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Education

- 1982-87 Cornell University (Joint Program in Philosophy and Classics)
Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 1987
- 1979-82 University of Toronto
B.A. with high distinction (Philosophy and Greek) 1982
- 1977-79 Dawson College, Montreal
Diplôme des Études Collégiales, 1979.

Academic Appointments

- 1994- University of Pennsylvania
Professor of Philosophy 2008- (*retired 2022*)
Associate Professor of Philosophy 1994-2008
- 1987-94 Harvard University
Associate Professor of Philosophy and of the Classics 1991-94
Assistant Professor of Philosophy and of the Classics 1987-91

Administrative Appointments (University of Pennsylvania)

- 2016-2021 Chair, Undergraduate Program in Philosophy
2008-2015 Chair, Department of Philosophy
1996-2001 Chair, Graduate Group in Philosophy

Academic Awards

- 1994-95 NEH Fellowship for University Teachers
- 1991 Hoopes Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching,
Harvard University
- 1990 NEH Fellowship for University Teachers
- 1986-87 Josephine de Kármán Fellowship
- 1983-86 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Doctoral Fellowship
- 1983-84 Susan Linn Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 1982-83 Sage Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University
- 1982 Edward Wilson Gold Medal in Classics, University of Toronto.

Professional Service

Editorial Board, *Revue de philosophie ancienne* (2022-)

Advisory Board, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* (2021-)

North American co-editor, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2015-20)
Editorial Board (2020-)

Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2014-15).
Governing Board (2014-15)

Board of Directors, *The Plato Dialogue Project* (2014 -)

Advisory Board, *International Studies in Ancient Moral and Political Philosophy*
(Akademia Verlag) (2011 -)

Board of Directors, *Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium* (2009-2016)

Secretary, *New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* (1989-1996)

Occasional Referee:

American Philosophical Quarterly, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Classical Antiquity*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Classical World*, *DIALOGUE*, *Elenchos*, *Ethics*, *Études Platoniciennes*, *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Illinois Classical Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Mnemosune*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Phronesis*, *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, *Transactions of the American Philological Association*.

Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press,
Southwest Philosophical Society, Yale University Press, *West Coast Plato Workshop*,
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).

External Thesis examiner: *PhD*: University of Toronto (2010), Columbia University (2015, 2022), Université de Lausanne (2015), Macquarie University (2019), University of Oslo (2020), University of Colorado Boulder (2022). *Undergraduate*: Swarthmore College (1997, 2002),.

External Department Reviewer: Kutztown University Philosophy Department (March 2014); Williams College Philosophy Department (March 2013)

Panelist: National Endowment for the Humanities (1992); American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Advisory Committee to the Program Committee, (1995-8, 2014-15)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

How to Flourish: An Ancient Guide to Living Well. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2023). Pp. xxii, 302. An abridged translation of Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, with explanatory comments.

Reviewed in [The New Yorker](#) July 3, 2023; [Five Books](#) (Notable Nonfiction) April-May-June 2023.

Plato's Statesman: A Philosophical Discussion. Edited by P. Dimas, M. Lane, and S. S. Meyer. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021). Pp. xii, 217 + indices.

Reviewed in [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#) 4 March 2022.

Virtue, Happiness, and Knowledge, edited by D. O. Brink, C. Shields, and S. S. Meyer. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, July 2018). Pp. vii, 304 + indices.

Plato: Laws Books 1 and 2, translated with a commentary. The Clarendon Plato Series. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015) Pp. xiv, 361. Published in *Oxford Scholarly Editions Online*: January 2019.

Reviewed in [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#) 5/23/16; in [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#) 2016.06/26; and in *Mnemosyne* 70.6 (2017) 1059-72.

Ancient Ethics. (London and New York: Routledge, 2008). Pp. xi, 244.

Aristotle on Moral Responsibility: Character and Cause. (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1993). Pp. xii, 210. Reissued with a new introduction (Oxford University Press, 2011), Pp. xxv, 210.

Essays:

"Fate and Human Action in Stoicism" in *The Oxford Handbook to Hellenistic Philosophy*, edited by Nathan Powers and Jacob Klein. Oxford University Press. (at press).

"Freedom, willing servitude, and the limits to autonomy in Plato's *Laws*" in *Platonic Autonomy: Self-determination, Unity and Cooperation*, edited by O. Petterson and P. Remes (eds), *Platonic Autonomy*. Cambridge University Press (at press)

"Plato and Raz on the Rule of Law," *Synthesis: Journal for Philosophy* 1(3) November 2023, 91-110. <https://synthesisonline.net/ancient-philosophy-in-dialogue/>

"Civic Freedom in Book 3 of Plato's *Laws*," *POLIS: The journal for Greek and Roman Political Thought* 38.3 (2021): 512-534.

"Involuntary Wrongdoing and Responsibility in Plato," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 103.1 (July, 2021): 228-233.

