

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

PhD	University of South Florida, Philosophy	Defended: June 24, 2020
MA	University of South Florida, Philosophy	December 2017
BA	Florida State University, Philosophy With Classical Civilizations	May 2012

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy | History of Philosophy | 19th & 20th Century European

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Ethics | Early Modern | Social/Political Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Instructor (Adjunct)
University of South Florida Department of Philosophy | 2020-Present
University of South Florida Judy Genshaft Honors College | 2019-Present
Graduate Teaching Associate (Instructor of Record)
University of South Florida Department of Philosophy | 2017-2020

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

This, or Something like It: Socrates and the Problem of Authority

Major Professor: Joanne Waugh

Co-Major Professor: Joshua Rayman

Committee Members: Mor Segev | Michael Morris

I argue that authority, conceptually and in practice, constitutes a serious problem for Socrates. On my reading, the problems of authority are indicative of an improper understanding of the soul and the ailing condition of the sociopolitical practices of Athenian culture. I investigate Plato's characterization of the Socratic practice of philosophy and attempt to develop an interpretive strategy of Plato's work that commits us to neither wholly dogmatic nor wholly skeptical readings. I maintain that Plato's Socrates is reluctant to commit to doctrine, and critical of the doctrinal commitment of others, because he sees in such eristic (non-dialectical) postures the threat of aporia. I maintain that Socrates' antiauthoritarian characterization is evidence of his dedication to the continued pursuit of wisdom. While I develop a picture of an antiauthoritarian Socrates within the nonauthoritative genre of Plato's dialogues, I hope to retain the view that the Socratic pursuit of wisdom is aspirational. In my reading I give special attention to the historical context in which Plato writes, and this includes the choices Plato makes in presenting the character of Socrates.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Evaluations (PHIL): Average: 4.62 | Department Average: 4.36 | College Average: 4.24

University of South Florida

Primary Instructor

- Science in a Cultural Context (HUM): Fall 2021
- Directed Study Philosophy and Medicine in Ancient Greece (PHI): Summer 2021
- Gender Performance on the Tragic Stage (HON): Spring 2021, Spring 2022
- Ancient Philosophy [hybrid modality]: Fall 2020
- Acquisition of Knowledge (HON): Fall 2019, Fall 2021 (3 sections)
 - Hybrid Modality: Fall 2020 (3 sections)
- Critical Thinking (PHI): Spring 2019
- Biomedical Ethics (PHI): Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021
- Introduction to Philosophy: Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Summer 2021, Spring 2022
 - Online Modality: Summer 2019, Summer 2020
- Introduction to Ethics (PHI): Fall 2017, Spring 2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Publicity and Social Media | Department of Philosophy

Founder/Director of Social Media; Graphic Design

Minorities and Philosophy

USF Student Organization Founder/President, 2019-2020; USF Chapter President, 2018-2020.

Philosophy Graduate Student Organization

President, 2017/2018; Faculty Liaison, 2016/2017

Major Expo | Undergraduate Recruitment for Undeclared Majors

GA Organizer and department representative, October 2019

Phi-Org | Undergraduate Philosophy Organization

Mentor, 2017-2018.

Conferences

MAP: Not All Dead White Men, Colloquium with Donna Zuckerberg, April 23, 2020;

Feminist Reception of *Lysistrata*, Workshop with Donna Zuckerberg, April 23, 2020 [postponed]

PGSO: Transcontinental Migrations, April 2019; Resistance and Love after Foundationalism, April 2018

Multimedia

Anton Wilhelm Amo Documentary (in production), Editing and Production (Producer/Director: Dwight K. Lewis)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Mental Health First Aid Training 2019 | Online Instructor Certification 2019

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Article: “Nietzsche’s Continued use of Ueberweg for his Course Introduction to the Study of the Platonic Dialogues.” Co-Authored with William Parkhurst. *Nietzsche-Studien* [Q2], 2020.

Book Review: Richard A. Lynch, *Foucault’s Critical Ethics*, in *Symposium*, Journal of the Canadian Society of Continental Philosophy, 2019.

Articles Under Review / Preparing for Submission:

1. “Dialectic and the ‘greatest aporia’ in the *Parmenides*;” 2. “The Laws at a third remove from the truth in the *Crito*;” 3. “The bifurcation of justice in the *Euthyphro*;” 4. “Levels of analogy for the tripartite soul in *Republic I*;” 5. “Abstraction of knowledge in Thrasymachus’ definition of justice.”

Projected Monograph:

I am currently working on a book proposal expanding on my dissertation research. I present readings of select dialogues contextualizing Plato’s use of ἀρχή [authority/origin] and ἐξ ἀρχῆς [from the beginning]—establishing these as technical terms.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Paper Presentations

- “Back to One: Return to the Power of the Dialectic in the *Parmenides*,” 20th Annual Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, April 2nd, 2020 [postponed]
- “Laws are Made Things: The Use of Dialectic in Coming to Know the Just,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, November 17th, 2019
- “Justice in Two Parts: The Problem of Knowing Justice in the *Euthyphro* and Book I of the *Republic*,” Justice Turns the Balance Scales, University of Florida Classics Symposium, October 26th, 2019
- “Ἀρχή & the Origin of Authority,” 49th Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest, April 6th, 2019
- “In His Left Hand under His Cloak,” Material Culture and Philosophy in Ancient Greece, March 5th, 2017
- “Creative Approaches to Academic Non-Fiction,” Consortium: A Cross-Disciplinary Conference in the Humanities, May 16th, 2011 (Invited)
- “Ipsi Custoditi Custodes Custodient,” Consortium: A cross-disciplinary Conference in the Humanities, May 15th, 2011

Chair/Commentary:

- Society of Christian Philosophers, (Invited Commentary) January 24th, 2020
- American Philosophical Association (Central) Colloquium, February 27th, 2020
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, November 16th, 2019
- 19th Annual Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, April 28th, 2019
- Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies:
 - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Resistance and Love after Foundationalism, April 15th, 2018

LANGUAGES

English (native), French, Ancient Greek (Attic), Classical Latin

GRADUATE COURSES *reverse chronological order*

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics Dr. Mor Segev

Directed Study: Ancient Greek Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios

Newton and Philosophy Dr. Douglas Jesseph

Philosophy and Literature Dr. Joanne Waugh

Plato Dr. Joanne Waugh

Foucault Dr. Lee Braver

20th Century Continental Philosophy Dr. Lee Braver

Nietzsche Dr. Joshua Rayman

Feminist Philosophy Dr. Joanne Waugh

Levinas and Derrida Dr. Lee Braver

Confucianism Dr. Wei Zhang

Descartes Dr. Roger Ariew

The Machine Question Dr. Alex Levine

Aristotle, Politics Dr. Mor Segev

Hegel, Phenomenology of Spirit Dr. Michael Morris

French for Research Dr. Christine Probes

Late Heidegger Dr. Lee Braver

Symbolic Logic Dr. Eric Winsberg

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Plato Society, 2020-Present | History of Philosophy Society, 2019-Present | Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 2019-Present | Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, 2017-Present | Ancient Philosophy Society, 2016-Present | American Philosophical Association, 2015-Present | Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, 2015-Present.

GRANTS

American Philosophical Association Small Grant Fund, Spring 2019 [\$3,500] (Conference Funding) | Conference Presentation Grant Program, Spring 2019 [\$500]; Fall 2019 [\$500] | Student Government Travel Grant, Spring 2018 [\$2,500] (Group Travel) | Amo Documentary Funding: *The James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference* at Emory University, Fall 2018 | Minorities and Philosophy Grant, Fall 2018.

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK

Reading Groups:
Greek Translation (2016-Present)

Members translate, and discuss, passages from select works in Greek philosophy. We are currently working through *Politics* I. Previous texts: *Nicomachean Ethics* I-IV, *Euthyphro*, *Apology*.

Marx Capital (2019-Present)

Meeting roughly once a week, a group of colleagues slowly progressing through Volume I of *Capital* with some diversions into other works by Marx and later Marxist theory.

Student Mentoring:

I am working with three students on projects that began as papers written for my courses. The works are at varying stages, the most advanced has presented her paper on animal cognition and communication at two undergraduate conferences, and the paper has been published in Johns Hopkins' *Macksey Journal*.