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Areas of Specialty: Philosophy and history of logic, medieval philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of language, formal logic, early modern philosophy, Latin linguistics, philosophy of religion (including Islamic philosophy).

Citizenships: Canada, United States

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral researcher, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen, 2022–present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Medieval Studies (Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy), University of Toronto, November 12, 2021.

Dissertation: *Modality and Validity in the Logic of John Buridan.*

Committee: Peter King (supervisor), Nate Charlow, Deborah Black, Christian Pfeiffer (internal reader), Calvin Normore (external reader, UCLA).

M.A., Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, 2014.

B.A., Philosophy (*honours*), with a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Calgary, 2013.

B.A., English, with six-course concentration in the Arts and Science Honours Academy (ASHA), University of Calgary, 2013.

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar (recognized), Trinity College, Cambridge: 2023, hosted by John Marenbon.

Visiting Ph.D. (recognized), Department of Philosophy, University of Auckland: 2019, supervised by Chris Martin.

ARTICLES

- R&R* “Do Thoughts Have Parts? Peter Abelard: *Yes!* Alberic of Paris: *No!*” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- forthc.* “[Lewisian Worlds and Buridanian Possibilia](#)”. *Dialectica*.
- forthc.* “[John Buridan on Logical Consequence](#)”. *Validity throughout History*. Ed. Graziana Ciola and Milo Crimi. Munich: Philosophia Verlag.
- 2023 “[John Buridan on the Eucharist. With a Translation of his Questions on Aristotle’s ‘Metaphysics’ 4.6](#)”. *The Metaphysics and Theology of the Eucharist*. Ed. Gyula Klima. Dordrecht: Springer.
- 2022 “[Multiple Generality in Scholastic Logic](#)”. *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 10: 215-82 ([DOI](#)).
- 2022 “[The Semantics of Exāmen](#)”. *Eranos – Acta philologica Suecana* 113, 125-30 ([DOI](#)).
- 2022 “[Scholastic Humor: Ready Wit as a Virtue in Theory and Practice](#)”. *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 39, no.2: 113-29 ([DOI](#)).
- 2021 “[What Does Success in Online Teaching Look Like?](#)” *Teaching Philosophy* 44, no.3: 339-67 ([DOI](#)).

REVIEW

2021. “[Gregory of Aspoll’s Questions on Aristotle’s Physics](#), ed. Sylvia Donati, Cecilia Trifogli, and E. Jennifer Ashworth”. *The Journal of Medieval Latin* 31: 312-15.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under Review (2 papers)

- A paper on scepticism and teleology in Scholastic and Cartesian thought (11,000 words)
- A paper on time and the dimensions of space (5,000 words)
- A paper on John Buridan on logical form (11,000 words)

Under development (3 papers)

- “Thinking and Judging in Abelard and Alberic” (4,000 words)
- “Do We Need the Force-Content Distinction?” (6,000 words)
- “Can God Foresee Otherwise?” (4,000 words)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

(* indicates cancellation due to the covid-19 pandemic)

Invited

- “Can God’s Foreknowledge Change?” Alberic in Context, University of Copenhagen: June 13, 2023.
- “Necessary Inferences as-of-Now”. Late Medieval Logic and Modalities, University of Parma: October 17, 2022.
- “Do Thoughts Have Parts? Abelard: *Yes!* Alberic: *No!*” Peter Abelard’s Logic and Its Network, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice: October 12, 2022. (Commentary by John Marenbon, Cambridge University).
- “John Buridan on the *Primum Principium*”. First Principles: Semantical, Metaphysical, Theological, Society for the European History of Ideas, University of Lisbon: August 3, 2022.
- “What are Modals About?” European Symposium on Medieval Logic and Semantics, University of Warsaw: June 27, 2022.
- “Do We Need the Force-Content Distinction?”. Philosophy Post-Graduate Research Seminar, University of Auckland: October 23, 2019.
- “Modal Logic Without Possible Worlds”.
- Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Canterbury: October 15, 2019.
 - Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Auckland: October 9, 2019.
- “Is Buridan Confused About Conditionals?”. Ordered Universe at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University: May 10, 2019.
- “Worlds Away: John Buridan’s Modal Semantics”. Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: Works in Progress, University of Toronto: February 4, 2019.
- “Coming to Terms: What the Scholastics Get Right about Logical Subjects”. Philosophy at the Margins, McMaster University: April 1, 2017.
- “Beginnings and Ends: Some Cosmological Problems and their History”, with Marshall MacCall (Astrophysics, York University). Massey Talks, University of Toronto: January 6, 2015.

