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EMPLOYMENT

2020 - **University of Texas at Austin**, Department of Philosophy
Postdoctoral Researcher

EDUCATION

2020 **University of Texas at Austin**, Ph.D. in Philosophy
Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy
Dissertation: *The Stoics on Language and Reality*
Committee: R.J. Hankinson (chair), Victor Caston, Matt Evans, Vanessa de Harven, Rob Koons
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Visiting Student (Spring 2019)

2014 **University of Toronto**, B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy and Classical Civilizations
Awarded with High Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming **Parmenides' *Doxa* and the Norms of Inquiry: A Case Study of the Fragments on Astronomy**
Inquiring Into Being: Essays on Parmenides (ed. Colin Smith)

Forthcoming **Why Children, Parrots, and Actors Cannot Speak: The Stoics on Genuine and Superficial Speech**
Apeiron

2021 **What's Eleatic about the Eleatic Principle?**
Archai 31(3), 1-37 (Special Issue on Melissus, eds. Stefania Giombini and Massimo Pulpito)

2020 **What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c**
Philosophical Studies 177(2), 353-368

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

AWARDS AND HONOURS (Selected)

- 2020 Summer Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School
- 2019 Spring Dissertation Scholarship
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2019 Graduate Continuing Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School
- 2018 - 19 Doctoral Fellowship
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 Travelling Postgraduate Scholarship
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2014 Graduate Recruiting Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2013 Kathleen Cowan Prize
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2010 Regents Scholarship
University of Toronto, Victoria College

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- Jan 2020 How to Do Things with Complete *Lekta*: The Stoics on Illocutionary Acts
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- May 2019 The Priority of Stoic Definite Assertibles
Ancient and Early Modern Stoic (Meta)physics Workshop, Utrecht University
- Apr 2019 What the Forms are Not: on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC
- Apr 2019 What the Forms are Not: on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c
19th Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference, New York, NY
- Oct 2017 Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification
Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology Conference, University of Milan
- Sept 2017 A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. 'Melissus Between Miletus and Elea' (Invited)
10th Biennial Eleatica Symposium, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus (Italy)

- Jan 2017 Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions
148th Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Toronto, Ontario
- June 2016 Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition
5th Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies, Austin, TX
- Dec 2015 Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition
2nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers,
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- Mar 2015 Are Stoic Limits Incorporeals?
Delimiting Limits, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Oct 2015 A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms
33rd Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University
- Apr 2013 Using Plotinus to Extract Plato's Account of *Akrasia* as Culpable Ignorance
Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Toronto

COMMENTARIES:

- June 2018 Comments on Eliya Cohen, "Vibration as an Explanation for Contact and
Compound Individuation in Epicurean Physics"
*Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in
Philosophy*, Princeton University
- Oct 2015 Comments on Katherine Meadows, "The Priority in Being of Actuality to
Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8"
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- Apr 2013 Comments on Susan Sauvé Meyer, "Stoic Desires: Affect and Impulse in the Stoic
Doctrine of the Passions"
38th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS:

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD (at the University of Texas at Austin):

- Fall 2019 Ancient Philosophy
Spring 2018 Ancient Philosophy
Fall 2017 Knowledge & Reality

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Spring 2020 Knowledge & Valuation (Ian Proops)
Fall 2018 Ancient Philosophy (Jeff Leon)
Fall 2016 Mind & Body (Michael Tye)
Spring 2016 Ancient Philosophy (Stephen White)

Fall 2015 Ancient Philosophy (Jim Hankinson)
 Fall 2014 Knowledge & Valuation (Galen Strawson)
 2012-13 (AY) Introduction to Philosophy (Peter King) (at the University of Toronto)

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

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

CLASSICAL: Ancient Greek, Latin

MODERN: Armenian, French (basic reading), German (basic reading)

SERVICE

2015-17 Secretary, Euthyphrones (Ancient Greek Philosophy Reading Group)
 2017 Graduate Organizer, 40th Ancient Philosophy Workshop
 2016-17 Graduate Representative to Faculty, UT-Austin Philosophy Department
 2015-16 Co-organizer, UT-Austin Graduate Conference
 2014-16 Committee Member, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) at UT-Austin

REFERENCES

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