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RESEARCH

AOS: Ancient Greek Philosophy • Ethics • Moral Psychology
AOC: Social & Political Philosophy • Philosophy & Technology • Cognitive Science

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Michigan (2019-present)
- *Dissertation: Passionately Navigating the World: An Aristotelian Account*
- *Committee Members: Victor Caston (Philosophy & Classics, co-chair), Sarah Buss (Philosophy, co-chair), Peter Railton (Philosophy), Richard Janko (Classics)*
- M.A. Classics (Greek), University of Michigan (2019-present)
- M.A. Philosophy (2019), Western Michigan University
- B.A. Philosophy; Theological Languages: Greek, Hebrew, & German; Pre-Seminary Studies (2017), Concordia University Wisconsin, *Summa cum laude*.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Aristotle and the Bonds of Natural Slavery," forthcoming in *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*

UNDER REVIEW

1. An Aristotelian Model of Self-Control
2. Aristotle on the Function of Passions
3. Aristotle on Passions and Surprise

PRESENTATIONS

1. Aristotle and Affective Dilemmas
 - o March 2024, Ancient Philosophy Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop; Ann Arbor, MI
2. Affective Dilemmas: A Practical Guide
 - o April 2024, Keynote, Purdue Undergraduate Conference; West Lafayette, IN
 - o January 2025, Colloquium Speaker, Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, MI
3. Aristotle on the Function of Passions
 - o Dec 2023, Ancient Philosophy Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop; Ann Arbor, MI
 - o Dec 2023, Seminar on Ancient Greek Philosophical Psychology; West Lafayette, IN

4. An Aristotelian Model of Self-Control
 - March 2023, UT-Austin 46th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Austin, TX
 - Dec 2022, Ancient Philosophy Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop; Ann Arbor, MI
5. The Dreadful Mortal Soul in Plato's *Timaeus*
 - Feb 2023, Central APA Meeting; Denver, CO
6. Why Feel Fittingly?
 - Oct 2022, Graduate Student Working Group; Ann Arbor, MI
 - Aug 2021, Princeton-Michigan Metanormativity Conference; Remote
 - Nov 2021, Michigan Epistemology Works in Progress; Remote
7. The Epistemic Innocence of Emotion Regulation
 - Dec 2020, Mind and Moral Psychology Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop; Remote
 - Nov 2020, Michigan Epistemology Works in Progress; Remote
8. Emotions: Reasons to Search for Reasons or Reasons to Believe?
 - April 2019, Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference: Cross Currents: Affects, Sentiments and Emotions; Honolulu, HI.
9. Modal Realism and Two Arguments from Concern
 - Oct 2018, Central States Philosophical Association; Buffalo, NY
10. Diagnosing *Akrasia*: Harmonizing Aristotle's Diverging Accounts
 - Nov 2017, Ethics and Political, Social and Legal Annual Conference at UM-Flint
 - Feb 2018, University of California, Riverside 2nd Annual Graduate Conference; Riverside, CA

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 Charles L. Stevenson Prize, University of Michigan
 - *Awarded to one student each year for excellence in a dissertation dossier*
- 2019 All-University Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, Western Michigan University
 - *Awarded to the top three MA student instructors across the university*
- 2019 Philosophy Teaching Excellence Award, Western Michigan University
 - *Awarded to the top graduate student instructor in the philosophy department each year*
- 2019 Western Michigan University Graduate Humanities Best Paper Award
 - *Awarded for "Imagination, Philosophy, and Children."*
- 2017 Søren Kierkegaard Award, Concordia University Wisconsin
 - *Awarded by faculty to one graduating student in philosophy.*
- 2017 Moeller Award, Concordia University Wisconsin
 - *Awarded to one graduating student in Greek.*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021, 2022 Rackham Graduate School Interdisciplinary Workshop Grants, Mind & Moral Psychology
 - *Awarded by Rackham Graduate School to support interdisciplinary working groups. The Mind and Moral Psychology group organizes research collaboration, reading groups, works-in-progress talks, conferences, and invited external speakers.*

- 2020 Rackham Graduate School Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant, Ancient Philosophy
- *The Ancient Philosophy group organizes research collaboration, Greek reading groups, works-in-progress talks, conferences, and invited external speakers.*
- 2019 Berry Fund for Public Philosophy, American Philosophical Association (with Charlie Kurth)
- *Awarded to support the growth initiatives of the WMU Lyceum, a free, weeklong philosophy-themed summer camp for high school students in Kalamazoo, MI. Learn more [here](#).*
- 2018 Digital Humanities Grant for Oxford Special Divine Action Project
- *Awarded through Western Michigan University. Curated digital collections of historical texts and worked on an [influence map](#) for the University of Oxford's Special Divine Action Project.*

LANGUAGES

Greek (advanced reading), English (native)

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- Philosophy of Friendship – *Summer '23, University of Michigan*
- Ancient & Medieval Philosophy – *Spring '19, Western Michigan University*
- Biomedical Ethics – *Spring '19, Western Michigan University*
- Introduction to Ethics – *Fall '18, Western Michigan University*

