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Area of Specialization: Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Life and Death, Buddhist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy (including Philosophy of Education, Race and Feminist Philosophy)

Employment

Assistant Professor: University of Chicago Department of Philosophy	July 2021-present
Affiliated Faculty:	
Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture	
Center for Hellenic Studies	

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Cornell University 2021

Dissertation: *Classifying Difference and Value: The Metaphysics of Kinds and the Search for the Good in Plato's Philebus*

Committee: Rachana Kamtekar (Chair), Tad Brennan, Scott MacDonald, Julia Annas (External)

M.A., Philosophy, University of Arizona 2017

B.A. with High Honors, Philosophy and Classical Studies, Swarthmore College 2015

Research

Forthcoming

- Review of Kevin Corrigan, *A less familiar Plato: from Phaedo to Philebus*, Cambridge University Press, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*.
- "A Story of Corruption: False Pleasures and the Methodological Critique of Hedonism in Plato's *Philebus*", *Ancient Philosophy* volume 44, no.2, fall 2024.

Published

- "Plato's Scientific Feminism: Collection and Division in *Republic V*'s 'First Wave'" (with Rachana Kamtekar), in *Handbook of Women and Ancient Greek Philosophy*, eds. Sara Brill and Catharine McKeen, Routledge Publishing, 217-234, 2024.
- "Plato, *Sophist* 259c7-d7: Contrary Predication and Genuine Refutation", *The Classical Quarterly*, volume 73, no.1, 66-77, 2023.
- "Division and Proto-Racialism in the *Statesman*", in *misReading Plato: Continental and Psychoanalytic Glimpses Beyond the Mask*, eds. Matthew Clemente, Bryan J. Cocchiara, and William J. Hendel, Routledge Publishing, 188-201, 2022.
- "Plato on Natural Kinds: The Promethean Method of the *Philebus*", *Apeiron*, volume 55, no.2, 305-327, 2022.
- "Ethical Narratives and Oppositional Consciousness", *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, volume 20, no.3, 11-15, spring 2021.
- "The Cause of Cosmic Rotation in Aristotle's *Metaphysics* xii 6-7", *Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 40, no.2, 349-367, fall 2020.

Under Review

A paper on pleasure and the metaphysics of kinds in Plato's *Philebus*

A paper on summoner perceptions in *Republic VII*

Work in Progress

A paper on dialectic in Plato's *Sophist* (R&R)

A paper on pure pleasure in Plato's *Philebus* (R&R)

A paper on the philosophy of race and race in Greek antiquity (co-authored with Patricia Marechal)

Book monograph, *Freeing the Mind: Plato on Psychological Liberation*

Edited volume, *Crafting Race in Plato and Aristotle*, co-editor with Patricia Marechal (Under Contract with Oxford University Press)

Select Presentations *=Refereed

"Ancient Greek Philosophy of Race", with Patricia Marechal, *Phaenomenologicum Collegium*, Citta di Castello, Umbria, Italy, 07/25

"Ancient Greek Philosophy of Race", with Patricia Marechal, Panel on *Crafting Race in Plato and Aristotle*, Eastern APA, New York, 01/25

* "Summoning Intelligence as Psychological Liberation: Stages of Reality in Plato, *Republic VII*", UNAM Workshop on Metaphysics and Epistemology in the *Republic*, 06/204

"Psychological Liberation", Panel on *The Reach of Ancient Ethics*, Pacific APA, Portland, 03/24

* "The Knowledge of Free People': Dialectic, Intelligibility, and Liberation in Plato's *Sophist*", Eastern APA, New York, Symposium, 01/24

* "Calling Up Intelligence as Cognitive Liberation: *Republic* 523a-524b and 515c-516c", Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy meeting at the Society for Classical Studies, Chicago 01/24

* "Education for Whose Freedom? Elitism in Platonic and Athenian Pedagogy", North American Association for Philosophy & Education, Mundelein, IL, 10/23

