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appointments

- 2018- **Koç University** Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
2016-18 **University of Pittsburgh** Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

education

- 2017 **University of Toronto** PhD in Philosophy, Certificate in Collaborative Programme in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Dissertation: "Aristotle's Case For Perceptual Knowledge," Supervised by Jennifer Whiting, Read by Brad Inwood, Lloyd Gerson, and Justin Broackes (External Examiner).
2015-16 **University of Pittsburgh** Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy
2015 **Yale University** Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Philosophy
2013 **University of Oxford** Visiting Graduate, Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity
2010 **Texas A&M University** MA in Philosophy. Thesis: "Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Method of Division," Supervised by Robin Smith, Read by Scott Austin and Craig Kallendorf.
2008 **Louisiana State University** BA with Honors in Philosophy, Minors in Greek, Classics

specialization & competence

specialization

Ancient Philosophy

Philosophy of Perception

competence

Philosophy of Mind
Epistemology

Medieval Philosophy
Early Modern Philosophy

publications

papers

- 2020 Robert Howton. "Why *De Anima* Needs III 12–13," in *Aristote et l'Âme Humaine: Lectures de De Anima III Offertes à Michel Crubellier*, edited by Charlotte Murgier, Claire Louguet, and Gweltaz Guyomarc'h. Leuven: Peeters.

reviews

- 2020 Geert Keil and Nora Kreft (eds.), *Aristotle's Anthropology*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
2016 Thomas Johansen, *The Powers of Aristotle's Soul*. *Philosophical Review* 125 (1): 135–138.

work in progress

- "Reduction and Revelation in Aristotle's Science of Sensible Qualities" (Submitted to Editor, Draft Available Upon Request)
Paper on *Posterior Analytics* 2.19 (Revise & Resubmit)
Paper on Aristotle's Theory of Sensory Discrimination (In Progress)
Paper on the "Natural End" of Living Things in Aristotle's Biology (In Progress)

presentations

- invited 2020 “Aristotle on the End of an Organism’s Nature.” Philosophy in Assos/Assos’ta Felsefe, 2 October 2020.
- 2019 “Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate.” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 18 October 2019.
- “Aristotle on the End of an Organism’s Nature.” Tübingen Universität, 25 July 2019.
- “Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate.” Tübingen Universität, 23 July 2019.
- “*De Memoria* 2, 451a18–b10: Translation and Commentary.” Workshop on Aristotle’s *Parva Naturalia*, Yale University, 13 June 2019.
- “Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate.” CABAL Workshop 2019, Pocatello, ID, 25 May 2019.
- Comments on Samuel Meister, “Aristotle on Mathematical Objects as Intelligible Composites.” 2019 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 22 February 2019.
- 2018 “The Argument of *Posterior Analytics* 2.19.” Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu İstanbul Semineri, İstanbul, 30 November 2018.
- “*Rhetoric* 1.2, 1357a22–b25: Translation and Commentary.” Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy, Charles University, Prague, 22 November 2018.
- “*De Sensu* 7, 448b16–449a20: Translation and Commentary.” Workshop on Aristotle’s *Parva Naturalia*, Yale University, 15 June 2018.
- “‘Mixture and Motion’: Aristotle on Sensible Qualities.” Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Université du Québec à Montréal, 7 June 2018.
- “Aristotle on Soul as a Complex Activity.” Workshop on “For the Sake Of” Relations in Aristotle, Virginia Tech University, 22 April 2018.
- Comments on Rosemary Twomey, “Aristotle on Discriminating the Common Sensibles.” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 5 January 2018.
- 2016 “Aristotle on Why Animals are Perceivers.” *De Anima* III: International Workshop in Honor of Michel Crubellier, Université Lille 3, 11 March 2016.
- 2015 “Perception and Hypothetical Necessity in *Posterior Analytics* 2.19.” Workshop on Aristotle’s Epistemology, University of Pittsburgh, 17 April 2015.
- “Aristotle on Why Animals Need *Phantasia*.” Yale Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale University, 15 April 2015.
- 2014 Comments on Klaus Corcilius, “Hylomorphism, Aristotle’s Science of Life, and the Explanation of Mental Episodes.” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, 18 April 2014.
- Comments on Marc Gasser, “Aristotle on Perceiving Universals.” 37th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, 5 April 2014.
- 2013 “Aristotle on the Epistemic Role of Perception: *Posterior Analytics* 1.31.” Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 15 March 2013.
- 2012 Comments on David Charles, “Aristotle on Perception.” Hylomorphism in Kant and Aristotle, University of Toronto, 11 November 2012.
- “Virtue as *Dunamis* in Plato’s *Hippias Minor*.” Second Graduate Conference of the Ancient Philosophy & Science Network, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 1 July 2012.
- Comments on David Charles, “Aristotle: Actions as Processes.” Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 16 March 2012.
- submitted 2017 Comments on Klaus Corcilius, “*Generation of Animals* V.1–8.” Aristotle on Living Beings: The *Generation of Animals* International Symposium, Tübingen Universität, 5 May 2017.
- “Aristotle’s Doctrine of the Discriminative Mean.” Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Duquesne University, 4 March 2017.
- 2016 “Aristotle’s Doctrine of the Discriminative Mean.” BPPA Masterclass, University of Cambridge, 21 May 2016.
- 2015 “Perception and Hypothetical Necessity in *Posterior Analytics* 2.19.” 38th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, 21 February 2015.
- 2014 “Natural Teleology in Aristotle’s Account of Incidental Perception.” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, PA, 29 December 2014.

