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### Academic Positions

2005-present: Associate Professor of Philosophy, Affiliate Faculty in Classics, University of Colorado at Boulder  
2003-5: Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago  
1996-2003: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago

### Visiting Appointments

Spring 2009: Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University  
Winter 2003: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Chicago

### Education:

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1996 (Dissertation: *Conflicting Appearances: Protagoras and the Development of Early Greek Epistemology* (Gisela Striker (supervisor), Hilary Putnam, Susan Sauvé Meyer))  
Visiting PhD Student, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, Spring 1991  
Columbia College, Columbia University, B.A. in Philosophy, *cum laude*, 1989

### Publications:

#### Books:

*Epistemology after Protagoras: Responses to Relativism in Plato, Aristotle, and Democritus* (Oxford: Clarendon Press 2005). Paperback edition 2008. (304 pp.)  
--Awarded Honorable Mention, American Philosophical Association Book Prize 2007 (one of the 3 best books on any subject in philosophy published over a two-year period by a philosopher 40 or younger at the time of publication)  
--Reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Mind*, *Greece & Rome*, *Rhizai*, *Classical Review*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung*, *Philosophical Books*, *Ancient Philosophy*

#### Refereed Articles or Book Chapters:

'Skills in Argument' in Christopher Moore and Joshua Billings (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Sophists*, Cambridge University Press 2023, 277-305.

'Justice in Aristotle's *Eudemian* and *Nicomachean Ethics*', in Giulio di Basilio (ed.), *The Relationship between Aristotle's Eudemian and Nicomachean Ethics*, Routledge 2022: 101-121.

"What Aristotle Learned from Plato about Justice and Laws," *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 38, no. 3 (2021): 535-56.

"Justice and the Laws in Aristotle's Ethics", in M. Lee (ed.), *Strategies of Argument: Essays in Ancient Ethics, Epistemology, and Logic*, Oxford University Press 2014, pp. 104-123.

"The Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities in Ancient Greek Philosophy", in Lawrence Nolan (ed.), *Primary and Secondary Qualities: the Historical and Ongoing Debate*, Oxford University Press 2011, pp. 15-40.

"Antecedents in Early Greek Philosophy", in Richard Bett (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Greek Scepticism*, Cambridge University Press 2010, pp. 13-35.

"Plato's *Theaetetus*", in Gail Fine (ed.), *Oxford Handbook on Plato*, Oxford University Press 2008, 211-236; revised version for 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2019: 261-285.

"The Secret Doctrine: Plato's Defense of Protagoras in the *Theaetetus*", *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 19 (Winter 2000), 47-86.

"Thinking and Perception in Plato's *Theaetetus*", in Mark McPherran (ed.), *Recognition, Remembrance, and Reality: New Essays on Plato's Epistemology and Metaphysics*, *Apeiron* 32/4 (Dec. 1999) 37-54.

#### **Refereed Edited volume:**

*Strategies of Argument: Essays in Ancient Ethics, Epistemology, and Logic*, Oxford University Press 2014. (432 pp.)

#### **Refereed Encyclopedia Entries:**

"Protagoras," in *Oxford Bibliographies in Classics*, ed. Ruth Scodel (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024). (10778 words)

"Plato's *Theaetetus*." *Oxford Bibliographies in Classics*. Ed. Dee Clayman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019 (14516 words).

"Plato's Ethics" (revision co-authored with Dorothea Frede), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

"The Sophists" (co-authored with C.C.W. Taylor), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2012 Edition; ), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2012/entries/sophists/>>. First published 2011. (29 pp.)

'Epistemology', in G. Press (ed.), *Continuum Guide to Plato*, Continuum 2012. (1450 words; 3 pp.)

#### **Book Reviews:**

Book Review of Julia Annas, *Virtue and Law in Plato and Beyond*. Oxford University Press. *Philosophical Review* 129(1) (1/1/2020) 131-135.

Book Review of Tim O'Keefe. *Epicurus on Freedom*. Cambridge-New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005 in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46/2 (April 2008), pp. 315-16.

Book Review of Timothy Chappell, *Reading Plato's Theaetetus*, Indianapolis, IN: Hackett 2005 [orig. publ. Sankt Augustin, Germany: Academia Verlag 2004] in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.08.18. (online; 3579 words)  
<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/25095-reading-plato-s-theaetetus/>

Book Review of David Sedley, *The Midwife of Platonism: Text and Subtext in Plato's Theaetetus*, Oxford: Clarendon Press 2004, in *Classical Review* 55/2 (2005) 430-2.