- “[Plato’s *Statesman*:] Structure and methods of the dialogue” in *Plato’s Statesman: A Philosophical Discussion*, edited by P. Dimas, M. Lane, and S. S. Meyer. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021), 13-18.
- “Aspiration and Internalism,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 102.2 (2021): 475-480.
- “The *Laws*” in G. Fine, ed., *The Oxford Handbook to Plato*, 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019), 359-378.
- “Why Pleasure and Knowledge are not the Good: *Philebus* 20b-23b1” in *Plato’s Philebus: a Philosophical Discussion*, edited by P. Dimas, R. E. Jones, and G. R. Lear. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019) 55-70.
- “Passion, Impulse, and Action in Stoicism” *Rhizōmata* 6.1 (2018): 109-134.
- “Self-Mastery and Self-Rule in Plato’s *Laws*” in D. Brink, C. Shields, and S. S. Meyer, (eds.) *Virtue, Happiness, and Knowledge*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018) 97-109.
- “Der Begriff der Verantwortung in der Antike und im Mittelbar” (with Jeffrey P. Hause). In *Handbuch: Verantwortung*, edited by L. Heidbrink, C. Langbehn, J. Loh. *Springer Reference Sozialwissenschaften*. Wiesbaden: Springer. Springer VS, Wiesbaden. 2017, pp. 87-109. Published online at https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-06110-4_5.
- “Aristotle on Moral Motivation,” in *Moral Motivation* ed. Iakovos Vasiliou. Series, *Oxford Philosophical Concepts*. Oxford University Press (2016), 44-66.
- “Aristotle on What is up to Us and what is Contingent.” in P. Destrée, R. Salles, and M. Zingano (eds). *What is Up to Us? Studies on Agency and Responsibility in Ancient Philosophy*. Academia Verlag (2014), 75-89.
- “Divine Creation and Human Responsibility in Plato’s *Timaeus*.” *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* XXIX (2014), 55-69.
- “Emotion and the Emotions” [with Adrienne Martin]. In Roger Crisp, (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook to the History of Ethics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013: 638-671.
- “Pleasure, Pain, and ‘Anticipation’ in Plato’s *Laws*, Book I,” *Presocratics and Plato: A Festschrift in Honor of Charles H. Kahn*, ed. R. Patterson, V. Karasmanis and A. Hermann. Las Vegas, Nevada: Parmenides Publishing 2012: 349-366.
- “Voluntariness, Morality, and Causality.” New Introduction to *Aristotle on Moral Responsibility*, reissued by Oxford University Press, 2011: xiii-xxv.

- “Living for the sake of an Ultimate End” in *Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics: A Critical Guide*, edited by Jon Miller. Cambridge University Press: 2011, 47-65.
- “Legislation as a Tragedy: on Plato, *Laws* VII 817a-b” in *Plato and the Poets*, edited by Pierre Destrée & Fritz-Gregor Herrmann. Brill, *Mnemosune Supplements* Volume 328. Leiden/Boston 2011, 387-402.
- “Chain of Causes: What is Stoic Fate?” in Ricardo Salles, ed., *God and Cosmos in Stoicism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 71-90.
- “Plato on the Law” *A Companion to Plato*, ed. Hugh Benson. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2006: 373-87.
- “Aristotle on the Voluntary” in *The Blackwell Guide to Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics*, edited by Richard Kraut. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2006: 137-57.
- “Class Assignment and the Principle of Specialization in Plato’s *Republic*.” *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, Volume 20. Edited by John J. Cleary and Gary Gurtler. Leiden: Brill, Summer 2005: 229-43.
- “Plato on the Moral Dangers of Labour and Commerce”, *Plato’s Laws: From Theory into Practice. Proceedings of the VI Symposium Platonicum*, edited by Luc Brisson and Samuel Scolnicov. International Plato Series. Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag, 2003: 207-14
- “Les dangers moraux du travail et du commerce chez Platon” *Les Lois de Platon. Revue Francaise d’histoire des idées politiques* 16 (2) 2002 (Paris: Librairie Picard), 387-397.
- "Fate, Fatalism, and Agency in Stoicism." *Social Philosophy and Policy* vol. 16, No. 2 (Summer, 1999) 250-273
- Reprinted in *Responsibility*, edited by E. F. Paul, F. D. Miller, and J. Paul. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999: 250-73.
- “Ethics and the History of Philosophy.” (A Critical Discussion of Jennifer Whiting and Stephen Engstrom, eds., *Aristotle, Kant, and the Stoics: Rethinking Happiness and Duty*). *Apeiron* Volume 31, No. 1 (March 1998) 75-89.
- “Moral Responsibility: Aristotle and After.” *Companions to Ancient Thought, Vol. 4: Ethics*. Edited by Stephen Everson. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 1998) 211-240.
- “Aristotle.” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy Supplement*. Edited by Donald M. Borchert. (New York: Macmillan Publishing, 1996) 37-9.

