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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

July 2009 – **McMaster University, Ontario, Canada**
Associate Professor, July 2015 –
Assistant Professor, July 2009 – June 2015

EDUCATION

2004 – 2009 **Princeton University**
Ph.D. in Philosophy, September 2009
Dissertation: “Tripartition and the Rule of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*”
Committee: Hendrik Lorenz, John Cooper, Alexander Nehamas

2003 – 2004 **University of Melbourne, Australia**
M.A. in Philosophy

1995 – 1999 **University of Canterbury, New Zealand**
B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy, December 1999
B.A. in Philosophy, December 1998

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Area of Specialization: Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Mind (esp. Perception),
Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

1. “Aristotle on the Objects of Perception,” forthcoming in *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Aristotle’s De Anima*, edited by Caleb Cohoe. Cambridge University Press.
2. “Aristotle on the Unity of Touch,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 59.1 (2021), 23–43.
3. “Plato on the Enslavement of Reason,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50.3 (2020), 382–94.
4. “On the Ethical Dimension of Heraclitus’ Thought,” in *Early Greek Ethics*, edited by David Wolfsdorf (Oxford University Press, 2020), 37–53.
5. “Aristotle and Alexander on Perceptual Error,” *Phronesis* 60.3 (2015), 310–38.
6. “Tyrannized Souls: Plato’s Depiction of the ‘Tyrannical Man,’” *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23.3 (2015), 423–37.
7. “On ‘Logos’ in Heraclitus,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 47 (Winter 2014), 1–29.
8. “Aristotle on Sounds,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 21.5 (2013), 631–48.
9. “Anarchic Souls: Plato’s Depiction of the ‘Democratic Man,’” *Phronesis* 58.2 (2013), 139–59.
10. “Aristotle on Odour and Smell,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 43 (Winter 2012), 143–83.

11. "Changing Rulers in the Soul: Psychological Transitions in *Republic* 8–9," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 41 (Winter 2011), 139–67.

Book Reviews:

1. Review of Cinzia Arruzza, *A Wolf in the City: Tyranny and the Tyrant in Plato's Republic*, forthcoming in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
2. Review of Thomas Johansen, *The Powers of Aristotle's Soul, Mind* 124 (496) (2015), 1303-1305.
3. Review of Anna Marmodoro, *Aristotle on Perceiving Objects*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015.01.06.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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|-----------|---|
| 2018 | Arts Research Board Conference Travel Grant, McMaster University |
| 2015 | Arts Research Board Conference Travel Grant, McMaster University |
| 2013 | Arts Research Board Conference Travel Grant, McMaster University |
| 2010 | Arts Research Board Conference Travel Grant, McMaster University |
| 2009–2011 | Arts Research Board Standard Research Grant, McMaster University |
| 2008–2009 | Mrs. Giles Whiting Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University.
Competitive dissertation research award in the humanities; awarded annually to approximately 8 final-year Ph.D. students at Princeton. |
| 2008–2009 | University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University.
Competitive dissertation research award open to students from all departments working on topics related to value. Held concurrently with the Whiting Fellowship. |
| 2004–2008 | P.E. More Fellowship, Princeton University. |
| 2003–2004 | Grimwade Scholarship, University of Melbourne.
Competitive scholarship awarded annually to the highest-ranked Ph.D. applicant from interstate or New Zealand, on the recommendation of the Miegunyah Fund Committee. |
| 2003 | Australian Postgraduate Award (declined to accept the Grimwade). |
| 2000 | University of Canterbury Graduates' Association Masters Scholarship (declined). |
| 1999 | University of Canterbury Senior Scholarship. |

PRESENTATIONS

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| Apr 2019: | "Aristotle on the Objects of Perception," Aristotle's <i>On the Soul</i> : Critical Reflections, Workshop, Denver, CO. |
| Mar 2019: | "Plato on the Enslavement of Reason," The University of Toronto Scarborough Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Keynote), Toronto. |
| May 2018: | "The Desires of Reason in <i>Republic</i> 5-7," The West Coast Plato Workshop, Portland, OR. |
| Feb 2018: | "Plato on the Enslavement of Reason," Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division), Chicago IL |
| Mar 2017: | "Aristotle on the Unity of Touch," The University of Western Ontario, March 31. |
| Nov 2016: | "On the Ethical Dimension of Heraclitus' Thought," at the annual meeting of The New Zealand Association of Philosophers, the University of Waikato, Nov. 29 – Dec. 2. |
| Nov 2016: | "Aristotle on Touch," Philosophy Department Speaker Series, The University of Guelph, November 11. |
| Mar 2016: | Comments on Kenneth Sayre, "Dialectic in Plato's Later Dialogues," CPAMP Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, the University of Toronto, March 11-12. |
| Nov 2015: | "Impiety in Plato's <i>Laws</i> ," the University of Western Ontario, November 12, 2015. |
| Oct 2015: | Comments on Thomas Tuozzo, "Two Problems With Sense Perception in the <i>Phaedo</i> ," New England Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Harvard University, October 30-31, 2015. |

