Dr. Zara Elizabeth Amdur

Curriculum Vitae

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Area of Specialization: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy
Areas of Competence: Ethics, 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy, Literature and Philosophy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Philosophy, Texas Tech University, Fall 2026-Present
- AY 2026-27 on leave as **Visiting Research Assistant Professor**

at the Center for Philosophy of Religion, the University of Notre Dame
Assistant Professor of Practice, Philosophy, Texas Tech University, Fall 2023-Spring 2026
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures, TTU, Fall 2023-Present
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, TTU, Fall 2023-until program closure

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy and M.A. in Classical Studies, Boston University, Boston, MA Summer 2023
Dissertation: *Women and Metaphors of Sexual Reproduction in Plato's Symposium and Theaetetus*
Committee: David Roochnik, Marc Gasser-Wingate, Susanne Sreedhar

B.A. in Liberal Arts, St. John's College, Santa Fe NM Spring 2011
Senior Thesis: *Finding the Fitting: A Journey Through Plato's Statesman*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"The Critique of Pederasty in Plato's *Symposium*." *Journal of Ancient Philosophy*. Forthcoming (acc. 10/26).

"Diotima and Penia as Outsiders in Plato's *Symposium." Epoché*. Vol. 30 No 1. Fall 2025, pg. 13-41.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (drafts available)

"The Risks of Midwifery in Plato's *Theaetetus."* Under review.
"Privilege, Self-Satisfaction, and the Need for Self-Cultivation in Plato's *Alcibiades 1."* Under review.
"What Socrates learned from his mother." In preparation.

PRESENTATIONS (* =refereed presentations)

Seeing and Generating as Two Ethical Modes of Attention"
LA workshop in Humanistic Ethics, UCLA, (Upcoming) April 23-4 2027*

"Looking at Beauty and Giving Birth in It"
Notre Dame Center of Philosophy of Religion Works-in-Progress Seminar, Sept 18 2026

"The Role of Μαῖα in Euripides' *Hippolytus* and Plato's *Theaetetus*"
Durham University, Plato and Euripides Conference, May 29 2026

"The Risks of Midwifery in Plato's *Theaetetus"*
Ancient Philosophy Society 2026, New York University, April 16 2026*

"Should the feminist philosopher fear death?"
Inter. Assoc. for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, APA Central Division, February 21 2026
WOGAP 25th Anniversary Conference Workshop, MIT, June 12 2025*
Mark Sanders Foundation Mentoring Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, June 4 2025

"Phaenarete's Midwifery: What did Socrates learn from his mother?"
Fonte Aretusa Summer Seminar on Plato's *Theaetetus,* July 28 2025*
International Plato Society, XIV Symposium Platonicum on Plato's *Theaetetus,* May 6 2025*

"Privilege and Avoiding the Risk of Self-Satisfaction in *Alcibiades 1"*
West Coast Plato Workshop, University of California, San Diego, May 16 2025*

"The Outsider Status of Diotima and Penia in Plato's *Symposium*"
Workshop on Sex and Gender, MIT, July 11 2024
Ancient Philosophy Society 2024, Toronto Metropolitan University, April 6 2024 *
Invited Talk at Baylor University, March 13 2024
Boston College Philosophy Graduate Conference, March 24 2023*

"What *Don Quixote* Can Teach Us About Plato's *Symposium"*
Interdisciplinary Hellenic Studies Conference, University of South Florida, April 20, 2024 *

"Wisdom does not flow like water: Plato's Critique of Pederasty"
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, APA, Central Division, Denver, CO, February 22 2023 *
Circulated in: SAGP Newsletter, 2022-23 (February) ISSN 2475-6865, pg. 3-10.