“Self-Movement and External Causation.” *Self-Motion from Aristotle to Newton*, edited by Mary Louise Gill and James G. Lennox (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994) 65-80.

“Aristotle, Teleology, and Reduction.” *The Philosophical Review* 101, (1992), 791-825.
Reprinted in:
T. H. Irwin, ed. (1995) *Classical Philosophy: Collected Papers*, Vol. VII
Aristotle: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Natural philosophy, New York: Garland
Publishing: 81-115.

L. P. Gerson (ed) (1999) *Aristotle: Critical Assessments* Vol. II, London:
Routledge: 90-117.

Subject of a panel discussion. *Aristotle's Teleology: the State of the Question*,
with invited commentators Allan Gotthelf and Mohan Matthen. American
Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, March 30 1995.

“Why Involuntary Actions are Painful.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 27
Supplement (1988), 127-158. *Proceedings of the 1988 Spindel Conference:
Aristotle's Ethics*.

“Unmoved Movers, Form, and Matter.” *Philosophical Topics* 15 (1987), 171-196.

Book Reviews

Sylvain Delcomminette, *Platon, Philèbe, Introduction, traduction, et commentaire*.
Forthcoming in *Laval théologique et philosophique* (2024).

André Laks, *Plato's second republic: an Essay on the Laws*. *Review of Metaphysics*
LXXVII (2) December 2023.

Marcus Folch, *The City and the Stage: Performance, Genre, and Gender in Plato's
Laws*. *The American Journal of Philology* 140 (4) 2019: 715-718.

Malcolm Schofield (ed.) and Tom Griffith (trans.), *Plato: The Laws*. Cambridge Texts in
the History of Political Thought. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2018.03.49](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X1800049) (25
March 2018).

Klaus Schöpsdau, *Nomoi (Gesetze) Buch VIII-XII. Übersetzung und Kommentar*. (Platon
Werke. Übersetzung und Kommentar. IX.2.). *Gnomon* 90:1 (2018) 80-82.

Javier Echeñique, *Aristotle's Ethics and Moral Responsibility*. *The Philosophical Review*
124 (4). October 2015, pp. 577-580.

Sandrine Berges, *Plato on Virtue and the Law*. *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, September
2013. [http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=JHS&volumeId=-
1&issueId=](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=JHS&volumeId=-1&issueId=)

Michael Frede, *A Free Will: Origins of the Notion in Ancient Thought*. *Classical World*

106 (3) 2013, 535-536.

A. W. Price, *Virtue and Reason in Plato and Aristotle*. *Ethics* 123 (3) April 2013, 572-577.

Christopher Bobonich, ed. *Plato's Laws: A Critical Guide*. *Classical Review* 62.1 (2012) 73-75.

Christopher Bobonich and Pierre Destrée (eds), *Akrasia in Greek Philosophy: from Socrates to Plotinus*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 2008)
<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=12183>.

Susanne Bobzien, *Determinism and Freedom in Stoic Philosophy*. *The Philosophical Review* 112.3 (2003) 405-9.

Helen S. Lang, *The Order of Nature in Aristotle's Physics: Place and the Elements*. *Classical World* 93.6 (2000) 639-41.

Nickolas Pappas, *Plato and the Republic*. *Mind* Vol. 108, No. 431 (July 1999), 601-6.

Jonathan Barnes, *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, Volume 80.1 (1998) 110-13.

David Bostock, *Aristotle's Metaphysics: Books Z and H*. *The Philosophical Review* (104) 1995: 579-83.

David Charles, *Aristotle's Philosophy of Action*. *The Philosophical Review* 97 (1988), 411-16.

Editorial work:

M. Frede, "The EPH' HEMIN in Ancient Philosophy" (edited from the holograph manuscript and published in "Aristotle on What is up to Us and what is Contingent." in P. Destrée, R. Salles, and M. Zingano (eds). *What is Up to Us? Studies on Agency and Responsibility in Ancient Philosophy*. Academia Verlag (2014), 351-363; Originally published posthumously in *ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΙΑ* 37 (2007) 110-23.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under review:

"A prelude for humans in Plato's *Laws*" (under review)

"Clarifying the human soul and its virtues: 1219b26-1220b20". Proceedings of the 2017 *Symposium Aristotelicum on Eudemian Ethics*, book 2, edited by H. Lorenz and B. Morriison.

In preparation:

Plato: Laws 3, 4, and 5: translation and commentary. Clarendon Plato Series.

Under contract to Oxford University Press

Plato's Phaedrus: A Philosophical Discussion (The Plato Dialogue Project). Edited by Ch. Horn, P. Destrée, and S. Meyer.

"Virtue, Goals, and *Phronēsis*: evidence from the social and natural virtues"

Media

Podcast interviews

In Search of Wisdom, [6 September 2023](#);

The Daily Stoic, [28 June 2023](#);

The Godly Life, [21 October 2022](#).

