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AOS Ancient Philosophy
Virtue Ethics

AOC History of Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Digital Humanities

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Arizona, with a graduate minor in Classics
Dissertation: *Virtue of Character in Aristotle's Eudemian Ethics*, supervisor: Julia Annas
Committee: Friedemann Buddensiek, Mark Timmons, and Houston Smit
- 2019–20 Fulbright Fellow, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
- 2018 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Arizona
- 2017 Visiting Postgraduate Student, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge
- 2016 Visiting Student, Philosophy Department, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 The Greek Workshop, University of California, Berkeley (summer)
- 2012 Teaching Certificate, Delta State University
- 2012 B.A. in Philosophy and Mathematics, both “with distinction,” St. Olaf College
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa member, Ringstad Prize for best philosophy essay
Rhodes Fellowship National Finalist as a graduating senior, in 2012

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024– Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis), NTNU, Campus Ålesund
- 2023–24 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Lisbon
- 2023, Spr. Universitetslektor, University of Bergen
- 2022, Fall Universitetslektor, University of Oslo
- 2014–20 Graduate Assistant (Undergraduate Teacher) while at the University of Arizona
- 2012–14 High School Mathematics Teacher, Knox County School District, Kentucky, USA

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- Review of Bonasio, *The Unity of the Virtues in the Eudemian Ethics* in *The Review of Metaphysics*, 2026, 79/3, 663-665.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Pleasure, Habit, and Virtue in the *Eudemian Ethics*” (title modified while under review)
Edited and resubmitted after “revise and resubmit” verdict
- “Aristotle on Non-Virtuous People Doing Virtuous Things” (title modified while under review)
Presented at the 2026 Eastern APA, under revision before submission for publication
- “Stylometric analyses of ethical writings attributed to Aristotle”
Reworking for publication from an earlier project

RESEARCH GRANTS

2019–20	Fulbright Fellowship, U.S. Student Program, at the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
2014–20	Ancient Philosophy Research Fellowship, University of Arizona (\$20K per year with half-time teaching)
2015–19	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$7K per year for research)

RESEARCH VISITS

2021–22	Gjesteforsker (Visiting Researcher), University of Oslo
2021, Sep.	Invited Researcher, Jubilee Centre for Character & Virtue, University of Birmingham

TEACHING RECOGNITION

2025	One of ten nominees for “Student’s Prize for Teaching Quality” at NTNU in Ålesund
2020	Outstanding Graduate Teacher, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona
2019	Julia Annas Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona
2016, 2017	Green Leaf Award for holistic impact on a high school student’s education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NTNU, Campus Ålesund: Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis)

2025–, Spr.	Examen Philosophicum for economics/business	<i>lecturer and seminar leader</i>
2024–, Fall	Examen Philosophicum for health/medicine	<i>lecturer and seminar leader</i>

University of Lisbon: Postdoctoral Fellow, including a small teaching component

2023, Fall	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (MA/PhD)	<i>joint seminar leader and course creator</i>
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University of Bergen: Universitetslektor, 86%

2023, Spr.	History of Philosophy to the Enlightenment	<i>seminar leader</i>
	Examen Philosophicum, “mat-nat” variant	<i>seminar leader</i>

University of Oslo: Universitetslektor, 33%

2022, Fall	Ancient Theories of Knowledge (MA-level)	<i>course creator, instructor of record</i>
	Examen Philosophicum	<i>seminar leader</i>

University of Arizona: Instructor of Record, 50%, also responsible for course creation

2020	Plato’s <i>Timaeus</i>	<i>online, upper-level course</i>
2019	Virtue and Knowledge in Plato and Aristotle	<i>flipped classroom model</i>
2018	Ancient Ethics	<i>team-based learning model</i>

online, upper-level course

2015 The Philosophy of Happiness

2014 The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation

2012–14 Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra I, Pre-Algebra *responsible for textbook creation*

2026 Masters course advisor for “A completely ecological life?”

2025 Bachelor project advisor for “Free will, determinism, and punishment”

Masters project, internal examiner, for “The sufficiency thesis in eudaimonist ethics”

2026	Completed UniPed basis module (110 hours) (completion of required pedagogy, NTNU)
	Completed individual UniPed module “Artificial intelligence in teaching and learning in higher education” (20 hours)

