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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

2021--present Assistant Teaching Professor, Penn State University
2019--2021 Lecturer, University of Colorado--Boulder

Publications

Edited book volume

forth. *Inquiring into Being: Essays on Parmenides*, ed. Colin C. Smith, SUNY Press.

Edited special journal issue

2021 *Presocratic Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi* 3:1.

Journal articles

forth. "The Continuum of *Logos* and Unity of Plato's *Phaedrus*," *Ancient Philosophy*, accepted for publication.
2023 "Being as Communion: *Sophist* 247d-248b," *Review of Metaphysics* 76:3 395-423.
2023 "The Senses of *Apeiron* in *Philebus* 16b-27c," *Méthexis* 35, 167-184.
2022 "The Case for the 399 BCE Dramatic Date of Plato's *Cratylus*," *Classical Philology* 117:4, 645-661.
2022 "Against the Existential Reading of *Euthydemus* 283e-284c, with Help from the *Sophist*," *Ancient Philosophy* 42:1, 67-81.
2021 "The Method of Bifurcatory Division in Plato's *Sophist*," *Elenchos* 42:2, 229-260.
2020 "*Diairesis* and *Koinōnia* in *Sophist* 253d1-e3," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 37:1, 1-20.
2020 "Toward a Two-Route Interpretation of Parmenidean Inquiry," *Epoché* 24:2,

279-298.

- 2019 "Dialectical Methods and the *Stoicheia* Paradigm in Plato's Trilogy and *Philebus*," *Plato Journal: The Journal of the International Plato Society* 19, 7-23.
- 2018 "The Groundwork for Dialectic in *Statesman* 277a-287b," *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 12:2, 132-150.

Book chapters

- forth. "Empedocles on Becoming and Temporality," in *Empedocles in Sicily*, ed. Jessica Elbert Decker, Jennifer Ferris-Hill, and Heather L. Reid, Parnassos Press.
- forth. "Parmenides' Fragment 2 and the Meaning of 'Einaí'" and "Introduction," in *Inquiring into Being: Essays on Parmenides*, ed. Colin C. Smith, SUNY Press, 93-118 and 3-14.
- 2023 "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, 163-182.

Journal notes

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

Book reviews

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

2018 John V. Garner, *The Emerging Good in Plato's Philebus*, *Ancient Philosophy* 38:2, 451-454.

Under review and in preparation

"Plato's Forms as Grounds," chapter in *Ground and Fundamentality in Plato and Aristotle*, ed. Richard Neels (accepted by editor, volume under review)

Paper on parallelism in two *Sophist* passages (under review)

Project on contemporary reception of Plato's unwritten teachings (in preparation)

Book manuscript on Plato's *Meno* (in preparation)

Presentations

Invited talks

2024 "Empedocles on Becoming," Marist College, March 26.

2024 "What Is the Theory of Forms?," University of New Mexico, January 26.

2024 "Empedocles on Temporality," Colby College Philosophy Colloquium, January 9.

2022 "*Nous, Aitiai*, and the Senses of Causation in *Timaeus* 46c7-48b3," Symposium on Plato's *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky (remote), May 19-20.

2022 "Pythagorean and Heraclitean Influences in Plato's *Philebus*," Widener University (remote), February 14.

2020 "Some Notes on the 'This-Such' Distinction at *Timaeus* 49c7-50a4," Workshop on Plato's *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky (remote), May 21-22.

Conference presentations

2024 "Democritus on Care for the Soul," International Association for Presocratic Studies [IAPS], Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 1-5.

2024 "Unity as a Kind in the *Sophist*," International Society for Neoplatonic Studies [ISNS], Dublin, June 19-23.

2023 "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, 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, given *in absentia* by Kerong Gao due to flight delays.

2022 "Knowledge and *Stoicheia* in Plato's *Cratylus*," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy [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.

2021 "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 XII, 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 ‘*Einai*,’” 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.
- 2020 “*Einai* 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.
- 2019 “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,” Ancient Philosophy Society [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.
- 2018 “*Diairesis* and *Koinōnia* in *Sophist* 253d1-e3,” SAGP, Christopher Newport University, October 20-21.
- 2017 “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.

Commentaries

- 2024 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.
- 2023 Elizabeth Hill, “Poetic Language in the *Cratylus*: A Moving Image of Being,” APS, Gonzaga University, April 19-23.
- 2023 Blaze Marpet, “Luck in Plato’s *Euthydemus*,” APA Central, Denver, Feb. 22-25.
- 2022 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.

