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## EDUCATION

- 2011–2016 PhD in Philosophy, University of Toronto  
Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Thesis: *The Ontology, Etiology, and Moral Psychology of Action: Aristotle and Today*, Advisors: Lloyd Gerson, Brad Inwood, Philip Clark, Examiners: Christopher Shields (external), James Allen
- 2014 Visiting Graduate Student, University of Oxford  
Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity
- 2010–2011 MSt in Ancient Philosophy (with distinction), University of Oxford  
Merton College, Thesis: *The Voluntary in Nicomachean Ethics III.1*, Tutors: David Charles, Ursula Coope, C.C.W. Taylor, Examiners: David Charles, Gail Fine, Christopher Shields, David Sedley (external)
- 2008–2010 MA in Philosophy (highest honors), University of Oklahoma
- 2004–2008 BA in Philosophy, Greek & Hebrew, Spanish (high honors), Honors College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Thesis: *Distributive Justice and Rap*

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2018–2019 Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies, Research Fellow  
2017–2018 University of Toronto, Postdoctoral Researcher  
2016–2017 University of Toronto, Faculty Lecturer

## CITIZENSHIP

Citizen of the USA, Permanent Resident of Canada

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy, Action Theory

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern, Ethics (incl. Bioethics), Human Nature, Medieval (incl. Islamic), Metaphysics

## PUBLICATIONS

- ‘Aristotle’s Four Causes of Action.’ *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming), doi: [10.1080/00048402.2018.1482932](https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2018.1482932).
- ‘Are There Really Two Kinds of Happiness in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*?’ *Classical Philology* (forthcoming).
- ‘Out of Thin Air? Diogenes of Apollonia on Causal Explanation.’ In *Heat, Pneuma and Soul in Ancient Philosophy and Science: From the Presocratics to Aristotle*, edited by H. Bartos and C. King, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2013–2016 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (50,000 CAD stipend per annum, national research award issued by the Government of Canada)
- 2011–2016 Robinson Award in Classical Philosophy, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy (27,000 CAD stipend per annum; relinquished in 2013 for the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship)
- 2017 University of Toronto HealthyU Community Champion (awarded on the basis of student nomination for promoting a positive and inclusive classroom environment)
- 2016 Robinson Essay Prize (500 CAD, awarded for best essay, submissions open to Philosophy, Classics, and Medieval Studies)
- 2015 George Paxton Young Memorial Prize in Philosophy (150 CAD)
- 2014 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (1,811 CAD for research at the University of Oxford in association with David Charles and the Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity)
- 2013 Hadden Prize, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (100 CAD plus free membership in the Society, awarded for the best paper presented at their Annual General Meeting)
- 2008–2010 Graduate Foundation Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy (22,000 USD stipend per annum plus full tuition and fees, awarded to one student in the department each year)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Articles**

Causal Deviance, Anarchic Hands, and Structuring-Causal Theories of Action (under revision for *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*)

Ontological Priority and Relatives: A Problem of Metaphysical Grounding for Aristotle (under review)

Aristotle on Theoretical and Practical Wisdom (under review)

Aristotle on Divine and Human Contemplation (under review)

### **Monographs**

*Aristotle on Happiness, Virtue, and Wisdom* (contract offered by Cambridge University Press)

*Aristotle on the Causation of Action* (partially drafted)

## ACADEMIC TALKS

### Invited Talks

- 10/2018 Aristotle on the Contemplation of the Divine, Bryn Mawr College  
Classics Colloquium
- 05/2018 Plato on Knowledge, Belief, and Ignorance in *Republic* 5, University of Notre Dame, Center for the Aristotelian Tradition Workshop: *Republic* v and vi
- 01/2018 Aristotle on Theoretical and Practical Wisdom, University of Victoria
- 11/2017 The Standard Problem and Hard Problem of Happiness, San Diego State University
- 04/2017 Aristotle on the Unity of Action, UC Riverside  
UC Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference
- 10/2015 Aristotle and Powers Theories of Action, University of Oxford  
Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Visiting Speaker Series
- 11/2014 Aristotle's Four Causes of Action, UC Berkeley  
Working Group in Ancient Philosophy
- 04/2013 Voluntary Action, Western University, London, ON
- 08/2012 Aristotle on Courage in *Eudemian Ethics* III.1, Cornell University  
*Eudemian Ethics* Workshop
- 05/2012 Aristotle on Choice and Action, Tahoe Ancient Philosophy Workshop  
(organized by Harvard University and Western University), Tahoe City, CA