2025 Individual UniPed modules: “Developing a pedagogical portfolio”, “Multilingual diversity in the auditorium: a challenge or an enrichment?” (40 hours total)

2023 Completed UPED600: Introduction to University Teaching and Course Design (24 hours)
from the University of Bergen's Program for University Pedagogy (course in Norwegian)

2014–20 Graduate teacher training from the University of Arizona Philosophy Department and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Voluntary participation in Faculty Learning Communities during two semesters

2012 Provisional teaching certificate (for US secondary education), Delta State University

Summer program in pedagogy administered by Teach for America (Appalachia Region)

English	Native speaker
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Norwegian C1

(B2 certificate in speaking, writing, listening, and reading from Kompetanse Norge, April 2023)

German, French, and Spanish academic reading proficiency, basic conversational proficiency

Ancient Greek advanced reading proficiency

Latin intermediate reading proficiency

Old Norse / Norrønt basic reading proficiency

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited conference papers (not at home institution) since 2016

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| 2026 | 16. "Aristotle on Non-Virtuous People Doing Virtuous Things," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) meeting at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern APA), Baltimore, Maryland. |
| 2024 | 15. "A New Stylometric Evaluation of Aristotle's Ethical Works," Aristoteles Pezographos project, Durham Centre for Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, marking the publication of Christopher Rowe's new Oxford Classical Text of the <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> .
14. 120-minute symposium on my paper "The Development of Character in the <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ," Eastern APA, New York City, New York. |
| 2023 | 13. "Is Phronêsis Merely Instrumental?," Aretai Center Annual Conference, "Phronesis, Virtues, and Meta-Virtues." Genoa.
12. "The Development of Character in the <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ," "Themes in Aristotle's <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ," Renmin University of China Conference in Ancient Philosophy V, Beijing.
11. "Nature and Goodness in Aristotle's Moral Psychology," Bergen Ancient Philosophy Society annual conference, University of Bergen.
10. "Developmental continuity and criteria for virtue in Aristotle," "Ancient & Contemporary Virtue Ethics" workshop, University of Agder.
9. "The Development of Character in the <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ," Keeling Graduate and Early Career Conference, University College London. |
| 2021 | 8. "Character in the <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ," Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtue, University of Birmingham, England.
7. "The <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> on Becoming Virtuous," SAGP meeting at the Pacific APA, held online. |
| 2020 | 6. "Separating the <i>NE</i> and the <i>EE</i> ?," Eastern APA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. |
| 2019 | 5. "Stylometry and the Common Books," Texas Ancient Philosophy Workshop. |
| 2018 | 4. "Aristotelian Vice is Not a Conflicted State," Pacific APA, San Diego, California. |
| 2017 | 3. "The Punishment of the Soul in Plotinus' <i>Enneads</i> ," Central APA, Kansas City, MO. |
| 2016 | 2. "The Punishment of the Descending Soul in Plotinus' <i>Enneads</i> ," 34 th Annual Joint Meeting of the SAGP and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, Fordham University, New York City.
1. "Two Forms of Stoic Cosmopolitanism," Boston University Graduate Conference. |

Internal seminar papers and informal workshop papers since 2016

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| 2026 | 14. Title TBA, workshop on ancient philosophy and the environment, NTNU, Trondheim.
13. Title TBA, Ancient Philosophy Research Group workshop, NTNU, Trondheim. |
| 2025 | 12. "Expertise and explanation in the <i>Theaetetus</i> ," "Knowledge, expertise, and politics in Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i> " workshop, Ancient Philosophy Research Group, NTNU, Trondheim.
11. "Nature is valuable. But what about wilderness? An argument from non-ideal theory", DynamiTE Lunchtime Seminar, University of Oslo.
10. "Nature is valuable. But what about wilderness?", Norwegian Environmental Ethics Network online research seminar. |
| 2024 | 9. "Incomplete Virtue in Aristotle" "New perspectives on Aristotle's Ethics" workshop, University of Lisbon. |

8. “Goods *simpliciter* in the *Eudemean Ethics*,” History of Philosophy research group, University of Lisbon.
- 2021 7. “Virtue of Character in Aristotle’s *Eudemean Ethics*,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Oslo.
6. “Care Ethics as Humanized Virtue Theory,” Practical Ethics Group, University of Oslo.
- 2018 5. “Aristotelian Vice is Not a Conflicted State,” Students Working at Presenting Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Arizona.
- 2017 4. “*Prohairesis* in Aristotle’s Ethics,” Cambridge University Graduate Student Colloquium, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, England.
- 2016 3. “Character Formation and Empirical Psychology in Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” Ethics Breakfast Working Group at the University of Pennsylvania.
2. “Two Forms of Stoic Cosmopolitanism,” Graduate Seminar Presentation, University of Arizona.
1. “Aristotle and Aquinas on the Forms of Justice,” Taught Course Presentation, University of Arizona.

