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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

2022-	Oklahoma State University Assistant Professor Philosophy
2021-2022	Oklahoma State University Visiting Assistant Professor Philosophy
2020- 2021	St. Francis Xavier University Visiting Assistant Professor Philosophy
2019 - 2020	Trent University Visiting Assistant Professor Philosophy & Classics

EDUCATION:

2014- 2019	McMaster University Ph.D. Philosophy (Defense date: Feb. 5, 2019) Dissertation: <i>Opposites and Explanations in Heraclitus</i> Committee: Mark Johnstone, David Hitchcock, Howard Jones (Classics). External Examiner: Patricia Curd (Purdue).
2011-2012	Brock University M.A. Philosophy
2007 - 2011	Brock University B.A. Philosophy

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Areas of Specialization:	Ancient Philosophy Metaphysics
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Areas of Competence: Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Value Theory, Critical Thinking, Modern Philosophy, Logic, Aesthetics.

Publications:

Papers

1. “*Phusis*, Opposites and Ontological Dependence in Heraclitus,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 35.3 (2018), pp. 199-220.
2. “Elements and Opposites in Heraclitus,” *Apeiron* 51.4 (2018), pp. 427–452.
3. “Heraclitus on the Nature of Goodness,” *Ancient Philosophy* 41.1 (2021), pp. 1-22.
4. “Cosmic Interdependence: Heraclitus on Grounding,” *Dialogoi: Ancient Philosophy Today* 3.1 (2021), pp. 30-53.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Papers:

1. “Opposites and Explanation in Heraclitus” (revise and resubmit: *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*)
 - Initial Submission: July 15, 2020
 - Initial Verdict (revise and resubmit): June 13, 2021
 - Current Status: Revised and Resubmitted Dec. 15, 2021
2. “Predicating Properties in Aristotle’s *On Generation and Corruption*” (revise and resubmit: *Ancient Philosophy*)
 - Initial Submission: August 13, 2021
 - Initial Verdict (revise and resubmit): Jan. 28, 2022
 - Current Status: under revision
3. “Changing Contraries in Aristotle’s *On Generation and Corruption*” (under revision)
4. “Forms and Fundamentality in Plato’s *Parmenides*” (full draft)
5. “Forms, Functions and Elements in Plato’s *Timaeus* (partial draft)

Monograph:

The Birth of Metaphysics in Ancient Greece (in preparation)

PRESENTATIONS:

- Feb. 2022 “Heraclitus and the Development of Philosophy from Mythology”
Friends of the Forms, Oklahoma State University.
- Nov. 2021 “Forms and Fundamentality in Plato’s *Parmenides*”
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virtual.
- Nov. 2021 “Flux and Stability in Heraclitus”
First Friday Philosophy Forum, Oklahoma State University
- July. 2021 “Forms and Fundamentality in Plato’s *Parmenides*”
International Plato Society, Virtual.

- Sep. 2020 “Heraclitus and the Development of Philosophy from Mythology”
Humanities Colloquium Capstone, St. Francis Xavier University, NS
- Mar. 2020 “Grounding in Heraclitus’ Cosmos”
Research in Progress Speaker Series, Brock University, ON
- Feb. 2020 “Aristotle’s Elemental Powers and the Conservation of Matter”
London Ancient Science Conference, University College London, UK
- Dec. 2018 “Opposites and Explanation in Heraclitus”
McMaster Philosophy Speaker Series. McMaster University, ON
- Oct. 2018: “Heraclitus on the Nature of Goodness”
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy. Christopher Newport University, VA.
- Oct. 2018 “Heraclitus on the Nature of Goodness”
Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy. Université de Sherbrooke, QC.
- June 2018: “Heraclitus on Perspective”
International Association for Presocratic Studies Conference. Delphi, Greece.
- Feb. 2017: “Heraclitus’ Theory of Elemental Transformation”
London Ancient Science Conference. University College London, UK
- June 2016: “Heraclitus’ System of Opposites”
International Association for Presocratic Studies Conference.
University of Texas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Oklahoma State University:

- Spring 2022: PHIL 1113 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1213 Philosophies of Life
PHIL 3113 Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 5910 Graduate Directed Study: The Presocratics
- Fall 2021: PHIL 5343 Graduate Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle
PHIL 1213 Philosophies of Life (x2)

St. Francis Xavier University:

Winter 2021: PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy Part 2 (x2)
PHIL 135 Introduction to Healthcare Ethics
Fall 2020: PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy Part 1 (x 2)
PHIL 351 Socrates and Plato

Trent University:

Summer 2020: PHIL 3370 - Cyberethics
Winter 2020: PHIL 2421 - Ancient Philosophy II: Aristotle and The Hellenists
PHIL 4430 - Aristotle's Metaphysics
GREK 1001 - Elementary Greek II
Fall 2019: PHIL 2420 - Ancient Philosophy I: Presocratics to Plato
PHIL 2030 - Philosophy of Death
GREK 1000 - Elementary Greek I

McMaster University:

Fall 2017: PHIL 2P03 - Introduction to Ancient Philosophy

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

2020 Simmons Teaching Award Nomination for Excellence in Teaching
2020 SSHRC Exchange Grant (conference travel)
2017-2018 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2017-2018 Ontario Graduate Fellowship (Declined)
2016 Research Assistantship, McMaster University
2014-2018 McMaster Graduate Scholarship
2014 McMaster Philosophy Ph.D. Entrance Scholarship
2013 Brock Distinguished Graduate Student Award
2011 John Mayer Graduate Scholarship
2008 Woodie Woodward Memorial Scholarship in Philosophy

REFEREE:

Dialogoi (x2), *Classical Quarterly* (x2)

SERVICE:

2017:

Trainer: McMaster Philosophy Graduate Student Tutorial Workshop

2016/2017:

Organizer: McMaster Greek Philosophy Reading Group

2016:

Assistant to the Organizer: Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy

RESEARCH LANGUAGES:

Ancient Greek (proficient reading)

German (advanced reading)

Latin (intermediate reading)

French (basic)

REFERENCES:

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Durham/Oxford
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