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**APPOINTMENTS**

2004-present Washington University in St. Louis, Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy  
1997-2004 Washington University in St. Louis, Asst. Prof. of Philosophy  
1999-2000 University of Pittsburgh, Visiting Scholar in Philosophy  
Fall 1995 University of Chicago, Instructor in Philosophy

**EDUCATION**

1991-1997 University of Chicago  
AM, Philosophy; PhD in Philosophy, with Honors (highest award)  
dissertation: *Stoic Cosmopolitanism and the Political Life*  
advisors: Elizabeth Asmis, Richard Kraut, Ian Mueller, Martha  
Nussbaum  
1996-1997 University of Pittsburgh  
Visiting Student, Program in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science  
(Though not formally enrolled, I attended colloquia, a reading group, and a  
conference.)  
Jan-May 1996 University of Cambridge  
Visiting Student, Classics  
1988-1991 University of Chicago  
AB with Honors in the College and Philosophy (highest awards)  
thesis: "Power and Passions: Spinoza and the Formation of the Political  
Community"  
advisor: Daniel Garber

**EXPERTISE**

Specialization Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy  
Competence Ethics  
(including metaethics, normative ethics, moral psychology, and political  
philosophy)  
Languages Ancient Greek, Latin, French, German, and Italian  
(in descending order of my reading ability)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2007 Essay picked among the best, Pacific Meeting, Amer. Philos. Assn.  
2005-2010 Humanities Faculty Research Award, Washington University in St. Louis

2004	Recognition for Excellence in Mentoring, Grad. Student Senate of WUSTL
2003	Essay picked among the best, Pacific Meeting, Amer. Philos. Assn.
1997	Finalist, Junior Fellowship in the Society of Fellows, Harvard University
1996-1997	Mrs. Giles Whiting Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
1996-1997	Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
1994	Mellon Foundation Summer Research Stipend
1991-1995	University of Chicago Century Fellowship
1991	National Finalist, Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities
1991	Elected to the Beta of Illinois chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

### **RESEARCH PUBLISHED**

(including items in press but not yet in print)

#### **Essays**

(forthcoming)	"Cynics." in <i>The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy</i> , ed. Frisbee Sheffield and James Warren (London: Routledge).
(forthcoming)	"Aristotle on the Choice of Lives: Two Concepts of Self-Sufficiency." in <i>Quel choix de vie? Études sur les rapports entre théorie et praxis chez Aristote</i> , ed. Pierre Destrée (Louvain: Peeters).
(forthcoming)	"The Unity of the Soul in Plato's <i>Republic</i> ." in <i>Plato and the Divided Self</i> , ed. Rachel Barney, Tad Brennan, and Charles Brittain (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
2010	"Die Erfindung des Kosmopolitanismus in der Stoa." in <i>Kosmopolitanismus: Zur Geschichte und Zukunft eines umstrittenen Ideals</i> , ed. M. Lutz-Bachmann et al. (Weilerswist: Velbrück Wissenschaft), 9-24.
2009	"Politics and Society." in <i>The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism</i> , ed. James Warren (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 179-196.
2009	"The Emergence of Natural Law and the Cosmopolis." in <i>The Cambridge Companion to Greek Political Thought</i> , ed. Stephen Salkever (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 331-363.
2009	"False Idles: The Politics of the 'Quiet Life.'" in <i>A Companion to Greek and Roman Political Thought</i> , ed. Ryan Balot (Oxford: Basil Blackwell), 485-500.
2008	"Contemplative Withdrawal in the Hellenistic Age." <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 137: 79-89.
2006	"Hellenistic Cosmopolitanism." in <i>A Companion to Ancient Philosophy</i> , ed. Mary Louise Gill and Pierre Pellegrin (Oxford: Basil Blackwell), 549-558.
2006	"Socrates in the Stoa." in <i>A Companion to Socrates</i> , ed. Sara Ahbel-Rappe and Rachana Kamtekar (Oxford: Basil Blackwell), 275-284.
2006	"Wishing for Fortune, Choosing Activity: Aristotle on External Goods and Happiness." <i>Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy</i> 22: 221-256. (Due to the editors' error, this was originally published without notes in 21 [2005]: 57-81.)