"Plato's Appropriation of Hesiodic Eros"
Feminism and Classics 2022, Online, Wake Forest University, May 21, 2022 *

"Reading Diotima as a Historical Figure"
International Association of Women Philosophers, Online, Paderborn University , July 19, 2021 *
5th Braga Colloquium, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, Jan 21, 2020 *

"Unlocking Plato's Aviary with Aristotle's ἐντελεχεια"
Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Participant's Conference, Citta Di Castello, Italy, July 7th, 2018

"This Speech is Not True: Plato's Poetic Denial of Poetry"
Poetic Philosophers, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame, Oct 7, 2016 *

Commentary
Comments on Catherine McKeen's "Why Aspasia?"
APA Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb 21 2026

Critic for Panel on Naomi Reshotko's *Opining Beauty Itself*
Author-Meets-Critic Panel at APA Central Division, New Orleans, LA, Feb 21, 2024

Comments on Michael Hannen's "Plato's Metaphysical Anti-Atomism"
Southwestern Philosophical Society 2023, Baylor University, Waco, TX, Nov. 9, 2023
Circulated in: *Southwest Philosophy Review.* Vol. 40 No. 2. July 2024, pg. 47-49.

Comments on Nickolas Pappas' "The Myth of Er as Told in Polyglot Pamphylia"
Ancient Philosophy Society 2023, Gonzaga University, Spokane, April 20, 2023

Comments on Kris McLain's "Socratic Midwifery in Plato's *Theaetetus*"
Ancient Medicine and Biology Workshop, Princeton University, NJ, March 4, 2023

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, AY 2026-27
$80,000 for salary awarded based on project proposal on love, beauty, and attention

TTU Philosophy Teacher of the Year, Texas Tech University, 2026
awarded to one faculty member in the philosophy each year based on student nominations

Member of Humanities Center Working Group Grant, Texas Tech University, 2024-27
"The Agnes Varda Working Group" received $7,500 over 3 years for interdisciplinary research on Varda's films

Apple Polishing Teaching Award, TTU's Mortar Board Honors Society, 2024
Students nominate faculty who exemplify the values of scholarship, leadership, and service

Humanities Center Alumni College Fellow, Texas Tech University**,** 2024
University-wide competition based on research project proposal; $3000 grant and public lecture for homecoming event

Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University, AY 2022-23
University-wide competition based on dissertation research; one semester of funding and participation in fellows' seminar

Graduate Writing Fellowship, Boston University, 2020-22
Teaching position with competitive application and interview process based on teaching experience and materials

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University, AY 2018-19
awarded to one Graduate Teaching Fellow each year based on departmental nomination

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Full Instructor Graduate Seminars

Plato on Knowledge, Texas Tech University — Fall 2025
Feminist Philosophy, Texas Tech University — Spring 2025
Plato on Eros, Texas Tech University — Spring 2024

Full Instructor Undergraduate Classes

Existentialism, Texas Tech University — Spring 2026
Feminist Philosophy, Texas Tech University — Spring 2024, 2025, 2026
Classical Greek Philosophy, Texas Tech University — Fall 2023, 2024, 2025
Beginning Philosophy, Texas Tech University — Summer 2024
Life and Death, Texas Tech University Honors College in Seville — June 2024
Introduction to Ethics, Texas Tech University — Fall 2023
The Origins of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Boston University — Spring 2022
Feminist Philosophy, Boston University — Fall 2021, (Online) Spring 2021
The Ethics of *Pride and Prejudice*, Boston University — (Hybrid) Fall 2020
Ancient Greek Philosophy, Boston University — Summers 2019, (Online) 2020

Committee Member (*= chair)

Jaeden McCarter, "Female Italian Proto-Feminists," TTU Honors College Undergraduate Thesis 2023
Angelica Li, "Iris Murdoch on Loving Attention," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2024
Angela Almonte, "The psychological costs of *muting,*" Texas Tech, Master's Report 2025*
Aeriel Melton, "Relativizing Beauty," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2025*
Michael Nicoli, "Socratic Deception," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2025*
Lauren SoRelle, "Plato's Extended Mind," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2025*
Xingnuo You, "Reason and Madness in Plato's Dialogues," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2025*
Angelina Alvarez-Carrera, "Normative Resistance," Texas Tech, Master's Report 2026*

Guest Lectures

For Darrel Janzen's *Graduate Proseminar* in Classics, Texas Tech — Oct. 2024, 2025
For J. Lenore Wright's *Philosophical Issues in Feminism*, Baylor University — March 2024
For David Larmour's *Graduate Seminar on Plato's Republic* in Classics, Texas Tech — Oct. 2023
Core plenary lecture on Women in Plato's *Republic,* Boston University — Dec. 2020, 2021, 2022

