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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

California State University, San Bernardino	August 2022 - Present
Assistant Professor	
Bowdoin College	
Visiting Assistant Professor	September 2020 - June 2022
Visiting Instructor	July 2019 - August 2020

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ph. D., Philosophy	August 2020
DISSERTATION: <i>Aristotle on Practical Rationality: Deliberation, Preference-Ranking, and the Imperfect Decision-Making of Women</i>	
COMMITTEE: Victor Caston (chair), James Joyce, Tad Schmaltz, and Sara Ahbel-Rappe (classics)	
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, M.A., Classical Greek	December 2019
University of Colorado, Boulder	May 2013
MA THESIS: <i>A Fresh Look at Plato's Account of Akrasia and the Partitioning of the Soul</i>	
COMMITTEE: Mi-Kyoung Lee (Chair), Dominic Bailey, and Graham Oddie	
University of Florida, B.A., <i>Summa cum Laude</i> , Philosophy	May 2011
HONORS THESIS: <i>Aesthetic Contextualism: Explanation and Defense</i>	
COMMITTEE: Jozef Müller (chair), Stewart Duncan, and John Palmer	

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, Early Modern Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, and Non-Western Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Summer Research Fellowship, CSUSB	2023, 2025
Professors Across Borders Grant, CSUSB	2024
Diversity Prize, Ancient Philosophy Society	2021
<i>Awarded to the best paper chosen for the program through the anonymous selection process written by a person from a group underrepresented in the discipline.</i>	
Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2019, 2017
Graduate Student Travel Award, The American Philosophical Association	2019, 2018
Rackham Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Michigan	2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Charles L. Stevenson Award, University of Michigan	2018
<i>Awarded by the philosophy department to the best dissertation proposal and chapter of the year.</i>	
Weinberg Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2018
<i>Awarded by the philosophy department to one graduate student who has shown distinction during his or her first five years of study.</i>	
Travel Grant, The International Society for Neoplatonic Studies	2016
<i>Awarded to the six best paper proposals from early career scholars.</i>	
Mellon Recruitment Award, University of Michigan	2015, 2014
Center for Western Civilization Summer Language-Study Grant, University of Colorado	2012

PUBLICATIONS

2024. "Proclus on ἔνωσις: Knowing the One by the One in the Soul" *Philosophies* 9, no. 4:100. (Special Issue on Ancient and Medieval Theories of Soul)

2023. "Is the Soul a Form? The Status of the Soul in the Final Argument of the *Phaedo*, Again," in C. Addey, S. Ahbel-Rappe, and D. Layne (eds.), *Soul Matters in Plato and the Platonic Tradition*, (SBL Press).

PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKER	
“The Convergence of <i>Mania</i> and <i>Nous</i> : Love’s Dual Nature in Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i> ”	
• 16 th Celtic Conference in Classics Coimbra University (Coimbra, Portugal)	July 2025
“Plato on the Productive Power of the Good”	
• 2 nd International Symposium on Platonic and Neoplatonic Goodness University College London (London, England)	July 2025
“Melissus of Samos on the Painlessness of What-Is”	
• 24 th Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society Villanova University at The Athenaeum of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)	April 2025
“Perceiving and Bestowing Value: On Why Relationships Matter”	
• What’s in a good life? 2nd cross-sectional conference Ansgar University College (Kristiansand, Norway)	June 2024
“The Individual Is the Object of Love: Rereading <i>Symposium</i> 209e5-212c3”	July 2023
• Siracusa Summer Seminar on Ancient Greek Philosophy Exedra Mediterranean Center (Siracusa, Italy)	
“The Reasons of Love in Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i> ”	
• Michigan’s Fourth Biannual Alumni Conference * University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)	July 2023
• 2023 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting San Francisco, CA	April 2023
• 21 st Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society Pennsylvania State University (State College, PA)	April 2022
“Aristotle on the Deliberative Capacity of Women as <i>Akuron</i> : A Puzzle about Coming-to-Be”	
• Feminism and Classics 8 Conference Virtual Event	May 2022
• 20 th Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society Virtual Event	June 2021
• Philosophy Department Colloquium * Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine)	March 2019
• Sex, Gender, and Science in Ancient Greece Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)	March 2019
“Is Platonic Love Egoistic? Lessons from the <i>Phaedrus</i> ”	
• Guest lecture for “Problems in Greek and Roman Philosophy: Late Antique Receptions of Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i> ” * Graduate Seminar in Classical Studies/History/Philosophy Princeton University (Princeton, New Jersey)	March 2020
“Navigating the Landscape of Value: The Role of Reason in Aristotle’s Ethics”	

- Philosophy Department Colloquium* January 2020
University of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois)
- “Is the Soul a Form? The Status of the Soul in the Final Argument of *The Phaedo*”
- Soul Matters: Platonic Traditions* December 2019
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
- International Plato Society, 2nd Asia Regional Meeting April 2019
Chinese Culture University (Taipei, Taiwan)
- “Aristotle’s (for the most part) Logic of Preference”
- Ancient Philosophy Working Group* December 2019
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
- “Plato’s Aesthetics” September 2019
- Guest lecture for “Aesthetics in Africa and Europe” *
Seminar in French/Africana Studies/Latin American Studies
Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine)
- “Restoring Aristotle’s Evaluative Theory of Deliberation”
- American Philosophical Association February 2019
Central Division Meeting (Denver, Colorado)
- 18th Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society April 2018
Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia)
- “The Beginnings of Preference Logic: Aristotle’s *Topics* Γ 1-5”
- 4th Canadian Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy October 2018
Université de Sherbrooke, Campus Longueuil (Montréal, Canada)
- “Aristotle on the Structure of Deliberation”
- 2nd COMPASS Workshop* September 2018
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
- “Mill on Ideological Conversion and Social Reform: An Interpretation of Mill’s Argumentative Strategy in *The Subjection of Women*”
- American Philosophical Association, January 2018
Eastern Division Meeting (Savannah, Georgia)
- 14th Annual Conference of The International Society for Neoplatonic Studies June 2016
University of Seattle (Seattle, Washington)
- American Philosophical Association* March 2015
Central Division Meeting (St. Louis, Missouri)
- “Aesthetic Contextualism: Explanation and Defense” March 2012
- 15th Annual Northeast Florida Philosophy Conference
University of North Florida (Jacksonville, Florida)