- May 2015: “Impiety in Plato’s *Laws*,” The West Coast Plato Workshop, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, May 2–3, 2015.
- Feb 2015: “Tyrannized Souls: Plato’s Depiction of the Tyrannical Man,” Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, Feb 18-21, 2015.
- May 2014: “Aristotle and Alexander on Perceptual Error,” Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of British Columbia, May 2–4, 2014.
- May 2014: Comments on Joshua Wilburn, “Preserving Reason: Courage and the Spirited Part of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*,” Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of British Columbia, May 2–4, 2014.
- Mar 2014: “Tyrannized Souls: Plato’s Depiction of the Tyrannical Man,” Lexington Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Lexington KY. March 21–22, 2014.
- Mar 2013: “Aristotle and Alexander on the Possibility of Perceptual Error,” Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco
- Oct 2012: Comments on Vanessa de Harven, “A More Sensible Reading of Plato on Knowledge in *Republic V*,” Western University Workshop on Ancient Epistemology
- May 2012: “Universal Flux in Heraclitus,” Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo University
- May 2012: Comments on Emily Katz, “A Not Untidy Unity: Aristotle *Metaphysics* M-N,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo University
- May 2012: “Aristotle on Sounds,” Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, University of Alberta (poster presentation with discussion)
- Mar 2012: “Aristotle on Sounds,” 35th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin
- Feb 2012: “Universal Flux in Heraclitus,” Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago
- Oct 2011: “Rational Desire in Plato’s *Republic*,” Departmental Colloquium, McMaster University
- Aug 2010: “Rational Desire in Plato’s *Republic*,” at the IX Symposium Platonicum, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
- Jun 2010: “Rational Desire in Plato’s *Republic*,” Humboldt University of Berlin
- Feb 2009: “The ‘Rule’ of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*: The Problem Case of the Democratic Man,” University of Notre Dame
- Jan 2009: “The ‘Rule’ of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*: The Problem Case of the Democratic Man,” University of California, Berkeley
- Jan 2009: “The ‘Rule’ of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*: The Problem Case of the Democratic Man,” McMaster University
- Dec 2008: “Authority and Alignment: The Non-Rational Rule of the Soul in Plato’s *Republic*,” Princeton University, Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellows Seminar
- Apr 2008: Comments on Joe Karbowski, “Demonstrations of the Existence of Substantial Kinds in the *Posterior Analytics*,” at the Princeton/Rutgers Ancient Philosophy Graduate Conference, Princeton University
- Dec 2007: “Changing Rulers in the Soul: Psychological Transitions in *Republic* 8 – 9,” the University of Canterbury (New Zealand)
- Dec 2007: “Changing Rulers in the Soul: Psychological Transitions in *Republic* 8 – 9,” at the Australasian Philosophical Association (New Zealand Division) Conference, University of Auckland

TEACHING

Courses:

Undergraduate:

PHIL 1E03: Problems of Philosophy

Winter 2014, Fall 2014

IBH 1BC3: Fundamentals of Ethics

W 2018, F 2018, F 2019, F 2020

PHIL 2A06: Ancient Greek Philosophy	Fall-Winter (full year), 2009-10
PHIL 2P03: Ancient Greek Philosophy	F 2010, F 2011, W 2014, W 2015, F 2015, W 2019, F 2020
PHIL 2XX3: Early Modern Philosophy II	W 2011, W 2012, W 2013
PHIL 3XX3: Plato	F 2011, F 2013, F 2015, F 2017
PHIL 3ZZ3: Aristotle	W 2011, W 2013, W 2015, W 2021
PHIL 4I03: Medieval Philosophy	W 2010, W 2012, F 2013, F 2017
PHIL 4K03: Seminar in Ancient Philosophy	W 2016, W 2018, F 2018, W 2021

Graduate Seminars:

