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## ABOUT

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A., Philosophy, Tulane University (2014)  
M.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College (2007)  
B.A., Political Science, University of Connecticut (2005)

### APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Philosophy & Humanities, Long Island University (2015–present)  
Visiting Professor, Sarah Lawrence College (Fall 2013, 2014–15)  
Instructor, Tulane University (2009–12, Spring 2014)

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Murphy Institute's Center for Ethics and Public Affairs (2012–13)  
Tulane School of Liberal Arts Summer Merit Grant (2012)  
Exchange Fellowship at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (2010–11)  
Tulane School of Liberal Arts Summer Merit Grant (2009)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy: Pre-Socratic Philosophy and Poetry, Plato, Aristotle

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Modern Philosophy, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, Philosophy and Film

### LANGUAGES

Reading competence in Ancient Greek, German, and French

## RESEARCH

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### BOOK

*Becoming Socrates: Political Philosophy in Plato's Parmenides*. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2018.

### REFEREED ARTICLES

1. "The Socratic Arc of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* 3," *The Review of Metaphysics* (forthcoming).
2. "Plato's *Minos* and the *Euthyphro*," *POLIS: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 35.1 (2018), 145–63.
3. "The Philosopher in Plato's *Sophist*," *Hermathena* 195 (2018), 5–29.
4. "Parmenides on Reason and Revelation," *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22.2 (2018), 177–202.
5. "On Two Socratic Questions," *The St. John's Review* 58.2 (2017), 77–91.
6. "...Going Further On Down the Road...": The Origin and Foundations of Milesian Thought," *The Review of Metaphysics* 70 (2016), 3–31.
7. "Irony and Opinion: Plato's *Theaetetus* and the Absent Philosopher," *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 10 (2016), 151–67.

8. "Hesiod: Man, Law and Cosmos," *POLIS: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 31 (2014), 233–60.

## BOOK REVIEWS

1. "Approaching *The Eccentric Core*." Review Essay of *The Eccentric Core*, ed. by R. Burger and P. Goodin. *Interpretation* (forthcoming).
2. Review of *Logos and Psyche in Plato's Phaedo*, by Jesse I. Bailey. *POLIS* (forthcoming).
3. Review of *Sophistry and Political Philosophy: Protagoras' Challenge to Socrates* by Robert C. Bartlett. *The Review of Metaphysics*, 2017.

## BOOK IN PREPARATION

*Plato's Living Epistemology*.—On Plato's *Theaetetus*, *Sophist*, and *Statesman*

## PAPERS IN PREPARATION

1. "Hecataeus and the Turn to the Local"
2. "From Hesiod, To Heraclitus"
3. "Keaton's Yoke"

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED TALKS

1. "Plato's *Parmenides* and the *Alcibiades*." Talk delivered at Mercer University. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
2. "Why read Plato today?" Talk delivered at Manhattanville College. Fall, 2018.
3. "Plato at a Glance." Talk delivered to the Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Kutztown University. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
4. "Divine Providence or Natural Right in Homer's *Iliad*?" Talk delivered at The Institute for the Study of Democracy and Liberalism, Long Island University, Post Campus. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

### CONFERENCES

1. "The Place of the *Statesman* in Plato's Trilogy." Panel on "The Question of Being and the Gods in Ancient Thought." APA Eastern, 2018.
2. "The Place of the *Statesman* in Plato's Trilogy." NPSA, 2018.
3. "Plato's Living Epistemology." Panel on "Perspectives on Socratic Political Science." APSA, 2018.
4. "The Two *Theaetetuses*." Panel on "One and Two." ACTC, 2018
5. "The Socratic Arc of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* B." APA Central, 2018.
6. "Plato at a Glance." Panel on "The Theoretical Presuppositions of Political Science." NPSA, 2017.
7. Chair and Discussant for panel on Thucydides and Demosthenes. NPSA, 2017.
8. "Who Would Read Plato's *Cleitophon*?" Panel on "Platonic Educations" (also the organizer). ACTC, 2017.
9. "On Plato's *Minos*." Panel on "Natural Law and Divine Law." APA Eastern, 2017.
10. "The Philosopher in Plato's *Sophist*." Panel on "Law in Ancient Political Thought." NPSA, 2016.
11. Chair and Discussant for Panel on "Politics, Religion, and the Question of the Good Life in Plato and Aristotle." NPSA, 2016.
12. "On Two Socratic Questions." Panel on "Speech and the Search for Truth in Classical Thought." ACTC, 2016.
13. "From Hesiod, To Heraclitus." Panel on "From Hesiod to Plato." APA Eastern, 2016.
14. "Parmenides on Reason and Revelation." Panel on "War, Politics, and Strife in Greek Political Thought." NPSA, 2015.
15. Discussant for panel on "Plato on Statesmen, Laws & Love." NPSA, 2015.
16. "The Problem of Providence in Homer's *Iliad*." Panel on "Divine Providence and Beginnings." APA Western, 2015.
17. "The Problem of Thought in the Twilight of the Idols." Panel on "Political Thought across Marx, Mill, and Nietzsche." Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), 2015.

