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## CURRENT POSITION

**Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2016-present

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

**Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München**, Munich, Germany  
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013-2016  
Assistant (Junior Faculty), Chair of Late Antique and Arabic Philosophy, 2012-2013

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, Berlin, Germany  
Postdoctoral Fellow, TOPOI Excellence Cluster, 2009-2012

**Colgate University**, Hamilton, NY  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 2008-2009

## EDUCATION

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
Ph.D., Classics, Program in Classical Philosophy, 2009  
Dissertation: 'Plotinus on the Passions'  
Committee: Christian Wildberg (advisor), John M. Cooper, Hendrik Lorenz

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
B.A. with Honors, Classics, Phi Beta Kappa and the Hawthorne Classics Prize, 1998

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Classical Philosophy, Neoplatonism, Ancient Psychology and Cosmology

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Everything in Nature is in Intellect: Forms and Natural Teleology in *Ennead* VI.2.21 (and elsewhere)," *Phronesis* (forthcoming)
2. "Providence and Fate in Plotinus," in Lloyd P. Gerson and James Wilberding (eds.), *The New Cambridge Companion to Plotinus*, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
3. "Human Nature and Normativity in Plotinus," in Peter Adamson and Christof Rapp (eds.), *State and Nature: Essays in Political Philosophy*, De Gruyter (forthcoming).
4. "Leaving Nothing to Chance: An Argument for Principle Monism in Plotinus," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 55 (2018): 185-226.
5. "Plotinus' Unaffected Soul," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 51 (2016): 231-281.
6. "Creation and Divine Providence in Plotinus" (co-authored with Nathan Powers), in A. Marmodoro and B. Prince (eds.), *Causation and Creation in Late Antiquity*, Cambridge University Press (2015), 51-70.
7. "How Plotinus' Soul Animates His Body: The Argument for the Soul-Trace at *Ennead* IV.4.18.1-9," *Phronesis* 58.3 (2013): 249-279.
8. "Plotinus' Unaffected Matter," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 44 (2013): 233-277.
9. "Topsy-Turvy World: Circular Motion, Contrariety, and Aristotle's Unwinding Spheres," *Apeiron* 46.4 (2013): 391-418.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS

‘Everything (and I do mean everything) is in Intellect: Forms and Natural Teleology in *Ennead* VI.2.21 (and elsewhere)’, Workshop on *Ennead* VI.2, École normale supérieure, Paris, January 2020; LMU Munich, January 2020

Presentation of Plotinus, *Enneads* VI.1.16, line 17 to end, and VI.1.19, 1-8, Workshop on ‘Aristotle and Plotinus on change and activity’, Oxford University, June 2019

Comment on Daniel Muñoz-Hutchinson, *Plotinus on Consciousness*, Pacific APA, April 2019

Presentation of *Metaphysics Lambda*, ch. 7, 1072b-ch. 8, New York Ancient Philosophy Reading Group, NYU, March 2019

‘Leaving Nothing to Chance: An Argument for Principle Monism in Plotinus’, Cornell University, February 2017; Pacific APA, April 2017; UC Berkeley, August 2017; NYU, September 2017; Colgate University, October 2017; University of Florida, February 2018

‘What Happens When Plotinus Eats a Piece of Cake?’, UC Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference ‘Ancient Ethics, Psychology, and Epistemology’, UC Riverside, April 2017

Presentation on *Ennead* V.3.4-5, Princeton-Cornell Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* V.3, *On the Knowing Hypostases*, Cornell University, October 2016

Presentation on *Ennead* IV.4.24-27, Princeton-Cornell Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.4.13-29, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, Cornell University, October 2015

‘Let there be one ruler: Plotinus on Aristotle’s Unmoved Movers and the Problem of Causal Coordination’, Conference on ‘Le divin chez Aristote et ses (re)lectures néoplatoniciennes’, Sorbonne Université, Paris, June 2015

Presentation on *Physics* VIII.6, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* VIII.5-10, Tel Aviv University, June 2015

‘Human Nature and Political Virtues in Plotinus’, Conference ‘Natur und Herrschaft. Analysen zur Physik der Macht’, LMU Munich, December 2014

Presentation on *Enn.* IV.4.6-8, Cornell-Princeton Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.3, ch. 24-IV.4, ch. 12, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, Princeton University, October 2014

