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## Appointments

2019-present	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stony Brook University
2013-2019	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Stony Brook University
2011-2013	Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Dartmouth College
2008-2011	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Colgate University
2007-2008	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hamilton College
2000-2007	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Memphis

## Education

1993-2001	Ph.D. in Philosophy (Dean's Honor List), McGill University
1986-1990	B.A. in Philosophy (Departmental Honors), Haverford College
1998-2000	Fulbright Fellow, University of Heidelberg
1990-1991	Doctoral Student (East Asian Languages & Literatures), UCLA

## Dissertation

“Original Fracture: Plato in the Philosophies of Paul Natorp and Martin Heidegger”  
Directors: Stephen Menn, Philip Buckley

## Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, esp. Plato and Aristotle  
German Philosophy, esp. Kant, neo-Kantianism, Husserl, Heidegger

## Areas of Competence

Existentialism, Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy of Literature, Classical Chinese Thought, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Psychology

## Awards

Fulbright Full Grant & seven-month renewal, Heidelberg, Germany (1998-2000)  
Stony Brook University AHLSS Faculty Research Award (2018)  
Colgate University Research Council Publication Grant (2009-10)  
Colgate University Research Council Discretionary Grant (2009-10)  
McGill University Dean's Honor List (2001)

J.W. McConnell McGill Major Research Fellowship (1997)  
 Gordon H. Eberts McGill Major Research Fellowship (1996)

## Publications

### Books

- *Selves in Dialogue: Authenticity, Autonomy, and the Socratic Art of Living*. [Under contract with SUNY Press]
- *The Brill Companion to German Platonism*. xii, 388 pp. Volume editor. Brill Publishing, Leiden, Netherlands (2019)  
 The fourteen contributors include such leading scholars as Manfred Baum, Richard Bett, Francisco Gonzalez, André Laks, François Renaud, and Thomas Szlezák. I translated several of the chapters from the German (see “Translations”, below).
- *Plato in Germany: Kant – Natorp – Heidegger*. 316 pp. Vol. XXVII of the series, International Plato Studies, published for the International Plato Society by Academia Verlag, Sankt Augustin, Germany (2010)  
 Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Études platoniciennes*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*. Cited in various books, articles, and dissertations.

### Articles and Book Chapters

- “Introduction” to *The Brill Companion to German Platonism*. Kim, A., ed. Brill Publishing (2019).
- “Phenomenological Platonism: Husserl and Plato.” Chapter in *The Brill Companion to German Platonism*. Kim, A., ed. Brill Publishing (2019)
- “Natorp’s Two-Dimensional Mind.” Chapter in *Philosophy of Mind in the Nineteenth Century* (The History of the Philosophy of Mind, Volume V). Lapointe, S., ed. Routledge (2018)
- “An Antique Echo: Plato and the Nazis.” In *Brill’s Companion to the Classics, Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany*. Roche, H., and Demetriou, K., eds. Brill Publishing (2018)
- “Johann Friedrich Herbart.” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/johann-herbart/> (2015)  
 Cited in various articles and books.
- “Neo-Kantian Ideas of History.” Chapter in *New Approaches to Neo-Kantianism*. De Warren, N., and Staiti, A., eds. Cambridge University Press (2015)  
 Cited in *Quintilian. Nachantike Spuren der Institutio oratoria* (Peter Lang).
- “*Crito* and Critique.” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 41 (Winter) (2011)  
 Reviewed in *Philosophy in Review* XXXII: 6 (2012); cited in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Socrates, Socrates Mystagogos* (Routledge)
- “Problems of Technology.” Chapter in *Values and Technology*. Ricci, G.R., ed. (2010)
- “Early Experimental Psychology.” Chapter in *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Psychology*. Calvo, P., and Symons, J. eds. Routledge (2009)  
 Cited in several articles and books, and taught (F18) at Royal Holloway, University of London (PY2101/3101): <https://rhul.rl.talis.com/lists/A7FCF23B-0B19-F5B6-43D0-49088ABBADC0.html>