- 2021 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.
- 2019 Peter Moore, “Just Like Learning to Read: *Grammata* in the City-Soul Analogy in *Republic*,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, Transylvania University, Mar. 23.
- 2018 Michael Wiitala, “Intelligence as a Cause: *Phaedo* 96a-99c,” Central States Philosophical Association, University of Buffalo, October 26-27.

Miscellaneous Publications and Media Appearances

Public philosophy: book chapters

- forth. “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 (accepted by editors, volume under review).
- 2021 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, 35-45.

Bioethics papers (co-authored, as supervisor)

- forth. 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*, forthcoming.
- 2023 Karolus Wangi and Colin Smith, “Biodefense: Expanding Nursing Strategies after the SARS-CoV-2 Threat,” *Journal of Radiology Nursing* 42:4, 526-527.
- 2023 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, 1217-1219.

Interviews and popular-media appearances

- 2024 “Metaphysics (inc. Race and Gender),” APA Blog Syllabus Spotlight, March 20th.
- 2024 “Philosophy as a Way of Life,” interview with Danny Layne, Palinode Productions.
- 2023 *No Means No: From Obscurity to Oblivion*, interview with Jason Lamb, PM Press.
- 2021 “A Sociologist and a Philosopher Attempt to Learn from COVID,” interview with Edward Avery-Natale, Edinburgh University Press Blog, June 2.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2023 Penn State World Campus Course Design Grant
- 2020 American Philosophical Association [APA] Eastern Division Grant
- 2018 Philosophy Dept. Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Kentucky

Teaching Experience

Pennsylvania State University

Seminar: Plato's Trilogy

Medieval Philosophy

Ancient [Greek] Philosophy (two sections)

Art and Philosophy in Ancient Greece (five sections)

Bioethics (three sections)

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Religion (two sections)

Knowing Right from Wrong (two sections)

Aesthetics

Philosophy of Technology

Philosophy and 1960s Counterculture

Symbolic Logic (three sections)

University of Colorado--Boulder

Symbolic Logic

History of Ancient [Greek] Philosophy (four sections)

Philosophy and Race (two sections)

Philosophy and Sports (three sections)

Reading, Writing, and Reasoning (two sections)

Ethics

Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy (three sections)

University of Kentucky (as Grad Instructor, responsible for all course content)

Symbolic Logic I (three sections)

Introduction to Philosophy (four sections)

Philosophy of Film

Death, Dying, and Quality of Life (three sections)

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

The Individual and Society

Business Ethics (online)

Introductory Logic (four sections)

An Introduction to Logic (online)

Professional Service

Submission referee, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*,
Classical Philology, *Dialogoi* (x 2), *Epoché* (x 2), *History of Philosophy Quarterly*,

Metaphilosophy, *Philosophical News* (x 2), *Philosophies* (x 3), *Plato Journal*, *Religions* (x 3); Cognella Publishing, Peter Lang Publishing.

Manuscript referee, Open Book Publishers, Palgrave Macmillan, Polity Books.

Submission referee, APS (2024, 2022)

External letter for tenure promotion (2023)

Session chair or panel organizer, ISNS (2023), SAGP (2022, 2019, 2018), Fonte Aretusa (2023, 2022), International Plato Society (2022), KFLC (2021), APA Central (2024, 2020), APS (2015)

Participant, 40th Parallel North Seminar on Plato's *Sophist*, remote (2021); Winter Session on Plato's *Philebus*, Duquesne University (remote) (2021); 40th Parallel North Seminar on Plato's *Laws*, remote (2020); Summer Seminar on Aristotle's Ethics and Politics, University of Kentucky (2017)

University and Department Service

Dissertation committee: Thomas Bonn (ongoing, Platonic ethics, CU-Boulder)

Biobehavioral Health Studies graduate adviser: Karolus Wangi (2022--'24, Penn State)

Graduate TAs supervised: Ricardo Rivera (2024), Brittany Vessely (2021), Brandon Price (2020), Wen Xu (2020), Ricardo Simmonds (2020 x2), Paige Massey (2020)

Independent studies: 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 x2), Ancient Rhetoric (2021), International Film Studies Capstone (2018)

Online course designed: Symbolic Logic (PSU)

Courses co-designed: Philosophy and Film (CU-B), Continental Philosophy (CU-B)

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)

Organizer, LGBTQI+ Inclusivity and Support Training Workshop, UKY Phil. Dept. (2017)

Assistant organizer and instructor, UKY Philosophy Summer Camp (2017, 2016, 2015)

Guest speaker, Henry Clay High School Philosophy Club, Lexington, KY (2015)

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

References

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