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— AREA OF SPECIALIZATION Ancient Greek & Roman Philosophy

— AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology

— EMPLOYMENT

2023 - Assistant Professor
University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Philosophy

2022 - 23 Postdoctoral Fellow
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
University of Toronto - Mississauga, Department of Philosophy

2020 - 22 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, Matt Evans, Vanessa de Harven, 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:

“Two Notions of Grammatical Case in Aristotle.” *Classical Quarterly* 75(1): 229-240. 2025.

“Why Children, Parrots, and Actors Cannot Speak: The Stoics on Genuine and Superficial Speech.” *Apeiron* 55(1): 1-35. 2022.

“What the Forms are Not: Plato on Conceptualism in Parmenides 132b-c.” *Philosophical Studies* 177(2): 353-368. 2020.

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS:

“No Work for a Theory of Grounding in Ancient Philosophy.” (with Rachel O’Keefe) In Richard Neels (ed.), *Ground and Fundamentality in Plato and Aristotle*. Routledge. 2026.

“Parmenides’ Doxa and the Norms of Inquiry: A Case Study of the Fragments on Astronomy.” In Colin C. Smith (ed.), *Inquiring into Being: Essays on Parmenides*. SUNY Press. 2025.

“What’s Eleatic About the Eleatic Principle?” In Stefania Giombini and Massimo Pulpito (eds.), *Archai* 31(3): 1-37. 2021.

BOOK REVIEWS:

“Melissus and Eleatic Monism by Benjamin Harriman.” *The Classical Review* 69(2): 365-6. 2019.

“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): 775-6. 2015.

DRAFTS IN PROGRESS:

The Stoics on Language, Thought, and the World: The Structure and Metaphysics of Propositions (tentative title) (monograph)

“Speech Acts in the Stoic Theory of Lekta.” In Ricardo Salles (ed.), *Stoic Ontology: Its Birth and Development*. (invited contribution)

AWARDS AND GRANTS (SELECTED)

2025 - 26 Royalty Research Fund Faculty Fellowship
University of Washington, Office of Research

2025 - 26 Gerler Faculty Award
University of Washington, Seattle, Philosophy Department

2024 Robinson Initiative Award
University of Washington, Seattle, Philosophy Department

2022 - 23 OVPR Tri-Council Top-up Award & Research Grant
University of Toronto - Mississauga, Office of the Vice-Principal Research

2020 Summer Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School

2019 Sixth Year Grant
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy

2019 Graduate Continuing Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School

2018 - 19 Doctoral Fellowship
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

- 2016 Cogburn Foundation Philosophical Essay Prize
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2014 Ethel Treble and F Louis Barber Postgraduate Scholarship
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2014 Graduate Recruiting Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 2013 Kathleen Cowan Prize
University of Toronto, Victoria College
- 2010 Regents Scholarship
University of Toronto, Victoria College

———— PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

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“On *Parmenides* 133a11-135b4”

11/2025* Workshop on Plato’s *Parmenides*, Union College

“The Stoics on Assertibility and Truth-Aptness”

5/2025* Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research, University of Connecticut

3/2024 Accounts of Truth and Falsehood in Ancient Philosophy, Universität Tübingen

10/2023* Pacific Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Portland State University

“The Semantics of Deixis in Stoicism”

3/2025* Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis

“Plato on Forms and Concepts in the *Parmenides*”

3/2025* Philosophy Department Colloquium, Toronto Metropolitan University

“The Typology of Complete *Lekta*: Speech Acts in the Stoic Theory of Content”

9/2024* 2nd Stoic Ontology Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

“What Are Stoic Cases?”

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

“Two Notions of Grammatical Case in Aristotle”

2/2024* Lunchtime Colloquium, University of Washington, Department of Classics

“‘This’ and ‘That’: The Metaphysics of Stoic Indexicals”

4/2023 APA Pacific Division Meeting (Hellenistic Philosophy Society): San Francisco

“Stoic Indexicals and the Semantics of ‘Now’”

3/2022 Now, *Exaiphnēs*, 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*’”

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 International Association for Presocratic Studies Conference: 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

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS SESSIONS:

Vanessa de Harven’s *The Unity of Stoic Metaphysics: Everything is Something*

2/2026* Book Symposium, APA Central Division Meeting: Chicago

Susanne Bobzien’s “Did Frege Plagiarize the Stoics?”

6/2022* Durham-Chicago Colloquium on Logic and Language

COMMENTARIES:

9/2024 Evan Rodriguez and Michael Roche’s “Gorgias on What Is (Not) Thought”
Pacific Northwest Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Washington

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

- 10/2015* Katherine Meadows' "The Priority in Being of Actuality to Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8" APA Eastern Division Meeting: Baltimore, MD
- 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)

GRADUATE SEMINARS

- The Presocratics: Science, Metaphysics, and Inquiry (Fall 2025)
Women in Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2024)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

- Plato (Spring 2026, Fall 2024)
Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Winter 2024)
Hellenistic Philosophy (Spring 2025)
Plato's *Republic* (Spring 2025)
Hellenistic Metaphysics (Fall 2023)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

- Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (at UT-Austin; Fall 2019, Spring 2018)
Knowledge & Reality (at UT-Austin; Fall 2017)

ADVISING

- Kyle O'Dwyer, "Deflationary Challenges & Essentialism" (PhD 2025, Committee Member)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2017 Inclusive Classrooms Seminar and Certificate (2-week program)
University of Texas at Austin, Division of Diversity
- 2016 Teaching Philosophy (10-week seminar)
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy
- 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
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

Referee for: *Apeiron*, *Classical Philology*, *Dialogoi: Ancient Philosophy Today*

PUBLIC WORK

“Eleatic Philosophy: The Birth of Ancient Greek Metaphysics.” *Ancient History* no. 58, Feb. 2026.

REFERENCES

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