Blog posts:

“Aristotelian virtues for social media”. Princeton University Press Ideas, [23 June 2023](#).

“Seders, Symposiums, and Drinking Parties.” OUPblog.com, [31 October 2015](#).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

“Freedom and servitude in Plato’s *Laws*.”

- Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale University. 7 November 2023.
- Penn alumni workshop in ancient philosophy [Zoom]. 3 November 2023.

“On the extraordinary career of Charles Kahn (1928-2023).” Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania. 6 October 2023.

On *Alcibiades* 129a-132b. [The Open Plato Project](#). Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC. 1 July 2023.

“Plato on the rule of law in the *Statesman*.” Keynote lecture, West Coast Plato Workshop. University of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona. 25 June 2023.

“Plato on writing laws: perspectives on the *Laws* from the *Phaedrus*.” Stanford University, conference on ancient Greek philosophy of law. 13 May 2023.

“The ergon argument and the division of the soul in Aristotle’s *Eudemian Ethics*.” Invited lecture (Zoom). Renmin University of China, 9 March 2023.

“A Prelude for Humans in Plato’s *Laws*.”

- The B club, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 2 February 2023
- Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, 6 February 2023

Comments on Terence Irwin, “Aristotle on legal and moral responsibility: interpretation and reform.” University of Hull, Conference on ancient philosophy of law. 21 January 2023.

“Epistemic Virtues in Aristotle.” Invited Symposium paper, *IXe Congrès, Société de Philosophie Analytique: Neuchâtel, 20 July 2022*.

“A Prelude for Humans in Plato’s *Laws*.”

- Shaanxi Normal University, School of Philosophy and Government (Xi’an) 10 May 2022 [via Zoom].
- Penn Normative Philosophy Group, 14 September 2022.
- Penn alumni ancient philosophy works in progress group, 14 October 2022.

“Plato’s defense of the rule of law in the *Statesman*”

- Ancient Philosophy in Dialogue, Università di Roma <<Tor Vergata>> 25 March 2022 [via Zoom].
- Penn Normative Philosophy Group 15 March 2022 [via Zoom].

“Impulse and Emotion in Stoicism.” Yale University (guest appearance in seminar of David Charles) 23 February 2022 [via Zoom].

“On Translating Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*.” New York University, Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress, December 10, 2021 [via Zoom].

“Human Nature in the Grand Prelude to the *Laws*.” KEYNOTE lecture for workshop “Πάθος και Νόμος.” Université Libre de Bruxelles. October 21, 2021.

“Civic Freedom in Plato’s *Laws*.” Penn Normative Philosophy Group, 26 January 2021 [via Zoom].

“Civic Freedom, Wisdom, and Friendship in Plato’s *Laws* Book 3.” University of Oslo, workshop in Ancient Philosophy, 16 October 2020 [via Zoom].

“Freedom and the Rule of Law in Plato.” Penn Normative Philosophy Group, 23 September 2020 [via Zoom].

“Platonic Political Theory from the *Republic* to the *Laws*.” Mini lecture at Philosophy Department Opening Symposium, 11 September 2021 [via Zoom].

“Stoic Moderation: comments in honour of Lawrence C. Becker” The American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago. 27 February 2020.

“Completeness and Self Sufficiency: *EN* 1.7a” Workshop: Aristotle on Virtue and Happiness, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. 14 February 2020.

“Fate and Human Action in Stoicism” (with comments by Andrew Melnyk). The 2019 Kline Workshop, University of Missouri, Columbia. 18 October 2019.

“Aristotle on transforming one’s character”

- Boston University, Institute for Philosophy and Religion. 18 September 2019.
- Renmin University of China, public lecture. 28 October 2019.

“Two Questions about the Rule of Law in Plato”

- Conference: Legislation and Lawgiving: philosophical perspectives on antiquity. École Normale Supérieure, Paris, 10-12 June 2019.
- Columbia University, Classical Dialogues series, November 15, 2019.
- Renmin University of China, Conference Law and Virtue in Ancient Philosophy. Beijing, 26 October 2019.

“Freedom and the rule of Law in Plato’s *Laws*.” Conference: Power and Knowledge in Plato and the Platonic Tradition. Uppsala University. 22-24 May 2019.

“Virtue in Plato’s *Laws*.” University of Maryland, College Park. 2 May 2019.

Comments on Katy Meadows, “Aristotle’s Priority in the *Metaphysics*.” Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy. University of Toronto. March 22-23, 2019.

Author meets critic session. Comments on Rachana Kamekar, *Plato’s Moral Psychology*. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting. 8 January 2019.

“Nature Virtue and Social Virtue in Aristotle.” Keynote lecture, Humboldt University, Berlin. 4th Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers. 6 December 2018.

“Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* 8.1”. Workshop on Book 8 of Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*, Union College, Schenectady NY, 19-20 October 2018.

“Fate and what is ‘up to us’ in Stoicism.” Conference on Hellenistic Philosophy, Colgate University. August 20-22, 2018.

“Passion, Impulse, and Action in Stoicism.” Invited presentation to Ancient Philosophy Works-in-Progress workshop, 9 March 2018.

Comments on Dominic Scott, *Levels of Argument: a comparative study of Plato’s Republic and Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics*. Author-meets-critics session (with Gabriel Richardson Lear). American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, 23 February 2018.

“Impulse and Action in Stoicism” 5th Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of California, Riverside. 3 February, 2018.

“Raw virtue and its refinements in Plato’s *Laws*.” University of Colorado, Boulder. 26

January 2018.

“Pleasure and the Good Life.” Kings College English House, University of Pennsylvania, 16 November 2017.

“Why Pleasure and Knowledge are not the Good in Plato’s *Philebus*.” Invited presentation to Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy. Columbia University, 30 October 2017.

“On Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* V.7” Workshop on Aristotle’s Ethics, Catholic University of America. October 12-13, 2017.

“Proceeding to Clarity about Virtue: the methods of ethics in EE 2.1-2” Symposium Aristotelicum, hosted by Princeton University, Athens, July 24-29, 2017.

“Aristotle on the Voluntary” Workshop on Character and Responsibility Erlangen (Germany) April 6-7, 2017.

“Passions and other Actions in Stoicism”. Workshop on Hellenistic Philosophy. University of Toronto, March 3-4, 2017.

“Plato on the Evaluation of Music”. Conference on Ancient Music. L’Université Catholique de Louvain, December 15-16, 2016.

“Plato on the Perfection of the Good” Conference *Perfectionism Ancient and Modern*. UC San Diego, November 18-19, 2016.

“Aristotle on the Structure of Virtuous Motivation.”

- Yale University Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, November 4, 2017.
- University of Pittsburgh, Program in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science, October 31, 2016.
- Loyola University Chicago (October 6-7), 2016

“Virtue, Goals, and *Phronēsis*: the case of the social and natural virtues.” Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Pennsylvania, September 16, 2016.

"Plato’s *Philebus* on why Pleasure and Knowledge are not the Good". Invited symposium, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, 28 July 2016.

“Virtue, Goals, and *Phronēsis*.” Renmin University, Beijing. 22 July 2016. Invited paper. First annual Renmin University-Princeton University-Ludwig Maximilian University Conference on Ancient Greek Philosophy: Aristotle’s Moral Psychology. School of Philosophy, Renmin University, July 22-25, 2016.

"The Structure of Aristotelian Motivation: the case of social virtue." Invited paper. 2nd Annual NYU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy. May 13-14, 2016;

"Passions and other Actions in Stoicism." Invited symposium paper. The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. March 31, 2016.

"Plato's Cyclopes and the Utopian Past". Invited presentation at International Conference: "Utopias in Ancient Thought", KU (Katholieke Universiteit) Leuven, Belgium. March 10-12, 2016.

"Why Pleasure and Knowledge are not the Good". Seminar. University of Utrecht, March 8, 2016.

"Stoic Desires." Invited lecture, University of Utrecht, March 7 2016.

"Aristotle on the give and take of social engagement: EN IV.6, 1126b28-1127a12." Workshop on Virtue and Emotion in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* IV.5-9. Union College, Schenectady NY. October 16-17, 2015).

"Goodness, pleasure, and knowledge in Plato's *Philebus* 20b-23b". Conference on Plato's *Philebus* (Plato Commentary Project), Spetses, Greece. September 1-4, 2015.

"Impulse and Desire in Stoic Psychology".

- Conference on Stoic Metaphysics, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University June 23, 2015.
- Invited lecture, Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland. June 25, 2015.

"Plato on the Evaluation of Art". Keynote Lecture, Pennsylvania Circle in Ancient Philosophy. Pennsylvania State University, April 24, 2015.

"Plato: *Euthydemus* 288e-297c." New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. March 7, 2015.

"Affect and Impulse in the Stoic Doctrine of the Passions". The 38th Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Austin Texas February 20-21, 2015.

"On Plato, *Laws* X: 902c-905d." Workshop on *Laws* X. The Norwegian Institute at Athens, January 8 2015.

"Stoic Desire Cessation". Brown University Ethical Inquiry Series. November 13, 2014.

"Stoic Desires" (University of Wisconsin, Madison) May 9, 2014.

"Stoic *OREXIS*: the psychology of action and passion" The University of Chicago. May 14, 2014.

