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Academic Positions

2025–	Assistant Professor, James Madison University, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2020–25	Assistant Professor, East Tennessee State University, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
2020–21	Fellow in Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, Center for Hellenic Studies
2019–20	Lecturer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Philosophy
2018–19	Assistant Professor, Emory & Henry College, Department of Philosophy
2017–18	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Missouri, Department of Philosophy
2016–17	<i>Philosophical Review</i> Visiting Lecturer, Cornell University, Sage School of Philosophy

Education

2016	Ph.D., Philosophy, Cornell University
2014	M.A., Philosophy, Cornell University
2009	B.A., Philosophy, awarded with Highest Distinction, University of Virginia

Research and Teaching Interests

Area of Specialty: Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Medieval Philosophy (including Classical Arabic philosophy), Early Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Games

Books

1. *The Fundamental Bodies of Stoic Physics*, Forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

Journal Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

8. “Chrysippus on Matter and Substance,” in *Chrysippus’ Signature on Stoicism*. Forthcoming.
7. “The Stoics and Anaximenes on Basic Corporeal Change,” in *Stoic Presocratics – Presocratic Stoics: Studies in the Stoic Reception of Early Greek Philosophy*, edited by Christian Vassallo, Michele Alessandrelli, and Stavros Kouloumentas (Turnhout: Brepols, 2024), 49–84.
6. “Elements and Matter in Diogenes Laertius 7.137.” *Classical Philology* 118, no. 2 (2023): 273–281.

5. "The Physics of Stoic Cosmogony." *Apeiron* 54, no. 2 (2021): 161–187.
4. "The Physics of Pneuma in Early Stoicism," in *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle*, edited by Sean Coughlin, David Leith, and Orly Lewis (Berlin: Edition Topoi, 2020), 171–201.
3. "Stoic Epistemology," in *The Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*, edited by Kelly Arenson (New York: Routledge, 2020), 137–147.
2. "On the Separability and Inseparability of the Stoic Principles." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 56, no. 2 (2018): 187–214.
1. "Chrysippus's Elemental Theory." *Ancient Philosophy* 37, no. 2 (2017): 361–385.

Book Reviews

1. "Stoicism and Deontology: Review of *The Invention of Duty: Stoicism as Deontology* by Jack Visnjic." *Classical Review* 72, no. 1 (2022): 290–292.

Work in Progress

"The Stoics' Divine Cosmology"

"The Stoics on Unqualified Bodies"

Selected Research Presentations

"The Stoics on Unqualified Bodies"

[2027] Workshop on Stoicism; University of Florida

2024 Stoic Ontology: Its Birth and Development Conference; Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

"The Stoics' Divine Cosmology" (current title)

2024 Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Trinity University

2022 Appalachian Premodernists Group, East Tennessee State University

2022 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association; Hellenistic Philosophy Society Colloquium

2021 Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Oxford University

"Chrysippus on Matter and Substance"

2023 46th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas-Austin

2022 Symposium Hellenisticum; Geneva, Switzerland

2021 Center for Hellenic Studies; Washington, D.C.

"Are the Stoics Corporealists?"

~~2020~~ Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association; Hellenistic Philosophy Society Colloquium [canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic]

"The Function and Composition of Pneuma in Stoic Physics"

2017 Central New York Humanities Corridor Workshop, Syracuse University

“The Physics of Stoic Cosmogony”

2017 Eugene Lane Occasional Papers Session, University of Missouri, Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies

2016 London Ancient Science Conference, University College London

2015 New Perspectives on Stoicism Conference, Cornell University

“On the Separability or Inseparability of the Stoic Principles”

2016 Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Virginia

2015 Ancient Philosophy Society Meeting, University of Kentucky

Other Conference Participation

[2027] Commentator on “The Body in Greek Philosophy” by Reier Helle at Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2026 Commentator on *The Unity of Stoic Metaphysics* by Vanessa de Harven; Author-Meets-Critics Session at Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2024 Commentator on “The Internal / External Distinction in Stoic Modality” by Ralph Wedgwood, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2020 Comments on “The Moore-Plato Open Question Argument” by Jean-Paul Vessel, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2016 Comments on Cecilia Li’s “The Stoics on the Soul”, Colby College, Ancient Philosophy Society Meeting

2015 Comments on Vanessa de Harven’s “Necessity, Possibility and Determinism in Stoic Thought”, University of Texas, 38th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy

Teaching Experience (* = multiple sections)

James Madison University (2025–)

Ancient Greek Philosophy*

Introduction to Philosophy*

East Tennessee State University (2020–25)

History of Ancient Philosophy*

Introduction to Philosophy*

Philosophy Colloquium: Medieval Philosophy

Philosophy Colloquium: Stoicism

Practical Reasoning

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2019–20)

Ancient Philosophy

Classical Ancient Philosophers: Plato’s *Republic* and *Timaeus*

Introduction to Philosophy*

Medieval Philosophy: Survey of Medieval Arabic Philosophy

Emory & Henry College (2018–19)

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Engaging with the Liberal Arts: Foundations*
Health Care Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
Techniques of Reasoning

University of Missouri (2017–18)

Ancient Western Philosophy
Aristotle: Hylomorphism [*Graduate Seminar*]
Introduction to Philosophy*
Medieval Philosophy

Cornell University (2014–17)

Introduction to Philosophy
First-Year Writing Seminar: Early Modern Skepticism*
First-Year Writing Seminar: Puzzles in Ancient Ethics*

Service

Professional Service

Referee for *Ancient Philosophy*; *Apeiron**; *Journal of the History of Philosophy**; *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*; *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy**; *Philosophical Quarterly*
(* = multiple assignments)

Service to James Madison University

2027	Philosophy Club Advisor (Spring 2027)
2026–27	Undergraduate Research Conference Representative, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2026–27	Member of Colloquium Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2026–27	Member of Philosophy Essay Prize Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2025–	First-Generation Student Champion

Service to East Tennessee State University

2023–25	Member of University-Level General Education Advisory Council
2023–25	Member of College of Arts and Sciences Internal Research and Creative Activity Council
2020–24	Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Representative, University Open House (many times)
2021–23	Member of College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Awards Committee
2023	Co-chair of Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
2020	Member of Lecturer Promotion Committee

Awards

Research

2025	ETSU College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Research Award [<i>declined</i>]
2023–24	ETSU College of Arts and Sciences, Course Release (x2)
2023	ETSU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Reduced Instructional Assignment
2021	Fellowship in Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C.
2020	NTFC Local #6546 Travel Grant
2020	University of Illinois, Scholars Travel Fund Grant
2016/15/13	Graduate School Travel Grant, Cornell University
2009	Hammond Award, University of Virginia

Teaching

2020	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, two courses
2019	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, two courses

References

Available on request.