Refereed

- “Lies and Non-Existent Thoughts in Alberic of Paris”. Pan-American Symposium on the History of Logic, University of California, Los Angeles: June 21, 2023.
- “Do Thoughts Have Parts? Peter Abelard: *Yes!* Alberic of Paris: *No!*” American Philosophical Association (APA)–Pacific: May 4, 2023. (Commentary by Andrew Arlig, CUNY Brooklyn).
- “Cartesian Skepticism’s Departure from Medieval Teleology”. APA–Central, Chicago: February 26, 2022.
- “Three Axioms in Augustine’s Proof of God’s Existence”. Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy at the International Congress on Medieval

- Studies, Western Michigan University: May 7, 2021 [*cancelled*]
- “A Medieval Alternative to Frege’s Force-Content Distinction (and Why We Might Prefer It to Frege)”. APA–Pacific, Portland (online): April 8, 2021. (Commentary by Gyula Klima, Fordham University).
- “What are Modal Propositions About? A Medieval Alternative to Possible-Worlds Semantics”. APA–Eastern, Philadelphia: January 8, 2020. (Commentary by Fr. Philip Neri Reese, University of Notre Dame).
- “How We’ve Misconstrued Medieval Modal Logic (and What to Do About It)”. Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver: June 4, 2019.
- “Validity in John Buridan’s Modal Logic”. Pan-American Symposium on the History of Logic, University of California, Los Angeles: May 25, 2019.
- “John Buridan on What Makes an Inference Necessary”. APA–Pacific, Vancouver: April 17, 2019.
- “*Quid est Veritas?* John Buridan on What Makes a Proposition True”. Toronto-Cologne Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Toronto: Oct.1, 2016.
- “Naming Names: A Defense of ‘The’-Predicativism”. Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary: June 2, 2016.

Comments

- “Can a Difference Meet a Difference (And Not Go Awry?) Response to Gyula Klima”. *Quaestio Disputata*, University of Lisbon: May 18, 2023.
- “Does Thomas Aquinas Think *Memoria* is a *Virtus*?—Forget About It! Response to John Jalsevac”. Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia: June 3, 2019.
- “Deductive Systems as Epistemic Bases: Response to Hassan Masoud”. Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal: June 4, 2018.
- “Hylo-morphism and Physiognomy in Aristotle: Response to Charlene Elsby”. Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University: May 28, 2017.
- “Verbal Irony within a Neo-Gricean Framework: Response to Arthur Sullivan”. Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary: June 1, 2016.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

- 2023 Judging and Entertaining: A Perennial Debate, University of Copenhagen
- 2023 Alberic in Context (with Heine Hansen and Enrico Donato), University of Copenhagen.
- 2022 Propositions in the Twelfth-Century, University of Copenhagen.

AWARDS

- 2022 Horizon Europe Seal of Excellence (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions).
 2019 University of Toronto–School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (Can\$6,200).
 2019 Canada Graduate Scholarship - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (Can\$6,000).
 2016-19 Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (Can\$105,000).
 2014-15 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Can\$15,000).
 2013-14 SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (Can\$17,500).

