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Education

Ph.D. University of Kentucky, Philosophy, 2019
M.A. Boston College, Philosophy, 2013
B.A. Temple University, Philosophy and Classics, *summa cum laude*, 2011

A.O.S.: Ancient Greek philosophy

A.O.C.: History of philosophy, metaphysics, ethics, social and political philosophy

Academic Employment

Creighton University, Assistant Professor, 2026–present
Ohio State University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2024–2026
Pennsylvania State University, Assistant Teaching Professor, 2021–2024
University of Colorado–Boulder, Lecturer, 2019–2021

Publications

Edited book volume

Inquiring into Being: Essays on Parmenides, ed. Colin C. Smith, SUNY Press (2025).

Edited special journal issue

Presocratic Metaphysics, special issue, *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi* 3:1 (2021).

Journal articles and book chapters

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“Being and Returning: Parmenides Fragment 5 and the *Nostos* Motif,” in *Nostos: Homecoming in the Ancient World*, ed. Jessica Elbert Decker and Josh Hayes (accepted).

“Vulnerability, Affectivity, and Care in Plato’s *Euthyphro*,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* (accepted).

“On Unity among the *Koina* but Not the *Megista Genē*,” in *Platonic Inheritance*, ed. Sonsoles Costero-Quiroga, Michael Griffin, Bessie Zibara Lara, Prometheus Trust (2026), 25-40.

“Being as Common in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 43:1 (2026), 53-75.

“Being as *Pélein* in Parmenides’ Poem,” *Hypnos* 56 (2026), 13-33.

- "Plato's Forms as Grounds," in *Ground and Fundamentality in Plato and Aristotle*, ed. Richard Neels, Routledge (2026), 15-37.***
- "The Continuum of *Logos* and Unity of Plato's *Phaedrus*," *Ancient Philosophy* 45:1 (2025), 129-150.
- "Parmenides's Fragment 2 and the Meaning of *Eina*" and "Introduction," in *Inquiring into Being*, ed. Colin C. Smith, SUNY Press (2025), 82-102 and 1-10.***
- "Empedocles on Becoming and Temporality," in *Empedocles in Sicily*, ed. Jessica Elbert Decker, Jennifer Ferriss-Hill, & Heather L. Reid, Parnassos Press (2024), 39-58.
- "Being in No Way and Being in Every Way: *Sophist* 237b and 248e," *Epoché* 29:1 (2024), 23-41.
- "The Senses of *Apeiron* in *Philebus* 16b-27c," *Méthexis* 35 (2023), 167-184.
- "Being as Communion: *Sophist* 247d-248b," *Review of Metaphysics* 76:3 (2023), 395-423.
- "Performativity and the Vitality of Discourse in Plato's *Phaedrus*," in *Paideia and Performance*, ed. Henry C. Curcio, Mark Ralkowski, and Heather L. Reid, Parnassos Press (2023), 163-182.
- "The Case for the 399 BCE Dramatic Date of Plato's *Cratylus*," *Classical Philology* 117:4 (2022), 645-661.
- "Against the Existential Reading of *Euthydemus* 283e-284c, with Help from the *Sophist*," *Ancient Philosophy* 42:1 (2022), 67-81.
- "The Method of Bifurcatory Division in Plato's *Sophist*," *Elenchos* 42:2 (2021), 229-260.
- "*Diairesis* and *Koinōnia* in *Sophist* 253d1-e3," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 37:1 (2020), 1-20.
- "Toward a Two-Route Interpretation of Parmenidean Inquiry," *Epoché* 24:2 (2020), 279-298.
- "Dialectical Methods and the *Stoicheia* Paradigm in Plato's Trilogy and *Philebus*," *Plato Journal: The Journal of the International Plato Society* 19 (2019), 7-23.
- "The Groundwork for Dialectic in *Statesman* 277a-287b," *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 12:2 (2018), 132-150.

Journal notes

- "Editorial," *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi* 3:1 (2021), 1-2.

Book reviews

- James M. Redfield (trans.), *Plato's Seventh Letter: Translation and Commentary*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, forthcoming.
- Luc Brisson, Edward C. Halper, Richard D. Parry (eds.), *Plato's Sophist*, *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, forthcoming.
- Lorenzo Giovannetti, *Eidos and Dynamis: The Intertwinement of Being and Logos in Plato's Thought*, *Ancient Philosophy* 44:2 (2024), 538-541.

