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Area of Specialization:

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Philosophical Approaches to Death and Dying

Areas of Competency:

Philosophy of Religion, Modern Philosophy, Applied Ethics – Business

EDUCATION:

PhD: University of Oklahoma | Philosophy | In progress (expected July 2026)

Dissertation Topic: *Socrates' Philosophy of Death*

Committee: Russell Jones (Chair), Amy Olberding, Adam Green, Ben Watson

MA: Oklahoma State University | Philosophy | May 2023

Thesis Topic: *Heraclitus' Metaphysics and Epistemology*

Committee: Richard Neels (Chair), Heather Stewart, Eric Reitan

BA: University of the Ozarks | Philosophy & Spanish | July 2020

Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH:

Publications:

1. **van Duijn, M.** "The Right Time to Die: Xenophon's *Apology* of Socrates." *The Philosophy Teaching Library* (2026). <https://philolibrary.crc.nd.edu/article/the-right-time-to-die/>
 2. Camp, T; **van Duijn, M.** "(Neo-)Aristotelianism and a Puzzle about Death" *Synthese* (forthcoming)
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Manuscripts in Progress:

1. Socrates' Varying Epistemic Stances about Death in Plato's *Apology* (under review @ Apeiron)
 2. The Problem of Death in Pseudo-Plato's *Axiochus* (full draft)
 3. Xenophon's Socrates and the Limits of Human Knowledge (full draft)
 4. Memorabilia 1.4: Xenophon's Response to Clitophon's Challenge (full draft)
 5. Heraclitus's Ontology (full draft)
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Research Presentations:

1. Jul. 2026 - That's Inconsistent! Ethical Theory and Argumentation in Ethics Bowl' (forthcoming) w/ L. Williams & J. Mitchell
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop, East Michigan University
2. Mar. 2026 - 'Socratic Eudaimonism and a Meaningful Life'
North Carolina Philosophical Society, Furman University
3. Mar. 2026 - 'Socratic Eudaimonism and a Meaningful Life'

Eight International Meaning of Life Conference, University of Oklahoma

4. Dec. 2025 - 'Two Problems of Epistemic Humility about Death in Plato's *Apology*'
Oklahoma Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Central Oklahoma
 5. Oct. 2025 - 'The Reception of Socrates' Dilemma: "Death is One of Two Things" in
Ps. Plato's *Axiochus* – *Socratica VI*, University of Crete/Virtual
 6. Sep. 2025 - 'Two Problems of Epistemic Humility about Death in Plato's *Apology*'
Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virtual
 7. Oct. 2024 - 'Making Sense of Ps. Plato's *Axiochus*... with Plato's *Apology*?'
Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virtual
 8. May. 2024 - 'Plato's *Apology* as Consolation'
West Coast Plato Workshop, Seattle University
 9. Mar. 2023 - 'Heraclitus the Priority Monist?'
Oklahoma Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Oklahoma State University
 10. Oct. 2022 - 'Heraclitus the Priority Monist?'
Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virtual
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Comments:

1. Mar. 2026 - on Frank Li's "Self as a User of Tools: Teleology in *Alcibiades* 129b–130d"
49th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin
 2. Jan. 2025 - on Sebastiano Belleggia's "Aristotle on 'ὥς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ': Correlation vs
Causation"
American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division, New York
 3. Dec. 2024 - on Richard Neels's "Metaphysics Old and New"
Oklahoma Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Central Oklahoma
 4. Oct. 2024 - on David Johnson's, "Socratic Corruption and Socratic Impiety"
International Society of Socratic Studies, University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign
 5. Apr. 2024 - on Brian Reese's, "The Art of Measurement in the Hedonic Calculus"
47th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Oklahoma
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Public Facing Talks:

1. Dec. 2025 - 'Structuring a Lesson Plan for a Philosophy Class'
Graduate Philosophical Association, University of Oklahoma
 2. Oct. 2025 - 'Ancient Eudaimonism and Virtue Intellectualism'
Colloquium Session – Creative & Critical Dialogues on the Body
 3. Mar. 2025 - 'Ps. Plato's *Axiochus* and the Problem of Death'
Oklahoma Philosophy Day, University of Central Oklahoma
 4. Mar. 2024 - 'The Fear of Death in Plato's *Apology*'
Oklahoma Philosophy Day, University of Central Oklahoma
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Guest Lectures:

1. Nov. 2025 - 'The Arguments Against the Fear of Death in Plato's' *Apology*'
Trial of Socrates (PHIL 6393), University of Oklahoma
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TEACHING

* Online

Instructor of Record - University of Oklahoma

Ethics Bowl (PHIL 2900, co-taught) — Fall 2025

History of Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 3313/3813) — Fall 2024

Philosophy Writing Workshop (PHIL 3811) — Fall 2025, Spring 2025

Introduction to Business Ethics (PHIL 1273)* — Winter 2025, Summer 2025, Summer 2024

Introduction to Business Ethics (PHIL 1273) — Spring 2026

Graduate Teaching Assistant - University of Oklahoma & Oklahoma State University

Introduction to Business Ethics (PHIL 1273) — Spring 2024 (Instructor: Stephen Ellis)

Biomedical Ethics (PHIL 3833) — Spring 2023 (Instructor: Heather Stewart)

Philosophies of Life (PHIL 1213) — Fall 2022 (Instructor: Daniel Trippett)

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1113) — Spring 2022 (Instructor: Richard Neels), Fall 2021 (Instructor: Maria Doulatova)

Teaching Certificates

Instructional Competency Certification Program (University of Oklahoma): a micro-credentialing program in college-level pedagogy and instructional design. It certifies demonstrated competence in core teaching practices, from course planning and assessment to facilitating student learning.