Graduate Student Instructor

- Groups & Choices: Game Theory, Origins of Inequality, and Group Attitudes – *Winter '22, University of Michigan (w/ Brian Weatherson)*
- Critical Reasoning – *Fall '21, University of Michigan (w/ Anna Edmonds)*
- Minds & Machines – *Winter '21, University of Michigan (w/ Eric Swanson)*
- Introduction to Political Economy – *Fall '20, University of Michigan (w/ Elizabeth Anderson)*
- Introduction to Ethics – *Spring '18, Western Michigan University (w/ James Martin)*
- Biomedical Ethics – *Fall '17, Western Michigan University (w/ Dave Paul)*

Graduate Student Mentor

- Philosophy Department – *Winter '23*
- *Worked with a fellow mentor to advise graduate students on teaching and organize discipline-specific workshops on course design, which culminated in participants having a new syllabus*

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Philosophy – *Spring '16, Concordia University Wisconsin (w/ Roland Ehlke)*

Tutor, Concordia University Wisconsin Learning Resource Center – *Fall '14-Spring '17*

- Introduction to Philosophy; Central Texts of Philosophy; Elementary Logic; The Bible; Christian Faith; New Testament; Old Testament; Biblical Theology; Psychology 101; Greek I-IV; and Hebrew I-III

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- CRLT Certificate
- *Expected 2025 (only missing final draft of teaching philosophy statement)*
 - *Attended CRLT workshops on pedagogy*
 - *Worked with Renee Jorgensen to develop a syllabus on Ethical Issues in Artificial Intelligence*
- 2019 Graduate Student Teaching Institute Mentorship Program, Western Michigan University
- *Year-long mentorship program with a faculty teaching expert, including observations, writing a teaching statement, developing syllabi, and meeting monthly with a group of mentees in various disciplines.*
- 2018 Graduate Student Teaching Institute Summer Intensive Program, Western Michigan University
- *One-week intensive, interdisciplinary program on empirically informed pedagogy, led by faculty teaching experts.*

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY & OUTREACH

ETHICS BOWL

- 2024 Ethics Bowl Equity Committee Member, A2 Ethics
- *Working to pursue equity for high school students involved in the A2 Ethic Bowl*
- 2020-2023 Organizer, A2 Ethics Bowl
- *Worked with high school faculty coaches, graduate students, faculty, and A2 Ethics to arrange graduate student coaching for all high school teams; organized yearly Ethics Bowl competition; reviewed and edited community case study submissions used for the Bowl.*
- 2019-2025 Coach, A2 Ethics Bowl
- *Regularly met with students to discuss cases at Wayne Memorial (19-20, 22-23), Ann Arbor Skyline (20-21), Avondale (20-21, 21-22), University Liggett (21-22), and Detroit Country Day School (24-25).*
- 2022 ["Getting to Know the Ethics Bowl Competition,"](#) Life is Better with Ethics Podcasts

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY LYCEUM

- 2021 "From the Ground Up: Developing a High School Philosophy Camp," (with Charlie Kurth), in *Philosophy Camps for Youth: Everything You Wanted to Know about Starting, Organizing, and Running a Philosophy*, ed. Claire Katz, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- 2019 Organizer, "Philosophy and Technology," Western Michigan University Lyceum
- *Developed curriculum for and ran a free, weeklong summer philosophy camp for high school students about philosophy and technology, with capstone projects at the end of the week.*
- 2018, 2019 Teacher, "Philosophy and Environment," Western Michigan University Lyceum
- *Led discussions and developed projects with high school students on topics including artificial intelligence, self-driving cars, friendship, and well-being.*

COMPASS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2019, 2021-22 Mentor, COMPASS
- *Met with student mentees from groups underrepresented in academic philosophy to discuss together philosophy, graduate school, and applications.*

2019-2021 Workshop Panelist, COMPASS
- Served as one of the panelists for a Q&A panel with all COMPASS participants.

COMMUNITY PHILOSOPHY

- 2021 “Are Virtue and Happiness Compatible?” (with Maria Waggoner)
- Ann Arbor Area Pubology, Original Cottage Inn
- 2021 Facilitator, “C.S. Lewis on Love”
- Valentine’s Day Discussion, St. Francis of Assisi Parish Activity Center

SERVICE

- 2021-23 Organizer, Mind and Moral Psychology Interdisciplinary Workshop
- 2022-23 Organizer, Biannual Michigan Alumni Conference
- 2022-23 Bargaining Representative, Graduate Employee’s Organization Parents & Caregivers Working Group
- 2022 Organizer, Mind and Moral Psychology Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference
- 2021-22 Organizer, Graduate Student Working Group
- 2020-21 Organizer, Ancient Philosophy Interdisciplinary Working Group
- 2021 Organizer, Rackham Interdisciplinary Ancient Philosophy Conference
- 2020-21 Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Committee
- 2020-21 Graduate Employee’s Organization Steward, Philosophy Department
- 2018-2019 Organizer, Western Michigan University Graduate Conference
- 2017-2018 Treasurer, Western Michigan University Minority and Philosophy Chapter

OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Fall 2022, 2023, 2024 Manager, *Philosophers’ Imprint*
- 2020-21 Research Assistant for Sarah Buss