- “Natural Teleology in Aristotle’s Account of Incidental Perception.” Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, 4 October 2014.
- 2012 “Virtue as *Dunamis* in Plato’s *Hippias Minor*.” North American Meeting of the International Plato Society, University of Michigan, 6 October 2012.
- 2011 “The Object of Thought Argument.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, 23 October 2011.

awards,
fellowships, &
grants

- Erasmus+ Higher Education Staff Exchange Grant, Spring 2020
- KOLT Teaching Innovation Grant (with Haris Theodorelis-Rigas), Koç University, Fall 2019
- Visiting Scholar Grant, Koç University, Summer 2019
- Celebration of Teaching & Learning Award, Koç University, Spring 2019
- Robinson Fellowship in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2014–2015, 2015–2016
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto, 2013–2014, 2014–2015
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, 2014
- Michael J. Herman Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2011
- Association of Former Students Graduate Merit Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 2008–2010

teaching

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| Koç University | 2020 | HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive |
| | | PHIL 451: Philosophy of Perception: Color and Color Experience |
| | | PHIL 217: Modern Philosophy |
| | 2019 | PHIL 453: Mind & Reality in the Ancient World: the Problem of the Criterion |
| | | HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive |
| | | PHIL 217: Modern Philosophy |
| | 2018 | PHIL 403: Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle’s Psychology |
| | | HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive |
| University of Pittsburgh | 2018 | PHIL 0210: Introduction to Modern Philosophy |
| | 2017 | PHIL 0080: Introduction to Philosophical Problems |
| | | PHIL 1040: Aristotle |
| | | PHIL 0450: Theories of Knowledge and Reality |
| | 2016 | PHIL 0460: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind |
| | | PHIL 1440: Philosophy of Mind |
| University of Toronto | 2014 | PHL340: Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Singular Thought |

graduate coursework

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| ancient philosophy | 2015 | Aristotle’s <i>De Anima</i> . Instructor: David Charles (Yale)* [* = audited] |
| | | Aristotle on Definition and Essence. Instructor: David Charles (Yale)* |
| | 2013 | Plato’s <i>Philebus</i> and its Aristotelian Legacy. Instructor: Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)* |
| | | Aristotle on <i>Phantasia</i> , Cognition, and Action. Instructor: Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)* |
| | 2012 | Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> . Instructor: Lloyd Gerson (Toronto) |
| | | Presocratic Philosophy. Instructor: Brad Inwood (Toronto) |

- 2011 Plato's Ethical Dialogues. Instructor: Rachel Barney (Toronto)
 Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms. Instructor: Lloyd Gerson (Toronto)
- 2010 Plato's *Gorgias*. Instructor: Rachel Barney (Toronto)
- 2009 Ancient Determinism. Instructor: Robin Smith (TAMU)
 Presocratic Philosophy. Instructor: Scott Austin (TAMU)

philosophy of mind &
 language

- 2014 Perception, Singular Thought, Ontology. Instructor: Imogen Dickie (Toronto)*
- 2012 Rationality, Consciousness, Action. Instructors: Benj Hellie, Andrew Sepielli (Toronto)
- 2010-11 Reference and Communication. Instructor: Imogen Dickie (Toronto)

logic

- 2011 Formal Tools in Philosophy. Instructor: Jonathan Weisberg (Toronto)
- 2010 Modal Logic. Instructor: Christopher Menzel (TAMU)
- 2008 Mathematical Logic. Instructor: Robert Burch (TAMU)

medieval & early modern
 philosophy

- 2011 Peter Abelard. Instructor: Peter King (Toronto)
- 2009 Modern Philosophy. Instructor: Stephen Daniel (TAMU)

metaphysics & epistemology

- 2013 Actions, Events, and Processes. Instructors: David Charles, Ursula Coope (Oxford)*
 Epistemology. Instructors: Timothy Williamson, John Hawthorne (Oxford)*
- 2010 Teleology. Instructors: Denis Walsh, Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)
 Trope Theory. Instructor: Robert Garcia (TAMU)
- 2009 Epistemology. Instructor: Benjamin McMyler (TAMU)

misc.

- 2011 Wittgenstein. Instructor: Sonia Sedivy (Toronto)
- 2008 William James. Instructor: John McDermott (TAMU)
 Feminist Ethics. Instructor: Linda Radzik (TAMU)

research languages

Ancient Greek
 Latin

French
 German

professional
 activities

- 2020- Department Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Koç University
- 2012-15 Steward for the Department of Philosophy, CUPE 3902 Unit 1, University of Toronto

references

Dr. Jennifer Whiting
 Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
 University of Pittsburgh
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 Howard H. Newman Professor of Philosophy and Classics
 Yale University
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Dr. Thomas Berry (Teaching Reference)
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy
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