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Education

University of Texas at Austin

Expected May 2020

Ph.D. Philosophy (Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy)

Advisor: R. J. Hankinson

Committee: Victor Caston (Michigan), Matt Evans, Vanessa de Harven (UMass-Amherst)
Rob Koons, Stephen White

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Spring 2019

Visiting Graduate Student

University of Toronto

Conferred 2014

B.A. (Hons.) Philosophy (Specialist), Classical Civilizations (Major)

Awarded with High Distinction

Area of Specialization Ancient Greek & Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

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)

Presentations

What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c

Apr. 2019

American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC

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

10th Biennial Eleatica Symposium, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus

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

Jan. 2017

148th Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Toronto, Ontario

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

Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem Dec. 2015
2nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

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

A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms Oct. 2015
33rd 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
38th 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

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	

Teaching Experience

As Primary Instructor:

- Ancient Philosophy Spring 2018
- Knowledge and Reality Fall 2017

As Teaching Assistant:

- Ancient Philosophy (Jeff Leon) Fall 2018
- Mind and Body (Michael Tye) Fall 2016
- Ancient Philosophy (Stephen White) Spring 2016
- Ancient Philosophy (Jim Hankinson) Fall 2015
- Problems of Knowledge and Valuation (Galen Strawson) Fall 2014
- Introduction to Philosophy (Peter King) (University of Toronto) 2012-13

As Grader:

- Early Modern Philosophy (Ian Proops) Spring 2017
- Introduction to Philosophy (Daniel Bonevac) Spring 2015

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

Languages

Classical Ancient Greek, Latin

Modern Armenian, French (basic reading), German (basic reading)

Graduate Coursework (audited courses marked with a ‘*’)

Ancient Philosophy:

- Plato on Knowledge and the Good* (Matt Evans) Spring 2018
- Aristotle’s Philosophy of Mind (Jim Hankinson) Spring 2017
- Independent Study: Stoic Lekta (Jim Hankinson) Spring 2016
- Independent Study: Stoic Metaphysics (Jim Hankinson) Fall 2015

- Ancient Emotions (Stephen White) Fall 2015
- Aristotle's Biology (Lesley Dean-Jones) Spring 2015
- Origins of Metaphysics (Matt Evans) Spring 2015

Language, Logic, Metaphysics, Mind:

- History of the Proposition* (Rob Koons) Fall 2018
- The Linguistic Turn* (Josh Dever and David Sosa) Fall 2016
- Philosophy of Language (Ray Buchanan) Spring 2016
- Metaphysics and Mind (Galen Strawson) Fall 2015
- Core Logic (Josh Dever) Spring 2015
- Proseminar: Language in Analytic Philosophy (Katherine Dunlop) Fall 2014
- Proseminar: Physicalism and Intentionality (Adam Pautz) Fall 2014

Misc. Philosophy and Classics:

- History of Analytic Ethics (John Deigh) Fall 2014
- Classical Historiography and Greek Prose (Cristina Carusi) Fall 2014

Service

Euthyphrones (Ancient Greek Philosophy Reading Group), Secretary	Fall 2015-Fall 2017
40 th 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