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Curriculum Vitæ

- 2009- Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
 2008 Senior Fellow, Excellence Cluster *Topoi*, Humboldt University, Berlin (Sept-Nov)
 2006 Visiting Associate Professor, Princeton University (Fall)
 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Princeton University (Fall)
 2001-2009 Michael Cohen Fellow in Philosophy, Exeter College, Oxford
 Titular CUF, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford
 2000-2001 Lecturer, The Queen's College, Oxford
 1997-2000 Junior Research Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Oxford
 Postdoctoral Fellow, British Academy
 1996-1997 Assistant, University of Geneva
 1995-1996 DPhil, Balliol College, Oxford (on a British Academy Major Award)
 'Aristotle's Concept of Place', Supervisor: Michael Frede
DPhil obtained June 1997 (Examiners: Edward Hussey, David Sedley)
 1994-1995 Assistant to Jonathan Barnes, University of Geneva
 1992-1994 BPhil in Philosophy, Balliol College, Oxford (on a British Academy Major
 Award)
 Thesis: 'On Location with Aristotle'. Subjects taken: Frege, Aristotle,
 Philosophy of Logic and Language. **BPhil** obtained June 1994
 1988-92 **BA** in Literae Humaniores, Balliol College, Oxford (**MA** 1997)
 1990: Mods (1st Class), 1992: Greats (1st Class)
 Prizes etc.: Noble Scholarship, Jenkyns Exhibition, Jenkyns Prize, Ernest Walker
 Philosophy Prize (awarded jointly), Fraser Exhibition.

Area of Speciality

Ancient Philosophy

Further Areas of Interest

Frege, Logic and Philosophical Logic

Undergraduate Teaching Experience

(a) Undergraduate Classes (Oxford; Princeton)

Elementary Logic, General Philosophy, Plato: *Republic*, Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics* (all at Oxford); Junior Seminar on Platonic Epistemology, Plato PHI 300, Aristotle PHI 301, Freshman Seminar (Princeton)

(b) Undergraduate Advising (Princeton)

Junior independent work (2009-), Senior Theses (2009-)

(c) First year Tutorials (Oxford)

Plato: *Euthyphro* and *Meno*; Lucretius: *De Rerum Natura*; General Philosophy; Elementary Logic; Mill: *Utilitarianism*; Frege: *Foundations of Arithmetic*

(d) Advanced Tutorials (Oxford)

Aristotle: *Physics*, *Nicomachean Ethics*; Plato: *Republic*, *Theaetetus* and *Sophist*; Sextus Empiricus: *Outlines of Pyrrhonism*; Philosophy of Logic and Language; Frege-Russell-Wittgenstein; Knowledge and Reality; Ethics

(e) Undergraduate Lectures (Geneva; Oxford)

Frege: ‘What is a function?’ (16 lectures with Prof Jonathan Barnes), Aristotle: *Physics*, Sextus Empiricus: *Outlines of Pyrrhonism*, General Philosophy (variously with Dr O. Pooley, Dr A. Eagle, and Dr M. Spener)

Graduate teaching

(a) Doctoral Dissertations supervised (Oxford; Princeton; Humboldt)

‘Aristotle on Unity’ (2010-) [Adam Crager, Princeton]

‘Plato on the difference between Epistêmê and Doxa’ (2010-) [Whitney Schwab, Princeton]

‘The Metaphysics of Bodies in Aristotle’ (2009-) [Christian Pfeiffer, Humboldt]

‘The Priority of Locomotion in Aristotle’s *Physics*’ (2009-12) [Sebastian Odzuck, Humboldt; summa cum laude]

‘Aristotle on the Ergon argument’ (2009-) [Sam Baker, Princeton]

‘The Matter of the Elements’ (2007-8) [Tim Crowley, Oxford; awarded the Conington Prize]

‘Aristotle on Necessity, Chance, and Teleology’ (2005-6) [Jacob Rosen, Princeton]

‘Xenarchus against the 5th Element’ (2002-6) [Anita Ljubic, Oxford]

‘Vagueness and the Sorites Paradox’ (1998) [Will Lanier, Oxford]

