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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Reed College, 2008-present  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Reed College, 2003-2008

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2005  
M.A., Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 1997  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1995

## PUBLICATIONS

- “‘And These Things Follow’: Teleology, Material Necessity, and Explanation in Aristotle’s *Meteorologica*.”  
*Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy* Ed. David Ebrey. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2014.
- “Man from Man but not Bed from Bed: Nature, Art and Chance in *Physics 2*.” *Aristotle’s Physics, A Critical Guide*. Ed. Mariska Leunissen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2013.
- “A Synchronic Justification of Aristotle’s Commitment to Prime Matter.” *Phronesis* 54.4-5 (2009): 326-345.
- “Elemental Teleology in Aristotle’s *Physics 2.8*.” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XXXIV (May 2008): 147-183.
- “The Role of Material and Efficient Causes in Aristotle’s Natural Teleology.” *Apeiron* 41.3 (September 2008): 27-46.

## PRESENTATIONS -- REFEREED (\*) AND INVITED

- “Man from Man but not Bed from Bed: Nature, Art and Chance in *Physics 2*”
- Departmental Colloquium, Willamette University, forthcoming
- “The Place of the *Meteorologica* in Aristotle’s Natural Science”
- Workshop on Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy, Northwestern University, April 2012
  - Northwest Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Oregon, September 2012
- “Aristotle on the Boundary between Physics and Metaphysics”
- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL February 2012\*
  - Northwest Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Victoria, BC September 2011
- “Teleological Explanation in Aristotle’s *Meteorologica*” (with student Ginger Schultheis)
- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2011\*

“Comments on Andrea Falcon’s ‘The Nature of Inquiry in *Physics* VIII”

- Workshop on Aristotle's Methods of Inquiry, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, March 2011

“Elemental Locomotion and Generation”

- Northwest Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Lewis & Clark College, September 2010

“The Dialectic of *Physics* 2.8”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC, May 2009\*
- Second Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference, Anchorage, AK, May 2008\*

“Teaching Aristotle to Undergraduates”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC, May 2009

“Comments on Errol Katayama’s ‘Necessity and Artifacts in Aristotle’”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2009

“A Synchronic Justification of Aristotle’s Commitment to Prime Matter”

- Congress for the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Vancouver, BC, June 2008\*
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, October 2007\*
- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007\*
- Departmental Colloquium, Reed College, April 2007

“Comments on Andrea Falcon’s ‘The Divine in Aristotle’s *Physics*’”

- Second Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference, Anchorage, AK, May 2008

“The Role of Material and Efficient Causes in Aristotle’s Natural Teleology”

- First Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference: Aristotle on Life, Anchorage, AK, August 2007\*

“Comments on Devin Henry’s ‘Inheritance, Variation, and Natural Teleology in Aristotle’”

- First Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference: Aristotle on Life, Anchorage, AK, August 2007

“Comments on Phil Corkum’s ‘Aristotle on Consciousness’”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2006

“The Ontological Basis of Aristotle’s Natural Teleology”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2005\*

“Elemental Teleology and the Role of Nature”

- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2005
- University of Toronto, February 2003
- Reed College, February 2003
- Boston College, January 2003
- St. Louis University, January 2003
- Georgia State University, January 2003
- Providence College, November 2002
- University of Notre Dame, October 2002
- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2002\*

“Comments on Allan Back’s ‘Aristotle on Parts of Animals’”

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, December 2004

“Aristotle’s Elemental Teleology”

- Workshop on Philosophy and Science in the Greco-Roman World, Central European University  
Budapest, Hungary, July 2004

“The Ontological Basis of Aristotle’s Natural Teleology”

- Departmental Colloquium, Lewis and Clark College, April 2004

“The Status of Elements and Parts of Animals in Aristotle’s *Physics* II.1 and *Metaphysics* Z.16”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Cleveland, OH, April 2003\*

“Teaching at the University of California”

- Invited interview for teaching video series, UCLA Instructional Media Productions, August 2002

“Elemental Teleology”

- Society of Women in Philosophy Conference, San Jose, CA, November 2001\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Stanford University, May 2001\*

“Teaching at the University of California”

- Annual Teaching Assistant Conference, UCLA, September 2001

“Aristotle’s Response to the Materialist in *Physics* II.1”

- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Conference in Philosophy, UC Berkeley, May 2000\*

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Stillman-Drake Faculty Development Funds, 2012-2013

Conference Travel Grant from Northwestern University, Spring 2012

Paid Leave Research Award, Reed College, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

NEH Research Grant, Summer 2010

Ruby Grant for Faculty - Student Collaborative Research in the Humanities, Reed College, Summer 2010

Conference Travel Grant from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, Summer 2007, Summer 2008

