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### EDUCATION:

- University of Oxford: DPhil in Philosophy, 2009
- City University of New York, Graduate Center: M.A. in Philosophy, 2002
- University of Chicago: B.A. with General Honors in Romance Languages and Literatures, 1997

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- Associate Professor, Florida State University, Department of Philosophy, 2017-present
- Assistant Professor, Florida State University, Department of Philosophy, 2011-2017
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University, Department of Philosophy, 2010-2011
- Junior Fellow, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, *Topoi* Research Group, 2009-10
- Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall and St. Anne's College, 2007-09

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ancient Philosophy, Metaphysics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History of Modern Philosophy, Aesthetics, Ethics, Logic, Medieval Philosophy, Kant, Classical Indian Philosophy

### PUBLICATIONS [\*=PEER REVIEWED, †=INVITED]:

- *Aristotle on Causality and Causal Explanation*. Book manuscript, under review.
- \* "Imagination, expectation, and 'thoughts entangled in metaphors.'" *Synthese*. Online first. doi: 10.1007/s11229-021-03208-2.
- \* "The Supposed Material Cause in *Posterior Analytics* 2.11," *Phronesis* 66(1), 2021: 27-51.
- "The Why of Reality," *Aeon*. (2700 words) <https://aeon.co/essays/can-a-philosopher-explain-reality-and-make-believe-to-a-child>, 2019.
- \* "Definition and the Epistemology of Natural Kinds in Aristotle," *Metaphysics* 1(1), 2018: 33-51.

- \* “The Puzzle of False Judgement in the Theaetetus,” *Phronesis* 61 (3), 2016: 260-283.
- \* “Explanation and Hypothetical Necessity in Aristotle,” *Ancient Philosophy* 36 (2), 2016: 353-382.
- \* “Aristotle on the Parts of Time and Being in Time,” *Review of Metaphysics* 69 (3), 2016: 495-518.
- \* “Causes and Categories,” *Noûs* 50 (3), 2015: 465-489.
- \* “Immanent and Transeunt Potentiality,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 52 (1), 2014: 33-60.
- \* † “Hellenistic Philosophy,” *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.
- \* “Causal Necessity in Aristotle,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 20 (5), 2012: 855-879.
- \* “Aristotle’s Causal Pluralism,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 93 (2), 2011: 121-147.
- \* † “Causation and Explanation in Aristotle,” *Philosophy Compass* 6 (10), 2011: 699-707.
- \* “After Literalism and Spiritualism: The Plasticity of Aristotelian Perception,” in *Soul and Mind: Essays on the De Anima*, Gerd van Riel and Pierre Destrée, eds. Leuven University Press, 2010.
- † Review of *Aristotle’s Dialogue with Socrates: On the Nicomachean Ethics* by R. Burger, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, 2010.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS:

- “Dialectical Methods and the Four Causes”
- The Unity of Imagination
- “Platonic vs. Aristotelian Division”
- “Causation and Privation”

#### FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS:

- National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship, 2020-21 (\$60,000)
- Florida State University, First Year Assistant Professor Award, 2012
- Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen Bursary, 2006-07
- American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend, 2007
- Department of Philosophy Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005

#### PRESENTATIONS [\*=PEER REVIEWED, †=INVITED]:

- \* “Dialectical Methods and the Four Causes,” Conference: “Aristotle’s Dialectic and the Sciences,” *Université du Québec à Montréal*, August 2021.
- † “Imagination, Expectation, and ‘Thoughts entangled in metaphors,’” Workshop: Describing Human Action, *Florida State University*, May 2021.

- \* “Does Aristotle Have a Metaphysics of Causation?,” London Ancient Science Conference, *University College London*, February 2020.
- † “Causation, Knowledge, and Observation in Aristotle,” Center for the Aristotelian Tradition, *University of Notre Dame*, May 2019.
- † “Aristotle on Getting to Know Causes,” Ancient Philosophy Seminar, *University of Oxford*, May 2019.
- † “Aristotle on Causation and Observation,” Departmental colloquium, *Syracuse University*, January 2019.
- \* “Aristotle on Knowing Causes,” 41<sup>st</sup> *Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, University of Florida, February 2018.
- \* “Definition and the Epistemology of Natural Kinds in Aristotle,” 2017 *Hylomorphism Conference*, Banff Center, CA, May 2017.
- \* “Platonic and Aristotelian Division,” *Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy*, October 2016.
- † Comments on Huisman, “Aristotle on Accidental Causation,” *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*, March 2016.
- \* “False Judgement in the *Theaetetus*,” *International Plato Society*, midterm meeting, March 2015.
- † “Compulsion,” *Florida State University*, “Hemlock Lectures,” March 2014.
- † “*Nicomachean Ethics* 1117b7-22,” *Ave Maria University*, Aristotle Workshop, February 2014.
- † “Explanation and Hypothetical Necessity,” *Syracuse University*, August 2013
- “Genuine and Mere-Cambridge Change in Aristotle,” *University of Texas-Austin*, 36th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy [\*]; *Ss. Cyril and Methodius University-Skopje* [†]; *University of Oxford*, Ancient Philosophy Seminar [†]
- \* “Causation: Ontology and A Priority,” *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, March 2013
- \* “Aristotle and the Whittling Argument,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, October 2012
- † “Immanent and Transeunt Potentiality,” *Florida State University*, Werkmeister Workshop, February 2012
- \* “Causation and predication in Aristotle,” *University of Coimbra*, Third International Aristotle Seminar at Coimbra, March 2011
- † “*Kinēsis* and *Energeia*,” *University of Campinas*, Brazil, June 2011
- † “Explaining nature and the beginnings of Greek philosophy,” *Western Michigan University*, Lee Honors College Lyceum Lectures Series, October 2010
- “Immanent, Transeunt, and Aristotelian Causation,” *Western Michigan University*, October 2010
- \* “Immanent and Transeunt Causation for Aristotelians,” *Metaphysics of Science '09 Conference*, Nottingham, UK, September 2009
- \* “Aristotle and the Homonymy of Cause,” *University of Notre Dame*, 2009; *University of Oxford*, 2009; *Wake Forest University*, 2009; *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting*, 2007; *Ockham Society*, University of Oxford, 2006
- † “Two Kinds of Aristotelian Causal Necessitation,” *University of Oxford*, Ancient Philosophy Seminar, 2008