18. Chair and discussant for panel on “From the Renaissance to Early Modernity.” MPSA, 2015.
19. “Hesiod: Man, Law and Cosmos.” Panel on “Lessons from Antiquity: Poetry, Sophistry, and Philosophy on the Good Life.” MPSA, 2014.
20. “The Goddess of Parmenides’ Refutation.” Panel on “Perspectives on the Platonic Socrates.” APA Eastern, 2013.
21. “Irony and Opinion: the *Theaetetus* as the Absent *Philosopher*.” Panel on “Plato, Tragedy and Comedy.” APA Central, 2013.
22. Discussant for panel on “Platonic Education.” MPSA, 2012.
23. “Philosophy after Socrates: A Look at the Intention of the *Parmenides*.” Panel on “Plato on the City, the Soul, and the Divine.” APA Eastern, 2011.

## TEACHING

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### COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2018

- “Plato”
- “The Birth of Philosophy in the Ancient World”
- “Justice”

Spring 2018

- “Philosophy and Film”
- “Dreams and the Philosophy of the Unconscious”
- “Business Ethics”
- “Herodotus’ *Histories*” (short lecture series)
- “Rousseau’s Political Thought” (short lecture series)

Fall 2017

- “Philosophy and Film”
- “Ethics and Society”
- “Business Ethics” (writing intensive)
- “Nietzsche and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Thought”

Spring 2017

- “Ancient Philosophy”
- “Introduction to Philosophy” (three sections)
- “Plato’s Shorter Dialogues I–III” (three short lecture series)

Fall 2016

- “Honors Ancient Philosophy”
- “Ethics and Society”

Spring 2016

- “The Problem of Socrates I”
- “The Problem of Socrates II”

Fall 2015

- “Sophocles’ Theban Plays I: *Oedipus Tyrannus*”
- “Sophocles’ Theban Plays II: *Oedipus at Colonus*”
- “Sophocles’ Theban Plays III: *Antigone*”

Spring 2015

- “The Discovery of Being in Pre-Socratic Philosophy”
- “What is Virtue? An Introduction to Philosophy II”

Fall 2014

- “The Recovery of Being in Nietzsche and Heidegger”
- “What is Virtue? An Introduction to Philosophy I”

Spring 2014

- “Special Topic: Film and Philosophy”

“Special Topic: Origins of Western Philosophy”  
“Introduction to Philosophy”  
Fall 2013  
“20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy”  
2012–13  
Fellowship at Murphy Institute’s Center Ethics and Public Affairs  
Spring 2012  
“Plato,” including an honors version  
Fall 2011  
“History of Ancient Philosophy”  
2010–11  
Exchange Fellowship at Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany  
Spring 2010  
“Introduction to Philosophy”  
Fall 2009  
“Introduction to Philosophy”  
Spring 2009  
TA for “Contemporary European Philosophy”  
Fall 2008  
TA for “Elementary Symbolic Logic”

#### PROJECTS GUIDED

NB: Listed by author and text, with any interdisciplinary materials given thereafter.

1. Alienation in Psychology and Philosophy (including Freud, Foucault, Marx, and Nietzsche)
2. Aristophanes’ *Birds*
3. Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Z
4. Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* (selections)
5. Aristotle’s *On Poetics* and Alexander Scriabin’s piano works (selections)
6. Aristotle’s *On Poetics* (twice)
7. Aristotle and Bacon on causality
8. Bacon’s *New Organon* (selections)
9. The Book of Judges
10. Buster Keaton’s *Sherlock Jr.* and *College*
11. Critiques of Metaphysics (Wittgenstein and Nietzsche)
12. Descartes’ *Meditations on First Philosophy*
13. Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometry (Euclid’s *Elements* I, Lobachevsky’s *Geometrical Investigations on the Theory of Parallels*, Khayyam on the fifth postulate, and Einstein’s *Relativity: The General and Special Theory* [selections])
14. Foucault’s *History of Sexuality* (selections)
15. Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, sections on temporality
16. Heidegger (and Fink) on Heraclitus
17. Hesiod’s *Theogony*
18. Homer’s *Iliad*
19. Kant’s *Critique of the Power of Judgment*
20. Locke and Arendt on Violence and Politics
21. Marx’ *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*
22. Memory and thought (various readings)
23. Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy* (three times)
24. Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality* (twice)
25. Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, “Prologue,” and Nicholas Ray’s *Bigger than Life*
26. Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* and Kubrick’s *2001: A Space Odyssey*
27. Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* (twice)
28. Nietzsche’s *Twilight of the Idols* (twice)
29. Nietzsche on liberal democracy
30. Nietzsche on strong vs. weak types
31. Nietzsche and Freud (twice)

32. Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and *Meno*
33. Plato's *Euthyphro*
34. Plato's *Theages*, *Meno*, and *Apology of Socrates*
35. Plato's *Hippias Major* and Dialectical Behavior Therapy
36. Plato's *Hippias Major*
37. Plato's *Parmenides*
38. Plato's *Statesman*
39. Plato's *Symposium* (twice)
40. Rousseau's *Of the Social Contract* (twice)
41. Rousseau's *Reveries of a Solitary Walker*
42. Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*
43. Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* and The Book of Exodus (with selections from Rousseau)
44. Wittgenstein's *Blue Book* (twice)
45. Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*
46. Woody Allen on love and mortality

## **REFERENCES**

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