"Seeing the Bigger Picture in the Digression of Plato's *Theaetetus*", University of Nebraska, Omaha, Conference on Natural Kinds, 10/23

* "The Knowledge that Free People Have': Dialectic, Intelligibility, and Liberation in Plato's *Sophist*", UC San Diego History of Philosophy Roundtable, 10/23

* "Calling Up Intelligence as Cognitive Liberation: *Republic* 523a-524b and 515c-516c", Pacific APA, San Francisco, Colloquium, 04/23

* "Freeing the Mind: Plato and the Politics of Cognitive Liberation", Caribbean Philosophy Association, 20th meeting, *Shifting the Geography of Reason: Philosophy, Literature, and Liberation*, Michigan State University, 10/22

* "The Knowledge that Free People Have': Dialectic as Cognitive Liberation in Plato's *Sophist*", Ancient Philosophy Society, Penn State, 04/22

"On Nature and Theory in Plato", Franke Institute, University of Chicago, 01/22

* "Race and Division in Plato's *Statesman*", Psychology and the Other, Virtual, 09/21

"Collection and Division in Plato's Feminism" (with Rachana Kamtekar), Summer Workshop on Women & Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virtual, 06/21

"The Metaphysics of Kinds and Plato's Revisionary Naturalizing Project", Wayne State Plato Symposium, Virtual, 05/21

"What is Philosophical Writing?" (with Amy Ramirez), Cornell MAP Teaching Workshop, Virtual, 03/21

* "Education as Awakening or Assimilation?", Eastern APA Teaching Hub Poster Session, Virtual, 01/21

- * “Ethical Narratives about Class in Higher Education: A Reply to Morton”, North American Association for Philosophy & Education, Virtual, 09/20
- * “The Metaphysics of Socrates’ Anti-Hedonism: *Philebus* 12c1-13d8”, Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Villanova University, 03/19
- * “The Good as a Power”, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the Eastern APA, New York, 01/19
- Aristotle, *Generation and Corruption* I.1 314a1-315a3, Cornell Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 08/18
- * “The Good as a Power”, St. Andrews Annual Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, 06/18
- * “The House of the Good: A Special Kind of Cause in the *Philebus*”, Eastern APA, Colloquium, Savannah GA, 01/18
- Aristotle, *Eudemian Ethics* VIII, 1249a17-end, Cornell Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 08/17
- * “The House of the Good: A Special Kind of Cause in the *Philebus*”, University of Chicago Graduate Student Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 04/17
- Aristotle, *Eudemian Ethics* VII.7-9, with Jeremy Reid, Cornell Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 08/16

Comments

- Freya Möbus and Justin Vlasits, “Division and Animal Sacrifice in Plato’s *Statesman*”, West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University, 06/23
- Thomas Slabon, “Plato on Learning to Be Good: Typological Character Formation in Republic II-III”, West Coast Plato Workshop, Stanford University, 05/22
- Thomas Slabon, “Wisdom and Vision: Re-Viewing an Overlooked Analogy in *Protrepticus* X”, Central APA, Colloquium, 02/22
- Philip Yaure, “‘This Multiform Composite Nationality:’ Emancipation and Empire in Frederick Douglass’ Pan-American Republic”, Workshop on Social Ontologies of Oppression, Care, and Solidarity, University of Illinois Chicago, 02/22
- Max Robitzsch, “The Epicurean Classification of Desires Revisited”, Eastern APA, Colloquium, Philadelphia PA, 01/20
- Brennan McDavid, “Meddling in the Work of Another”, Pacific APA, Symposium, San Diego CA, 04/18
- Katherine Meadows, “Teleology in *Metaphysics* Θ.8”, Virginia Tech Workshop in Ancient Greek Philosophy, 04/18

