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CURRENT POSITION

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2016-present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013-2016
Assistent (Junior Faculty), Chair of Late Antique and Arabic Philosophy, 2012-2013

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Postdoctoral Fellow, TOPOI Excellence Cluster, 2009-2012

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 2008-2009

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Ph.D., Classics, Program in Classical Philosophy, 2009
Dissertation: 'Plotinus on the Passions'
Committee: Christian Wildberg (advisor), John M. Cooper, Hendrik Lorenz

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
B.A. with Honors, Classics, Phi Beta Kappa and the Hawthorne Classics Prize, 1998

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Classical Philosophy, Neoplatonism, Ancient Psychology and Cosmology

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Everything in Nature is in Intellect: Forms and Natural Teleology in *Ennead* VI.2.21 (and elsewhere)," *Phronesis* (forthcoming)
2. "Providence and Fate in Plotinus," in Lloyd P. Gerson and James Wilberding (eds.), *The New Cambridge Companion to Plotinus*, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
3. "Human Nature and Normativity in Plotinus," in Peter Adamson and Christof Rapp (eds.), *State and Nature: Essays in Political Philosophy*, De Gruyter (forthcoming).
4. "Leaving Nothing to Chance: An Argument for Principle Monism in Plotinus," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 55 (2018): 185-226.
5. "Plotinus' Unaffectionate Soul," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 51 (2016): 231-281.
6. "Creation and Divine Providence in Plotinus" (co-authored with Nathan Powers), in A. Marmodoro and B. Prince (eds.), *Causation and Creation in Late Antiquity*, Cambridge University Press (2015), 51-70.
7. "How Plotinus' Soul Animates His Body: The Argument for the Soul-Trace at *Ennead* IV.4.18.1-9," *Phronesis* 58.3 (2013): 249-279.
8. "Plotinus' Unaffectionate Matter," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 44 (2013): 233-277.
9. "Topsy-Turvy World: Circular Motion, Contrariety, and Aristotle's Unwinding Spheres," *Apeiron* 46.4 (2013): 391-418.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS

‘Everything (and I do mean everything) is in Intellect: Forms and Natural Teleology in *Ennead* VI.2.21 (and elsewhere)’, Workshop on *Ennead* VI.2, Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, January 2020; LMU Munich, January 2020

Presentation of Plotinus, *Enneads* VI.1.16, line 17 to end, and VI.1.19, 1-8, Workshop on ‘Aristotle and Plotinus on change and activity’, Oxford University, June 2019

Comment on Daniel Muñoz-Hutchinson, *Plotinus on Consciousness*, Pacific APA, April 2019

Presentation of *Metaphysics Lambda*, ch. 7, 1072b-ch. 8, New York Ancient Philosophy Reading Group, NYU, March 2019

‘Leaving Nothing to Chance: An Argument for Principle Monism in Plotinus’, Cornell University, February 2017; Pacific APA, April 2017; UC Berkeley, August 2017; NYU, September 2017; Colgate University, October 2017; University of Florida, February 2018

‘What Happens When Plotinus Eats a Piece of Cake?’, UC Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference ‘Ancient Ethics, Psychology, and Epistemology’, UC Riverside, April 2017

Presentation on *Ennead* V.3.4-5, Princeton-Cornell Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* V.3, *On the Knowing Hypostases*, Cornell University, October 2016

Presentation on *Ennead* IV.4.24-27, Princeton-Cornell Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.4.13-29, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, Cornell University, October 2015

‘Let there be one ruler: Plotinus on Aristotle’s Unmoved Movers and the Problem of Causal Coordination’, Conference on ‘Le divin chez Aristote et ses (re)lectures néoplatoniciennes’, Sorbonne Université, Paris, June 2015

Presentation on Physics VIII.6, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* VIII.5-10, Tel Aviv University, June 2015

‘Human Nature and Political Virtues in Plotinus’, Conference ‘Natur und Herrschaft. Analysen zur Physik der Macht’, LMU Munich, December 2014

