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### *Employment*

- 2021- Assistant Teaching Professor, Pennsylvania State University  
2018-2021 Postdoctoral 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*

- "Life and Lifeforms in Early Greek Atomism." (forthcoming in *Apeiron*, co-author with Caterina Pellò)
- "Self-Instantiation and Self-Participation." (forthcoming in the *Plato Journal*)
- 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.

### *Book reviews*

Review of *Health and Hedonism in Plato and Epicurus* by K. Arenson, New York 2019. (forthcoming in *Ancient Philosophy*)

### *Works in Progress*

- "Proclus and the Likeness Regress." (under review)
- "Negative Predication in *Parmenides* 161e-162b." (revise and resubmit with *Rhizomata*)

*Invited Talks*

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

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

*Conference Presentations*

“Non-human Animals and Malformed Offspring in Early Greek Atomism.”

- ◆ 2021: University of South Florida, Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies

“Life and Lifeforms in Early Greek Atomism.”

- ◆ 2020: University of London, London Ancient Science Conference

“‘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

“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”
- ◆ 2012: University of San Francisco, Ancient Philosophy Society
- ◆ 2011: Fordham University Lincoln Center, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

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

- ◆ 2012: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, International Association for Presocratic Studies

*Comments*

Comments on “The Soul’s Tool: Plato on the Usefulness of the Body” by Doug Campbell.

- ◆ Plato Colloquium, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February 2020

*Teaching Experience*

G = graduate seminar

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

F = Fall; W = Winter; S = Spring; SU = Summer

As Instructor of Record

Fate and Free Will (L)	F '20
Plato's Metaphysics and Epistemology (G)	S '20
Transformative Texts I: Antiquity to Modernity (L)	F '18, S '19, F '19, S '20, F '20
Ethics (U/L)	SU '15, SU '16, F '18
Buddhist Philosophy (U)	W '18
Hellenistic Philosophy (U)	W '16
Ancient Philosophy (L)	F '15
Introduction to Philosophy (L)	F '11, S '12, SU '13
Critical Thinking through Writing (L)	F '10, S '11

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Mind (U)	S '15
Ethics (U)	F '14, S '16
Introduction to Philosophy (L)	SU '14
Early Modern Philosophy (L)	S '14
Medieval Philosophy (L)	W '14, W '15
Introduction to Ethics (L)	F '13, S '18
Ancient Philosophy (L)	F '12, F '17

*Fellowships and Awards*

- 2019 Postdoctoral Supplemental Travel Grant, Purdue University
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- 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 3 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)

International Society for Socratic Studies

Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy

*References*

Dr. Richard Bett, Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218. email: [rbett1@jhu.edu](mailto:rbett1@jhu.edu) phone: (410) 516 6863

Dr. Patricia Curd, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907. email: [zeno@purdue.edu](mailto:zeno@purdue.edu) phone: (765) 494-4287

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