### Refereed Talks

- 01/2019 Ontological Priority and Relatives: A Problem of Metaphysical Grounding for Aristotle, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, respondent: Katy Meadows
- 10/2018 Divine and Human Contemplation in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Workshop on Happiness and Ethics in the Aristotelian Tradition, Providence College
- 03/2018 Aristotle on Theoretical and Practical Wisdom, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, respondent: Marta Heckel
- 02/2018 Are There Really Two Kinds of Happiness in *Nicomachean Ethics* 10. 8? American Philosophical Association Central Division, respondent: Jean Clifford
- 05/2017 Hylomorphic Actions, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, respondent: John Thorp
- 05/2017 A Hylomorphic Account of Action, Hylomorphism Conference, Banff, Alberta
- 05/2016 Aristotle on Causation, Production, and Ontological Priority, Aristotle University

World Congress: Aristotle 2400 Years

- 03/2016 Aristotle on the Starting-Point of Motion, University of Cambridge  
*Archai and Geneseis*: Theorising Origins in Ancient Philosophy, respondent: George Medvedev
- 03/2016 A Note on Aristotle's *Aitai*, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy session
- 07/2014 On the Precursors and Influence of Diogenes of Apollonia, Aristotle University International Association for Presocratic Studies
- 04/2014 A Problem for Teleological Explanation in Aristotle's Biology, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, respondent: Michael Ferejohn
- 06/2013 On the State's Duty to the Poor, University of Victoria, International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy
- 06/2013 Aristotle on How Character Is Up to Us, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria, respondent: Michael Da Silva
- 06/2013 The Problem of Unbeneficial Features in Aristotle's *Parts of Animals*, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Victoria
- 04/2013 Diogenes of Apollonia on First Principles, Cause, & Explanation, U of Cambridge Conference on First Principles, Cause, and Explanation in Ancient Philosophy, respondent: Rhodes Pinto
- 03/2013 Out of Thin Air? Diogenes of Apollonia on Generation and Causal Interaction, Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin, respondent: Dhananjay Jagannathan
- 10/2012 On Science Pure and Simple, Plato's Moral Psychology Workshop, U of Michigan
- 04/2012 Matters of Taste, North Texas Philosophical Association, U of North Texas
- 02/2012 The Voluntary in *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1, American Philosophical Association Central Division, respondent: Susan Sauvé Meyer
- 06/2011 Epistemic Communities, Doxastic Alternatives, and Soteriological Exclusivism, International Conference in Philosophy of Religion: Philosophy of Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Krakow, Poland
- 04/2011 Aristotle on the Voluntary, North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas
- 08/2010 Causalism and the Normativity of Practical Reason, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 11/2009 On the Psychological Nature and Intersubjective Force of Epistemic Reasons, Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

10/2009 Socratic Self-Knowledge in the *Charmides* and the *Apology*, Fordham University  
joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the  
Study of Islamic Philosophy

### **Commentaries**

03/2019 David Charles's TBD, Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy,  
University of Toronto

02/2017 Vanessa de Harven's Composition, Constitution, and the Continuum,  
Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin

02/2015 Emily Katz's Ontological Separation in Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Ancient  
Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas, Austin

06/2013 Marc Ramsay's Consenting Combatants: Gladiators, Boxers & Cage-Fighters,  
International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy,  
University of Victoria

08/2010 Frans Svensson's Eudaimonist Virtue Ethics and Right Action: A Reassessment,  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado

### **Interdisciplinary/Public Talks**

11/2019 Magnanimity and Leadership, Cosmos Club, Washington, DC

11/2019 Happiness, Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC

02/2014 Plato on the Dangers of Intellectual Openness, Massey College Junior Fellow  
Lecture Series, Toronto

11/2012 The Nature of Innovation, Massey College Junior Fellow Lecture Series, Toronto

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** (at University of Toronto unless otherwise stated)

#### **As Instructor**

2017 Aristotle

2017 Human Nature

2016 Freedom, Responsibility and Human Action

2016 The Rationalists

2014 Ancient Philosophy

#### **As Tutorial Leader**

2016 Bioethics

2013–2014 Ancient Philosophy

2013 Later Medieval Philosophy

2012 Early Medieval Philosophy

#### **As Teaching Assistant**

2012 Critical Reasoning

2012 Puzzles and Paradoxes

- 2011 Ancient Philosophy  
 2010 Asian and Comparative Philosophy, University of Oklahoma  
 2009 History of Ethics, University of Oklahoma