REFEREEING

Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Teaching Philosophy

TEACHING

As Instructor (with sole responsibility)

- 2020, -21 Modern Symbolic Logic, University of Toronto
 2018-19 Introduction to Latin, St. Philip's Seminary, Toronto
 2015 Scholastic and Vulgate Latin, St. Philip's Seminary, Toronto

As Teaching Assistant

- 2021 Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto
 2020 Probability and Inductive Logic, University of Toronto
 2020 Puzzles and Paradoxes, University of Toronto
 2019 Introduction to Ethics, University of Toronto
 2018 Practical Reason and Action, University of Toronto
 2017-21 Modern Symbolic Logic, University of Toronto
 2017 Early Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto
 2016 Law and Morality, University of Toronto
 2016 Introduction to Philosophy, University of Toronto
 2016 Later Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto
 2015 Introduction to Symbolic Logic, University of Toronto
 2015 Early Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto
 2014 Introduction to Critical Reasoning, University of Toronto

As Guest Lecturer

- 2020 Puzzles and Paradoxes (Nate Charlow), University of Toronto
 2019 Introduction to Modal Logic (Mihai Ganea), University of Toronto
 2016 Later-Medieval Philosophy (Matthew Siebert), University of Toronto

LANGUAGES

Speaking: English, Spanish

Reading (modern): French (Centre for Medieval Studies (CMS) Modern Language Exam pass), German (CMS pass), Italian, Portuguese.

Reading (ancient and medieval): Medieval Latin (CMS PhD-level pass), Classical Latin, Old Norse, Old English, Ancient Greek (beginner), Classical Arabic (beginner).

Programming: Python, R

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN, BY AREA

(* indicates audit)

Ancient Philosophy

Aristotle's Logic (James Allen)

Augustine's Confessions* (Charles Brittain)

Medieval Philosophy

William of Ockham* (Peter King)

Thomas Aquinas (Martin Pickavé)

Avicenna's Metaphysics (Deborah Black)

John Buridan's Philosophical Psychology (Peter King)

Imagination in Medieval Philosophy (Deborah Black)

Averroes' and Averroist Philosophy of Mind (Deborah Black)

Early Modern Philosophy

Descartes and the Scholastics (Marleen Rozemond)

Logic and the Philosophy of Language

Antirealism in Semantics* (Nate Charlow)

Advanced Modal Logic: Topological Semantics (Philip Kremer)

Conditionals in Language and Thought* (Michael Caie)

The Theory of Communication* (Nate Charlow and Imogen Dickie)

The Sense-Reference Distinction* (Byeong-uk Yi and Gupreet Rattan)

How to Think about Linguistic Meaning (Nate Charlow)

Propositions (Byeong-uk Yi)

Latin Language and Literature

Literature of the Roman Republic: M. Terentius Varro (Andreas Bendlin)

The Bible in the Medieval Schools* (Alexander André)

Latin Homilies of the Anglo-Saxon Church (Stephen Pelle)

Neo-Latin Prose Composition (year-long, Lawrin Armstrong)

Old Norse

Old Norse* (Rob Getz)

Old Norse Language and Literature (year-long, Ian McDougall)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 2021-*pres.* Managing Director, Society for the European History of Ideas.
 2019 Voting Member, Governing Council–Academic Board, University of Toronto.
 2018 Adjudicator, JJ Berry Smith Doctoral Supervision Award Committee, University of Toronto.
 2017-19 Voting Member, Committee for Honorary Degrees, University of Toronto.
 2016-21 Voting Member, Graduate Academic Appeals Board, University of Toronto.
 2016-19 Voting Member, The Friends of the Library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, University of Toronto.
 2016-19 Voting Member, Graduate Education Council, University of Toronto.
 2015-16 Co-Chair, Massey College Tutoring and Mentorship Program.
 2014-16 Member, Lectures and Conferences Committee, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto.
 2014-15 Member, Publications Committee, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto.
 2013-14 Co-Chair, Lionel Massey Fund, Massey College.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- 2014-21 Audiobook narrator, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).
 2014 Sighted guide for the visually impaired, CNIB.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Philosophical Association
 American Philosophical Association
 Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics
 Medieval Academy of America
 Society for the European History of Ideas
 Junior Fellow, Massey College (2013-18)

MEDIA

Logic with Bo (YouTube channel): <https://www.youtube.com/c/LogicwithBo>
 Medieval Latin (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/MedievalLatin/>

REFERENCES

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