(b) Graduate Seminars (Oxford; Princeton)

PHI 501: Aristotle, *Physics* VI (Fall 2003); Aristotle’s Syllogistic (with Dr P. Crivelli, 2006); PHI 516: Sextus Empiricus, *Outlines of Pyrrhonism* book I (Fall 2006); Sextus Empiricus: *Outlines of Pyrrhonism* (2007); Logic in late Plato and early Aristotle (with Dr P. Crivelli and Dr A. Schiaparelli, 2008 & 2009); PHI 501: Aristotle, *Posterior Analytics* (with Prof H. Lorenz, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010); PHI 501: Aristotle, *Prior Analytics* (Fall 2010); PHI 501: Aristotle, *Topics* (Spring 2012)

(c) Graduate student ‘units’ (Princeton)

Ryan Cook (2006), Caleb Cohoe (2006), Rochelle Edinburg (2006), Daniel Herrick (2006), Jack Woods (2009), Josh Hershey (2009), Keinan Greene (2010), Rachel Parsons (2010), Mor Segev (2010), Arlyss Gease (2011), Simon Shogry (2011), Cory Nichols (2011), Brennan McDavid (2012), Yoaav Isaacs (2012)

(d) Masters Level supervision (Oxford)

MSt dissertation, ‘The Modes of Scepticism’ (2009)

BPhil dissertation, ‘The Scepticism of Sextus Empiricus’ (2007)

BPhil 1st year seminar (2005)

Supervision of BPhil students for Aristotle, Philosophy of Logic and Language, Frege (2002-9)

BPhil class on logic and language, jointly with Professor T. Williamson (Michaelmas 2002)

Publications

Books

(1) Editor, with K. Ierodiakonou, *Episteme etc.: Essays in Honour of Jonathan Barnes* (OUP, 2011)

(2) Editor, with J. Allen, E. Emilson, W. Mann, *Essays in Memory of Michael Frede, Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XL (2011)

(3) *On Location: Aristotle’s Concept of Place* (Oxford Aristotle Studies; OUP, 2002)

See: M. Matthen, <http://ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2003/2/matthen-morison.html>

M. Rashed, *Elenchos* XXIV (1), 2003, 161-6

V. Harte, *Philosophical Quarterly* 53 (213), 2003, 605-7

S. Makin, *Mind* 112, 2003, 773-7

K. Algra, *Phronesis* XLIX, 2004, 297-8

T. Upton, *Review of Metaphysics* LVII (4), 2004, 858-61

E. Casetta and A. Varzi, *Dialectica* 59 (1), 2005, 75-81

H. Mendell, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XXVIII, 2005, 327-66

D. Bostock, *Space, Time, Matter, and Form* (Oxford: OUP, 2006), chapter 8

M. Matthen, *New Perspectives on Aristotle’s De Caelo* (2009), 119-38 (and other papers in that volume)

Papers

(4) ‘An Aristotelian Distinction Between Two Types of Knowledge’, forthcoming in *Proceedings of Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* (2012)

(5) ‘What was Aristotle’s Concept of Logical Form?’, in (1), 172-88

(6) ‘The Logical Structure of the Sceptic’s Opposition’, in (2), 265-95

(7) ‘Frege on a defect in Mathematical Symbolism’, in M. Bonelli and A. Longo (eds.), “*Quid est veritas?*”: *Hommage à Jonathan Barnes* (Naples, 2010), 269-301

(8) ‘Did Theophrastus Reject Aristotle’s Account of Place?’, *Phronesis* 55(1), 2010, 68-103

(9) ‘Logic’, in R. J. Hankinson (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Galen* (Cambridge: CUP, 2008), 66-115