Presentation on *Metaphysics H*.1-2, LMU-UC Berkeley Ancient Philosophy Workshop on *Metaphysics H*, UC Berkeley, September 2014

Presentation on *De Anima* III.6, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* I organized by the SEAAP (Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy), Villa Lanna, Prague, September 2014

‘Plotinus’ Unaffected Soul’, LMU-UC Berkeley Ancient Philosophy Workshop, LMU Munich, July 2014

‘Psychological Problems: An *Aporia* About Spirited Desire in *Enn.* IV.4.28’, Annual Meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2014

Presentation on *Physics* I.9, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* I organized by the SEAAP (Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy), Zagreb, Croatia, May 2014

‘Galen on the Perceptual Medium (*PHP* VII.7.16-24)’, Workshop on Galen’s *On the Opinions of Hippocrates and Plato (PHP)*, Book VII, HU Berlin, November 2013

‘Divine Thought and Providence in Plotinus’, CNRS (UPR 76, Centre Jean Pépin), Paris, November 2013; LMU Munich, November 2013

Presentation on *Enn.* IV.3.16-17, Cornell-Princeton Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.3, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, chs. 9-23, Princeton University, October 2013

Comment on F. Karfik, Conference on ‘Greek, Latin, and Arabic Approaches to Omnipresence’, HU Berlin, July 2013

‘Voluntary Action in *EN* III.1’, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* Book III, Central European University, Budapest, July 2013

‘Psychology by Numbers: Plutarch’s *De an. procr.*, chs. 16-20, 31-33’, Workshop on Plutarch’s *De Animae Procreatione in Timaeo*, Central European University, Budapest, November 2012

‘How Plotinus’ Soul Animates his Body: The Soul-Trace at *Enn.* IV.4.18.1-9’, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 2008; Colloquium on ‘Hylomorphism in Late Antiquity’, LMU Munich, February 2012

Comment on J. Beere, Conference on ‘*Chôra* in Plato’s *Timaeus*’, HU Berlin, September 2011

‘Circular Motion in *De Caelo* I.4’, Workshop on Aristotle’s *De Caelo* Book I, Zadar, Croatia, September 2010; Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, February 2013

‘The Case for Incorporeal Matter in Plotinus and Simplicius’, Conference on ‘The Corollaries in Simplicius’ and Philoponus’ Commentaries on Aristotle’s *Physics*’ HU Berlin, June 2010

‘On Intelligible Matter: *Enn.* II.4.4.11–20’, Plotinus Colloquium, Athens, May 2010

‘Desires and Proto-Desires in Plotinus’, HU Berlin, March 2009

‘Impassibility and Immateriality: Non-physical Change at *Enn.* III.6.2’, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2009

### **CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED**

Organizer, Central New York Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, April 2019

Co-organizer (with Kara Richardson), Conference ‘Ancient Greek and Classical Arabic Psychology’, Syracuse University, August 2018

Organizer, Central New York Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, April 2017

Co-organizer (with Christian Pfeiffer), Workshop on ‘Aristotle’s *On Ideas*’, LMU Munich, July 2016

Organizer, Workshop on Natural Law in Ancient Philosophy, LMU Munich, November 2014

Co-chair (with Damian Caluori), ‘*Aporia* in Late Platonism’, Panel at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2014

Co-organizer (with Jacob Rosen), Conference ‘Changing Places: The Physics and Metaphysics of Space in Aristotle’, HU Berlin, October 2011

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer for *Cambridge University Press*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, and *Apeiron*

### **GRANTS**

Loeb Classical Library Fellowship, 2019-2020

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native speaker)

German (good speaking and writing)

French (reading knowledge)

Italian (reading knowledge)

Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)

Latin (reading knowledge)

### **REFERENCES**

Peter Adamson, Professor of Late Antique and Arabic Philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Peter.Adamson@lrz.uni-muenchen.de)

Jonathan Beere, Professor of Ancient Philosophy and the History of Knowledge, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (jonathan.beere@hu-berlin.de)

Charles Brittan, Professor of Classics and Philosophy, Cornell University (charles.brittain@cornell.edu)

John M. Cooper, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University (johncoop@princeton.edu)

James Wilberding, Professor of Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (james.wilberding@hu-berlin.de)