- Catherine Craig, *Memory and the Political Art in Plato's Statesman*, *Review of Politics* 86:3 (2024), 428-430.
- Gwenda-lin Grewal, *Thinking of Death in Plato's Euthydemus*, *Ancient Philosophy* 43:2 (2023), 539-543.
- A. A. Long, *Selfhood and Rationality in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Heraclitus to Plotinus*, *Review of Metaphysics* 76:4 (2023), 758-760.
- Véronique Decaix and Christina Thomsen Thörnqvist (eds.), *Memory and Recollection in the Aristotelian Tradition*, *The Medieval Review* 30 (2023), 3.17.
- Eva Brann, Peter Kalkavage, and Eric Salem (trans.), *Plato: Meno*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 33 (2022), 3.48.
- Panos Dimas, Russell Jones, and Gabriel Lear (eds.), *Plato's Philebus: A Philosophical Discussion*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 60:1 (2022), 155-156.
- John Sallis, *Chorology: On Beginning in Plato's Timaeus* (2020 Edition), *Phenomenological Reviews* 6 (2020), 12.6.
- Emanuela Bianchi, Sara Brill, and Brooke Holmes (eds.), *Antiquities beyond Humanism*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 31 (2020), 2.29.
- Thomas Bénatouil and Katerina Ierodiakonou (eds.), *Dialectic after Plato and Aristotle*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 30 (2019), 8.27.
- John V. Garner, *The Emerging Good in Plato's Philebus*, *Ancient Philosophy* 38:2 (2018), 451-454.

Presentations

(***=Invited)

- "Plato's Comical Critique of Neo-Heraclitean Flux Theory," Plato and Comedy Colloquium, remote, November 7, 2026.***
- "Vulnerability and Care in the *Euthyphro*," Ancient Philosophy Society [APS], New York University, April 17-19, 2026.
- "On Carrying, Leading, and Seeing: *Euthyphro* 10a-c," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy [SAGP], remote, November 8, 2025.
- "Being as *Pelein* in Parmenides Fragment 8," The Language of Being, the Language of Nature, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil, Sep. 29, 2025.
- "Being as *Koinon*: *Theaetetus* 185a-186e," International Plato Society [IPS], Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, May 5-9, 2025.
- "Unity as a Kind in the *Sophist*," International Society for Neoplatonic Studies [ISNS], Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, June 19-23, 2024.
- "Empedocles on the Metaphysics of *Phusis*," Empedocles in Sicily, Fonte Aretusa, Siracusa, Italy, November 20-23, 2023.
- "The Philosopher as Mediator in Proclus' *Commentary on the Cratylus*," ISNS, Università di Catania, Italy, June 8, 2023.
- "A Contribution to the 'Intensive' Reading of 'To *Pantelōs On*' at *Sophist* 248e," American Philosophical Association [APA] Pacific, San Francisco, Apr. 5-8, 2023,

- given *in absentia* by Kerong Gao due to flight delays.
- “Knowledge and *Stoicheia* in Plato’s *Cratylus*,” SAGP, remote, November 19, 2022.
- “Pedagogical Method and Active Performativity in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” *Paideia* and Performance, Fonte Aretusa, Siracusa, Italy, May 30-June 2, 2022.
- “*Nous*, *Aitia*, and the Senses of Causation in *Timaeus* 46c7-48b3,” Symposium on Plato’s *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky (remote), May 19-20, 2022.***
- “Two Platonic Senses of the Unlimited Continuum in *Philebus* 16b-27c,” SAGP, remote, November 6, 2021.
- “‘Being-as-Such’ and Competing Interpretations of Parmenides’ Fragment 2,” Eleatica, Fondazione Alario; Ascea, Italy (remote), September 26-29, 2021.
- “Being as Communion: *Sophist* 248b2-8,” West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University (remote), May 14-16, 2021.
- “Parmenides’ Fragment 2 and the Meaning of ‘*Einaí*,’” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference [KFLC], remote, April 22-24, 2021.
- “On Causal Priority and the Dramatic Date of Plato’s *Cratylus*,” APA Central, remote, February 24-27, 2021.
- “Some Notes on the ‘This-Such’ Distinction at *Timaeus* 49c7-50a4,” Workshop on Plato’s *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky (remote), May 21-22, 2020.***
- “*Einaí* without Existence in *Euthydemus* 283a-284c,” SAGP, remote, May 19, 2020.
- “Communion, Division, and Dialectic in Plato’s *Sophist*,” APA Eastern, Philadelphia, January 8-11, 2020.
- “The Case for the 399 BCE Dramatic Date of Plato’s *Cratylus*,” SAGP, Christopher Newport University, November 16-17, 2019.
- “Toward a Two-Route Interpretation of Parmenidean Inquiry,” APS, Trinity College, April 25-28, 2019.
- “Reconsidering the Routes of Inquiry and the Errors of Mortals in Parmenides’ Poem,” APA Central, Denver, February 20-23, 2019.
- “*Diairesis* and *Koinōnia* in *Sophist* 253d1-e3,” SAGP, Christopher Newport University, October 20-21, 2018.
- “The Groundwork for Dialectic in *Statesman* 277a-287b,” North American Workshop in Platonic Philosophy, Hamline University, August 8-10, 2017.
- “*Eidos* and *Energeia*: Active Stability in Plato and Aristotle,” KFLC, Lexington, April 20-23, 2017.
- “Turning toward Forms: Method in the *Theaetetus*, *Sophist*, and *Statesman* Trilogy,” University of Chicago Conference in Ancient Philosophy, April 7-8, 2017.