- (10) 'Language', in R. J. Hankinson (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Galen* (Cambridge: CUP, 2008), 116-156
 See: Y. Tzvi Langermann, <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2009/2009-10-06.html>
 J. Wilkins, *Medical History* 54(2), April 2010, 272-3
- (11) 'La logique et les catégories', in O. Bruun and L. Corti (edd.), *Les Catégories entre l'Antiquité et le Moyen Age* (Paris: Vrin, 2005), 103-19
- (12) 'Le temps primaire du commencement d'un changement', in J-F Balaudé and F. Wolff (edd.), *Aristote et la pensée du temps* (Nanterre: Université Paris X, 2005), 99-111
 See: P. Pellegrin, 'Début et fin du mouvement et du repos. Remarques sur la communication de Benjamin Morison', in same volume
 F. Paracchini, 'Raisons et déraisons d'un étonnement millénaire: à propos de l'analyse aristotélicienne du changement dans *Physique Z 5*', in M. Bonelli and A. Longo (eds.), "*Quid est veritas?*": *Hommage à Jonathan Barnes* (Naples, 2010), 87-114
- (13) 'Self-motion in *Physics VIII*', in A. Laks and M. Rashed (edd.), *Aristote et le mouvement des animaux* (Lille: Presses Universitaires du Septentrion, 2004), 67-79
 See: G. Dye, <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2005/2005-06-13.html>
 C. Rapp, 'De Motu Animalium 1', *Symposium Aristotelicum*

In preparation:

- (14) 'Aristotle on Primary Time in *Physics VI*'
 (15) 'Aristotle's *De Motu Animalium*, chapters 4 and 5', for 2011 Symposium Aristotelicum
 (16) 'Sextus Empiricus', for Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
 (17) *Two Sides to Every Argument* (monograph on the modes of scepticism as employed by Sextus Empiricus)
 (18) 'Sextus Empiricus' modes of argument', for 2013 Symposium Hellenisticum
 (19) 'What makes a syllogism perfect?'

Miscellanea

- (20) 'Commentary on *Physics VII 3*, part I', forthcoming in S. Maso (ed.), *Aristotle: Physics VII 3* (Parmenides Press, 2012)
 (21) 'Aristotle' (Book Notes on Aristotle), forthcoming in *Phronesis* 57(2), 2012
 (22) 'Aristotle and his Followers' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 56(2), 2011, 180-92
 (23) 'Aristotle' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 55(2), 2010, 191-201
 (24) 'Aristotle' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 54(2), 2009, 204-13
 (25) 'Aristotle, etc.' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 53(2), 2008, 209-22
 See: Marko Malink, *OSAP* 37 (2009), 105-141
 (26) 'Aristotle, Almost Entirely' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 52(2), 2007, 239-49
 See: Iakovos Vasiliou, *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: A Critical Guide*, 170-90

- (27) 'Aristotle, Mostly' (Book Notes on Aristotle), in *Phronesis* 51(2), 2006, 184-93
- (28) Review of D. Graham, *Aristotle: Physics VIII*, in *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 121, 2001, 180-1
- (29) Review of H. Lang, *The Order of Nature in Aristotle's Physics*, in *Classical Review* 50(2), 2000
- (30) Bibliography (with Maddalena Bonelli) for M. Griffin and J. Barnes (edd.), *Philosophia Togata II: Plato and Aristotle at Rome* (Oxford, 1997)
- (31) Revised bibliography (with Maddalena Bonelli) for J. Barnes and M. Griffin (edd.), *Philosophia Togata I: Essays on Philosophy and Roman Society* (Oxford, 1997²)
- (32) 'Two Notes on Ovid', *Latomus* 54 (1995), 106-9

Current Projects (in addition to (14)-(19))

Translation and commentary of Aristotle's *Physics* VI, for Clarendon Aristotle Series, OUP (projected completion: 2013)

Other Awards, Prizes etc.

- Behrman Associate Professor in the Humanities, Princeton, 2009-11
- Senior Fellow, *Topoi* Excellenz-Cluster, Berlin, September-December 2008
- Conington Prize 2001, awarded by Faculty of Literae Humaniores, Oxford, for dissertation, *Aristotle's Concept of Place*
- Grant from the Philosophical Fellowship Fund, to spend time in Paris, July-September 1999, examining the manuscript of Galen's *Institutio Logica* in the Bibliothèque Nationale

Professional Service

- Dissertation Committees served on:
 - Jessica Moss, Princeton (2003)
 - Lorenzo Corti, University of Geneva (2005)
 - Giulia Lombardi, University of Geneva (2006)
 - Joshua Wilburn, Princeton (2010)
 - Ada Bronowski, Oxford (2011)
 - Carrie Swanson, Rutgers (2011)
 - Corinne Gartner, Princeton (2011)
 - John Mackay, Princeton (2011)
 - Sebastian Odzuck, Humboldt University, Berlin (2012)
 - Christian Pfeiffer, Humboldt University, Berlin (2012)
 - Dan Herrick, Princeton (2012)
- Referee for: *Phronesis*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Apeiron*, *Dialectica*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the*

History of Philosophy, Journal for Hellenic Studies, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Classical Philology etc.

