economics (on Zoom, March 2021)

Interviewed for the series “How do we live a good life in 2020?” by Emily Dreyfuss

Conferences Organized

“Durham-Chicago Symposium on Logic and Language” (Online talk series, 2022)

“Sextus’ Logic in Context” (Online workshop series, 2021-2)

“Reading Week on Aristotle’s *Protrepticus*” (Online workshop series, March 2021)

“Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus” (Columbia University, October 2016 & UC Berkeley, March 2017)

Awards and Fellowships

Jan Wojcik Memorial Prize from the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*

State Department Critical Language Scholarship for Arabic Study in Tunisia

2013

2009

Courses Taught

University of Illinois Chicago

Introduction to Logic (PHIL 102)	Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Plato and his Predecessors (PHIL 220)	Fall 2021, Spring 2023
Philosophy in the Islamic World (PHIL 299)	Fall 2021
Graduate Seminar: Plato's Epistemology (PHIL 501)	Spring 2022
Graduate Seminar: Hellenistic Ethics and Epistemology (PHIL 501)	Fall 2022

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

The Sophists (undergraduate seminar)	Summer 2021
Skepticism: Ancient and Contemporary Perspectives (undergraduate seminar)	Summer 2020
Ethics with Socrates (undergraduate seminar)	Summer 2019
Ancient Political Philosophy (undergraduate seminar)	Winter 2018/9, Winter 2020/1
God and the World in Islamic Philosophy (undergraduate/graduate seminar) <i>co-taught with Prof. Heidrun Eichner (Orientalwissenschaft)</i>	Winter 2018/9
Classical Arabic Philosophy (undergraduate seminar)	Winter 2017/8
Neuere Forschung zur Philosophie der Antike (graduate seminar) <i>co-taught with Prof. Klaus Corcilius</i>	Summer 2021
Metaphysik bei Avicenna (graduate seminar) <i>co-taught with Prof. Heidrun Eichner (Orientalwissenschaft)</i>	Winter 2020/1
The Philosophy of Peter Abelard (graduate seminar)	Summer 2020
Plato's <i>Philebus</i> (graduate seminar)	Summer 2019
Platonic Dialectic: From Conversation to Method (graduate seminar)	Winter 2017/8

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (lecture)	Summer 2018
Aristotle's <i>Politics</i> (undergraduate seminar)	Summer 2018
Sextus Empiricus' <i>Outlines of Pyrrhonism</i> (graduate seminar)	Summer 2018
Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> (Ancient Greek reading course)	Summer 2018

UC Berkeley

Ancient Philosophy (lecture)	Summer 2016, Summer 2017
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Advising

Amelia Perkins (Northwestern, PhD dissertation committee, 2022-)
Hashem Morvarid (PhD dissertation committee, 2021-)
Jun Young Kim (PhD dissertation committee, defended October 2021)
Trevor Speranske (BA thesis advisor, 2022)

Research Languages

English, German, Greek, Latin, Spanish.

Service

- Referee for: *Analysis* (2018), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2017, 2020, 2021), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2019, 2022 x2), *Eirene* (2019), *Ergo* (2019), *Erkenntnis* (2014), *History and Philosophy of Logic* (2021), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2021), *Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2022), *Kongress der deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie* (2020), *Philosophy Compass* (2012 x2), *Phronesis* (2022), *Review of Symbolic Logic* (2020), Routledge (2022)
- Member, Abolition Teaching and Learning Network (2022-)

- Philosophy Department Executive Committee (2022-3)
- Graduate Student Placement Committee (2022-3)
- Advancing Racial Equity Implementation Committee (2022)
- Evaluator for the Philosophical Gourmet Report (2021)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (2021-3)
- LAS Quorum Committee (2021-2)
- Member of Text Advisory Board for Wisdom's Edge Foundation (2019-)
- Committee to update Philosophy Department webpage and translate into English (2018-2021)
- Committee to reform Philosophy BA curriculum (2018)
- Project advisor for Academic Placement Data and Analysis Project (2014-2016)
- Organizer of Townsend Working Group in Ancient Philosophy (2012-2014)