Competitive Paid Leave Award, Reed College, 2006-2007

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2002-2003

The UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, 2001-2002 (a University-wide award)

Philosophy Departmental Fellowship, UCLA, Winter 2001

Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UCLA Philosophy Department, 1998-1999

Research Mentorship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UCLA, 1997

Philosophy Departmental Fellowship, UCLA, 1995-1996

Dockweiler Medal for Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1995

Honor’s Program Prize for Outstanding Senior Thesis, University of Notre Dame, 1995

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Notre Dame, 1995

Younger Scholars Research Grant, NEH, 1994

## COURSES TAUGHT

Course Instructor (at Reed College unless otherwise noted)

Environmental Ethics (200-level), Spring 2014

Introduction to Ethics (200-level), Fall 2008, Fall 2013

Ancient Philosophy (300-level), Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2013

Medical Ethics Seminar, Spring 2009, Fall 2012

Humanities 110: Ancient Rome, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2013

Humanities 110: Ancient Greece, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2012

Teleology in Plato, Aristotle, and Contemporary Philosophy of Biology (300-level), Spring 2008

Humean and Aristotelian Ethics Seminar (400-level), Fall 2007

Virtue Ethics Seminar (400-level), Spring 2006

Introduction to Philosophy (200-level), Fall 2003, Fall 2004

Teaching College Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles, Fall 2000

Writing, Education Unlimited, Stanford University, Summer 1999

Critical Thinking, Loyola Marymount University, Fall 1998

Logic, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Summer 1996, Summer 1997, Summer 1998

## Thesis Advisor (at Reed College)

Aristotle's *Metaphysics L* and *De anima*, Fall 2013-Spring 2014  
 Environmental Ethics, Fall 2012-Spring 2013  
 Death and Wellbeing: A Reply to the Epicurean Puzzle (Master's Thesis), Spring 2010  
 Scanlon's Contractualism, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
 Media Rights, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
 Virtue Ethics and Education, Fall 2007  
 The First Person, Spring 2005  
 Rawls's Theory of Justice, Fall 2004-Spring 2005  
 Plato's *Timaeus*, Fall 2004-Spring 2005  
 Plotinus on Contemplation, Fall 2004-Spring 2005  
 Plato's *Sophist*, Fall 2003-Spring 2004  
 The Role of the Emotions in Kant's Ethics, Fall 2003-Spring 2004  
 Common Sense Morality, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

## Teaching Assistant (at UCLA)

History of Modern Philosophy, Professor John Carriero, Spring 2000  
 Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind, Professor Joseph Almog, Winter 2000  
 History of Ancient Philosophy, Professor Gavin Lawrence, Fall 1999  
 Beginnings of Western Philosophy, Professor Sean Kelsey, Summer 1999  
 Introduction to Ethical Theory-Intensive Writing, Professor Barbara Herman, Spring 1999  
 History of Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, Professor Calvin Normore, Winter 1999  
 Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind, Professor Joseph Almog, Spring 1998, Spring 1997  
 Critical Reasoning, Professor Randy Jensen, Winter 1998  
 Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues, Professor Timothy Hall, Fall 1997  
 Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind, Professor Michael Thau, Winter 1997  
 Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues, Professor Jeremy Ofseyer, Fall 1996

**SERVICE**

Department Chair, Fall 2013-present  
 Human Subjects Research Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2014  
 Philosophy Department Tenure Track Search Committee, Fall 2009-Spring 2010  
 Chair of the Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
 Hum 110 Faculty Panelist, Peer Mentor Program Orientation, Fall 2008  
 Faculty Panelist, Young Scholars Orientation, Fall 2008  
 Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2009  
 Humanities 110 Paper Topics Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2004, Fall 2007-Spring 2009  
 Parent Humanities 110 Conference Leader, Convocation Fall 2007, Fall 2008  
 Off-Campus Study Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2005, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
 Gifted Secondary Students Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
 Secretary of the Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics, Fall 2007-Spring 2008  
 Administration Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008  
 Philosophy Department Admissions Panelist for Reed Activity Days, Spring 2005, Spring 2008  
 Humanities 110 Admissions Panelist for Reed Activity Days, Spring 2004, Spring 2008

Humanities 110 Representative at the Mellon 23 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, February 2008  
Dean of Students Interview Committee, Spring 2008  
Political Science Interview Committee, Fall 2005  
Humanities 110 Visiting Scholars Committee, Spring 2005  
Undergraduate Research Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2005  
Actor in Humanities 110 Play, Spring 2004, Spring 2005  
Committee Archiving Teaching Resources, Summer-Fall 2004  
Humanities 110 Portfolio Workshop Participant, Summer 2004  
Art History Interview Committee, Spring 2004  
Philosophy Softball Team Member, Spring 2004  
Mock Interview Committee, Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, Fall 2003