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Employment

2018-present Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy and Cornerstone, Purdue University

Education

2012-2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara
Dissertation: Self-instantiation in Plato's Parmenides and Sophist
Committee: Voula Tsouna (chair), Richard Bett, Thomas Holden, Richard McKirahan

2009-2012 M.A. in Philosophy, Georgia State University
Thesis: Patient-Relativity and the Efficacy of Epicurean Therapy
Committee: Timothy O'Keefe (chair), Jessica Berry, Andrew I. Cohen

2005-2009 B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy, Arizona State University

Area of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Aesthetics, Buddhist Philosophy, Moral Philosophy

Publications

- 2017 "Epicureanism and the Health of the Soul." In *Ancient Thought*, edited by N. J. Barnes, J. Carroll, O. Langworthy, and E. MacGillivray.
- 2015 "Weight in Greek Atomism." *Φιλοσοφία* 45: 76-99.

Works in Progress

- "Parmenides' Likeness Regress in Plato's *Parmenides*." (under review)
- "Negative Predication in Parmenides' Third Antinomy." (under review)
- "Self-Participation."
- "Aristotle, Epicurus, and Motion in the Void."

Invited Talks

“Speech, Thought, and the Interweaving of Forms.”

- ◆ 2018: Middle Eastern Society for Analytic Philosophy, American University in Cairo

Conference Presentations

“Self-Participation.”

- ◆ 2020: Westin St. Francis, International Plato Society Session at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division

“‘If the One is not’ (*Prm.* 160b-164b).”

- ◆ 2019: Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art, *Symposium Platonicum XII*

“‘Like to Like’ in Leucippus and Democritus.”

- ◆ 2018: European Conference Center at Delphi, International Association for Presocratic Studies

“Aristotle on the Impossibility of the Void.”

- ◆ 2019: Westin Denver Downtown, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- ◆ 2019: University of London, London Ancient Science Conference
- ◆ 2016: University of Texas at Austin, International Association for Presocratic Studies (presented as, “Aristotle against the Atomists on the Existence of the Void”)

“The Sceptic’s Beliefs.”

- ◆ 2015: University of Kentucky, Ancient Philosophy Society

“Weight in Greek Atomism.”

- ◆ 2014: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Interdisciplinary Center for Aristotle Studies, International Association for Presocratic Studies

“Would Epicurus Have Drugged His Followers?”

- ◆ 2012: University of Witwatersrand, Conference on “Philosophy and the Moral Life” co-sponsored by the Wits Center for Ethics and Philosophy Department
- ◆ 2012: University of San Francisco, Ancient Philosophy Society
- ◆ 2011: Fordham University Lincoln Center, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (presented as, “On the Necessity of Reason in Epicurean Psychagogy”)

“Atomism and Cheerfulness: An Attempt at a Physical Interpretation of Democritus fr. B191.”

- ◆ 2012: Centro Peninsular en Humanidades y en Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, International Association for Presocratic Studies

Teaching Experience

G = graduate seminar

U = upper-division undergraduate course; L = lower-division undergraduate course

As Instructor of Record

Plato's Metaphysics and Epistemology (G: co-taught with Dan Frank)	Spring 2020
Transformative Texts I: Antiquity to Modernity (L)	Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
Ethics (U/L)	Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Fall 2018
Buddhist Philosophy (U)	Winter 2018
Hellenistic Philosophy (U)	Winter 2016
Ancient Philosophy (L)	Fall 2015
Introduction to Philosophy (L)	Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2013
Critical Thinking through Writing (L)	Fall 2010, Spring 2011

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Mind (U)	Spring 2015
Ethics (U)	Fall 2014, Spring 2016
Introduction to Philosophy (L)	Summer 2014
Early Modern Philosophy (L)	Spring 2014
Medieval Philosophy (L)	Winter 2014, Winter 2015
Introduction to Ethics (L)	Fall 2013, Spring 2018
Ancient Philosophy (L)	Fall 2012, Fall 2017

As Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Philosophy (L), Topic: Buddhist soteriology	Spring 2018
Aristotle (U), Topic: Aristotle's <i>de Anima</i>	Winter 2018
Presocratics (U), Topic: Leucippus and Democritus	Fall 2017
Aristotle (U), Topic: Aristotle's <i>de Anima</i>	Winter 2017
Plato (U), Topic: Plato's <i>Parmenides</i>	Fall 2016
Plato (U), Topic: Plato and the Platonic Corpus	Fall 2013
Ancient Philosophy (L), Topic: Homer & Hesiod	Fall 2013

Fellowships and Awards

- 2018 Postdoctoral Supplemental Travel Grant, Purdue University
- 2018 Academic Senate Travel Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2017 Charlotte Stough Memorial Prize, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 Regents Special Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 Graduate Student Association's Travel Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 Paul Wienpahl Award for Teaching Excellence, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2015 Graduate Student Association's Travel Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2013 Charlotte Stough Memorial Prize, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2013 Graduate Student Association's Travel Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2012 Regents Special Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2012 Phi Sigma Tau (Zeta) — Scholar Travel Stipend, Georgia State University
- 2011 Professional Development Travel Grant, Georgia State University
- 2011 Phi Sigma Tau (Zeta) — Scholar Travel Stipend, Georgia State University
- 2008 Sun Angel Excellence in the Humanities Research Scholarship, Arizona State University

Service

Journal referee: *Acta Classica*, *Aperion*

Principal organizer for *An Ancient Philosopher Retires: A conference in celebration of Patricia Curd's career and retirement*, Purdue University, 26 – 27 April 2019

Recurring guest on Season 2 of *The Grindstone: The Purdue Philosophy Department's Podcast*

Languages

Ancient Greek

Latin

Professional Societies

American Philosophical Association

Ancient Philosophy Society

International Association for Presocratic Studies

International Plato Society (Full member)

Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy

References

Dr. Richard Bett, Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218.
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Dr. Patricia Curd, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.
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Dr. Richard McKirahan, Department of Classics, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711.
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Dr. Voula Tsouna, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.
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Dr. Christopher Yeomans, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.
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