"Virtue and Self-Mastery in Plato's *Laws*." American Philosophical Association Central

- Division Meeting, Chicago. February 28, 2014.
- “Three things a wise judge of music must know: On Plato, *Laws* 669a7-b3.” Université Catholique de Louvain, *Plato and the Power of Images*. February 13-14, 2014.
- “Plato, *Republic* 601b9-602b11.” Workshop on *Republic* Book X. Norwegian Institute at Athens. January 9-11, 2014.
- “Self-Mastery and Self-Rule in Plato’s *Laws*.” Cornell University, *Ethics and Epistemology in the History of Philosophy*. September 21, 2013.
- “Affect and Impulse in the Stoic Doctrine of the Passions.” Oxford University, Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, May 16, 2013.
- “Aristotle on Moral Motivation” Conference on Moral Motivation, CUNY Graduate Center, New York City. April 20, 2013.
- “Plato on the Law” Widener University School of Law. Faculty Development Lecture series. February 25, 2013.
- “God is not to Blame: Divine Creation and Human Responsibility in Plato’s *Timaeus*”, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy Public lecture Nov 1, 2012.
- “Responsibility and Choice in Plato, *Republic* X (608b-621d)” Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy Seminar, College of the Holy Cross, Nov 1, 2012.
- “Virtue and Self-Mastery in Plato’s *Laws*.” University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy, October 18, 2012.
- “Aristotle on What is up to us.” University of Toronto, Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. October 19, 2012.
- “Goods to the Good: Plato on the Principles of Correct Poetry (*Laws* 660e-661e).” *Interpreting Plato: a conference in honour of Charles Kahn*. October 5, 2012.
- Comments on Juan Piñeros, “Preserving Goodness: The Place of the Practical Syllogism in Aristotle’s Account of Practical Reasoning.” Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy. University of Toronto, March 16, 2012.
- Arius Didymus on the Stoic Doctrine of Impulse (Stobaeus, Ecl. 2.7.9-10). New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. New York University. February 25, 2012.
- Comments on Bryan Reece, “The Voluntary in *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1.” APA Central Division. Chicago, February 17, 2012.

Comments on Terence Irwin, “Moral Goodness: The *kalon* and the *honestum*”. Princeton Classical Philosophy Colloquium. December 3, 2011.

“The ΕΦ ΗΜΙΝ and the Contingent in Aristotle’s *Eudemian Ethics* II 6.” 6th Ancient Philosophy Workshop. Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Mexico City. October 19-21, 2011.

“Chain of Causes: What is the Stoic thesis of Fate?”, Workshop on Causation and Necessity, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium. University of Pennsylvania, April 22, 2011.

Comments on Brooks Sommerville, “Aristotle on Unqualified Akrasia and the Pleasures of Touch”. Annual Workshop on Ancient Philosophy: 2011 topic: Aspects of Aristotle’s Ethics. University of Toronto, March 25-27, 2011.

Aristotle’s *Eudemian Ethics* II 3-5. New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. New York University. November 6, 2010.

“Irascible Passions,” Invited Plenary Lecture, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting. Fordham University, October 15, 2010.

“Emotions and Good Feelings in Stoicism” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy Colloquium, September 10, 2010.

Comments on Agnes Gellen Callard, “Aristotle on the Unity of Action”, Intellectual Virtues Workshop, University of North Carolina & Duke University, April 23-5, 2010.

“Stoic Emotions”, Department of Philosophy, Williams College, April 15, 2010.

“Plato: *Theaetetus* 142a-160e”, New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, October 10, 2009.

“Hope as an Irascible Passion [or: the audacity of hope]” Philosophers Lunch series, University of Pennsylvania, September 9, 2009.

“Pleasures and Pain in Plato’s *Laws* I”

- European Cultural Center, Delphi, Greece, June 2009. Festschrift conference in honour of Charles Kahn.
- Cornell University Graduate Program Visiting Philosopher series, November 13, 2009.
- Fordham University Philosophy Colloquium, December 7, 2009.

“Emotions in Plato,” Philosophers Lunch series, University of Pennsylvania, January 21, 2009.

“Aristotelian Motivation”, University of Richmond Philosophy Colloquium. September 18, 2008.

Comments on Edward Hinchman, “Norm as Fiction: Rhetorical not Metaphysical”, Workshop on Narrative and the Construction of the Self, University of Pennsylvania, March 29, 2008.

“Legislation as a Tragedy”, CUNY Graduate Center Philosophy Colloquium, March 19, 2008.

Comments on Gavin Lawrence, “Free time, the Olympian Restaurant, and the Path of Perfection”, The 41st annual Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. October 27, 2007.

“Ignorance in the *Prohairesis*.” Coloquio Internacional: Ação e Responsabilidade Moral em Aristoteles (EN III). University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. 20-22 September 2006.

“What is the Stoic Doctrine of Fate?” *Conference on Teleology: Ancient and Modern*. University of Toronto. August, 2005.

“Plato’s *Gorgias*” Joint presentation with Peter Struck to the Provost’s Faculty seminar on Ethics and the Professions. University of Pennsylvania, September 22, 2004.

