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## RESEARCH AREAS

**AOS:** Ancient Greek Philosophy

**AOC:** South Asian Philosophy; 20th century Continental Philosophy; History of Political and Economic Philosophy; Business Ethics

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## EDUCATION

2023	Ph.D., with distinction: Philosophy, DePaul University (Chicago, IL) Dissertation: <i>Aristotle on the Concept of Life</i> Committee: Sean D. Kirkland (Director); James G. Lennox (Pittsburgh); William McNeill; Michael Naas
2014	M.A., with distinction: Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2010	B.A.: St. John's College (Annapolis, MD)

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024—present	Assistant Professor, The University of the South (Sewanee)
2023—2024	Teaching Assistant Professor, The University of the South (Sewanee)
Spring 2023	Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of the South (Sewanee)
2020—2022	Visiting Instructor, The University of the South (Sewanee)

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## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Aristotle's Ontology of Death". *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 30 (1), 73-90. 2025.

"Aristotle's Causal Definitions of the Soul". *Ancient Philosophy* 44 (2): 449-467. 2024.

"Aristotle on the Unity of the Nutritive and Reproductive Functions". Co-authored with James G. Lennox. *Phronesis* 65 (4): 414-466. 2020.

"Cosmic Democracy or Cosmic Monarchy? Empedocles in Plato's *Statesman*". *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 35 (2): 418-446. 2018.

## PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS

Pierre Aubenque, "The Cosmology of Prudence" (Cosmologie de la prudence). Co-translated with Khafiz Kerimov. In *Contemporary Encounters with Ancient Practice* (Edinburgh University Press), R. J. Johnson, A. J. Greenstine, D. Mesing eds, 13-51. 2025.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Pierre Pellegrin, *Animals in the World: Five Essays on Aristotle's Biology*. Anthony Preus, trans. (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2023. Pp. vi, 324.) *The Review of Politics* 87 (2): 296–298. 2025.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

October 2025	"Life and Soul in the <i>De Anima</i> ". Canadian Aristotle Society. University of Ottawa; Ottawa, Ontario.
September 2024	Book panel: Commentary on <i>Heidegger and the Destruction of Aristotle: On How to Read the Tradition</i> , by Sean D. Kirkland. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Rochester Institute of Technology; Rochester, NY.
April 2024	"Aristotle's Ontology of Death". Ancient Philosophy Society. Toronto Metropolitan University; Toronto, Ontario.
April 2023	"What is Life? Aristotle, Aliens, & ChatGPT". Philosophy Department Colloquium. The University of the South; Sewanee, TN.
April 2022	"Aristotle on Life". Ancient Philosophy Society (APS) Zoom session, "Graduate Student Dissertation Panel". Virtual session.
February 2022	"The Unity of Aristotle's Concept of Life". Colloquium paper. American Philosophical Society (APA), Central Division Meeting. Chicago, IL.
February 2022	"Do I Exist? Exploring Selfhood with Descartes and the Buddha". Presentation at the AAPT-APA Teaching Hub Panel "Teaching Core Ideas Using Non-Canonical Texts". American Philosophical Society, Central Division Meeting. Chicago, IL.
June 2021	"The Unity of Aristotle's Concept of Life". Ancient Philosophy Society (APS). Virtual conference.
April 2021	"Indian Philosophy". Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Pedagogy Panel. Center for Teaching, The University of the South; Sewanee, TN.
July 2018	"Aristotle on Material Flux and Nutritive Self-Maintenance". Collegium Phaenomenologicum 2018: "Aristotle: <i>Phusis, Psuchē, Anthrōpos</i> ", Participants' Conference. Città di Castello, Italy.
July 2017	"Is the Productive Class a Slave Class in Plato's Ideal City?" 10th Celtic Conference in Classics (CCC): "New Approaches to Plato in Context". McGill University and Université de Montréal; Montreal, Canada.
December 2016	"Something from Nothing: Aristotle's Solution to the Problem of Simple Generation". History of Philosophy Roundtable (HOPR). Loyola University Chicago; Chicago, IL.

