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## Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Metaphysics

## Academic Appointments

Associate (from 2011) and Assistant (2005-11) Professor, University of Alberta  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2004-5

## Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006  
M.A., Philosophy, University of London, 1996  
M.A., Classics, Dalhousie University, 1994  
B.A., Classics, Dalhousie University, 1991

## Publications

11. "Ontological Dependence and Grounding in Aristotle." *Oxford Handbooks Online in Philosophy*. Invited and peer-reviewed. Submitted June 2015. Forthcoming. 8000 words.
10. "Generality and Logical Constancy." *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*. Metaphysics: Contemporary Issues. ed. Ricardo Barroso Batista. (2015) 71: 755-69. Invited and peer-reviewed..
9. "Aristotle on Predication." *European Journal of Philosophy* (2015) 23: 793-813.
8. "Presentism, Truthmakers and Distributional Properties." *Synthese* (2014) 191: 3427-46.
7. "Critical Notice of Michail Peramatzis, *Priority in Aristotle's Metaphysics*, Oxford University Press, 2011." *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. (2013) 43: 136-56. Invited and peer-reviewed.
6. "Substance and Independence in Aristotle" in *Varieties of Dependence*, edd. Benjamin Schnieder, Alex Steinberg and Miguel Hoeltje. Basic Philosophical Concepts Series, Philosophia Verlag (Munich). 2013. Pp. 36-67. Invited and peer-reviewed.
5. "Aristotle on Mathematical Truth." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2012) 20: 1057-76.
4. "Meta-conceivability" in *Philosophical Methodology*, ed. James McBain. Special Volume of *Essays in Philosophy* (2012) 13: 195-210. <http://commons.pacificu.edu/eip/vol13/iss1/12>
3. "Attention, Perception and Thought in Aristotle." *Dialogue* (2010) 42: 199-222.
2. "Aristotle on Nonsubstantial Individuals." *Ancient Philosophy* (2009) 29: 289-310.
1. "Aristotle on Ontological Dependence." *Phronesis* (2008) 53: 65-92.

## Reviews

4. Review of Anna Marmodoro and David Yates (eds.), *The Metaphysics of Relations*, Oxford, 2016, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. Forthcoming.
3. Review of Daniel D. Novotný and Lukáš Novák (eds.), *Neo-Aristotelian Perspectives in Metaphysics*, Routledge, 2014, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. 2014.08.06. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/49601-neo-aristotelian-perspectives-in-metaphysics/>
2. Review of Charles Kahn, *Essays on Being*, OUP, 2009, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* (2010) 130: 285-86.
1. Review of Gisela Striker, *Aristotle's Prior Analytics Book I*. Clarendon, 2009, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2010) 48: 236-37.

## Conference Proceedings

6. "Aristotle on Artifacts." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy* 2015, vol. 16, no. 2, pp. 13-19.
5. "Snub." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. 2013, vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 22-8.
4. "Aristotle on Mathematical Existence." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 2007, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 21-6.
3. "Aristotle on Consciousness." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 2005, vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 80-93.
2. "Ontological Independence in Aristotle's *Categories*." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 2003, vol. 4, no. 1.
1. "Parts and Properties in Aristotle's *Categories*." *Newsletter for the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 2002, vol. 3, no. 1.

## Invited Talks

- 12-13. "Metaphysical Explanation." (1) Yonsei University, Korea, Spring 2017. (2) The Creighton Club: New York Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Syracuse, October 2016.
- 8-11. "Aristotle on Artifacts." (1) San Diego State University. date TBA. (2) Syracuse University, September 2016. (3) (as "Explaining Artifacts") Invited Symposium: The Metaphysics of Artifacts, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2016. Commentator: Simon Evnine. (4) 2015 Metaphysics Workshop: Artifacts and Metaphysical Explanation, Banff, May 2015.
7. "Aristotle on Logic and Science." Second Campinas Colloquium on Aristotle's Theory of Demonstration. Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil, March 2014.
6. "Natural Priority in Aristotle." Invited Symposium: Aristotle and Ontological Priority, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, April 2012. Commentator: Alan Code.
- 4-5. "Is the Syllogistic a Logic?" (1) Arché Centre, University of St Andrews, March 2012. (2) University of California, Los Angeles, History of Philosophy Workshop, February 2012.
3. "Is Aristotle an Aristotelian Realist?" Ontological Dependence Conference, Colorado, March 2009. Commentator: Christian Lee.

1-2. "Aristotle on Logical Consequence." (1) University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2005. (2) University of Alberta, January 2005.

### Refereed Talks

28. "Aristotle on Artifacts." Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, March 2016.

27. "'This'." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, St. Louis, February 2015. Commentator: Christopher Frey.

26. "Contingency in the Metaphysics of Time." Society for the Philosophy of Time at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2014.

25. "'Snub'." Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2013.