Commentaries

- Michael Wiitala, “Diotima, Aspasia, and Socrates,” Ohio Philosophical Association [OPA], Ohio Dominican University, April 11, 2026.
- Catherine McKeen, “Why Aspasia?: Gender and Virtue in Plato’s *Menexenus*,” APS,

Villanova University, April 24-26, 2025.

Timothy (Tianrong) Lin, "Narrating the I and We: Authenticity between Narrative and Existentialism," OPA, Ohio State University, April 5, 2025.

Stephen Artner, "Heraclitean Perception: A Reading of *Theaetetus* 151d-187a," APS, Toronto Metropolitan University, April 4-7, 2024.

Thomas Slabon, "Whole-Seeing and Holiness: On the Virtue of *Synopsis* in Plato (and Aristotle)," Plato on the Virtues Workshop, Penn State, March 29-30, 2024.

Graham Renz, "Hylomorphism and the Extra Ingredient Problem," APA Central, New Orleans, February 21-24, 2024.

Elizabeth Hill, "Poetic Language in the *Cratylus*," APS, Gonzaga Univ., April 19, 2023.

Blaze Marpet, "Luck in Plato's *Euthydemus*," APA Central, Denver, Feb. 22-25, 2023.

John Proios, "The Knowledge that Free People Have: Dialectic as Cognitive Liberation in the *Sophist*," APS, Penn State University, April 7-10, 2022.

David Murphy, "A Defense of 'Mouthpiece' Interpretations of Plato's Dialogues," APA Central, Chicago, February 23-26, 2022.

Paul Carron, "'Composing the Scene': An Empirical Case for Virtue," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado–Boulder (remote), Aug. 12-15, 2021.

Joseph Kassman-Tod, "Heraclitus' *Polemos* as the Formal Structure of Art Critical Appreciation," APA Eastern (remote), January 7-16, 2021.

Peter Moore, "Just Like Learning to Read: *Grammata* in the City-Soul Analogy in *Republic*," Kentucky Philosophical Association, Transylvania Univ., Mar. 23, 2019.

Michael Wiitala, "Intelligence as a Cause: *Phaedo* 96a-99c," Central States Philosophical Association, University of Buffalo, October 26-27, 2018.

Miscellaneous Publications

Public philosophy: book chapters

"Aristotle and the Activity of Being an Authentic Punk," in *Being and Punk: Essays at the Intersections of Punk and Philosophy*, ed. Edward Avery-Natale, Mike Dines, and Grace Healy, Intellect Books (forthcoming).

Caroline Buchanan, Suraj Chaudhary, Clay Graham, James William Lincoln, Lauren K. O'Dell, Colin Smith, and Andrew Van't Land, "Developing a Philosophy Summer Camp at the University of Kentucky," in *Philosophy Camps for Youth*, ed. Claire Katz, Rowman & Littlefield (2021), 35-45.

Bioethics papers (co-authored, as co-supervisor)

Karolus Wangi, Barbara Birriel, and Colin Smith, "Nursing Roboethics: Ethical Issues for Artificial Intelligence Robots, Nurses' Roles, and the Future," *Journal of Research in Nursing* 29:2 (2024), 186-190.

Karolus Wangi and Colin Smith, "Biodefense: Expanding Nursing Strategies after the SARS-CoV-2 Threat," *Journal of Radiology Nursing* 42:4 (2023), 526-527.

Karolus Wangi, Barbara Birriel, and Colin Smith, "Psychosocial burden in transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia patients and impacts on quality of life," *Journal of Taibah University Medical Sciences* 18:6 (2023), 1217-1219.