### **OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT IN PHILOSOPHY**

- 2008–2009 Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma, Linda Zagzebski (most duties were associated with Zagzebski’s book, *Epistemic Authority: A Theory of Trust, Authority, and Autonomy in Belief*)

### **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

#### **Ancient Philosophy**

- 2016 Hellenistic Philosophy of Language (audit), University of Toronto, James Allen  
 2015 Aristotle on Friendship (audit), University of Toronto, Dorothea Frede and Rachel Barney  
 2015 Aristotle’s Logic (audit), University of Toronto, James Allen  
 2014 Plato’s *Phaedrus* and *Symposium* (audit), University of Toronto, Jennifer Whiting  
 2014 Aristotle’s *De anima* (audit), University of Oxford, Christopher Shields  
 2013 Pleasure and *Phantasia* in Aristotle, University of Toronto, Jennifer Whiting  
 2012 Platonism in the Roman Empire, University of Toronto, George Boys-Stones  
 2012 Hylomorphism (audit), University of Toronto, Jennifer Whiting  
 2012 Presocratic Philosophy, University of Toronto, Brad Inwood  
 2011 Plato’s Ethics, University of Toronto, Rachel Barney  
 2011 Aristotle’s Ethics, University of Oxford, David Charles and Terence Irwin  
 2011 Forms in Plato and Aristotle, University of Oxford, Christopher Shields  
 2011 Self-Motion in Ancient Philosophy, University of Oxford, Ursula Coope  
 2010 Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*, University of Oxford, David Charles  
 2010 Survey of Plato, University of Oklahoma, Hugh Benson  
 2008 Plato’s Epistemology, University of Oklahoma, Hugh Benson

#### **Epistemology**

- 2011 Peer Disagreement, University of Toronto, Gurpreet Rattan and David Dyzenhaus  
 2010 Epistemology Survey (audit), University of Oxford, John Hawthorne  
 2009 Social and Feminist Epistemology, University of Oklahoma, Wayne Riggs  
 2009 Survey of Epistemology, University of Oklahoma, Wayne Riggs  
 2009 Wittgenstein, Goodman, and Sellars, University of Oklahoma, Chris Swoyer  
 2008 Epistemic Trust, Autonomy, and Authority, University of Oklahoma, Linda Zagzebski

#### **Ethics, Action Theory, and Social-Political Philosophy**

- 2012 Agency and Realism in Ethics, University of Toronto, Phil Clark  
 2012 Kant’s Legal and Political Philosophy, University of Toronto, Arthur Ripstein  
 2011 Ethics Survey (audit), University of Oxford, John Broome  
 2010 Moral Judgment, University of Oklahoma, Zev Trachtenberg  
 2009 Free Will and Human Action, University of Oklahoma, Neal Judisch  
 2008 Happiness, University of Oklahoma, Neera Badhwar

#### **Medieval Philosophy**

- 2013 Augustine, University of Toronto, Peter King  
 2012 Medieval Islamic Philosophy, University of Toronto, Deborah Black  
 2012 Free Will and Human Action in Medieval Philosophy, Martin Pickavé

### **Metaphysics, Logic, and Philosophy of Language**

2011 Formal Philosophy, University of Toronto, Jonathan Weisberg

2010 Advanced Logic, University of Oklahoma, Chris Swoyer

2009 The Metaphysics of Structured Propositions, University of Oklahoma, Ray Elugardo

### **Miscellaneous**

2012 Philosophy of Biology, University of Toronto, Denis Walsh

2010 Proseminar in Ethics, Epistemology, and Metaphysics, University of Oxford, Paul Lodge, Ralph Wedgwood, John Hawthorne, and Oliver Pooley

2009 Philosophy of Religion, University of Oklahoma, Linda Zagzebski

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT**

2015–2016 Graduate Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto

2014 Visiting Graduate Student, Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity, University of Oxford

2011– Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto

2011–2016 Junior Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*

Conference organization and co-organization:

Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, March 2016

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluency: English, Spanish

Reading: Classical Greek, French, German, Italian, Latin