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## Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, Ethics

## Areas of Competency

Applied Ethics, Ethics of Emerging Technologies, Non-Western Philosophy

## Education

**Ph.D. Philosophy**, Northwestern University 2013 - (expected) 2019

Dissertation: *Aristotle on Teaching Practical Wisdom*

Committee: Richard Kraut (Chair), Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Stephen J. White,  
Patricia Marechal

**M.A., Classics**, Dalhousie University 2009-2011

Thesis: *The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato's Statesman*

Supervisor: Eli Diamond. Readers: Wayne J. Hankey, Michael Fournier

**B.A., Classics**, University of King's College 2004-2009

*Magnis cum honoribus* & University Medal in Classics

University of Toronto, 2005-2006

King's Foundation Year Program, 2004-2005

## Dissertation Summary

My dissertation recovers Aristotle's notion of 'teaching' (*didaskalia*) to illuminate a missing piece of his theory of moral education. Aristotle says that to become 'fully good' we need practical wisdom (*phronesis*), and that practical wisdom is cultivated by teaching. Yet no substantive work has been done to ascertain what 'teaching' means for Aristotle. My dissertation fills this gap. I then use my interpretation of Aristotle on teaching to intervene in several debates in both ancient philosophy and contemporary educational theory.

## Publications

3. “Dewey, Aristotle, and Education as Completion,” forthcoming in *Philosophy of Education 2018*.
2. “The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato’s *Statesman*,” in *Pseudo-Dionysius XIII* (2011): 57-60.
1. “The Mysticisms of Al-Ghazali and Rumi: Similar Lives, Divergent Methods, Same Results” in *Pseudo-Dionysius XI* (2009): 38-43.

## Presentations (\* = refereed; *i* = invited)

“Teaching & Habituation: Aristotle’s Model of Moral Development”

*Northwestern University Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop*, April 2019

“Aristotle on Enhancing Human Excellence: Nature, Reason, and Genetic Engineering”

*Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*, Sienna Heights University, April 2019\*

“Teaching Practical Wisdom: How Aristotle’s Notion of Teaching Supports the Grand End View”

*Northwestern University Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop*, January 2019

“Discussion-Based Teaching: Eliciting Conversation and Navigating Controversy”

*Searle Center for Teaching and Learning*, with Lorien Elleman, Northwestern, November 2018<sup>*i*</sup>

“Aristotle and the Paradox of Moral Education”

*Northwestern University Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop*, May 2018

“Plato’s Philosophical Prologues: The Case of Plato’s *Statesman*”

*Ancient Philosophy Society Conference*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 2018\*

“Promising Children”

*Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*, Sienna Heights University, April 2018\*

“Dewey, Aristotle, and Education as Completion”

*Philosophy of Education Society Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2018\*

*Northwestern University Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop*, Evanston, IL, January 2018

On Paula McAvoy’s “Steering the sex education discussion”

*Practical Philosophy Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, December 2017

“Aristotle’s Teaching”

*Catholic University of America Philosophy & Education Graduate Conference*, March 2017\*

*Dissertation Research Seminar*, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern, March 2017

“Privacy & Technology”

*Brady Tea*, Brady Scholars Program, Northwestern University, February 2017

“Well-Being, Wilt Chamberlain, and Welfare Reform”

*Brady Tea*, Brady Scholars Program, Northwestern University, May 2016

“Starting Points in (and of) Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* & *Posterior Analytics*”

*Dissertation Research Seminar*, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern, March 2016

On Max Parish’s “Human Nature, the Normativity Objection and the Practical Reason Response”

*Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Conference*, May 2015<sup>i</sup>

On Tomasz Wysocki’s “Intuitions Aren’t on the Rocks”

*Central States Philosophical Association Conference*, Northwestern University, October 2014<sup>i</sup>

“Cooper, Hadot, and Receiving Philosophy as a Way of Life”

*University of Michigan-Northwestern Classical Receptions Conference*, Northwestern, April 2014<sup>i</sup>

“Does Plato’s Late Metaphysics Kill Socrates?”

*Classical Association of Canada Conference*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., May 2011<sup>i</sup>

“The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato’s *Statesman*”

*Atlantic Classical Association Annual Conference*, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, N.S., Oct. 2010\*

## **Grants, Fellowships, & Scholarships**

WCAS/TGS Teaching Fellowship	2017-2018
Graduate Fellowship, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life	2015-2018
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	2013-2017
Classics Cluster Research Grant	2013-2014
Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship	2010-2011
King’s University Scholarship	2008-2009
Hayward Family Entrance Scholarship, University of King’s College	2004-2005

## **Awards**

Joseph Clyde Murley Prize for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate TA, Classics	2015-2016
University Medal in Classics	2008-2009
King’s President’s List	2007-2009

## Teaching Experience

### INSTRUCTOR

Future Tense: The Ethics of What Will Be (First Year Seminar, Northwestern)	Spring 2018
Aristotle and His Successors (Intermediate, University of Illinois at Chicago)	Spring 2018
Philosophy and the City (Co-Instructor, Brady Senior Seminar, Northwestern)	2017-2018
Introduction to Ancient Civilizations (Saint Mary's University, Halifax, N.S.)	Summer 2012