May 2016	"The <i>Telos</i> of Living Being". World Congress: Aristotle, 2400 Years. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Thessaloniki, Greece.
March 2016	"Aristotle on the <i>Telos</i> of Life". Invited presentation. DePaul Graduate Student Colloquium. DePaul University; Chicago, IL.
March 2016	"Cosmic Democracy or Cosmic Monarchy? Empedocles in Plato's Statesman". History of Philosophy Roundtable (HOPR). Loyola University; Chicago, IL.
September 2015	"Hamlet's Time". Invited presentation. Panel on Andrew Cutrofello's "All for Nothing: Hamlet's Negativity" (MIT Press, 2014). Loyola University; Chicago, IL.

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**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**


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August 2025	University Research Grant, \$5200. The University of the South (Sewanee). Project title: <i>Translating Aristotle's "Life"</i> .
June 2025	Summer Faculty Research Stipend, \$6000. The University of the South (Sewanee). Project title: <i>What is Life? Aristotle on the Fundamental Question of Biology</i> .
February 2022	Graduate Student Stipend Award, Central APA Meeting 2022 (Chicago, IL).
November 2020	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Pedagogy Grant. For course design in support of the G7 general education requirement (Encountering Perspectives: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). The University of the South (Sewanee). Project title: "PHIL 216—Indian Philosophy".
October 2015	DUOS Research Fellowship for undergraduate mentoring during academic year 2015/16. DePaul University, Philosophy Department. Project title: "Aristotle's Natural Teleology".
October 2015	John T. Richardson Fellowship, Spring Quarter, 2015/16. DePaul University, Philosophy Department.
May 2010	"Excellence in Speaking" Prize; awarded at graduation. St. John's College; Annapolis, MD.

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**COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**


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At the University of the South (Sewanee):

- PHIL 350: Aristotle (1 section)
- PHIL 426: What is Life? Ancient Greek Perspectives (1 section)
- PHIL 216: Indian Philosophy (3 sections)
- PHIL 232: Business Ethics (7 sections)
- PHIL 205: Freedom, Justice, and Commerce (1 section)
- PHIL 101: Topics in Philosophy—Writing Intensive (6 sections)

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**


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I have served as a peer-review referee at the following venues:

- *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*
- *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
- *Metaphysics*
- National Science Foundation (Grant Proposal)
- *Philosopher's Imprint*
- *Prolegomena: Journal of Philosophy*

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**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**


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2024—present	Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club, The University of the South
2015—2017	Secretary, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA), DePaul University
2013—2014	Colloquium Representative, Association for Graduate Students in Philosophy (AGSP), Loyola University Chicago
2012—2013	Secretary, Association for Graduate Students in Philosophy (AGSP), Loyola University Chicago

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**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION**


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September 13th, 2023	Workshop Organizer: Ancient Philosophy Society, "Graduate Student Dissertation Panel 2023"
April 22nd, 2022	Workshop Organizer: Ancient Philosophy Society, "Graduate Student Dissertation Panel 2022"
July 9th-27th, 2018	Assistant Director: Collegium Phaenomenologicum 2018, "Aristotle: <i>Phusis</i> , <i>Psuchē</i> , <i>Anthrōpos</i> "
July 7th-8th, 2018	Conference Organizer: Participants' Conference for the Collegium Phaenomenologicum: "Aristotle: <i>Phusis</i> , <i>Psuchē</i> , <i>Anthrōpos</i> "

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**


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Summer 2020	Indian Philosophy. Summer School in Ancient Philosophy, University College London.
Summer 2009	Intensive Ancient Greek. University of Chicago.

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**LANGUAGES**


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Ancient Greek (advanced reading)

French (advanced reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division  
Ancient Philosophy Society (APS)  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP)  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

REFERENCES

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