“Teaching Aristotle’s *Ethics* and *Politics*”. Presentation to the faculty of the Core Curriculum, Columbia University. September 15, 2004.

“Plato on the Goal of Politics”, Harvard University. Boston Areas Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. Comments by Prof. Tad Brennan. April 22, 2004 (with companion seminar “Plato on the Natural Qualifications for Class Membership”, April 23).

Comments on Paula Gottlieb, “Aristotle on Moral Dilemmas” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, California (March 27, 2004).

“Democratic Citizenship as an Ethic of Freedom” Interdisciplinary faculty seminary on Ethics, University of Pennsylvania. April 24, 2003.

“How to Pursue Happiness,” colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania. February 28, 2003.

“Plato on What Makes a Life,” Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley State College, 7th Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference: *Narrative, Character, and Virtue: Ancient, Contemporary, and Religious Perspectives*. October 17, 2002.

Plenary Session: "Plato on the Moral Dangers of Labour and Commerce". *Symposium*

Platonicum VI: International Plato Society. Jerusalem, August 50-10, 2001.

Invited Symposium paper: "Plato on the Emotions", American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Minneapolis, May 5, 2001; commentator John Cooper.

"Plato on the Educational benefits of Drinking Parties: The Moral Psychology of *Laws* I and II" (University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy, March 23, 2001).

"Deliberation, Moral Rules, and the Mean: What Aristotle learned from Plato's Statesman." *A Sesquicentennial Conference: To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Department of Philosophy*, University of Toronto, April 28-29, 2000

"Deliberation, Moral Rules, and the Mean: What Aristotle learned from Plato's Statesman." Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania. October 15, 1999.

"What is the Stoic Thesis of Fate?"

- Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University, September 24, 1998
- Chicago Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Northwestern University, October 23, 1998.
- Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University, 13 Nov 1998.
- Department of Philosophy, McGill University March 6, 1998

"Ancient Causes: Fate, Fatalism and Agency in Stoicism" Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green, Ohio, Conference on Responsibility, April 16-18, 1998.

"Plato's 'Rude Mechanicals': Ordinary Morality in the *Republic* & *Laws*"

- Department of Philosophy, McGill University March 7, 1998
- Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, The Johns Hopkins 22 March 1997.
- Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania. 22 March 1996

"Necessity, Chance, Deliberation and Contingency: *De Interpretatione* 9 and Aristotle's Natural Philosophy," Conference on Aristotle's Dialectic, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 11-12, 1997.

"Platonic Emotions", Invited Symposium at American Philosophical Association Division Meetings, Atlanta, December 30, 1996. Commentary by Paula Gottlieb; session chaired by Martha Nussbaum.

"Pessimism and Postponement: Commentary on André Laks, 'Postponing the *Laws*'" (On Plato's *Laws*) Princeton Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, December 7-8, 1996.

"Civil Disobedience." Presentation to Panel discussion, with Professor Walter Licht, on "Civil Disobedience: Philosophical and Historical Reflections on an Idea of Martin Luther King" organized by Faculty of Arts and Science, Univ. of

- Pennsylvania and the Philomathean Society. 18 January 1996.
- 'Making Money in Plato's Republic.' Swarthmore College, Departments of Philosophy and Classics. November 16, 1995.
- "Aristotle's Teleology : The State of the Question" Panel, with commentary by Mohan Matthen and Allan Gotthelf: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, March 30, 1995.)
- Comments on T. H. Irwin, "Common Sense and Socratic Method" Methodos: A Conference on Ancient Scientific and Philosophical Method, Amherst College, April 8-10, 1994.
- 'Responsibility for Character: Its Scope and Significance in Aristotle'
- UCLA, Department of Philosophy, January 13, 1992;
 - University of Wisconsin/Madison, Department of Philosophy, April 10, 1992.
 - University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy, December 7, 1993.
 - University of Ottawa, Department of Philosophy, January 12, 1994.
- "Moral Responsibility: Aristotle and After," University of Connecticut, Department of Philosophy, March 22, 1991
- 'Self-Movement and Moral Responsibility in Aristotle', University of California at Berkeley, Department of Philosophy, February 7, 1991.
- 'Are the Opponents of Aristotle's Teleology Reductionist?', Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Baruch College, New York, October 27, 1990.
- 'Voluntariness, Praiseworthiness, and Character in Aristotle.' Middlebury College, Departments of Philosophy and Classics, October 5, 1990.
- Comments on David Sedley, 'Is Aristotle's Teleology Anthropocentric?' Cornell University, Philosophy Department, September 28, 1990.
- Comments on Cynthia Freeland, 'Perception, Appetition, and Self-Motion.' Conference on Self-Motion from Aristotle to Newton. University of Pittsburgh. February 24, 1990.
- Comments on John Cooper, 'Virtues and Values.' Cornell University, Department of Philosophy, January 26, 1990.
- 'Aristotle, Teleology, and Reduction.'
- Cornell University, Department of Philosophy, September 26, 1989;
 - Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy.
 - American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Atlanta. December 28, 1989.