Fall 2025: ICCP Micro - Advancement

Spring 2024: ICCP Micro - Articulation

Summer 2024: ICCP Micro - Actualization

Spring 2024: ICCP Micro - Awareness

Workshops and Conferences

American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop

- University of North Texas (08/25)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

*Audit

i) History of Philosophy:

Ancient: The Pre-Socratics

- Richard Neels

Ancient: The Trial of Socrates*

- Russell Jones

Ancient: First Generation Socratics

- Russell Jones

Ancient: Seminar on Plato

- Tyler Huisman

Ancient: Plato's Epistemology*

- Richard Neels

Ancient: Seminar on Aristotle

- Richard Neels

Modern: The Rationalists

- Olivia Branscum

Modern: The Empiricists

- Olivia Branscum

Modern: Hume vs. Kant

- Lawrence Pasternack

ii) Value Theory:

Moral Psychology

- Shannon Spaulding

Ethical Theory

- Edward Sankowski

Ethical Theory: Evil

- Lawrence Pasternack

Ancient Virtue Ethics

- Russell Jones

Normative Issues in Economics

- Stephen Ellis

iii) Philosophy of Religion:

Heaven & Hell

- Eric Reitan

The Problem of Evil*

- Yujin Nagasawa

Philosophy of the Hindu School of Yoga

- Haridas Heitz

iv) Other:

Symbolic Logic

- Justin Rice

Seminar on Epistemology	- Alison Springle
- Wayne Riggs	Proseminar
Epistemology & Digital Age Material Culture	- Wayne Riggs
- Adam Green	GPA: 4.0/4.0
Writing Workshop	

HONORS and AWARDS:

DFCAS Completion Fellowship (one time award: \$10,000; Teaching Load Reduction)	2026
University of Oklahoma	
Dodge Family Graduate Fellowship (\$25,000 over five years)	2023 – present
University of Oklahoma	
Kenneth R. Merrill Teaching Award (one time award: \$1,000)	2025
University of Oklahoma	
Department Service Award (one time award: \$1,000)	2025
University of Oklahoma	
Graduate College's Certificate of Consistent Learning and Engagement	2025
University of Oklahoma	
Shyam Dev Patwardham Memorial Grant (four awards totalling: \$2,798)	2024, 25
University of Oklahoma	
CAS Robberson Travel Grant (two awards totaling: \$2,000)	2024, 25
University of Oklahoma	
Dodge Family CAS Travel Assistant Program (one time award: \$750)	2024
University of Oklahoma	
Research Assistant for Russell Jones (one time award: Teaching Load Reduction)	2023
University of Oklahoma	
Ph.D. Application Award (one time award: \$300)	2023
Oklahoma State University	
Outstanding Student in Philosophy (two awards totalling: \$200)	2019, 20
University of the Ozarks	
Outstanding Student in Spanish (two awards totalling: \$200)	2019, 20
University of the Ozarks	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

<i>Co-Coach</i> of Ethics Bowl	2025 – present
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Undergraduate Bridge</i> of the Graduate Philosophical Association	2024 – present
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Principal Organizer</i> of “Mastering the Writing Sample: Workshop for Grad School Apps”	2025
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Assistant Coach</i> of Ethics Bowl	2024 – 2025
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Test Officer</i> at English Competency Certification Services	2024 – 2025
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Organizer</i> of the “47 th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop”	2024
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Officer</i> of the Robberson Travel and Research Grant Awards Committee	2024
University of Oklahoma	
<i>Officer</i> of the Graduate Student International Student Affairs Committee	2024
University of Oklahoma	

<i>Senator</i> of Graduate Student Senate University of Oklahoma	2023 – 2024
<i>Principal Organizer</i> of the “2 nd Oklahoma Workshop in Ancient Philosophy” University of Oklahoma	2023
<i>Advisor</i> of Chess Club Oklahoma State University	2023
<i>Liaison</i> for Undergraduate Recruitment Oklahoma State University	2022
<i>President</i> of Interfaith Club University of the Ozarks	2019-2020

RESEARCH LANGUAGE:

Spanish	- R W T	Classical Greek	- R T
Dutch	- R W T		

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Philosophical Association	International Society of Socratic Studies
Society of Ancient Greek Philosophers	

REFERENCES:

- Dr. Russell Jones
Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma
- Dr. Richard Neels
Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University
- Dr. Wayne Riggs
Professor & Director of Faculty Excellence, University of Oklahoma