24. "Presentism and Distributional Properties." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, February 2013. Commentator: Andrew Bailey.

23. "Aristotle on Quantification." International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting, Halifax, Canada, June 2012.

21-22. "Aristotle on Existence." (1) American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, December 2010. Commentator: Tim Clarke. (2) Thirty-Fourth Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis, March 2011. Commentator: Robin Smith.

20. "Aristotle and the Foundations of Logic." Conference on the Foundations of Logical Consequence, Arché Centre, University of St Andrews, June 2010.

19. "Aristotle on Reference and Generality." American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2010. Commentator: Scott O'Connor.

18. "Is Aristotle an Aristotelian Realist?" American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York, December 2009. Commentator: Jeff Brower.

16-17. "Are Aristotle's Universals Sortals?" (1) American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, April 2009. Commentator: Jurgis Brakis. (2) 2008 International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fordham University, October 2008.

15. "Apriority and Logical Constancy." Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, Vancouver, May 2007.

13-14. "Aristotle on Mathematical Existence." (1) American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2007. Commentator: John Mouracade. (2) Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2007.

10-12. "Aristotle on Consciousness." (1) Symposium Paper, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 2006. Commentators: Margaret Scharle, Paul Studtmann. (2) Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Western Ontario, May 2005. Commentator: Byron Stoyles. (3) American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2005.

9. "Does Size Matter? Etchemendy's Finitist Argument." Northwest Philosophy Conference, Bellevue, Washington, October 2004. Commentator: Meggan Payne.

5-8. "Aristotle on Logical Consequence." (1) Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 2004. Commentator: Dwayne Raymond. (2) American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2004. Commentator: Michael Scanlan. (3) 2003 International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fordham University,

November 2003. Commentator: Tad Brennan. (4) Twenty-Sixth Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy at Texas A&M University, March 2003. Commentator: Robin Smith.

2-4. "Ontological Independence in Aristotle's *Categories*." (1) Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2003. (2) Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Stanford, May 2003. Commentator: Neil Van Leeuwen. (3) Fourth Annual Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Princeton, April 2003. Commentator: Dimitrios Dentsoras.

1. "Parts and Properties in Aristotle's *Categories*." Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2002.

### **Commentary**

7. Comments on Daniel Devereaux, "Puzzles Concerning Definition in *Metaphysics Z 5*." Allan Gotthelf Memorial Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, October 2015.

6. Comments on Kathy Fazekas, "Special Relativity and Multiple B-Series." Society for the Philosophy of Time at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, February 2013.

5. Comments on Jurgis Brakis, "Aristotle's Homonyms Reconsidered." American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2011.

4. Comments on David Bronstein, "Aristotle on Learning, Knowledge and Meno's Paradox in *Posterior Analytics I 1*." Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 2005.

3. Comments on Dwayne Raymond, "Drawing Upon an Ancient Logical Intuition." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 2004.

2. Comments on David C. Williams, "Aristotle on the Methodology of Mathematical Concept Acquisition: Resolving an Apparent Inconsistency Between *Metaphysics 1077B16* and *1077B33*." American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, March 2004.

1. Comments on John Thorp, "Aristotle on Splitting the Semantic Atom." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2003.

### **Other talks**

2-4. "Socratic Intellectualism." (1-2) Guest lecture in Kathrin Kosliski's undergraduate course "The Trial and Execution of Socrates: An Interdisciplinary Course Incorporating Blended and Project-Based Learning," University of Alberta, Nov 2014 and Oct 2015. (3) Presentation in an Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Trial and Execution of Socrates, Edmonton, May 2015.

1. "Aristotle." Guest lecture in Jeff Pelletier's History of Logic graduate seminar, Simon Fraser University, January 2006.

### **Teaching**

*University of Alberta, Department of Philosophy 2005-present*

#### *Courses*

Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy [advanced undergraduates]: Winter 2008-9, 13-14, 16, Fall 2009-10, 14

Greek Philosophy to Plato [intermediate]: Fall 2005-6

Honours Seminar [advanced undergraduates]: Winter 2011, Fall 2012, 15

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality: Winter 2007-11, 13, 15-16, Fall 2013

Metaphysics [intermediate]: Fall 2005-8, 15, Winter 2010

Topics in Ancient Philosophy [graduates and advanced undergraduates]:

Aristotle's metaphysics Winter 2006-7, 14, Fall 2008, 10

Aristotle's *De Anima* Fall 2007

Aristotle and Aristotelianism: A Case Study in Historiography Fall 2015

Topics in Metaphysics [graduates and advanced undergraduates]:

Parts and Wholes, Fall 2009

Truthmaking, Fall 2012

Time and Persistence, Winter 2015

### *Supervision*

Riin Sirkel, Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, 2010-12 (supervisor)  
currently tenure track at Vermont