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Sex and Gender, Susanne Sreedhar — Spring 2019
Philosophy and Film, Aaron Garrett — Spring 2018
Introduction to Ethics, Derek Anderson — Fall 2017
Medical Ethics, Victor Kumar, Rachell Powell (x2) — Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Text Seminar Leader, **Collegium Phaenomenologicum** on "Greek Antiquity Now?"
Invited leader of a week-long seminar for graduate students on ancient Greek texts — Summer 2025

Graduate **Certificate in Teaching Writing**, Boston University
earned with multi-year pedagogical training and the production of a teaching portfolio — Spring 2023

Participant, **Collegium Phaenomenologicum** on "Aristotle"
Three-week program consisting in lecture courses and intensive text-based seminars — Summer 2018

Participant in **AAPT Workshop on Teaching and Learning**
American Association of Philosophy Teacher training on discipline specific pedagogy — April 7th 2018

Graduate of **The Greek Institute at CUNY**
intensive total-immersion summer program in Ancient Greek — Summer 2014

LANGUAGES

Advanced Reading of Ancient Greek, Fluent in Spanish, Basic French Reading Knowledge

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers
American Philosophical Association
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Ancient Philosophy Society
Society for Classical Studies
International Plato Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Ancient Philosophy Society Executive Committee At-Large Member	2026- Present
Texas Tech Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Faculty Advisor	Fall 2023-Spring 26
TTU Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	Fall 2024-Spring 26
Texas Tech Women's and Gender Studies Advisory Board Member	Fall 2023-2024
TTU Philosophy Colloquium Committee	AY 2024-25
New Teaching Fellow Workshop Leader	Fall 2019, 2022
BU Writing Program Curriculum Assessment Committee on Reflective Writing	Summer 2022
Philosophy Department Climate Committee Representative	2019-2021
Index Preparation for *Aristotle's Empiricism* by M. Gasser-Wingate	June 2020
Index Preparation for *Eat, Drink, Think* by D. Roochnik	March 2020
BU MAP Inclusive Teaching Workshop on "Teaching Difficult Topics"	May 1st 2019
MAP Mentor for Undergraduates	Spring 2019-2022
Women's Lunch Organizer	Fall 2017, Spring 2019
Graduate Student President, Philosophy Department	2018-2019
Graduate Student Panel Member for PIKSI—Boston	Summer 2018

Referee for *Hypatia (x2), Ergo, Apeiron, Ancient Philosophy,* Hackett Publishing, Ancient Philosophy Society Program 2025, and APA Teaching Hub on Feminist Pedagogy.

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Ancient Greek Philosophy
Thinking Food & Drink, David Roochnik
Philosophy vs. Rhetoric, David Roochnik
Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, David Roochnik
Ancient Epistemology, Marc Gasser-Wingate
Plato's *Theaetetus*, Marc Gasser-Wingate

Contemporary Philosophy
Color Line, Resistance, Reparations, David Lyons*
The Meaning of Meanings, Daniel Dahlstrom
Truth (Graduate Pro-seminar), Juliet Floyd
Logic, Juliet Floyd
*= Not for Credit

Classical Studies Courses
Hesiod and Hesiodic Reception, Stephen Scully
Homer's *Iliad*, Stephen Scully
Plato's *Republic*, Stephen Esposito
Sophocles' *Ajax*, Stephen Esposito
Thucydides, Stephen Esposito
Prose Composition, Jeffrey Henderson

Other History of Philosophy
Early Modern Ethics, Aaron Garrett
Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Manfred Kuehn
Hegel, Allen Speight
Heidegger's *Being and Time*, Daniel Dahlstrom

REFERENCES

Marc Gasser-Wingate, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Boston University, mgw1@bu.edu

David Roochnik, (Emeritus) Stata Professor of Classical Greek Studies, Boston University, roochnik@bu.edu

Susanne Sreedhar, Professor of Philosophy, Boston University, sreedhar@bu.edu

Adriel M. Trott, Professor of Philosophy, Wabash College, trotta@wabash.edu

Jeremy Schwartz (Teaching), Associate Professor of Philosophy, Texas Tech University, jeremy.m.schwartz@ttu.edu