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Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy; Ethics

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy; Social and Political Philosophy

Positions Held

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fairfield University, 2009-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fairfield University, 2004-2009

Education

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University. Field: Philosophy. Dissertation Defense: January 23, 2004. Graduation Date: May 2004. Dissertation Title: *Hygieia: Health and Medicine in Plato's Republic*. Committee Members: John Sallis (Chair), Daniel Conway, Charles Scott and Mark Munn (outside reader).

B.A. *cum laude*, Trinity University, Major Field: Philosophy, Minor Field: Psychology, Graduation Date: May 1997

Honors, Grants, and Awards

- Pre-Tenure Research Leave, Fairfield University, 2006-2007
- Summer Research Stipend, Fairfield University, Summer 2005
- Fulbright Fellowship recipient, 2002-2003 grant period, Freiburg, Germany
- Pennsylvania State University Philosophy Department Graduate Teaching Assistantship and Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University, 1998-2004.

Publications:

Book Chapters:

- "Violence and Vulnerability in Aeschylus' *Suppliants*" in *Logos and Mythos: Philosophical Essays on Greek Literature* ed. William Wians, SUNY Press, Fall 2009 [forthcoming]

Journal Articles:

- "Politics and Exorbitant Platonism" *Epoché*, Spring 2009
- "The Geography of Finitude: Myth and Earth in Plato's *Phaedo*," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Spring, 2009
- "Alive and Sleepless: The Politics of Immortality in *Republic X*", *Polis*, 24:2 2007, 231-261.
- "Aphrodite's Wrath: Eros in Euripides' *Hippolytus*", *Symposium*, 10th anniversary issue on Feminist Perspectives on Eros, 11:2, Fall 2007, 275-295.
- "Medical Moderation in Plato's *Symposium*", *Studies in the History of Ethics*, Symposium on Bioethics, www.historyofethics.org, November, 2006
- "Diagnosis and the Divided Line: Pharmacological Concerns in Plato's *Republic*." *Epoché*, 9:2, Spring 2005, 297-315

Book Reviews and Review Articles

- “Socratic Phusis, Socratic Praxis” article-length book review for *Research in Phenomenology*, 37:3, 2007, 456-463.
- Book Review, Ramona Naddaff’s *Exiling the Poets*, in *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 2004.

In Progress:

- *Prosthetic Life: Political Psychology in Plato’s Phaedo, Republic and Laws*, Book manuscript

Conference Presentations:

- “Prosthetic Ecology” *Philosophia*, a Feminist Society, 3rd annual conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York, May 2009
- “A Soul Superlatively Natural: Psychic Excess on *Laws* 10” Symposium on Plato’s *Laws*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 2009
- “Criminal Corpses and Suffering Souls: Civic Ideology in Plato’s *Laws*” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2008
- “Politics and Exorbitant Platonism: What does Chora have to do with the City?” Ancient Philosophy Society, New York, New York, April 2008
- Commentator, *Phaedo* panel, Plato and Platonisms: Constituting a Tradition, University of South Carolina, Columbia, March 2008
- “Eros and the Art of Counting” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2007
- “Plato as Mythmaker: The Fiction of the True Earth” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2006
- “Four Seals, Three Fingers, Two Non-Beings: On the Persistence of the Corporeal in Homer, Plato and Aristotle” Ancient Philosophy Society, Chicago, April 2006
- “Metaphysical Solace?: Suppliant Knowledge in the Plays of Aeschylus.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2005
- Commentary on Sean Kirkland’s “Thinking in the Between with Heidegger and Plato” at the annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, Eugene, Oregon, April 2005
- “Eryximachus Revisited: Medical Moderation in Plato’s *Symposium*.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2004
- “Tragedy, Tyranny and the Corruption of the Decent.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, New York, October 2004
- “Diagnosis and the Divided Line: Pharmacological Concerns in Plato’s *Republic*.” Ancient Philosophy Society, State College, Pennsylvania, April 2004.
- “Doctors and the Judge: Hygienic and Juridical Concerns in *Republic* III.” 13th International Symposium held by the Olympic Center for Philosophy and Culture, Pyrgos, Greece, August, 2002
- “Health and Justice in *Republic* IV.” Participant’s conference of the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Citta di Castello, Italy, July, 2002

Invited Lectures:

- “Hades on Earth” Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, March 2009
- “Criminal Corpses and Suffering Souls: Civic Ideology in Plato’s *Laws*” Colby College Philosophy Colloquium series, Waterville, ME, February 2009
- “The Geography of Finitude: Death, Dialogue and the Soul in Plato’s *Phaedo*” Philosophy Colloquium Series, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, October 2006

- “The Melting Body, the Withering Soul: Bodily Disintegration and Psychic Fragmentation in Plato’s *Republic*” Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, December 2004

Teaching Record:

- Women in Classical Literature, Spring 2008, Fall 2009
- Honors 100A: Ideas that Shaped the West, Fairfield University, Fall 2007
- Advanced Seminar on Aristotle: *Nichomachean Ethics*, Fairfield University, Spring 2006
- Philosophy and Tragedy, Fairfield University, Fall 2005, Spring 2009
- Ancient Medicine and Philosophy, Fairfield University, Spring 2005
- Advanced Seminar on Plato: *Republic*, Fairfield University, Fall 2004, Spring 2008
- Questions in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fairfield University, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008
- Classical Mythology, through the Classics Department, The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2003
- Critical Thinking, The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2002.
- Basic Problems in Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2001.

Professional Service:

- Referee, *Polis*, 2007
- Text Seminar Leader, Collegium Phaenomenologicum: Derrida’s Pharmacy, Citta di Castello, Italy, July 2006
- Manuscript Reviewer, Indiana University Press, 2006
- Member of the Executive Committee, Ancient Philosophy Society, 2005-present
- Referee, *Ancient Philosophy*, 2005, 2009
- Referee, *Epoché*, 2005, 2007, 2009
- Chair, Author meets Reader Panel for Claire Katz, *Levinas, Judaism and the Feminine: The Silent Footsteps of Rebecca*, February, 2004.
- Chair, Panel on the Character of Plato’s Thought for the Ancient Philosophy Society, April, 2002.
- Chair, Panel on Temporality at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December, 2001.
- Chair, Panel on Normativity, The Pennsylvania State University, October, 2001.

University and Department Service:

- Library Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2011
- Academic Council, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Fairfield University, 2005-present
- Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Fairfield University, 2005-present
- Liason between Department of Philosophy and Library, Fairfield University
- Search Committee, Classics Program, Ancient Historian, 2007-2008
- Search committee, Asian Philosophy position, 2006-2007
- Search committee, Asian Philosophy position, 2005-2006
- Search committee, Modern Philosophy position, 2004-2005

Membership in Professional Organizations

The American Philosophical Association
 The Ancient Philosophy Society
 The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
 The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Language Proficiencies:

- German (reading and conversation)
- Ancient Greek (reading)
- French (reading)
- Latin (reading)

References:

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