Matthew Small, M.A. "Matter, Extension and Intellect in Aristotle" 2012 (supervisor) currently a  
Ph.D student at Western Ontario

Michael Flood, M.A. "The Problem of Temporary Intrinsic" 2011 (supervisor) currently a  
communications manager at BioAlberta

Justin Zylstra, Ph.D "Dependence and Fundamentality" 2016 exp. (supervisory committee  
member)

Lianghua Zhou, M. A. "Ontological Questions" 2015 (sup. committee member)

Peter Dobozy, M.A. "Holy Intertextual Identity Conditions, Batman!" 2010 (sup. com. member)

Yual Chiek, M.A. "Leibniz and Trans-World Identity" 2006 (sup. com. member)

Shaheen Islam, "Reviewing Frege," Ph.D. Dissertation Candidacy Exam 2009 (examination  
committee member)

Jason Taylor, Ph.D "Structuralist Ontologies and Causation" Ph.D. Diss. Candidacy Exam  
2008 (ex. com. member)

Seyed Mousavian, "Empty Names and Neo-Russellianism," Ph.D. Diss. Candidacy Exam 2007 (ex.  
com. member)

James Bachmann, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Metaphysics 2009

Bart Lenart, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Metaphysics 2009

Jason Taylor, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Metaphysics 2008

Lianghua Zhou, Graduate Directed Reading, Ancient 2014

Matthew Small, Graduate Directed Reading, Ancient 2010

Charles Roger, Graduate Directed Reading, Ancient 2006

John Kardosh, Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Researcher Award, 2008 (supervisor) currently  
a Ph.D student at UCLA

*University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Philosophy 2004-5*

Ancient Seminar: Aristotle on Logical Consequence [graduate seminar]: Fall 2004

Plato [graduates and advanced undergraduates]: Spring 2005

History of Ancient Philosophy [crosslisted with Classics]: Fall 2004, Spring 2005

*Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Philosophy 2003-4*

Beginnings of Western Philosophy: Summer 2003, Summer 2004

*Teaching Fellow (2002-3), Teaching Associate (2000-2) and Teaching Assistant (1999-2000),  
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Philosophy*

*Tutor, London School of Economics 1998*

*Teaching Assistant, Dalhousie University, Department of Classics 1991-3*

## **Service**

### *Profession*

American Philosophical Assn. Pacific Division Program Committee, 2013-15

Faculty Organizer, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, 2012

Article referee († multiple assignments): *Ancient Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, †*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, †*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, †*Mind*, †*Philosopher's Imprint*, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Synthese*.

Book proposal referee: Broadview Press

Conference referee: †American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, †Canadian Philosophical Assn. Annual Congress, †Western Canadian Philosophical Assn. Meeting

### *University Governance*

Department Chairs Selection Committee Panel of Faculty Members, 2016-19.

### *Department*

Comprehensive Examination Committee Chair or Member: Ancient, Medieval, Metaphysics, 2005-present

Development Officer, 2015

Graduate Studies Committee, 2006-7, 2009-11

Chair, Placement and Awards Committee, 2012-14

Ad Hoc History Curriculum Revision Committee, 2015

Ad Hoc Service Revision Committee, 2013  
Staff Selection Committee, 2012-13, 2015-present  
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2008-9, 2015-present  
Visiting Speaker Officer, 2005-8

## **Grants**

### *External*

American Philosophical Association Conference Grant, \$2000, 2012  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grant # 410-2008-0431, "Aristotle on Ontological Dependence," \$18 424, 2008-12. Application ranked 20<sup>th</sup> of 92 philosophy applications, with 28 awarded.  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship, \$60 000, 1994-8

### *Internal* (University of Alberta except as noted)

Vice President Research Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant Assist Bridge Funding, \$5000, 2016-17.  
Vice President Research Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 4A Grant, \$7500, 2013-15. Corresponding Insight Grant application ranked 15<sup>th</sup> of 62 philosophy applications, with 13 awarded.  
Faculty of Arts Conference Fund, \$2000, 2012  
Izaak Walton Killam Cornerstone Grant, \$2400, 2010  
Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences Research Travel Grant, \$800, 2006  
New Faculty Startup Grant, \$5000, 2005  
Travel Grant, University of Colorado, \$500, 2004  
Dissertation Year Research Fellowship, \$15 000, 2003-4; summer research award, \$2 000, 2002; various Travel Grants, 2002-4; First Year Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, \$12 000, 1998-99

## **Distinctions**

Invited Visiting Scholar, Arché Centre, University of St Andrews, March 2012  
Late Antiquities Group Student Exchange Fellowship, University of California, 2004 (declined)  
Masters of Arts with Distinction, University of London, 1996  
Bachelors of Arts with First Class Honours, Dalhousie University, 1991

## **Languages**

English (Native), Ancient Greek, French, Latin (Reading)

**References**

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