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Personal Information

Born November 30, 1978 in Champaign, IL - United States Citizen

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles 2000-2007
In residence, University of California at Berkeley Spring 2004

Dissertation: *Aristotle's Motivation for Matter*
Chair: Calvin Normore
Committee: Sean Kelsey, Alan Code, David Blank,
Gavin Lawrence, John Carriero

A.B. in Philosophy with Honors, University of Chicago 1996-2000
Study Abroad at King's College London 1998-99

Academic Employment

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California at Berkeley August 2007-present

Area of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy (Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Ethics in Plato and Aristotle)

Areas of Competence

Presocratic Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Language

Additional Areas of Teaching Interest

Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Early Modern Philosophy, Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy

Presentations

"Socrates on why we need to study ethics" Townsend Ancient Philosophy Working Group at Berkeley (November 2007)
"Why Aristotle needs matter" Berkeley (February 2007)
"Why Aristotle needs matter" Washington University in St. Louis (January 2007)

David Ebrey

- “Learning From Puzzles,” Albritton Society at UCLA (March 2006)
- “Does something need to persist through change?” Albritton Society at UCLA (May 2005)
- “Matter’s Role in Aristotle’s *Physics* I,” Wolheim Society at Berkeley (April 2004)
- “Understanding Matter’s Role in Coming-to-be,” Graduate Student Colloquium at UCLA and the Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference (both March 2003)
- “Moore and Intuitionism,” Philosophy of Math Workshop (March 2001)

Works in Progress

- “Socrates on why we must seek ethical knowledge”
- “Learning From Puzzles in Plato’s *Meno* and Aristotle’s *Physics*”
- “The *Meno* as defense of Socrates’ ethical project”
- “Why is matter a principle of nature?”
- “Internal and External principles in Aristotle”
- “The denial of material causes in the *Phaedo*”
- “The Structure and Aim of *Metaphysics* Theta 1-5”
- “On Saying That and Samesaying That,” written with Prof. Josef Stern, being revised for re-submission

Fellowships and Prizes

- Two Year Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship: started Fall 2007
- Dissertation Year Fellowship: 2006-2007
- Collegium of University Teaching Fellows (UCLA): 2006-2007
- Carnap Prize (given to the best philosophy essay by a UCLA student): 2002-2003 and 2005-2006
- Wooden Fellowship: 2000-2001, 2004-2005
- Research Mentorship Fellowship: 2002-2003
- Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship: 2002
- Quinn Fellowship: Summer 2001

Languages: Reading Knowledge of Greek, Latin and German

Teaching Experience

As Primary Instructor:

- Graduate Seminar: Plato’s *Meno* (scheduled) Spring 2008
- Plato (upper division) Fall 2007
- Doing Philosophy with Socrates (lower division seminar) Spring 2007
- Ancient Philosophy (upper division) Summer 2006
- Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (lower division) Summer 2005
- Introduction to Ethics (lower division) Summer 2004

As Teaching Assistant:

- Medieval Philosophy for Calvin Normore Winter 2006
- Ancient Philosophy for Sean Kelsey Fall 2002 and Fall 2005
- Beginnings of Western Philosophy for Sean Kelsey Spring 2005
- Modern Philosophy for Hannah Ginsborg (at Berkeley) Spring 2004
- Ancient Philosophy for Calvin Normore Fall 2003
- Philosophy of Mind for Deborah Brown Winter 2002 and Spring 2002
- Political Philosophy for Calvin Normore Fall 2001

Graduate Courses Taken

Greek and Roman Philosophy and Science:	Budapest: Summer 2006 (No papers assigned)
Plato's <i>Phaedo</i>	David Sedley
Hellenistic and Roman Medicine	Mark Schiefsky
Aristotle's Biology	Alan Gotthelf
Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i> III	Myles Burnyeat
Ancient Theories of Vision	Katerina Ierodiakonou
Aristotle's <i>Posterior Analytics</i>	Alan Code: Spring 2004
Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	Gavin Lawrence: Spring 2003
History of the Will	Calvin Normore: Fall 2002
The Argument from Illusion	Michael Thau: Spring 2002
Kant's Ethics	Barbara Herman: Winter 2002
Descartes' <i>Meditations</i>	John Carriero: Fall 2001
Mathematical Logic and Set Theory	Tony Martin: Fall 2000-Spring 2001
(Three quarter graduate math sequence)	
Aristotle's <i>Physics</i> VIII	Sean Kelsey: Spring 2001
1 st Year Seminar: 20 th Century Ethics	Barbara Herman: Spring 2001
Aristotle	Sean Kelsey: Winter 2001
1 st Year Seminar: Moore to Kuhn	Calvin Normore: Winter 2001
Philosophy of Mind	Michael Thau: Fall 2000
1 st Year Seminar: Frege to Kripke	Terry Parsons: Fall 2000

Graduate Courses Audited

Survey of Greek Literature	Mark Griffith: Fall 2007
Plato's Sophist	Dorothea Frede: Fall 2007
Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i>	Sean Kelsey: Spring 2006
Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i>	Stephen Menn: Spring 2006
Greek Mathematics and Philosophy	Henry Mandel: Spring 2006
Aristotle's <i>Generation and Corruption</i>	Sean Kelsey: Spring 2005
Essence: Aquinas to Early Modern	John Carriero: Winter 2005
Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> Theta reading group	At Berkeley, Spring 2004
Aristotle's <i>Categories</i> reading group	At UCLA, Summer 2004
Paradoxes	Calvin Normore and Catherine Atherton: Fall 2004
Kant's Ethics	Barbara Herman: Fall 2004
Anselm	Calvin Normore: Fall 2003
Perception	Tyler Burge: Winter 2002
Aristotle's <i>Physics</i> II	Sean Kelsey: 2002
Philosophy of Math weekly workshop	Fall 2000-Winter 2001 (5 quarters)
Philosophy of Language weekly workshop	Fall 2000-Fall 2002 (7 quarters)

Academic References:

Calvin Normore, Philosophy, UCLA (also teaching reference)

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David Blank, Classics, UCLA

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Alan Code, Philosophy, Rutgers

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David Sedley, Classics, Cambridge

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