- \* “After Literalism and Spiritualism: The Plasticity of Aristotelian Perception,” *Soul and Mind: Ancient and Medieval Perspectives*, De Wulf-Mansion Centre, Université Catholique de Louvain/Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 2007
- † “Causes, Explanations, and Aristotle’s Four *Aitiai*,” *Yale University*, 2007
- † “The Homonymy of Cause in Aristotle,” *University of Maryland, College Park*, 2007
- † “Form and Matter in Aristotle’s Theory of Perception,” *Wesleyan University*, 2008
- “Two Kinds of Causal Necessity in Aristotle,” *20th International Conference of Philosophy*, IAGP, Hellenic Ministries of Culture and Education, 2008
- “Causation and Explanation,” *University of Oxford*, St. Anne’s College Subject Family Evening (Interdisciplinary Presentation Series), 2008
- “Aristotle’s Causal Pluralism,” *2nd International Conference on Philosophy*, Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2007
- \* “Aristotle, causes and explanations,” *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting*, Fordham University, 2006

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Florida State University:
  - Classical Philosophy of India, Spring 2020, Fall 2021
  - Kant’s Critiques (capstone seminar), Fall 2016
  - Philosophy and the Arts (lecture), Fall 2015
  - Pleasure, Practical Reason, and the Good Life (graduate seminar), Spring 2015
  - Pleasure and the Good Life in Ancient Philosophy (capstone seminar), Spring 2015
  - Epistemology: Plato and Aristotle (capstone seminar), Spring 2014
  - Explanation, Definition, and Methodology in Plato and Aristotle (graduate seminar), Fall 2013
  - Ethics and Aesthetics (lecture), Fall 2012
  - Aristotle to Augustine (lecture), Spring 2012-present
  - Introduction to Philosophy (lecture), Spring 2012, Spring 2016, Fall 2017
  - Plato and his Predecessors (lecture), Fall 2011-present
  - The Metaphysics of Causation, Ancient and Modern (graduate seminar), Fall 2011
- Western Michigan University:
  - Causation (graduate seminar), Summer 2011
  - Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (lecture), Spring 2011
  - Deductive Logic (lecture), Spring 2011
  - The Metaphysics of Knowledge in Plato and Aristotle (graduate seminar), Fall 2010
  - Critical Reasoning (lecture; Honors section), Fall 2010, Spring 2011
- University of Oxford:
  - Aristotle’s *Politics* (graduate seminar, co-taught with Dr WTM Porter), 2009
  - Instructor in Logic (lecture), 2005-2009
  - Early Greek Philosophy (tutorials), 2008
  - Plato’s *Meno* and *Euthyphro* (tutorials), 2008

Aesthetics (tutorials), 2008  
History of Ethics (tutorials), 2008  
Plato, *Republic* (tutorials), 2007-9  
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (tutorials), 2007-9  
Latin Philosophy (tutorials), 2007  
Knowledge and Reality (tutorials), 2006-7  
General Philosophy (tutorials), 2006-7

- Ph.D. Dissertation Supervisor: Vincenza Berardo (Philosophy)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member: Robert Hedrick III (Classics), Jeffrey O'Connell (Philosophy), Aaron Brooks (Philosophy), Marc Kaufman (Philosophy), Alex Lee (Classics), Jeremy Redmond, Kevin Harrison
- M.A. Thesis Committees: Emma Hughes (Classics), Olivia Merkhofer (Philosophy), Kevin Hollahan (Philosophy)
- M.A. Examination Committees: Kevin Harrison, Joshua Turkewitz, Gabriel DeMarco, Aaron Brooks, Marshall Bierson, Robert Bishop

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

- Co-director of Placement, Florida State University
- Director of Graduate Admissions, 2019-20
- Faculty Senate Grievance Committee, 2018-present
- Organizer, Philosophy lunchtime talk series, Florida State University, 2015-2020
- Faculty Senate, Florida State University, 2012-2020
- Reviewer for: *Ancient Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *HOPOS*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Oxford University Press*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- Junior Dean, University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall, 2008-09
- Undergraduate Admissions Interview Panels, University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall and St. Anne's College, 2007 and 2008
- Treasurer and Charter Member, Insight (an interdisciplinary group for the philosophy of mind, cognitive science, and neuroscience), University of Oxford, 2006-09
- Assistant Junior Dean, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 2007-08
- Organizer, 10th Annual University of Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2006
- Organizer, University of Colorado-Boulder Philosophy Department Graduate Student Colloquium Series, 2003-04
- Assistant, NEH Summer Seminar, "Soul and Substance in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition", offered by Professors Christopher Shields and Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado-Boulder, 2004