W 2021	PHIL 6K03: Hellenistic Ethics
W 2020	PHIL 750: Plato on Pleasure
F 2019 – W 2020	PHIL 743: PhD Research Seminar
W 2019	PHIL 750 Aristotle on Perception
W 2018	PHIL 6K03 Plato on Pleasure
F 2017	PHIL 6I03 Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature
W 2016	PHIL 750 Aristotle's <i>Politics</i>
W 2015	PHIL 750 Plato's <i>Laws</i>
W 2014	PHIL 750 Aristotle's Psychology
F 2012	PHIL 750 Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i>
W 2012	PHIL 6I03 Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature
F 2010	PHIL 750 Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i>
F 2009	PHIL 750 Plato on Human Motivation

Graduate Reading Courses (for credit):

W 2021	PHIL 720 Aristotle's Ethics (3 students)
F 2018	PHIL 720 Plato's <i>Laws</i> (1 student)
F 2018	PHIL 720 The Pre-Socratics (1 student)
W 2018	PHIL 721 Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (1 student)
F 2016	PHIL 720 The Pre-Socratics (2 students)
W 2015	PHIL 720 Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (2 students)
W 2013	PHIL 720 Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (3 students)
W 2010	PHIL 720 David Hume's Ethical Theory (1 student)

Supervision (Primary):

Doctoral:

Miriam Bronski	March 2021 – ongoing
Jeffrey Arcand	November 2019 – ongoing
Paul O'Hagan	November 2016 – ongoing (LOA: 2021)
Richard Neels	November 2014 – February 2019. Defended February 4, 2019.
Jeffrey D'Souza	November 2012 – March 2017. Defended March 10, 2017.
Jennifer Primmer	November 2011 – June 2015. Defended June 2015.
Charlene Elsby	November 2009 – April 2014. Defended April 2014.
Michael Bruder	Co-Supervisor, July 2010 – Sept. 2011. Defended Sept. 2011.

Masters:

Bennett Soenen	Dec. 2020 – ongoing
Rod MacNeill	Dec. 2017 – Aug. 2020. Defended Aug. 28, 2020.
Jeanne Allen	Dec. 2016 – Sept. 2018. Defended Sept. 12, 2018. (Classics.)
Joshua Maurin	Dec. 2016 – Aug. 2018. Defended Aug. 29, 2018.
Jonnee Cenaiko	Dec. 2015 – Sept. 2017. Defended Sept. 8, 2017.
Paul O'Hagan	Dec. 2014 – Sept. 2016. Defended Sept. 14, 2016.

Undergraduate:

Thomas Jablonski (Undergrad. Student Research Award)	May – August 2018
Emily Wall (Undergrad. Student Research Award)	May – August 2017
A. Kelvin Brown (Arts and Science Thesis)	Sep 2014 – April 2015
Joshua Maurin (Undergrad. Student Research Award)	May – August 2014

SERVICE**Philosophy Department:**

2017–	PhD Advisor
2017–	Graduate Student Teaching Awards Committee
2019–2020	Hiring Committee
2019	Tenure and Promotion Committee
2017–18	Hiring Committee
2015–16	Graduate Placement Officer
2015–16	Curriculum Committee
2014–16	Undergraduate Advisor
2015	Ad Hoc Chair Selection Committee
2013–14	Appointments Committee
2012–14	Speaker Series Committee
2010–12	PhD Program Committee
2009–10	Placement Officer
2009–10	Library Representative

Faculty of Humanities/McMaster University:

2019–	Humanities Student Research Ethics Committee, Chair
2018–	Humanities Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee, Chair
2020–21	Tenure and Promotion Committee (Humanities)
2017–20	Banting Postdoctoral Awards Committee
2017–19	SSHRC CGS-M Committee
2017–18	Academic Planning Committee
2017–18	McMaster Research Ethics Board (MREB)
2015–16	Major University and External Awards Selection Committee
2014–16	McMaster Research Ethics Board (MREB)
2010–13	Humanities Undergraduate Reviews Committee (Chair 2012–13)

Profession:

2018–2020	Canadian Philosophical Association, Board of Governors
2016	Principal organizer, the Third Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, McMaster University, October 14-16, 2016.

Reviewing:

Journals: *Ancient Philosophy* (2013, 2015, 2018), *Apeiron* (2017, 2018 x2, 2019), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2015), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2015, 2016, 2019 x 2), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2012, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2020), *Dialogue* (2014), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2017), *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* (2020), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2017), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2016, 2020), *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy* (2016), *Phoenix* (2011), *Plato* (2020), *Polis* (2019)

Publishers: Oxford University Press (2016), Routledge (2016, 2019)

Conferences: The Canadian Philosophical Association (2010, 2013, 2014, 2019), the Western Canadian Philosophical Association (2014, 2019), the Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy (2016)

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek, Latin, German (intermediate), French (basic)