### MENTOR

Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life (Northwestern University)	2015-2018
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### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Zimmer, Northwestern)	Spring 2017
Ethical Problems and Public Issues (Sheldon, Northwestern)	Winter 2017
Ancient Athens: Drama, Democracy, Civilization (Wallace)	Winter 2016
History of Philosophy – Ancient (Wynne,)	Fall 2015
Rome: Culture and Empire (Wynne)	Spring 2015
History of Philosophy – Ancient (Ebrey)	Winter 2015
Technology & Engineering: Industrial to Cybernetic Age, (Frappier, King's)	Winter 2012
Roman Legions and the Barbarians (Mitchell, Dalhousie)	Winter 2012
Philosophy and Ethics for Kinesiologists (online, Dalhousie)	Winter 2012
Magic, Religion, & Philosophy (Fournier, Dalhousie)	Winter 2012
Islam (Treiger, Dalhousie)	Fall 2011
Magic, Religion, & Philosophy (Fournier, Dalhousie)	Winter 2011
Introduction to Eastern Religions (Austin, Dalhousie)	Winter 2011
Buddhism (Austin, Dalhousie)	Fall 2010
Classical Mythology (O'Brien, Dalhousie)	2009-2010

### GUEST LECTURER

On Justice as an Aim of Higher Education (for What is College For?, Northwestern)	Fall 2017
On Aristotle's <i>Categories</i> (for History of Philosophy - Ancient, Northwestern)	Winter 2015
On Plato's <i>Euthyphro</i> (for Philosophy on Trial, Dalhousie)	Fall 2011

### WRITING COACH

Introduction to Environment, Sustainability, and Society (Dalhousie)	Fall 2011
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## **Pedagogical Training**

Graduate Digital Humanities Pedagogy Workshop, Northwestern University	Fall 2017
Teaching Certificate Program, Searle Center for Teaching and Learning, Northwestern	2016-2017
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Seminar on Teaching and Learning	Summer 2016

## **Service**

T.A. Coordinator, Northwestern University Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2017-2018
Vice President, Northwestern University Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2017-2018
Session Chair, Submitted Symposium, APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago	Feb. 2018
By-Laws Drafting Team, NU Philosophy Graduate Student Society	Summer 2017
Coordinator, NUSTEP Conference Graduate Student Paper Peer-Review	2016-2017
Coordinator, Philosophical Greek Reading Group Northwestern University	2014-2016
Coordinator, Ancient Philosophy Workshop Northwestern University	2014-2016
Department Representative (Philosophy) to GSA/GLAC, Northwestern University	2014-2015
Assistant Organizer, Classical Association of Canada Conference	Spring 2011
Vice President—Internal, Dalhousie Classics Graduate Student Society	2010-2011
Assistant Office Administrator, Dalhousie Classics Department	2010-2011
Department Librarian, Dalhousie Classics Department	2010-2011
Co-editor, <i>Pseudo-Dionysius</i> , vols. XI-XIII, Dalhousie University	2009-2011

## **Memberships**

APA	American Philosophical Association
AAPT	American Association of Philosophy Teachers

## **Languages**

Ancient Greek	reading competency
Latin	reading competency
French	reading & speaking competency
German	beginner level reading & speaking

## Selected Graduate Coursework (\* indicates not for credit)

### ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

Metaphysics of Goodness in Plato & Aristotle (C. Shields, Northwestern)*	Spring 2017
Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> (Ebrey, Northwestern)*	Spring 2016
Plato's <i>Philebus</i> (G. Richardson-Lear, University of Chicago)*	Winter 2016
Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (Kraut, Northwestern)	Winter 2015
Plato's <i>Ethics</i> (Kraut, Northwestern)	Spring 2015
Matter in Aristotle's Natural Science (Ebrey, Northwestern)	Spring 2014
Stoicism (Wynne, Northwestern)	Winter 2014
Skepticism: Ancient & Modern (Reed, Northwestern)	Fall 2013
Aristotle's <i>Ethics</i> (Diamond, Dalhousie)*	Fall 2010
Plato's Dialogues (Diamond, Dalhousie)	2009-2010
Proclus, Plotinus, and Boethius on Providence (Hankey, Dalhousie)	2009-2010

### VALUE THEORY

Inarticulacy & Reasonable Commitments (K. Ebels-Duggan, Northwestern)*	Spring 2016
Kant's Moral Theory (K. Ebels-Duggan, Northwestern)*	Spring 2015
Desires (K. Ebels-Duggan, Northwestern)	Winter 2015
Rawls and His Critics (2 <sup>nd</sup> year Proseminar, C. Mills, Northwestern)	F14 - W15
Ethics of Interaction, (White, Northwestern)	Fall 2014
Philosophy and Literature (Kraut, Northwestern)	Fall 2014
Post-Kantian Ethics (Alznauer, Northwestern)	Fall 2013
Philosophy of Education (K. Ebels-Duggan, Northwestern)	Fall 2013

### GREEK LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Philosophical Greek: Plato's <i>Protagoras</i> (Wynne, Northwestern)	Winter 2016
Philosophical Greek: Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> (Wynne, Northwestern)	Winter 2015
Philosophical Greek: Plato's <i>Symposium</i> (Wynne, Northwestern)	Winter 2014
Advanced Greek: <i>Symposium &amp; Hippolytus</i> (MacLeod, Dalhousie)	2009-2010

### LATIN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Latin Literature: Lucretius (Wynne, Northwestern)	Spring 2014
Latin Literature: Seneca (Schafer, Northwestern)	Winter 2014