- Invited to referee book projects for OUP, CUP, Brill, Acumen, Palgrave Macmillan, etc.
- Reviewer of applications for ACLS New Faculty Fellows (2011)
- See also publications (21)-(27)

Administrative Experience

2012	Colloquium Committee (Dept of Philosophy, Princeton)
2011-12	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Dept of Philosophy, Princeton)
2010-11	Screening Committee for Graduate Admissions (Dept of Philosophy, Princeton)
2009-10	Chair, Computer Committee (Dept of Philosophy, Princeton)
2009-	Organizer, Princeton Classical Philosophy Reading Group
2009-	Classical Philosophy Committee (Princeton)
2009	Senior Tutor, Exeter College
2007-8	Strategy Committee, Exeter College
2007	Appointment committee for Philosophy CUF, Exeter College
2006	Appointment committee for Bywater Sotheby Chair in Byzantine Studies, Oxford
2006	Appointment committee for UL in Ancient Philosophy, Oxford
2006	Appointment committee for Chair in Ancient Philosophy, Oxford
2005-9	Graduate Admissions Dossier Reader for Philosophy and Classics, Oxford
2005-9	Rector and Tutors Committee, Exeter College
2005-8	Faculty Board, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford
2005	Appointment committee for French CUF, Exeter College
2005	Appointment committee for Philosophy JRF, Queen's College
2004	Appointment committee for Philosophy CUF, Exeter College
2004	Appointment committee for Classics Lecturer, Exeter College
2004	Appointment committee for Philosophy JRF, Merton College
2004-8	Mods & Greats Standing Committee
2004-7	Classics Graduate Studies Committee
2004-7	Dean of Degrees, Exeter College
2003	Appointment Committee for Philosophy Lecturer, Queen's College
2003	Prelims Logic committee
2003	Appointment committee for Philosophy lecturer, Exeter College
2002-4	Greats Syllabus Committee
2002-	Treasurer, Oxford University Philosophical Society
2001-9	Governing Body, Exeter College
	Tutorial Board, Exeter College
2000-2001	Tutorial Committee, The Queen's College
1998-1999	Representative of Research and Junior Research Fellows to the Governing Body, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Examination Experience (Oxford)

2009	Assessor, Greats (Oxford)
2005-9	Transfer of Status and Confirmation of Status Assessor (Oxford)
2004-6	Philosophy Moderator, Classics Mods (Oxford)
2004-8	Assessor, BPhil in Philosophy (Oxford)
2004	Assessor, Greats (Oxford)
2002, 2003	Assessor, Classical Mods, Greats (Oxford)
2001	Full Examiner, Finals, Literae Humaniores, Assessor in PPE, etc. (Oxford)
2000	Assessor, Prelims in Philosophy and Modern Languages (Oxford)

Talks etc.