'Aristotle on Habituation and Responsibility for Character.'

- Queen's University (Kingston), Department of Philosophy, March 30, 1989;
- Radcliffe College, Invited paper presented to N.E.H. Summer Seminar on Virtue (directed by Amélie Rorty), July 6, 1989.

'Why Forced Actions are Painful and How Mixed Actions are Mixed.' Spindel Conference 1988: Aristotle's Ethics. Memphis, October 20-22, 1988.

'Self-Movement, Character, and Moral Responsibility in Aristotle's Ethics.' M.I.T., Department of Philosophy and Linguistics, February 26, 1988.

Open access online Teaching

[Plato and his Predecessors](#). A four-week course. Penn Online learning. COURSERA. launched February, 2016. [32 lectures on the Presocratics and Plato]

[Aristotle and his Successors](#). A five-week course. Penn Online learning. COURSERA. launched February, 2016. [38 lectures on Aristotle, Epicurus, and the Stoics]

Conferences Organized

Happiness Ancient and Modern: reflections on the history of ethics. November 7-8, 2014, The University of Pennsylvania. Co-sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium and the Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania. Speakers: Terence Irwin (keynote), Hendrik Lorenz, Fay Edwards, David Brink.

The 37th Workshop in Ancient Philosophy April 4-5, 2014. Temple University and University of Pennsylvania in association with the joint program in Classical Philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin. (Co-organizer with David Wolfsdorf). Funded by the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, the University Research Foundation at the University of Pennsylvania, and the departments of Philosophy at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. Keynote speaker: Stephen Menn.

Interpreting Plato: A conference in honour of Charles Kahn. October 5-6, 2012. University of Pennsylvania. Funded by the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium and the School of Arts and Sciences and the University Research Foundation at the University of Pennsylvania. Speakers: Julia Annas (keynote), Christopher Bobonich, Vassilis Karasmanis, André Laks, Susan Meyer, David Wolfsdorf.

PhD Students Supervised at the University of Pennsylvania

Autumn Fiester (2000)

“Mistakes We Make: Perceptual Failure and the Moral Agent”

- Paul Litton (2003, *co-supervision with Rahul Kumar*)
 “Conditions of Responsibility: An Examination of First-person and Interpersonal Approaches”
- Myrna Gabbe (2005)
 “Aristotle's Theory of Cognition: The Agent Intellect Revisited”
- Rory Goggins (2005)
 “Divine Benevolence, Human Suffering: Providence and the Problem of Evil in Early Stoicism”
- Kevin Tracy (2006)
 “The Development of Dialectic from Aristotle to Chrysippus”
- Jason Rheins (2010) *co-supervision with Charles Kahn*
 “The Intelligible Creator God and the Intelligent Soul of the Cosmos in Plato’s Theology and Metaphysics”
- Anna Cremaldi (2010)
 “Deliberation in Aristotle’s Ethics and the Hippocratic Corpus”
- Krisanna Scheiter (2012)
 “Aristotle on the Emotions”
- Kathleen Harbin (2013)
 “*Nous* in Aristotle’s Ethics”
- Jan Maximilian Robitzch (2016)
 “Epicurean Justice and Law”
- Harold G. Parker (2017)
 “Why does Plato’s *Laws* exist?”
- Aditi Chaturvedi (2018)
 “Plato on *Harmonia*”
- Brian Reese (2019)
 “Self-mastery in Plato”
- Michael Vazquez (2020)
 “Practical Reasoning in Stoic Ethics”
- Stephanie Wesson (2022)
 “Aristotle on Rhetoric”
- Matthew Solomon (expected December 2023)
 “Aristotle on the *kalon*”

Dissertation Committees (UPenn unless noted otherwise)

Mi-Kyoung (Mitzi) Lee	PhD Harvard 1996	Plato and Protagoras
Mary-Hannah Jones	PhD 1997	Plato’s <i>Republic</i>
Jon McGinnis	PhD 2000	Aristotle and Avicenna

Michael McShane	PhD 2000	Plotinus
Satoshi Ogihara	PhD 2002	Plato's <i>Philebus</i>
Ece Erdivanli Yetis	PhD 2008	Xenophon and Socrates
Daniel Muñoz-Hutchinson	PhD 2009	Plotinus
Brad Berman	PhD 2011	Aristotle on the Elements
Nabeel Hamid	PhD 2018	Teleology in 17-18 th Centuries
Gagan Sapkota	PhD Colorado 2022	Aristotle's <i>Eudemian Ethics</i>
Mariana B. Noe	PhD Columbia 2022	Plato's <i>Laws</i>

Current dissertation committees:

Jiseob Yoon	(Princeton University)	Plato on law
Daniel Mackie	(UPenn)	Aristotle's hylomorphism