- 2005 "Plato on the Rule of Wisdom." in *Spindel Conference 2004: Ancient Ethics and Politics*, ed. Tim Roche (*Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43 s.v.), 84-96.
- 2004 "Minding the Gap in Plato's *Republic*." *Philosophical Studies* 117: 275-302.
- 2003 "Plato's Ethics and Politics in the *Republic*." in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Summer 2003 Edition*, ed. Edward N. Zalta (URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu>).  
Revised version in *The Stanford Encyclopedia, Fall 2009 Edition*, ed. Edward N. Zalta.
- 2003 "Knowing the Whole: Comments on Mary Louise Gill, 'Plato's *Phaedrus* and the Method of Hippocrates.'" in *The Metaphysics of Plato and Aristotle, The Fifth Henle Conference in the History of Philosophy, Part II*, ed. Scott Berman (*The Modern Schoolman* 80,4), 315-323.
- 2002 "Cosmopolitanism." (with Pauline Kleingeld). in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Fall 2002 Edition*, ed. Edward N. Zalta (URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu>).  
Revised version in *The Stanford Encyclopedia, Winter 2006 Edition*, ed. Edward N. Zalta.
- 2002 "Epicurus on the Value of Friendship (*Sententia Vaticana* 23)." *Classical Philology* 97: 68-80.
- 2000 "Socrates the Cosmopolitan." *Stanford Agora: An Online Journal of Legal Perspectives* 1: 74-87. (URL=<http://agora.stanford.edu>)
- 2000 "Justice and Compulsion for Plato's Philosopher-Rulers." *Ancient Philosophy* 20: 1-17.
- 1997 "A Defense of Plato's Argument for the Immortality of the Soul at *Republic* X.608c-611a." *Apeiron* 30: 211-238.  
Reprinted in *Essays on Plato's Psychology*, ed. Ellen Wagner (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2001), 297-322.

### **Brief Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

- 2010 "Cosmopolitanism" and "Justice." in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, 7 vols., ed. Michael Gagarin (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 2:307-208 and 4:164-166.
- 2007 Gretchen Reydam-Schils, *The Roman Stoics: Self, Responsibility, and Affection*. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45: 490-491.
- 2006 "Epictetus," "Marcus Aurelius Antoninus," and "Panaetius of Rhodes." in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd ed., ed. Donald Borcherter (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA), 3:261-263, 5:705-707, and 7:78-80.
- 2004 Thanassis Samaras, *Plato on Democracy*. *Classical Review* n.s. 54: 71-72.
- 2003 Richard Sorabji, *Emotion and Peace of Mind: From Stoic Agitation to Christian Temptation*. *Classical Philology* 98: 97-102.
- 2002 Morag Buchan, *Women in Plato's Political Theory*. *Ancient Philosophy* 22: 189-193.

- 2000 Katerina Ierodiakonou, ed., *Topics in Stoic Philosophy*, and Susanne Bobzien, *Determinism and Freedom in Stoic Philosophy*. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38: 430-432.
- 1999 Adolf Friedrich Bonhöffer, *The Ethics of the Stoic Epictetus: An English Translation*, trans. William O. Stephens, and Epictetus, *Discourses Book 1*, trans. with commentary by Robert F. Dobbin. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 37: 671-673.
- 1999 Robert Mayhew, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Republic*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 99.2.11 (URL=<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/>).
- 1999 Lawrence C. Becker, *A New Stoicism*. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 37: 162-164.

### **SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTED**

- May 2011 "'Virtue Ethics' and the Problem of Advising Fools." Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Washington.
- Apr 2011 "*Eudaimonia* in Plato's *Republic*." Scientia Workshop, University of California-Irvine.
- Feb 2011 "*Eudaimonia* in Plato's *Republic*." Conference on "Eudaimonia and Virtue: Rethinking the Good Life," University of Miami.
- Feb 2011 "Socratic Lawfulness (*Gorgias* 504d)." Sixteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Nov 2010 "'Virtue Ethics' and the Problem of Advising Fools." Philosophy Colloquium, Lewis & Clark College.
- May 2010 "Greek Advice for Those Who Need It Most." Conference on Greek Philosophy and Ordinary Virtue, Northwestern University.
- Dec 2009 "Plato's Rejection of Protagorean Ethics." Symposium on "Plato and Naturalism," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
- May 2009 "Cosmopolitans and Unmet Friends." Séminaire de philosophie ancienne: *Philia et Dikè*, University of Paris I and University of Lille III.
- Feb 2009 "Plato on the Unity of Politics (*Statesman* 258e-259c)." Fourteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Nov 2008 *Stoic Cosmopolitanism*. Seminar on Stoic Politics, University of Toronto.
- Oct 2008 "The Unity of the Soul in Plato's *Republic*." Third Western Ontario Colloquium in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy.
- June 2008 "Cosmopolitans and Unmet Friends." Penn-Leiden Colloquium V: Valuing Others, University of Leiden.
- Feb 2008 On Rachana Kamtekar, "The Defense of Justice in Plato's *Republic*." Thirteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Oct 2007 "Socrates on Coherent Desire (*Gorgias* 466-468)." (with Clerk Shaw). Philosophy Department, University of Utah.
- Oct 2007 "Philosophers Rule: Plato's Aims in the *Republic*." Lecture to the Honors Program, University of Utah.

- Oct 2007 "Socrates the Stoic? Rethinking Protreptic, Eudaimonism, and the Role of Plato's Socratic Dialogues." Philosophy Department, Duke University.
- Sept 2007 "Socrates the Stoic? Rethinking Protreptic, Eudaimonism, and the Role of Plato's Socratic Dialogues." Philosophy Department, University of Kansas.
- Apr 2007 "Contemplative Withdrawal in the Hellenistic Age." Invited Symposium at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco.
- Feb 2007 "Socrates on Coherent Desire (*Gorgias* 466-468)." (with Clerk Shaw). Twelfth Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Dec 2006 "The Stoic Invention of Cosmopolitan Politics." Conference on "Cosmopolitan Politics" at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt-am-Main.
- Oct 2006 "Socrates the Stoic? Rethinking Protreptic, Eudaimonism, and the Role of Plato's Socratic Dialogues." Philosophy Department, Temple University.
- Mar 2006 "Stoic Psychopathology." Invited Symposium at Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Portland.
- Feb 2006 On Mitchell Miller, "The Pleasures of the Comic and of Socratic Inquiry: Aporetic Reflections on *Philebus* 48a-50b." Eleventh Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Nov 2005 "Socrates the Stoic? Rethinking Protreptic, Eudaimonism, and the Role of Plato's Socratic Dialogues." Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- Jul 2005 "Cosmopolitans and Unmet Friends." Conference of "New Voices in Ancient Philosophy," Cambridge University.
- Apr 2005 On Jennifer Whiting, "Psychic Contingency in Plato." Conference on the Divided Soul in Plato, University of Toronto.
- Feb 2005 On John Cooper, "The Emotional Life of the Wise." Conference in Moral Psychology, Franklin & Marshall College.
- Dec 2004 "On Harte on Plato on Parts and Wholes." Author Meets Critics session at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston.
- Oct 2004 "Wishing for Fortune, Choosing Activity: Aristotle on External Goods and Happiness." Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, College of the Holy Cross.
- Oct 2004 On Fred D. Miller, Jr., "Plato on the Rule of Reason." Twenty-Third Spindel Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis: Ancient Ethics and Political Philosophy.
- Feb 2004 "Socrates the Stoic? The *Euthydemus* and the Plurality of Socratic Philosophies." Ninth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy.
- Nov 2003 *Stoic Cosmopolitanism*. Seminar on Stoic Ethics, Departments of Classics and Philosophy, University of Michigan.

- Mar 2003 "Minding the Gap in Plato's Republic." Symposium at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco.
- Apr 2002 "Minding the Gap in Plato's Republic." Fourth Biennial Chicago Conference in Ancient Philosophy, In Honor of Ian Mueller: Philosophy and Science in the Ancient Greek World.
- Apr 2002 On Mary Louise Gill, "Plato's Phaedrus and the Method of Hippocrates." Fifth Henle Conference in the History of Philosophy, Saint Louis University: The Metaphysics of Plato and Aristotle.
- Jun 2001 "Advising the Cosmopolis." Symposium on Philosophy and Public Life in Ancient Greece and Rome, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
- Apr 2000 On Constance Meinwald, "Episodes in the History of the Idea of Consent." Symposium at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago.
- Apr 2000 "Seneca, Torn Between Two Cities." Third Biennial Chicago Conference on Ancient Philosophy: Roman Stoicism.
- May 1999 "The Stoic as a Citizen of the Cosmos" [on Marcus Aurelius]. Meeting of the North American Society for Social Philosophy at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New Orleans.
- Dec 1998 "Epicurus, Sententia Vaticana XXIII." Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Feb 1998 "Justice and Compulsion for Plato's Philosopher-Rulers." Third Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of Arizona.
- Oct 1997 "Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism in Cicero's De Officiis." Sixteenth Annual Joint Conference of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, Binghamton University.
- Jul 1997 "Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism in Cicero's De Officiis." Fourteenth Annual Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, Queen's University.

## **RESEARCH PENDING**

### **Books**

- in progress *The Eudaimonist Alternative*. About half of the planned thirteen-chapter manuscript has been drafted.
- in progress *Stoic Cosmopolitanism*. under contract, to be published by Cambridge University Press.

### **Articles**

- in utero "Some Greek Thoughts about Completion."
- partly drafted "Plato on the Pleasures of Comedy (*Philebus* 48a-50b)."
- partly drafted "Stoic Anti-Slavery."
- drafted "*Eudaimonia* in Plato's *Republic*." to be revised and submitted.

- drafted "Virtue Ethics' and the Problem of Advising Fools." to be revised and submitted.
- drafted "Socratic Lawfulness (*Gorgias* 504d)." to be revised and submitted.
- drafted "Plato on the Unity of Politics (*Statesman* 258e-259c)." to be revised and submitted.
- drafted "Socrates the Stoic? Rethinking Protreptic, Eudaimonism, and the Role of Plato's Socratic Dialogues." to be revised and submitted.
- drafted "Socrates on Coherent Desire (*Gorgias* 466-468)." (with Clerk Shaw). to be revised and submitted.
- drafted "Cosmopolitans and Unmet Friends." to be revised for *La philia dans la philosophie d'Aristote*, ed. Pierre Destrée (Louvain: Peeters).

### Reviews

- commissioned William Desmond, *Cynics*. for *Journal of Hellenic Studies*
- commissioned Christopher Gill, *The Structured Self in Hellenistic and Roman Thought*. for *Ancient Philosophy*
- commissioned David Sedley, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Greek and Roman Philosophy*. for *The Philosophical Review*
- commissioned Tad Brennan, *The Stoic Life*. for *Philosophical Quarterly*