* = Invited presentation.

RESPONDENT

Thomas Tuozzo, “Beauty Dethroned: Aristophanes and Socrates on What We Love”

- 22nd Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society April 2023
Gonzaga University (Spokane, Washington)

Cara Cummings, “The Contemptuous Attitude of Aristotle’s *Megalopsuchos*”

- Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop in Ancient Philosophy
University of Michigan (Virtual Event)

October 2020

TEACHING

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

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| • Classical Arabic Philosophy (CSUSB) | Fall 2025 |
| • Happiness (CSUSB) | Fall 2025 |
| • Aesthetics (CSUSB) | Spring 2025 |
| • Ancient Philosophy (CSUSB) | Fall 2023, 24 |
| • Introduction to Philosophy (CSUSB) | Spring 2023, 25
Fall 2023, 24 |
| • Modern Philosophy (CSUSB) | Spring 2023 |
| • Introduction to Ethics (CSUSB) | Fall 2022, |
| • Philosophy in World Literature (CSUSB) | Fall 202
Summer 2024 |
| • Modern Philosophy (Bowdoin College) | Spring 2022 |
| • Ancient Philosophy (Bowdoin College) | Fall 2019, 20, 21 |
| • How to Be a Stoic (Bowdoin College) | Spring 2021 |
| • Philosophy and Tragedy (Bowdoin College) | Fall 2020 |
| • The Moral Mind (Bowdoin College) | Spring 2020 |
| • Happiness (Bowdoin College) | Spring 2020, 21, 22 |
| • Aesthetics (Bowdoin College) | Fall 2019, 2021 |
| • Personal Decisions (University of Michigan) | Summer 2019 |
| • Moral Principles and Problems (University of Michigan) | Spring 2018 |

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

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| Honors Great Books (University of Michigan) | Fall 2016 |
| Critical Thinking (University of Michigan) | Winter 2016 |
| Ancient Philosophy (University of Michigan) | Fall 2015 |
| Symbolic Logic (University of Michigan) | Winter 2015 |
| Problems of Philosophy (University of Michigan) | Fall 2014 |
| Environmental Ethics (University of Colorado) | Spring 2012 |
| Introduction to Philosophy (University of Colorado) | Fall 2011 |

GRADER

Ancient Thought (University of Colorado)

Spring 2013

SENIOR THESIS

External Reader

- E. Gerbracht (Philosophy), *The Growing Block Theory of Time Has Not Escaped the Skeptical Problem*, Spring 23

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL

Graduate Student Research Assistant
Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy

Summer 2017-Spring 2018

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek (M.A.); French (undergraduate minor); German (one year of intensive German); Latin (three years of secondary school and two graduate seminars); Vietnamese (native).

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee, Journal Article <i>Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science, Hypatia,</i> <i>The Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy</i>	2021-Present
College of Arts and Letters Curriculum Committee, CSUSB	2022- Present
Department Assessment Coordinator, CSUSB	2004
Department Recruitment Coordinator, CSUSB	2023-24
Search Committee for Feminist Philosophy position, CSUSB	2022
Search Committee for Lecturer Positions, CSUSB	2022
Graduate Student Instructor Mentor, University of Michigan	2018-19
Ethics Bowl Coach, Michigan Ethics Bowl Wayne Memorial High School, 2018 Michigan Ethics Bowl Champion	2017-19
Admission Committee (Student Member), University of Michigan	2017-18
The Philosophy Outreach Program of Colorado Fort Collins High School	2013
Chair, Meetings of The American Philosophical Association • Central Division Meeting (New Orleans, LA) Kenneth A. Boyce, "Aristotle's Presentist Account of Time and the Charge of Circularity" • Pacific Division Meeting (San Francisco, CA) Alexandra King, "The Amoralist and the Anaesthetic"	2013

REFERENCES

RESEARCH

- Prof. Sara Ahbel-Rappe, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2131 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, <rappe@umich.edu>.
- Prof. Victor Caston, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2203 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, <vcaston@umich.edu>.
- Prof. James Joyce, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2223 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, <jjoyce@umich.edu>.
- Prof. Mi-Kyoung Lee, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder, 169 Helms Arts & Science Building, Boulder, CO 80309, <mitzi.lee@colorado.edu>.
- Prof. Tad Schmaltz, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2231 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, <tschmalt@umich.edu>.

TEACHING

- Prof. Ruth Scodel, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2119 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, <rscodel@umich.edu>.
- Prof. Scott Sehon, Department of Philosophy, Bowdoin College, Edward Pols House - 104, 5 Bath Road, Brunswick, ME 04011, <ssehon@bowdoin.edu>.