Book Review of C.C.W. Taylor, *The Atomists: Leucippus and Democritus. Fragments*. A Text and Translation with a Commentary by C.C.W. Taylor. (Phoenix series.) Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999, in *Ancient Philosophy* 24 (2004), 456-461.

#### **Translations:**

Jacques Brunschwig, "Rule and Exception: On the Aristotelian Theory of Equity", translated from the French by M. M. Lee, in M. Frede and G. Striker (eds.), *Rationality in Greek Thought*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 1996, pp. 115-156. "La règle et l'exception: Autour de la théorie aristotélicienne de l'équité"

Gisela Striker, "On the difference between the Pyrrhonists and the Academics", translated from the German by M. M. Lee, in G. Striker, *Essays in Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*, Cambridge University Press 1996; originally published as "Über den Unterschied zwischen den Pyrrhoneern und den Akademikern", *Phronesis* 26 (1981) 153-71.

### **Work in progress:**

*Justice in Aristotle* (book manuscript, under contract with Oxford University Press)

"Arguments about Justice in Aristotle's Defense of Slavery" in Patricia Marechal and John Proios (eds.), *Ancient Greek Philosophy of Race and Ethnicity*.

"Epistemology and Metaphysics in Plato's *Theaetetus*" (Paper)

"What Epicurus Learned from Plato's *Theaetetus*: Empiricism in Ancient Greek Philosophy" (Paper)

"Perceptual alteration and perceptual assimilation in Aristotle's *De anima*" (Paper)

"The Predicables: Aristotle's Early Theory of Logical Form" (Paper)

### **Recent Grants, Fellowships, and Prizes:**

Center for Humanities and the Arts Faculty Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2021

College Scholar Award, CU-Boulder, Fall 2018

LEAP Associate Professor Growth Grant, CU-Boulder (Fall 2017)

NEH Fellowship for University Professors, 2015-16

NEH Summer Stipend, Summer 2015 (declined)

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2014-15 (residential fellowship; had to decline)

Center for Humanities and the Arts Faculty Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2012

Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Faculty Award 2009-10 (for work done as Director of Graduate Studies), awarded by the Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder

CU Leap Associate Professor Growth Grant (Summer 2009)

NEH Summer Seminar, 'Soul and Substance in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition', July 2004, Boulder Colorado.

Research Fellowship, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC, 1999-2000

Research Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1999-2000 (declined)

National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH Summer Research Stipend 1999

Mrs. Giles B. Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, 1994-1995

Jens Aubrey Westengard Grant for Summer Language Study, Germany, Summer 1992

Harvard University Graduate Fellowship, 1989-1991

### **Recent Talks and Presentations:**

"Aristotle's theory of distributive justice", Metro State University Philosophy Colloquium Series November 10, 2022; Princeton Classical Philosophy Colloquium, December 10, 2022; University of Michigan, January 2023; Stanford University, April 2023.

"Aristotle's Debt to Plato's Political Philosophy", University of Chicago Ancient Philosophy Workshop, February 24, 2021.

"Is Aristotle a Deontologist?" Stanford University Philosophy Colloquium, October 30, 2020.

"Justice in Aristotle's Ethics", Formal Lecture Series, St. John's College Annapolis, February 7, 2020 <http://digitalarchives.sjc.edu/items/show/6757>

"Aristotle on Legislating for Virtue", Conference on Legislation and laws in Ancient Greece, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, June 2019.

"Distributive Justice in Aristotle", Conference on Social Justice in Ancient Philosophy, Wesleyan University, May 2019.