Interviews and blog posts

"Metaphysics (inc. Race and Gender)," APA Blog Syllabus Spotlight, March 20, 2024.
Interview w/ Jason Lamb, *No Means No: From Obscurity to Oblivion*, PM Press (2023).
"A Sociologist and a Philosopher Attempt to Learn from COVID," interview with Edward Avery-Natale, Edinburgh University Press Blog, June 2, 2021.

Teaching Experience

Creighton University (2026–present)

Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life (x 2)

Ohio State University (2024–2026)

Seminar in History of Philosophy: Plato's Trilogy	(graduate)
Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle	(grad/undergrad)
History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	(x 2)
History of Medieval Philosophy	
Contemporary Continental Thought	
Philosophy of Sex and Love	(x 2)
Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S.	
Honors Introduction to Philosophy	(x 2)

Penn State University (2021–2024)

Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Dialogues	(grad/undergrad)
Ancient Greek Philosophy	(x 2)
Art and Philosophy in Ancient Greece	(x 5)
Medieval Philosophy	
Metaphysics	
Bioethics	(x 3)
Knowing Right from Wrong	(x 2)
Philosophy and 1960s Counterculture	
Aesthetics	
Philosophy of Religion	(x 2)
Philosophy of Technology	
Symbolic Logic	(x 3)

University of Colorado, Boulder (2019–2021)

History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	(x 4)
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Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy

Ethics

Philosophy and Race (x 2)

Philosophy and Sports (x 3)

Symbolic Logic

Reading, Writing, and Reasoning (x 2)

Introduction to Philosophy (x 3)

University of Kentucky (as Graduate [Sole] Instructor, 2014–2019)

Business Ethics (online, asynchronous)

The Individual and Society

Philosophy of Film

Death, Dying, and Quality of Life (x 3)

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

Symbolic Logic (x 3)

Introductory Logic (x 5, including 1 online, asynchr.)

Introduction to Philosophy (x 4)

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Penn State World Campus Course Design Grant, 2023

American Philosophical Association [APA] Eastern Division Grant, 2020

Professional Service

Journal referee, *Ancient Philosophy* (x 2), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Classical Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Dialogoi* (x 2), *Epoché* (x 2), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (x 2), *Humanities*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical News* (x 2), *Philosophies*, *Plato Journal*, *Religions*

Publisher referee, Brill (x 2), Cognella, Open Book Publishers, Palgrave Macmillan, Peter Lang, Polity Books, Prometheus Trust, SUNY Press

Conference Coordinator and APA Affiliated Group Representative, SAGP, 2026--present

Conference referee, APS (x 2)

External letters, Professor of Philosophy (2024), Associate Professor of Classics (2023)

Panel organizer, "Plato and Comedy Colloquium" (2026), "Platonic Philosophy and the Dialogue Form" at SAGP (2025), "Inquiry and Knowledge in Plato's *Cratylus*" at SAGP (2022), "The Pedagogical Role of Performance in Plato's Dialogues" at Fonte Aretusa (2022), "Parmenides" at KFLC (2021)

Session chair, APA Central (2027, 2024, 2020), SAGP at APA Pacific (2026), Ohio State Metaphysics Workshop (2024), ISNS (2023), Fonte Aretusa (2023, 2022), IPS (2022), SAGP (2019, 2018), APS (2015)

University and Department Service at Creighton University

(To be determined)

University and Department Service (previous)

Dissertation prospectus committee: Thomas Bonn (Platonic ethics, CU-Boulder, 2021)
Biobehavioral Health Studies graduate adviser: Karolus Wangi (2022-24, Penn State)
Independent studies: Pragmatism and Rhetoric (2025-26), Plato (2026), Aristotle's *Politics* (2024), Ancient Aesthetics (2024), Predicate Logic (2024),
Grounding Metaphysics (2023), Liberation Theology (2022), Stoic Ethics (2022),
Pythagoreanism (2022), Ethics of Technology (2021, x 2), Ancient Rhetoric
(2021), International Film Studies Capstone (2018)
Faculty Panelist, Best Practices for Lecturing in Philosophy Seminar, OSU (2025)
Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee, History of Philosophy, OSU (2024)
Organizing Committee, Coalition for a Just University, Penn State (2022-24)
Facilitator, Non-TT Caucus, United Campus Workers Colorado CWA Local 7799 (2021)
Phil. Dept. Coordinator, United Campus Workers Colorado CWA Local 7799 (2020-21)

Languages

Ancient Greek (reading knowledge), German (reading knowledge), Latin (basic)

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association, Ancient Philosophy Society, International
Association for Presocratic Studies, International Plato Society, International Society for
Neoplatonic Studies, International Society for Socratic Studies, Radical Philosophy
Association, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy