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Curriculum Vitae

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ph. D., Philosophy August 2020

DISSERTATION: *Aristotle on Practical Rationality: Deliberation, Preference-Ranking, and the Imperfect Decision-Making of Women*

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 September 2011 - May 2013

I completed all the coursework and passed the thesis defense in fulfillment of the M.A. degree but did not apply for graduation due to a personal hardship. See attached explanation.

MA THESIS: *A Fresh Look at Plato's Account of Akrasia and the Partitioning of the Soul*

COMMITTEE: Mi-Kyoung Lee (Chair), Dominic Bailey, and Graham Oddie

University of Florida, B.A., *Summa cum Laude*, Philosophy May 2011

HONORS THESIS: *Aesthetic Contextualism: Explanation and Defense*

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 (including Philosophy and Literature), Early Modern Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, and Non-Western Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Diversity Prize, Ancient Philosophy Society	2021
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

“Aristotle on the Deliberative Capacity of Women as *Akuron*: A Puzzle about Coming-to-Be,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, special issue in cooperation with the Ancient Philosophy Society, forthcoming.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

“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, in press).

PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKER

“The Reasons of Love in Plato’s *Phaedrus*”

- 2023 APA Pacific Meeting April 2023
San Francisco, CA
- 21st Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society April 2022
Pennsylvania State University (State College, PA)

“TBD”

- UCR Ancient Philosophy Conference * March 2023
University of California (Riverside, California)

“Aristotle on the Deliberative Capacity of Women as *Akuron*: A Puzzle about Coming-to-Be”

- Feminism and Classics 8 May 2022
Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, N.C.)
- 20th Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society June 2021
Virtual Event
- Philosophy Department Colloquium * March 2019
Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine)
- Sex, Gender, and Science in Ancient Greece March 2019
Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies
University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

“TBD”

- Dartmouth Ancient Philosophy Workshop * Postponed due to COVID
Dartmouth College (Hanover, New Hampshire)

“Is Platonic Love Egoistic? Lessons from the *Phaedrus*”

- Guest lecture for “Problems in Greek and Roman Philosophy: Late Antique
Receptions of Plato’s *Phaedrus*” * March 2020
Graduate Seminar in Classical Studies/History/Philosophy
Princeton University (Princeton, New Jersey)

“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 2018
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” February 2019
- American Philosophical Association
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” October 2018
- 4th Canadian Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy
Université de Sherbrooke, Campus Longueuil (Montréal, Canada)
- “Aristotle on the Structure of Deliberation” September 2018
- 2nd COMPASS Workshop *
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*” January 2018
- American Philosophical Association,
Eastern Division Meeting (Savannah, Georgia)
- “Proclus on *Henosis*”
- 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

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

- Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop in Ancient Philosophy October 2020
University of Michigan (Virtual Event)

TEACHING

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Modern Philosophy (CSUSB)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Ethics (CSUSB)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Philosophy in World Literature (CSUSB)	Fall 2022

Modern Philosophy (Bowdoin College)	Spring 2022
Ancient Philosophy (Bowdoin College)	Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
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, 2021, 2022
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

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
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RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL

Graduate Student Research Assistant <i>Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy</i>	Summer 2017-Spring 2018
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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

College of Arts and Letters Curriculum Committee, CSUSB	2022- 23
Search Committee for Feminist philosophy position, CSUSB	2022
Referee, Journal Article <i>The Southern Journal of Philosophy</i>	2021
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	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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" 	

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 Hellems 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>.

EXPLANATION OF EDUCATION HISTORY

Although I completed all the requirements for the MA degree in philosophy at the University of Colorado, Boulder, for personal and financial reasons, I did not apply for graduation from the program. I inadvertently missed the deadline to submit my thesis to the registrar and apply for graduation in Spring 2013 because I had to travel to Vietnam to attend the funeral of one of my closest relatives, who had raised me there until I immigrated to the United States. In order to apply for graduation the following semester, I would have to pay full tuition out of pocket, which I was not in a position to do. Prof. Mi-Kyoung Lee can verify that I have, in fact, written a MA thesis and passed the thesis defense in her letter of reference. In addition, I can provide an official transcript from CU Boulder indicating the completion of the M.A. coursework.