- "Justice in Aristotle", Invited Colloquium, Central APA, 2/23/2019.
- "Right Action in Aristotle's Ethics", University of California at Berkeley, Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 4/19/2018.
- "Justice as a Virtue", Aristotle Workshop, Catholic University of America October 13-15, 2017.
- 'Justice as a Virtue in Aristotle' (Union College, September 2017; Aristotle Workshop, hosted by the Catholic University of America, October 2017)
- 'Evil and injustice in Aristotle', 11th Biennial Conference of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy, Evil? The Bad, the Ugly, and the Depraved in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, on 10/15/2016.
- "Aristotle on Virtue and Justice," University of Michigan Dept. of Philosophy, seminar talk, 11/12/2015.
- "Why Aristotle is not an Egoist", University of Michigan, 11/13/2015; University of California Riverside, 10/14/2015; American Philosophical Association Central Division 3/2/2016; Rutgers Conference on Aristotle's Practical and Theoretical Philosophy 10/28/2016
- 'Justice and pleonexia in Aristotle's ethics', Conference on Aristotle, University of Kansas, 4/25/2015.
- 'Justice and human nature in Aristotle's ethics', Symposium: 'Human nature as an 'Archimedean point' in Aristotle's ethics, APA Pacific Division Vancouver, 4/4/2015
- 'The Sophists and Greek Morality', 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 'The Ancient Sophists: Texts, Arguments, Methods, Influence', 3/7/2015
- 'Aristotle on the ultimate good', Ohio State University Philosophy Colloquium Series, 11/7/2014
- Comment on Emily Katz, 'An Absurd Accumulation: Aristotle *Metaphysics* M 2. 1076b11-36', APA Central Division 2/28/2014.
- "Greed and Justice in Aristotle's Ethics" (Colorado College 9/2012, University of Utah 11/2012, University of Wyoming 10/2013)
- "Two kinds of justice: Aristotle's criticism of Plato" (Front Range Ancient Philosophy workshop, University of Denver, March 2012)
- "Justice and the Law in Aristotle's Ethics" (Colloquium Series, Dept of Philosophy, University of California at Davis, November 2011; Conference in Ancient Philosophy (in honor of Gisela Striker), Harvard University, 5/7/2011; Colloquium Series, Dept of Philosophy, University of California at Berkeley, February 2011).
- "Justice, Ordinary Virtue, and the Laws in Aristotle" (Conference on Ordinary Virtue in Greek and Roman Philosophy, Northwestern University, May 14, 2010).
- "Justice and the Laws in Aristotle's Moral and Political Theory" (Yale Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, April 24, 2009; University of Colorado at Denver, October 2009; University of Colorado at Boulder, November 2009)
- Book *Epistemology after Protagoras* selected for Author-Meets-Critics session at the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia PA, December 2008.
- "Epistemology and Metaphysics in Plato's *Theaetetus*", Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, February 29 2008.
- "What Epicurus Learned from Plato's *Theaetetus*: Empiricism in Ancient Greek Philosophy", Harvard University Department of Philosophy Colloquium, April 5 2007.
- Response to Terry Penner and George Rudebusch, University of Denver Philosophy Roundtable "Plato and the Philosophy of Language", 4/7/2006.
- Response to Thomas Olszewsky, "Grasping the Starting Points (Aristotle, *Physics* I 1 and *AnPo* II 19)", American Philosophical Association 2004 Meeting of the Central Division, Chicago, IL.
- "Thinking about Thinking in Ancient Greek Philosophy", Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder (March 15, 2004).
- "Thinking about Thinking in Ancient Greek Philosophy", Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago (May 16, 2003).
- Critique of Roslyn Weiss, *Virtue in the Cave* (Oxford), Author-Meets-Critics Session, American Philosophical Association 2003 Meeting of the Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA.
- Response to David Wolfsdorf, "Dikaionê and Hosiôtês in Plato's *Protagoras*", Central Division APA (April 25, 2002).

- Response to Michael Wedin, "On the Use and Abuse of Non-Contradiction: Aristotle's Critique of Protagoras and Heraclitus in *Metaphysics* Gamma G", Conference in Honor of Ian Mueller, sponsored by the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (April 20, 2002).
- "The Secret Doctrine in Plato's *Theaetetus*", Dept. of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (December 1, 2000).
- "What was in Protagoras' *Truth*?", Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington DC, May 9, 2000).
- "Aristotle on Protagoras in *Metaphysics* Book G", Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago, April 21, 2000).
- "Aristotle on Protagoras and the Principle of Non-Contradiction", Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania (March 31, 2000).
- "Thinking and Perception in Plato's *Theaetetus*", Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, (May 7, 1999).
- "Thinking and Perception in Plato's *Theaetetus*", Fourth Annual Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Conference on Plato's Epistemology and Metaphysics, University of Arizona, (Tucson, February 21, 1999).
- Response to Nicholas White, "Time and the Existence of Forms", Conference on Ancient Epistemologies, sponsored by the Chicago Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (April 25, 1998).
- "Relativism and Self-Refutation in Plato's *Theaetetus*", State University of New York at Buffalo, (January 1996), University of Delaware, (January 1996), Middlebury College (February 1996), University of Illinois at Chicago (February 1996).