- “Recollecting the Soul: Natorp’s Construction of a Platonic ‘Psychology.’” *Internationale Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 16:2 (2007)  
Cited in *Theory and Psychology* 25(6) (2015)
- “Wilhelm Maximilian Wundt.” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/wilhelm-wundt/>> original (2006); revised (2016)  
Cited in *The Oxford Handbook of Culture and Psychology* (Oxford); *From Psychology to Phenomenology: Franz Brentano’s Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind* (Palgrave); *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior* (Vintage); *Philosophical and Empirical Approaches to Psychology* (Rowman and Littlefield); *The Biological Mind* (Basic Books); *Nineteenth-Century Verse and Technology: Machines of Meter* (Palgrave); *Wilhelm Wundt (1832-1920). Gesamtwerk: Einführung, Zitate, Kommentare, Rezeption, Rekonstruktionsversuche* (Pabst); and numerous other articles and books.
- “Frameworks & Foundations: Heidegger and Natorp on Science and Technology.” *Angelaki* 10:1 (2005)  
Cited in *Heidegger, Morality and Politics: Questioning the Shepherd of Being* (Cambridge).
- “Varieties of Moral Experience: Cephalic *Erlebnis* and Odyssean *Erfahrung*.” Commentary on C.D.C. Reeve’s “Philosophy, Craft, and Experience in the *Republic*.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43 (Spindel Supplement) (2004)
- “A Chiastic Contradiction at *Euthyphro* 9E1-11B5.” *Phronesis* 49:3 (2004)  
Cited in numerous journals and books, including *Definition in Greek Philosophy* (Oxford); *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 42 (2012); *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 52 (2017).
- “Shades of Truth: A Phenomenological Approach to the Allegory of the Cave.” *Idealistic Studies* 34:1 (2004)
- “Paul Natorp.” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/natorp/>> original (2003); revised (2016)  
Cited in numerous articles and books.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- “*Erschlossenheit; erschliessen*.” *The Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*. Wrathall, M., ed. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2019)
- “*Neuzeit; neuzeitlich*.” *The Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*. Wrathall, M., ed. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2019)
- “*Entfernung; Ent-fernung*.” *The Cambridge Heidegger Lexicon*. Wrathall, M., ed. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2019)

### Translations

#### *from French*

- “Plato Between Cohen and Natorp: Aspects of the neo-Kantian Interpretation of the Platonic Ideas.” Translation from the French of André Laks’s Afterword to the English translation of P. Natorp’s *Platos Ideenlehre*, pp. 453-83 (original title: “Platon entre Cohen et Natorp: aspects de l’interprétation néokantienne des idées platoniciennes”). Sankt Augustin, Germany: Academia Verlag (2004)

*from German*

- “Kant and Plato”. Translation of Manfred Baum’s “Kant und Platon” (8,250 words). Chapter in *The Brill Companion to German Platonism* (2019)
- “Friedrich Schleiermacher’s Theory of Dialogue and Its Legacy”. Translation of Thomas A. Szlezák’s “Friedrich Schleiermachers Dialogtheorie und ihre Folgen” (8,170 words). Chapter in *The Brill Companion to German Platonism* (2019)
- “Plato-Reception in the Marburg School”. Translation of Karl-Heinz Lembeck’s “Die Platon-Rezeption im Marburger Neukantianismus” (11,900 words). Chapter in *The Brill Companion to German Platonism* (2019)

Book Reviews

- Review of A. Laks, *The Concept of Presocratic Philosophy* (2018), in *The Philosophical Review* (Cornell; forthcoming 2019)
- Review of M.-J. Lavallée, *Lire Platon avec Hannah Arendt* (2018), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (forthcoming 2019)
- Reviews in the *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* of Hadot, Nightingale, and Morrison  
<<http://ndpr.nd.edu>>

**Languages**

Fully bilingual in English and German  
 Ancient Greek, full professional proficiency  
 Latin, full professional proficiency  
 French, full professional proficiency

**Departmental & University Service**Stony Brook*College of Arts and Sciences*

“Shared Vision” Working Group, “Cross-Cutting Disciplines: Mind, Brain, Body: From Biology to Culture” (CAS, nominated by Chair, appointed by Dean Sampson), 2019

Arts and Sciences Senate Executive Committee, 2019-

Chair, Arts and Sciences Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2019-

Arts and Sciences Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (CAS Senate; elected), 2018-2021

Arts and Sciences Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (CAS Senate; appointed), 2017-2018

Academic Judiciary Committee (CAS Senate; elected), 2015-present

Academic Judiciary Committee (CAS Senate; appointed), 2014-2015

*Departmental Service*

Ancient Greek and German translation evaluator (1 Greek, 3 German), 2015-present, Department of Philosophy

Organizer of the Greek Philosophical Reading Group, 2014-present, Department of Philosophy  
 Meets most weeks; see Attachment 4, below, for details

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-2018, Department of Philosophy

Graduate Program Committee (GPC), 2015-2016; 2018-present, Department of Philosophy

Placement Officer, 2013-2015, and *ad hoc*, 2015-present, Department of Philosophy

Hiring Search Committee, 2013-2014, Department of Philosophy

*Pedagogy*

Dissertation committee member and defense chair (H. Mohamed), 2018, Department of Philosophy  
Senior Honors Advisor (M. Ike), 2018-2019, Department of Philosophy  
Campus-wide roundtable panelist on TA best practices, 2015

Colgate

Core 151 talks to assembled students, faculty workshops, 2008-2011, Colgate University  
Coordinator, Core 151 Political Philosophy Unit, 2009-2010, Colgate University

Memphis

Coordinator, Graduate Assistant Mentoring Program, 2000-2006, University of Memphis  
Search Committees, 2000-2006, University of Memphis

**Professional Experience**

Referee for:

- *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
- *Dialogue*
- *History and Philosophy of Logic*
- *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*
- *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*
- *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
- *Philosophy East and West*
- *Southern Journal of Philosophy*
- *Synthesis Philosophica* (Zagreb)
- *Theory and Psychology*

President, Tennessee Philosophical Association, 2005-2006

Associate Editor, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2000-2007

**1. Selected Presentations & Conferences**

- October 2019      Commentator on Anna Christina Ribeiro's "Is Poetry Fiction?"  
American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- November 2016      "Socrates and Existentialism"  
Dept. of Philosophy, SUNY-Purchase, Purchase, NY
- May 2016            "Socrates and Existentialism"  
Invited speech at Spring Conference, Philosophy Dept., Suffolk County  
Community College, Selden, NY
- May 2014            "Heidegger on Descartes' neo-Kantian Inheritors"  
Symposium paper (panel: Robert Crease, Cathryn Carson)  
Heidegger Circle, St. Petersburg, FL
- February 2013      Comment on Barbara Sattler's "Plato's Forms in the Language of the  
Eleusinian Mysteries"  
Dartmouth College Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Hanover, NH
- February 2013      "Socrates' Ethics of Authenticity"  
Dept. of Philosophy, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
- May 2012            "The Becoming of Being: a historical fragment" (Sapientia Lecture) Dept. of  
Philosophy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- April 2012           Comment on Scott Edgar's "Hermann Cohen and Ernst Cassirer on the  
Constitution of Individuals"  
APA Pacific Division, Seattle, WA
- March 2012           "Ironizing Difference: Love, Strife, and the Politics of Dialogue"  
The Difference & Media Project, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- December 2011      "Varieties of Dialectic: Hegelian and Neo-Kantian Dialectics Through a  
Platonic Prism"  
Panel on Kant and Critical Idealism, APA Eastern Division, Washington,  
D.C.
- April 2011            "Dostoevsky and Heidegger: Critics of Modernity"  
Hannah Arendt Center for Politics & the Humanities, Bard College,  
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- January 2011        "Heidegger, Paul, and Plato: Towards an Eschatology of Death"  
Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- December 2009      "Husserl and Natorp on Space"  
Panel on Critical Idealism, APA Eastern Division, New York, NY

- June 2008 “Function and Symbol in Marburg Philosophy of Science” Symposium paper (panel: Lydia Patton, Scott Edgar, Gary Hatfield)  
Association for the History of the Philosophy of Science (HOPOS),  
Vancouver, Canada
- April 2008 Chair for Naomi Reshotko, “Is There an Intermediate Position Between Knowing and Not Knowing? The Wax Block in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” Central APA, Chicago, IL
- March 2008 “Dazzle Gradually: Epistemic Breakdown in Plato”  
Department of Philosophy, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
- March 2007 “Socrates’ Ethics of Authenticity”  
Department of Philosophy, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- February 2007 “Heidegger’s Socratic Ethics”  
Department of Philosophy, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- November 2006 “Ideas and Ideals in Kant and Plato”  
Department of Philosophy, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA
- November 2006 Organizer of Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Convention,  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- November 2005 “Animal Farm” (On the City of Pigs in *Republic* II)  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville, TN
- October 2004 “Blindness & Insight” (On Blindness in Plato)  
Dept. of Philosophy, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR
- October 2004 Invited Commentator on C.D.C. Reeve’s “Philosophy, Craft, and Experience in the *Republic*,” Spindel Conference, “Ancient Greek Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- July 2004 Invited Commentator on papers by Richard Bett, Gisela Striker, James Allen, Julia Annas, “Philosophy in Assos,” Assos, Turkey
- January 2003 “Archaic Philosophy and Philosophical Archaism” (On Friedländer, Reinhardt, et al., on early Greek thought)  
King’s College, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada
- July-August 2002 Text-seminar on Plato’s *Philebus*, with Günter Figal (Freiburg), Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Italy
- July 2002 Invited Commentator on papers by Asa Kasher, Amihud Gilead, and David Cooper, “Philosophy in Assos,” Assos, Turkey

- February 2002      “‘Blinded in My Soul’: What Does Plato Think We Cannot Know?”  
Invited Paper, Arkansas Philosophical Association, Hendrix College,  
Conway, AR
- November 2000      Comment on Mark Anderson’s “Socrates as Hoplite”  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- September 2000      Comment on Gail Fine’s “Scepticism & Subjectivity: Descartes, Sextus, and  
the Cyrenaics”  
Presented at the conference, “Hellenistic & Early Modern Philosophy,”  
Departments of Philosophy and Classics, University of Toronto, Toronto,  
Canada
- January 2000      “‘Blinded In My Soul’: What Does Plato Think We Cannot Know?”  
Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- December 1999      “Constitution: Two Theories of Objective Being” (On Natorp and Husserl)  
Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

## 2. Teaching

- Courses taught at Stony Brook

### § Graduate

PHI 600      Ancient Philosophy (S15, S16, S18)

S15 Topic: Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*

S16 Topic: Socratic ethics

S18 Topic: Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*

### § Undergraduate

PHI 100      Concepts of the Person (F13, F14, F16, F17)

HON 106      Modes of Being (S15)

PHI 247      Existentialism (S14, S15, F15, S16)

PHI 300      Ancient Philosophy (S14, F14, F15, S18)

PHI 340      Philosophical Traditions of Eastern Asia (F13)

Comparative analysis of classical Greek, Indian, and Chinese texts

PHI 395      Junior Seminar (F17)

Husserl’s *Cartesian Meditations* and Heidegger’s *Being and Time*

PHI 402      Analysis of Philosophic Texts (F16)

Detailed analysis of all ten books of Plato’s *Republic*



§ Independent Study

Reading of Kant's third *Critique* with Patrick Durkin (F14); supervised senior thesis of M. Ike (F18); supervising senior theses of J. Bolusi (F19) and R. Cardoza (F19).

- I am the director of S. Whited's Ph.D. dissertation at Stony Brook, and have served on committees of Ph.D. students, M. Hentrup (Ph.D., 2016), H. Al-Rayes (Ph.D., 2018), C. Manno, E. Granik, and J. Strandberg, all at Stony Brook.
- I am the doctoral mentor of H. Martinez (since 2019).
- Graduate highlights since 2000 include doctoral seminars on Plato's early dialogues (2016), Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (2015 and 2018), ancient physics (2005), Plato's *Parmenides* (2005), Plato's *Theaetetus* (2007); Aristotle's Philosophy of Nature (2002); Cassirer, Heidegger and Carnap (2002).

Since 2000, I have taught:

- Intro to Philosophy most semesters from 2000-2015, taking both topical and historical approaches; comparative Chinese, Indian, and Greek philosophy (Hamilton, Dartmouth, Stony Brook);
- interdisciplinary honors courses (Dartmouth, 2013; Stony Brook, 2015);
- intermediate survey courses in ancient philosophy (Memphis, Hamilton, Colgate, Dartmouth, Stony Brook); nineteenth-century philosophy (Colgate); and Phenomenology and Existentialism (Dartmouth, Colgate, Stony Brook); Aristotle (Stony Brook);
- upper level seminars on Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, Hegel, Philosophy of Technology, and Philosophy of Literature (Stony Brook, Dartmouth, Colgate, Memphis);
- independent study in Greek & German thought, including readings in Greek & German;
- supervised graduate dissertations at Memphis and senior theses at Dartmouth and Colgate.

### **3. Work in Progress**

1. "Function and Symbol in Marburg Philosophy of Science." Article on Natorp and Cassirer's theory of science.
2. "Animal Farm." Article on the ideality of the city of pigs in *Republic II*.
3. "The Philosopher in His Labyrinth: Plato in Heidegger's Rectoral Address". Article on Plato in Heidegger's Rectoral Address.
4. "Dazzle Gradually: Plato's Metaphor of Blindness." Article on Plato and the problem of intellectual intuition.

#### **4. Greek, Latin, German Reading**

- Stony Brook University Greek Philosophy Reading Group (founder) (M. Clemons, E. Granik, G. Mangiameli, J. Strandberg, C.L. Miller, J. Edwards, J. Schmidt, E. Quackenbush), Plato's *Timaeus*, 2014-2017; Aristotle's *Metaphysics* A, 2017-present
- Dartmouth College Greek Philosophy Reading Group (organizer) (M. Graver, D. Riesbeck, A. Walden), Plato's *Parmenides*, 2012-2013
- Dartmouth College German Philosophy Reading Group (organizer) (T. Rosenkoetter), Kant's *Critique of Judgment*, 2012-2013
- Colgate University Greek Reading Group (organizer) (C. Noble, J. Klein, K. Kalish), Aristotle's *De Anima*, 2009; Plato's *Protagoras*, 2009-2010
- New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (NYCAP), 2007-present
- Hamilton College Greek Reading Group (organizer), Plato's *Charmides*, 2007-2008
- University of Memphis Greek & Latin Reading Group (organizer) (M. Hooker, T. Roche), Plato's *Parmenides*, 2004-2005; Plotinus, 2000-2002; Lucretius & Epicurus, 2002-2003
- St. Louis Area Greek Reading Group (E. Brown, R. Lamberton, et al.), Plato's *Statesman*, 2000-2003
- Universität Heidelberg Greek Reading Group (T. Schmitz, M. Baumbach, G. Damschen, et al.) Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, 1999; T. Schmitz's seminar on Aristophanes' *Vespae*, 1999
- University of Toronto Greek Reading Group (B. Inwood, L. Gerson, et al.), Plato's *Lysis*, 1997-1998; B. Inwood's seminar on Plato's *Phaedo*, 1998
- University of California, Independent Greek Reading (A.A. Long, J. Gelber), Heraclitus, 1996; A.A. Long's graduate seminar on Plato's *Cratylus*, 1997
- McGill University Greek Reading Group (R. Barney, M. Deslauriers, E. Lewis, S. Menn, D. Vlahovic, et al.), Iamblichus' *Protrepticus*; Plato's *Gorgias*; Theophrastus' *Metaphysics*; Aristotle's *Physics* (V. Décarie, L. Harris) 1993-1996
- McGill University Latin Reading Group (S. Menn, et al.), Augustine's *Confessions* X, 1999-2000

#### **5. Additional Education**

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| 1984      | Certificate in French, Cours d'été<br>Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland                           |
| 1986      | First-year intensive Korean, East Asian Summer Language Institute<br>Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  |
| 1989      | Second-year intensive Korean, East Asian Summer Language Institute<br>Indiana University, Bloomington, IN |
| 1996-1997 | Visiting Student, Philosophy, Classics<br>University of California, Berkeley, CA                          |
| 1997-1998 | Visiting Student, Classics<br>University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada                                      |

#### **6. Other Scholarly Activities**

- Upstate Hegel Reading Group (E. von der Luft, H. Ravven, M. Janack, J. Evans, S. Hancock, et al.), *Phenomenology of Spirit*, Cazenovia, NY, 2009-2011