Presentation on *Enn.* IV.4.6-8, Cornell-Princeton Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.3, ch. 24-IV.4, ch. 12, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, Princeton University, October 2014

Presentation on *Metaphysics* H.1-2, LMU-UC Berkeley Ancient Philosophy Workshop on *Metaphysics* H, UC Berkeley, September 2014

Presentation on *De Anima* III.6, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* I organized by the SEAAP (Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy), Villa Lanna, Prague, September 2014

‘Plotinus’ Unaffectionate Soul’, LMU-UC Berkeley Ancient Philosophy Workshop, LMU Munich, July 2014

‘Psychological Problems: An *Aporia* About Spirited Desire in *Enn.* IV.4.28’, Annual Meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2014

Presentation on *Physics* I.9, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Physics* I organized by the SEAAP (Southeast European Association for Ancient Philosophy), Zagreb, Croatia, May 2014

‘Galen on the Perceptual Medium (PHP VII.7.16-24)’, Workshop on Galen’s *On the Opinions of Hippocrates and Plato* (PHP), Book VII, HU Berlin, November 2013

‘Divine Thought and Providence in Plotinus’, CNRS (UPR 76, Centre Jean Pépin), Paris, November 2013; LMU Munich, November 2013

Presentation on *Enn.* IV.3.16-17, Cornell-Princeton Plotinus Workshop on *Ennead* IV.3, *On Difficulties About the Soul*, chs. 9-23, Princeton University, October 2013

Comment on F. Karfík, Conference on ‘Greek, Latin, and Arabic Approaches to Omnipresence’, HU Berlin, July 2013

‘Voluntary Action in EN III.1’, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* Book III, Central European University, Budapest, July 2013

‘Psychology by Numbers: Plutarch’s *De an. procr.*, chs. 16-20, 31-33’, Workshop on Plutarch’s *De Anima Procreatione in Timaeo*, Central European University, Budapest, November 2012

‘How Plotinus’ Soul Animates his Body: The Soul-Trace at *Enn.* IV.4.18.1-9’, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 2008; Colloquium on ‘Hylomorphism in Late Antiquity’, LMU Munich, February 2012

Comment on J. Beere, Conference on ‘*Chóra* in Plato’s *Timaeus*’, HU Berlin, September 2011

‘Circular Motion in *De Caelo* I.4’, Workshop on Aristotle’s *De Caelo* Book I, Zadar, Croatia, September 2010; Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, February 2013

‘The Case for Incorporeal Matter in Plotinus and Simplicius’, Conference on ‘The Corollaries in Simplicius’ and Philoponus’ Commentaries on Aristotle’s *Physiis*’ HU Berlin, June 2010

‘On Intelligible Matter: *Enn.* II.4.4.11–20’, Plotinus Colloquium, Athens, May 2010

‘Desires and Proto-Desires in Plotinus’, HU Berlin, March 2009

‘Impassibility and Immateriality: Non-physical Change at *Enn.* III.6.2’, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2009

CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED

Organizer, Central New York Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, April 2019

Co-organizer (with Kara Richardson), Conference ‘Ancient Greek and Classical Arabic Psychology’, Syracuse University, August 2018

Organizer, Central New York Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, April 2017

Co-organizer (with Christian Pfeiffer), Workshop on ‘Aristotle’s *On Ideas*’, LMU Munich, July 2016

Organizer, Workshop on Natural Law in Ancient Philosophy, LMU Munich, November 2014

Co-chair (with Damian Caluori), ‘*Aporia* in Late Platonism’, Panel at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2014

Co-organizer (with Jacob Rosen), Conference ‘Changing Places: The Physics and Metaphysics of Space in Aristotle’, HU Berlin, October 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Cambridge University Press*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, and *Apeiron*

GRANTS

Loeb Classical Library Fellowship, 2019-2020

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)

German (good speaking and writing)

French (reading knowledge)

Italian (reading knowledge)

Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)

Latin (reading knowledge)