### **Dissertations and Theses Supervised at CU-Boulder**

- Dawn Jacob, Dissertation on Democritus and ancient hedonism (in progress)
- Thomas Bonn, 'Socrates' Anti-Harm Principle' (in progress)
- Gagan Sapkota, The Concept of the Voluntary in Aristotle's Ethics (2022)
- Daniel Coren, Self-Motion in Aristotle (2019)
- Van Tu, *A Fresh Look at Plato's Account of Akrasia and Partitioning of the Soul*, MA 2013. (PhD candidate at University of Michigan)
- İtir Günes, *The Aristotelian Notions of Theōria and Praxis in Heidegger's Early Thought and Its Reverberations in Gadamer and Arendt*, University of Illinois at Chicago, PhD 2011. (Tenure-track assistant professor, Salisbury College, MD)
- Mary Krizan, *The Role of the Elements in Aristotle's Theory of Matter*, PhD 2010. (Now tenure-track assistant professor, Spring Hill College, AL; University of Wisconsin–La Crosse; Bilkent University, Turkey)
- Ricardo Morsella, 'The Two Worlds Theory in Plato's Metaphysics and Epistemology' MA 2007

### **Classes Taught:**

- Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy
- History of Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (Presocratic to Hellenistic Philosophy)
- Survey: Advanced Topics in Plato
- Survey: Advanced Topics in Aristotle
- Virtue Ethics: Ancient and Modern
- Grad Seminar: Plato's *Theaetetus*, Aristotle's *De Anima*, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Stoic Philosophy, Greek Epistemological Theories (Cyrenaics, Democritus, Epicurus, Philosophical Texts in Greek (reading group)
- Summer Seminar in Philosophy (advanced philosophy class, co-taught by members of Philosophy Department) - one or two sessions in ancient philosophy per summer (2005-present)

### **Recent Service to Profession:**

- Referee for Oxford University Press (book manuscripts and proposals), *American Journal of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Apeiron*, *Classical Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Ordia Prima*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *Phronesis*)

American Philosophical Association Good Practices Guide Committee (2014-2019); Book Prize Committee (2013); Nominating Committee, APA Central Division, 2011-12 (elected by members of the Central Division); Program Organizing Committee for Central Division Meeting (February 2022, 2025-7); Member-at-Large (by general election), Executive Committee of the Central Division (2024-2027).

Organizer, Front Range Ancient Philosophy Workshop (hosted workshop in 2014, 2015, 2024)  
 National Endowment for the Humanities University Fellowship Selection Committee August 2018.  
 Organizer and Facilitator, Mentoring the Mentors Workshop (Mellon). Central APA January 2019.  
 Athena in Action, Mentoring Program for Women Graduate Students in Philosophy  
 (Princeton/Rutgers, Summer 2022)  
 External letters for promotion and tenure (2020, 2024)

### **Recent Service to Department and University:**

Referee, campus nominees at CU Boulder for NEH Summer Stipend Competition (2016-2024)  
 MA Student Advisor, Fall 2016-present  
 Director of Graduate Studies, Associate Chair, and Placement Director, Department of Philosophy,  
 University of Colorado at Boulder, 2008- 2011, 2020-21  
 Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities, University of Colorado at Boulder (2010-13)  
 Hiring Committee, Director of the Center for Humanities and the Arts (2019)  
 Selection Committee, President's Fund for the Humanities, University of Colorado (4-campus  
 system) (2008-10)  
 University of Colorado at Boulder Department of Philosophy: Search Committee 2006-7, 2007-8,  
 Graduate Admissions Committee 2006-7, Reappointment Committee 2007-8, Graduate Studies  
 Committee 2007-present, Salary Committee, Chair of Visiting Instructor Search Committee,  
 Primary Unit Evaluation Committee for Promotion and Tenure 2006-7, 2008-9, 2011-12,  
 Placement Officer (2008-present), Jentzsch Prize Evaluation Committee 2006, 2010), Climate  
 Committee (2012-13), Chair Climate Committee (2013-14, 2016-17, 2022-24), Chair, Senior  
 Search Committee (2015-16), Placement Director 2014-15, Placement Committee 2013-14,  
 2017-18; Chair, Reappointment Committee for Instructors 2016-17, 2017-18, Website Manager  
 (2013-present).  
 University of Illinois at Chicago (Library Liaison, Admissions Committee, Teaching Committee,  
 Member of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans)