

# SOSSEH ASSATURIAN

— AREA OF SPECIALIZATION Ancient Greek & Roman Philosophy  
— AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology,  
Feminist Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

— EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 - **Assistant Professor**  
University of Washington - Seattle, Department of Philosophy
- 2022 - 2023 **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)  
University of Toronto - Mississauga, Department of Philosophy
- 2020 - 2022 **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy

— EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D. in Philosophy**, University of Texas at Austin  
Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy  
  
Dissertation: *The Stoics on Language and Reality*  
Committee: R.J. Hankinson (chair), Victor Caston (University of Michigan), Matt  
Evans, Vanessa de Harven (University of Massachusetts-Amherst),  
Rob Koons
- Visiting Student, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Spring 2019)
- 2014 **B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy and Classical Civilizations**, University of Toronto  
Awarded with High Distinction

— PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- 2022 "Why Children, Parrots, and Actors Cannot Speak: The Stoics on Genuine and  
Superficial Speech" *Apeiron* 55(1), 1-34
- 2020 "What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c"  
*Philosophical Studies* 177(2), 353-368

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Submitted "Parmenides' *Doxa* and the Norms of Inquiry: A Case Study of the Fragments  
on Astronomy" in *Inquiring into Being: Essays on Parmenides*, edited by Colin  
Smith
- 2021 "What's Eleatic About the Eleatic Principle?" *Archai* 31(3), 1-37 (Special Issue  
on Melissus, edited by Stefania Giombini and Massimo Pulpito)

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2019 "Melissus and Eleatic Monism by Benjamin Harriman" *The Classical Review* 69(2), 365-366
- 2015 "Parmenides' Grand Deduction: A Logical Reconstruction of the Way of Truth by Michael Wedin" (with Matt Evans) *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53(4), 775-776

DRAFTS IN PROGRESS:

"No Work for a Theory of Grounding in Ancient Philosophy" (with Rachel O'Keefe) in *Ground and Fundamentality in Plato and Aristotle*, edited by Richard Neels

Paper on Aristotle's view of grammatical elements

*Stoic Assertibles* (tentative title) (monograph)

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AWARDS AND HONOURS (SELECTED)

- 2022 - 23 **OVPR Tri-Council Postdoctoral Fellowship Top-up Award** (\$12,000 CAD)  
University of Toronto - Mississauga, Office of the Vice-Principal Research
- 2020 **Summer Fellowship** (\$6,000 USD)  
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School
- 2019 **Spring Dissertation Scholarship** (\$8,000 USD)  
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2019 **Graduate Continuing Fellowship** (\$25,000 USD)  
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School
- 2018 - 19 **Doctoral Fellowship** (\$20,000 CAD)  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2016 **Cogburn Foundation Philosophical Essay Prize**  
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2015 **Ethel Treble and F Louis Barber Postgraduate Scholarship** (\$5,000 CAD)  
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2014 **Graduate Recruiting Fellowship** (\$8,000 USD)  
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2013 **Kathleen Cowan Prize** (\$1,000 CAD)  
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2010 **Regents Scholarship** (\$1,000 CAD)  
University of Toronto, Victoria College

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PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

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- "What Are Stoic Cases (*Ptōseis*)?"  
5/2023 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rackham Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Michigan  
1/2023 CSAMP Research Proseminar, University of Toronto
- "'This' and 'That': The Metaphysics of Stoic Indexicals"  
4/2023 APA Pacific Division Meeting (Hellenistic Philosophy Society): San Francisco
- "Author Meets Critics: Susanne Bobzien's "Did Frege Plagiarize the Stoics?"

- \* 6/2022 Durham-Chicago Colloquium on Logic and Language (DCCLL)
- "Stoic Indexicals and the Semantics of 'Now'"
- 3/2022 Now, *Exaiphnēs*, and the Present Moment in Ancient Philosophy, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- "How to Do Things with Complete *Lekta*: The Stoics on Illocutionary Acts"
- 1/2020 APA Eastern Division Meeting: Philadelphia, PA
- "The Priority of Stoic Definite Assertibles"
- 5/2019 Ancient and Early Modern Stoic (Meta)physics Workshop, Universiteit Utrecht
- "What the Forms are Not: on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c"
- 4/2019 APA Pacific Division Meeting: Vancouver, BC
- 4/2019 19<sup>th</sup> Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference
- "Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification"
- 10/2017 Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology, University of Milan
- \* 9/2017 "A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. '*Melissus Between Miletus and Elea*'"
- 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eleatica Symposium, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus: Ascea, Italy
- "Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions"
- 1/2017 148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies: Toronto, ON
- "Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition"
- 6/2016 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies: Austin, TX
- 12/2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- "Are Stoic Limits Incorporeals?"
- 3/2015 Delimiting Limits, University of South Florida
- "A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms"
- 10/2015 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University

COMMENTARIES:

- 6/2018 Eliya Cohen's "Vibration as an Explanation for Contact and Compound Individuation in Epicurean Physics" Athena in Action, Princeton University
- 10/2015 Katherine Meadows' "The Priority in Being of Actuality to Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8" APA Eastern Division Meeting: Baltimore, MD
- 4/2013 Susan Sauvé Meyer's "Stoic Desires: Affect and Impulse in the Stoic Doctrine of the Passions" 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS:

- 6/2018 Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, Princeton University

————— TEACHING (AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - SEATTLE

Spring 2024 Graduate Seminar in Ancient Philosophy  
Winter 2024 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2023 Hellenistic Philosophy

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Fall 2019 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Spring 2018 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2017 Knowledge & Reality

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING AND TEACHING CERTIFICATES

Spring 2017 **Inclusive Classrooms Seminar and Certificate** (2-week program)  
University of Texas at Austin, Division of Diversity  
Fall 2016 **Teaching Philosophy** (10-week seminar)  
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy  
Fall 2014 **Teaching Fundamentals Seminar and Certificate** (10-week program)  
University of Texas at Austin, Center for Teaching and Learning

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LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

CLASSICAL Ancient Greek, Latin, Classical Armenian  
MODERN Armenian (native), French (basic reading), German (basic reading)

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SERVICE

2015 - 17 Secretary, Euthyphrones (Ancient Greek Philosophy Reading Group)  
2017 Graduate Organizer, 40<sup>th</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop  
2016 - 17 Graduate Representative to Faculty, UT-Austin Philosophy Department  
2015 - 16 Co-organizer, UT-Austin Graduate Conference

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REFERENCES

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