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## EMPLOYMENT

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

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## 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

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## 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*

Forthcoming What's Eleatic About the Eleatic Principle?  
*Archai* (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

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 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

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 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  
*19<sup>th</sup> 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)  
*10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eleatica Symposium*, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus (Italy)
- Jan 2017 Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions  
*148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies*, Toronto, Ontario

- June 2016 Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition  
*5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies*, Austin, TX
- Dec 2015 Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition  
*2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
*33<sup>rd</sup> 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"  
*38<sup>th</sup> 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, 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
- 2014-16 Committee Member, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) at UT-Austin

REFERENCES

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