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## Education

- University of Texas at Austin** Expected May 2020  
Ph.D. Philosophy (Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy)  
Chair: R. J. Hankinson  
Committee: Victor Caston (Michigan), Matt Evans, Vanessa de Harven (UMass-Amherst)  
Rob Koons, Stephen White
- University of Michigan** Spring 2019  
Visiting Graduate Student
- University of Toronto** Conferred 2014  
B.A. (Hons.) Philosophy (Specialist), Classical Civilizations (Major)  
Awarded with High Distinction
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**Area of Specialization** Ancient Greek & Roman Philosophy

**Areas of Competence** Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

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## Publications

“Melissus and Eleatic Monism by Benjamin Harriman,” *The Classical Review* (forthcoming)

“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 (2015)

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## Presentations

- The Priority of Stoic Definite Assertibles** May 2019  
Ancient and Early Modern Stoic (Meta)physics Workshop, University of Utrecht
- What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c** Apr. 2019  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference Apr. 2019
- Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification** Oct. 2017  
Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology Conference, Università degli Studi di Milano

**A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. 'Melissus Between Miletus and Elea'** (Invited) Sept. 2017  
10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eleatica Symposium, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus

**Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions** Jan. 2017  
148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Toronto, Ontario

**Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem** June 2016  
5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies (IAPS), University of Texas at Austin

2<sup>nd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers, Dec. 2015  
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

**Are Stoic Limits Incorporeals?** Mar. 2015  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference: 'Delimiting Limits', University of South Florida

**A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms** Oct. 2015  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP), Fordham University

**Using Plotinus to Extract Plato's Account of Akrasia as Culpable Ignorance** Apr. 2013  
Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Toronto

#### Departmental Talks:

**What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c** Oct. 2018  
Department of Philosophy Dissertation Seminar

**Stoic Metabasis and How We Conceive of Lekta** Apr. 2018  
Department of Philosophy Dissertation Seminar

**Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification** Sept. 2017  
Department of Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Series

#### Commentaries:

**On Eliya Cohen, "Vibration as an Explanation for Contact and Compound Individuation in Epicurean Physics"** June 2018  
Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, Princeton University

**On Katherine Meadows, "The Priority in Being of Actuality to Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8"** Jan. 2017  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Meeting, Baltimore, MD

**On Susan Sauvé Meyer, "Stoic Desires: Affect and Impulse in the Stoic Doctrine of the Passions"** Feb. 2015  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

#### Professional Workshops:

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

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## Fellowships, Awards, and Honours

Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship	2018-19
School of Graduate Studies Continuing Fellowship	Spring 2019
Division of Diversity and Community Engagement Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate	Spring 2017
School of Graduate Studies Professional Development Travel Award (Awarded 4x including Fall 2015, Fall 2017)	Spring 2015
Cogburn Foundation Philosophical Essay Prize (For "Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem," awarded annually to the best philosophy essays written by UT-Austin graduate students)	Spring 2016
Ethel Treble and F Louis Barber Travelling Postgraduate Scholarship	Fall 2015
Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate and Scholarship	Fall 2014
University of Texas at Austin Recruiting Fellowship	Fall 2014
Undergraduate Awards (at University of Toronto): Faculty of Arts & Science Dean's List, 2009-2010, 2013-2014; Kathleen Cowan Prize, 2013; Regents Scholarship, 2010	

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## Teaching Experience

### As Primary Instructor:

Ancient Philosophy	Spring 2018
Knowledge & Reality	Fall 2017

### As Grader:

Early Modern Philosophy (Ian Proops)	Spring 2017
Intro Philosophy (Daniel Bonevac)	Spring 2015

### As Teaching Assistant:

Ancient Philosophy (Jeff Leon)	Fall 2018
Mind & Body (Michael Tye)	Fall 2016
Ancient Philosophy (Stephen White)	Spring 2016
Ancient Philosophy (Jim Hankinson)	Fall 2015
Knowledge & Valuation (Galen Strawson)	Fall 2014
Intro Philosophy (Peter King) (Toronto)	2012-13

**Pedagogical Training:** Division of Diversity and Community Engagement Inclusive Classrooms Seminar, Spring 2017; Supervisory Teaching in Philosophy (Michael Tye), Fall 2016; Center for Teaching and Learning Seminar in Teaching Fundamentals, Fall 2014

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## Languages

<b>Classical</b>	Ancient Greek, Latin
<b>Modern</b>	Armenian, French (basic reading), German (basic reading)

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## Service

Euthyphrones (Ancient Greek Philosophy Reading Group), Secretary	Fall 2015-Fall 2017
40 <sup>th</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Graduate Organizer	Spring 2017
Graduate Student Representative to Faculty	2016-2017
University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, Co-organizer	2015-2016
Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Social Committee Member	2014-2016
University of Toronto Undergraduate Philosophy Course Union, President	2013-2014

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## **Graduate Coursework** (audited courses marked with \*)

### **Ancient Philosophy:**

Plato on Knowledge & the Good (Matt Evans)  
Aristotle's Philosophy of Mind (Jim Hankinson)  
Stoic Lekta (Independent) (Jim Hankinson)  
Stoic Physics (Independent) (Jim Hankinson)  
Ancient Emotions (Stephen White)  
Aristotle's Biology (Lesley Dean-Jones)  
Origins of Metaphysics (Matt Evans)

### **Language, Metaphysics, Mind:**

History of the Proposition\* (Rob Koons)  
The Linguistic Turn\* (Josh Dever & David Sosa)  
Philosophy of Language (Ray Buchanan)  
Metaphysics & Mind (Galen Strawson)  
Core Logic (Josh Dever)  
Proseminar: Physicalism & Intentionality (Adam Pautz)  
Proseminar: Language in Analytic Philosophy (Katherine Dunlop)

### **Misc:**

History of Analytic Ethics (John Deigh)  
Greek Historiography & Prose (Cristina Carusi)