Teaching

University of Chicago

Plato’s <i>Parmenides</i>	Spring 2024 (grad)
Ancient Greek Philosophy of Race and Ethnicity	Winter 2024 (grad/undergrad)
History of Philosophy I	Autumn 2023 (undergrad)
Philosophical Perspectives	Autumn 2023 (undergrad)
Introduction to Philosophy of Life and Death	Summer 2023 (pre-college)
Philosophy of Life and Death	Spring 2023 (undergrad)
Ideology, Knowledge, and Nature in Plato and Aristotle	Winter 2023 (grad)
Plato on Knowledge	Autumn 2022 (grad/undergrad)
Philosophical Perspectives	Autumn 2022 (undergrad)
Introduction to Philosophy of Life and Death	Summer 2022 (pre-college)
Philosophy of Life and Death	Winter 2022 (undergrad)
Plato’s <i>Philebus</i>	Winter 2022 (grad)

Plato on Knowledge	Autumn 2021 (grad/undergrad)
Philosophical Perspectives	Autumn 2021 (undergrad)

*University of Chicago: Individual Tutorials

Reading & Research: Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i> in Translation	Winter 2024 (grad)
Reading & Research: Plato's <i>Sophist</i> in Greek	Spring 2023 (grad)
Reading & Research: Plato's <i>Parmenides</i> in Greek	Spring 2022 (grad)

Cornell University (always undergraduate courses)

Philosophy of Life	Spring 2021
The Ethics of Dying in Ancient Philosophy	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
Discussions of Justice: Democracy Now	Spring 2019
Introduction to Philosophy (TA)	Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Introduction to Deductive Logic (TA)	Spring 2018
Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (TA)	Fall 2017

University of Arizona (always undergraduate courses)

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation	Summer 2017
History of Moral and Political Philosophy	Summer 2016
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (TA)	Fall 2016
Philosophy of Happiness (TA)	Fall 2015

Service

Departmental

Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee	2023-24
Renewal Committee	2023-24
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2023-24
Second Reader, BA Thesis (2x)	2023-24
Co-sponsor, Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop	2022-24
Committee for Junior Hire Search	2022-23
Committee for Graduate Professionalization and Pedagogy	2022-23
Second Reader, BA Thesis (2x)	2021-22
Committee for Junior Hire Search	2021-22

Student Supervision

MA Thesis, Qianxun Feng	2023-24
MA Thesis, Sudeeti Mantraraj	2022-23
MA Thesis, Qianxun Feng	2022-23
BA Thesis, Kaden Chuang	2022-23
MA Thesis, Jiakai Zhang	2021-22

Profession

Reviewer, <i>Ancient Philosophy</i> (1x)	2024
Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation (1x)	2024
Reviewer, Bloomsbury Publishing (1x)	2023
Reviewer, <i>Ancient Philosophy Today</i> (1x)	2023
Co-organizer, Workshop on Ancient Greek Philosophy of Race	June 2023
Reviewer, <i>The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition</i> (1x)	2022

Reviewer, Routledge Publishing (1x)	2021
Reviewer, <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> (1x)	2021

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

Fellowships

Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, *Residential Faculty Fellowship* AY 2024-25
 Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, University of Chicago, *Research Fellowship* (with Patricia Marechal), AY 2023-25

Cornell University, *Sage School Fellowship*, AY 2020-21

University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, *Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Fellowship*, AY 2015-2017

Grants

Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, *Race at the Center of the Humanities*, 2023

Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, *Faculty and Postdoctoral Publication Support*, 2023

Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, *Event Grant*, AY 2022-23

Cornell University, *Graduate School Travel Grant*, 2017, 2018, 2019

Awards

Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, *Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship*, 2015-2016
 Swarthmore College, *Brand Blanshard Prize*, 2015

Professional Association Memberships

American Philosophical Association

Ancient Philosophy Society

North American Association for Philosophy & Education

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Society for Classical Studies

Languages

English (native)

Ancient Greek (reading)

Latin (reading)

French (reading)