OUTREACH AND POPULAR PHILOSOPHY

- 2024– Organizer of Filosofisk Samtalerom ([LINK](#)), a monthly public event for philosophical conversation among non-experts in the Ålesund community (monthly attendance averages 25), run with Oda E. W. Tvedt at NTNU.
- 2026 4. Conversation host at “Radikalisering og demokratisk motstandskraft—veien inn og ut av ekstremisme” (“Radicalization and Democratic Resilience: Pathways into and out of extremism”), event by the Human-Etisk Forbund (Humanist Club), Ålesund.
- 2025 3. “Trygg for å være lykkelig?” (“Is security necessary for happiness?”), Forskningsdagene (Research days, NTNU, Ålesund).
2. “Hva skal til for å være lykkelig? Og hva er lykke?” (“What do we need for happiness? And what is happiness?”), Researchers’ Night, NTNU, Trondheim.
- 2024 1. “Naturen er verdifull. Men hva med villmark?” (in Norwegian) Vitenskapsteoretisk Forum (Forum for the philosophy of science) talk, NTNU, Trondheim.

PROJECT, CONFERENCE, AND JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION

- 2025– Co-organizer, Ancient Philosophy Research Group workshop, NTNU, Trondheim.
- 2026 (focus on Plato’s *Statesman* and Euripides’ *Hecuba*)
- 2025 “Knowledge, expertise, and politics in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,”
- 2024 Organizer of the workshop “New perspectives on Aristotle’s Ethics” at the University of Lisbon.
- 2023–24 Consultant on English language-related issues for the project “Complete Works of Aristotle: Translation and Commentary” at the University of Lisbon
- 2020 Deputy Editor, *Social Philosophy & Policy*
- 2014–20 Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy* (50%), for journal issues & conferences:
 - 38:1 *Administrative State* 2019 conference in Tucson, Arizona
 - 37:2 *Freedom of Thought* 2019 conference in Park City, Utah

37:1	<i>Origins of Political Economy</i>	2018 conference in Tucson, Arizona
36:1	<i>Moral Responsibility</i>	2017 conference in Tucson, Arizona
35:1	<i>Norms</i>	2016 conference in Tucson, Arizona
34:2	<i>Progress</i>	2016 conference in Los Angeles, California
33:1–2	<i>Ideal Theory</i> (double issue)	2015 conference in Tucson, Arizona
32:2	<i>The Morality of Aggression</i>	2014 conference in Tucson, Arizona

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa
American Philosophical Association
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Platonselskabet

SERVICE

Referee

Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Classical Quarterly
Journal of Moral Education

Subject specialist consultant (volunteer)

2022 Universitetsforlag, editing philosophical material in Norwegian for Exphil-site Kunne.net

Conference session commentator or chair

2026 (commentator and chair) Eastern APA, Baltimore, Maryland
2018 (chair) Conference on Aristotle's *Eudemian* and *Nicomachean Ethics*, Dublin, Ireland
 (chair) Pacific APA, San Diego, California
2016 (chair) Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy annual meeting, New York City
 (chair) Ancient Philosophy Symposium, Pacific APA, San Francisco, California

TECHNICAL COMPETENCE

Online learning platforms	Canvas, D2L Brightspace, Moodle, OLAT, Blackboard, Cambridge LMS
Online course management	Co-manager of two online courses, EXPH0450 and EXPH0550 at NTNU
Web development	CSS, HTML, JavaScript, PHP, and SQL
Video recording software	Experience with lecture recording and editing (samples on website)
Software development	C++, C#, GNU Bash, Java, Perl, Python, and R
Mathematics and logic	B.A. in mathematics, with logic and computer science components
Digital humanities tools	Classical Language Toolkit, R's stylo package, general competence

Office tools (PC/Mac/cloud) Extensive professional and personal use of a wide range of software

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