

SOSSEH ASSATURIAN

sosseh@uw.edu
sossehassaturian.com
updated April 2024

———— 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:

Forthcoming “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
C. 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

SELECTED DRAFTS IN PROGRESS:

Stoic Assertibles (tentative title) (monograph)

“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

AWARDS AND HONOURS (SELECTED)

- 2022 - 23 OVPR Tri-Council Top-up Award & Research Grant (\$14,000 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

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

(i) = invited

“The Typology of Complete *Lekta*”

- (i) 9/2024 Stoic Ontology Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

“The Stoics on Assertibility and Truth-Aptness”

- 3/2024 Accounts of Truth and Falsehood in Ancient Philosophy, Universität Tübingen
(i) 10/2023 Pacific Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Portland State University

“What Are Stoic Cases (*Ptōseis*)?”

- (i) 3/2024 Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Oxford
5/2023 4th 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?”

- (i) 6/2022 Durham-Chicago Colloquium on Logic and Language (DCCLL)

“Stoic Indexicals and the Semantics of ‘Now’”

- 3/2022 Now, *Exaiφhnēs*, 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 19th Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference

“Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification”

- 10/2017 Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology, Università degli Studi di Milano

“A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. ‘*Melissus Between Miletus and Elea*’”

- (i) 9/2017 10th Biennial Eleatica Symposium: Ascea, Italy

“Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions”

- 1/2017 148th Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies: Toronto, ON

“Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition”

- 6/2016 5th Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies: Austin, TX
12/2015 2nd 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 33rd Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University

COMMENTARIES:

- (i) 10/2023 Malcolm Wilson's "*Scala Naturae* and Continuous Proportion" Pacific Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Portland State University
- 6/2018 Eliya Cohen's "Vibration as an Explanation for Contact and Compound Individuation in Epicurean Physics" Athena in Action, Princeton University
- (i) 10/2015 Katherine Meadows' "The Priority in Being of Actuality to Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8" APA Eastern Division Meeting: Baltimore, MD
- (i) 4/2013 Susan Sauvé Meyer's "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:

- 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

GRADUATE SEMINARS

Women in Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2024)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

Hellenistic Philosophy (Spring 2025)

Parmenides and Plato's Later Dialogues (Fall 2024)

Hellenistic Metaphysics (Fall 2023)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Plato's *Republic* (Spring 2025)

Ancient Philosophy (Winter 2024, Fall 2024)

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2019, Spring 2018)

Knowledge & Reality (Fall 2017)

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, Classical Armenian

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

SERVICE

- 2024 Organizer, Pacific Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop
2023 Referee, *Apeiron*
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

REFERENCES

R.J. HANKINSON
Professor of Philosophy
University of Texas at Austin
rjhankinson[at]mail[dot]utexas[dot]edu

VICTOR CASTON
Professor of Philosophy and Classical Studies
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
vcaston[at]umich[dot]edu

VANESSA DE HARVEN
Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
vdeharven[at]philos[dot]umass[dot]edu

JAMES ALLEN
Professor of Philosophy
University of Toronto
jv[dot]allen[at]utoronto[dot]ca

MATT EVANS
Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Texas at Austin
evansmatt[at]utexas[dot]edu