July 2013	‘Sextus Empiricus’ strategies of argumentation’, Symposium Hellenisticum, Nancy
October 2012	‘What is a Perfect Syllogism?’, Indiana Conference on Aristotelian Logic and Metaphysics
March 2012	Commentator, Pittsburgh Workshop on Aristotle on Discovery and Justification
October 2011	‘Aristotle on not changing place: <i>Physics</i> VI 8’, Berlin
July 2011	‘Aristotle’s <i>De Motu Animalium</i> , chapters 4 and 5’, Symposium Aristotelicum, Munich
April 2011	‘Comments on David Bronstein: <i>Posterior Analytics</i> I 33’, Pacific APA, San Diego
March 2011	‘Comments on Sarah Broadie: Practical Truth in Aristotle’, Toronto
November 2010	Seminar on <i>Epistêmê</i> and <i>Akrasia</i> , Boston
November 2010	‘An Aristotelian Distinction Between Two Types of Knowledge’, Boston
October 2010	‘The Modes of Scepticism’, Behrman Fellows, Princeton
November 2008	‘Aristotle on the beginning of change’, Berlin
November 2008	‘Did Theophrastus reject Aristotle’s account of place?’, Berlin
November 2008	‘The Modes of Scepticism’, Frankfurt
November 2008	‘Galen on the Correctness of Names’, ICS, London
February 2008	‘The Modes of Scepticism’, Leeds
December 2007	Comments on Pierre Destrée, ‘Aristotle on Responsibility for one’s Character’, Princeton Colloquium
April 2007	‘Notes on <i>Physics</i> VII 3’, European Society for Ancient Philosophy, Vitznau
December 2006	‘The Modes of Scepticism’, Toronto
November 2006	‘The Modes of Scepticism’, Yale
September 2006	‘A Zenonian Paradox in Aristotle’, SAAP, Cambridge
May 2005	‘Aristotle on the beginning of changes’, Centre Léon Robin, Paris
January 2005	‘A paradox of change in Aristotle’, UEA
June 2004	‘Did the Ancients have a concept of Logical Form?’, Edinburgh University
June 2004	‘Galen’s use of logic in <u>PHP</u> ’, Oxford

- May 2004 'Self-Motion in Aristotle's *Physics* VIII', Edinburgh University
- November 2003 'Self-Motion in Aristotle's *Physics* VIII', Cornell University, Ithaca, USA
- October 2003 'Did the Ancients have a concept of Logical Form?', University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
- May 2003 'Did the Ancients have a concept of Logical Form?', Tuesday Group, Oxford
- June 2002 'Logic and Categories', Colloque International sur les Catégories, Geneva, Switzerland
- April 2002 'Did the Ancients have a Concept of Logical Form?', B Club, Cambridge
'Notes on Metaphysics M', Aristotle Conference, Delphi
- February 2002 'Did the Ancients have a concept of Logical Form?', Oxford Philosophical Society, Philosophy Faculty, Oxford
- October 2001 'Self-movers in Aristotle's *Physics* and *De Motu Animalium*', Lille, France
- September 2001 'Peripatetic Places', SAAP, Oxford
- June 2001 'Aristotle's Concept of Place', London
- April 2001 'Aristotle's Concept of Place', NAAP, Durham
- June 2000 'La continuité du temps chez Aristote', Paris
'Aristotle on Primary Time in *Physics* VI', Corpus Christi College, Oxford
- April 2000 'La logique de la dette', Münchenwiler, Switzerland
- January 2000 'Aristotle's Concept of Place', Oxford
'A Dung-Covered Manuscript of Galen', British Academy, London
- November 1999 'Aristotle on Primary Time in *Physics* VI', B Club, Cambridge
- July 1999 'Aristotle and Theophrastus on the Medium of Olfactory Experience' (Reply to Todd Ganson), Trier, Germany
- November 1998 'Frege on a Defect in Mathematical Symbolism', Geneva
- November 1998 'Philoponus' Aristotle and the Extension of Place' (Reply to Helen Lang), and
'La Logique comme analyse: la tradition arabe' (Reply to Ahmed Hasnawi), University College, London
- March 1997 'Quelques remarques d'Aristote à propos du langage', Geneva
- February 1997 'Aristote, Théophraste, Eudème, Straton et les lieux', Geneva
- April 1995 'Les Evénements et les Catégories', Geneva
- February 1995 'Les Lieux', Geneva

Talks at Schools

2000-2009 Numerous visits to UK secondary schools to give talks on Philosophy

Other Languages

French, Latin, and Ancient Greek

Italian, German (reading)

Other Qualifications etc.

1989	Nettleship Instrumental Award (piano), Balliol College, Oxford
1987-1988	Diplôme d'Exécution (piano), Première Mention (composition), Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris
2002-8	President of Senior Common Room, Exeter College, Oxford
2002-9	Wine Steward, Exeter College, Oxford