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— 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:

- Submitted "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  
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

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

- "What Are Stoic Cases (*Ptōseis*)?"  
5/2023 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- (i) 6/2022 "Author Meets Critics: Susanne Bobzien's "Did Frege Plagiarize the Stoics?""  
Durham-Chicago Colloquium on Logic and Language (DCCLL)
- "Stoic Indexicals and the Semantics of 'Now'"

- 3/2022 Now, *Exaiphnēs*, and the Present Moment in Ancient Philosophy, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 1/2020 “How to Do Things with Complete *Lekta*: The Stoics on Illocutionary Acts”  
APA Eastern Division Meeting: Philadelphia, PA
- 5/2019 “The Priority of Stoic Definite Assertibles”  
Ancient and Early Modern Stoic (Meta)physics Workshop, Universiteit Utrecht
- 4/2019 “What the Forms are Not: on Conceptualism in *Parmenides* 132b-c”  
APA Pacific Division Meeting: Vancouver, BC
- 4/2019 19<sup>th</sup> Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 10/2017 “Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification”  
Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology,  
University of Milan
- (i) 9/2017 “A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. ‘*Melissus Between Miletus and Elea*’”  
10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eleatica Symposium, Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus:  
Ascea, Italy
- 1/2017 “Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions”  
148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies: Toronto, ON
- 6/2016 “Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition”  
5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies: Austin, TX
- 12/2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early  
Career Researchers, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- 3/2015 “Are Stoic Limits Incorporeals?”  
Delimiting Limits, University of South Florida
- 10/2015 “A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms”  
33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University

COMMENTARIES:

- 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” 38<sup>th</sup> 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

- Spring 2024 Graduate Seminar in Ancient Philosophy  
Winter 2024 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2023 Hellenistic Metaphysics (upper-division)

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- Fall 2019 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Spring 2018 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2017 Knowledge & Reality

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING AND TEACHING CERTIFICATES

- Fall 2023 **Teaching @ UW**  
University of Washington - Seattle, Center for Teaching and Learning  
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

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LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

- CLASSICAL Ancient Greek, Latin, Classical Armenian  
MODERN Armenian (native), French (basic reading), German (basic reading)

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SERVICE

- 2023 Referee, *Apeiron*  
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

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REFERENCES

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