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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Loyola University Chicago**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy 8/2019 – present

## EDUCATION

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**Cornell University** 8/2013 – 5/2019

PhD in Philosophy

Dissertation Title: Socratic therapy for the criminal, the glutton, and the coward.

Committee: Tad Brennan (chair), Rachana Kamtekar, Charles Brittain

**Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn** 2009-2012

MA in Philosophy

**Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn** 2006-2009

BA in Philosophy and German Language and Literature

## VISITING SCHOLAR

**King's College London** Spring 2017

**Harvard University** Fall 2016

**University of Toronto** 2011-2013

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Socratic psychology of action, with a particular focus on Plato's Socrates' account of wrongdoing and correction.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### RESEARCH

"Division and Animal Sacrifice in Plato's *Statesman*." (co-authored with Justin Vlasits). *Archai: The Origins of Western Thought* (34): 2-27. 2024.

"Socrates on Cookery and Rhetoric." *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*. 2024.  
<https://doi.org/10.1515/agph-2023-0092>.

"Socratic Leadership." *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (36.2): 263-281. 2023.

"Socratic Motivational Intellectualism." *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Socrates*. Smith, N; Jones, R.; Sharma, R. (eds.). New York: Bloomsbury, 205–228. 2024.

“Can flogging make us less ignorant? Socrates on bodily punishment.” *Ancient Philosophy* (43.1): 51-68. 2023.

“Why do itches itch? Bodily pain in Socratic moral psychology.” *Emotions in Plato*. Candiotta, L.; Renaut, O. (eds.). Leiden / Boston: Brill, 61–82. 2020.

#### BOOK REVIEW

Review of Nicholas Smith’s “Socrates on Self-Improvement.” *Ancient Philosophy* (43): 277-282. 2023.

#### OPINION PIECES

“How inclusive and accessible is your statement on inclusion and accessibility?” *Inside Higher Ed* (10/2020), *APA Blog* (10/2020).

“Tidying up with Socrates.” *Philosophy Now* (8/2019), *The Montréal Review* (3/2019), *Times Union* (3/22/2019).

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

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##### BOOK PROJECT: SOCRATIC INSULTS IN THE *GORGIAS*.

This book revises common interpretations of Socratic psychology and philosophizing by arguing that in Plato’s *Gorgias*, Socrates uses ancient Greek stock insults—*kolax*, *opsopoios*, and *kinaidos*, often misunderstood as flatterer, pastry chef, and catamite—to put rhetoricians on trial for promoting intemperance.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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##### **The Psychological Benefits of Socrates’ Insults in the *Gorgias***

48th Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Virginia 4/2025

##### **Kolakeia and Eunoia in the *Gorgias***

Plato on the Virtues Workshop, Penn State University 3/2024

##### **Division and Animal Sacrifice in Plato’s *Statesman***

West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University 06/2023

##### **What makes Speeches so delicious? Socrates on Rhetoric in the *Gorgias*.**

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, APA Central Meeting 02/2023

##### **Three Socratic Lessons in Business Leadership**

Plato 2022, Online Conference 06/2022

##### **Socrates on Food and Eating**

Ancient Philosophy Society, Penn State University 04/2022

American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting 02/2022

<b>Socratic Therapy for the Glutton.</b>	04/2021
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting	
<b>Disrupt, unclutter, innovate. Why Google and Apple hire Socratic Leaders.</b>	01/2021
Rethinking Upper-Division Courses for Non-Majors, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Meeting	
<b>Socratic Therapy for the Glutton.</b>	
Plato West Coast Workshop, Lewis and Clark College	09/2020
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting (Commentator: Thomas Blackson)	04/2020
This meeting was cancelled because of COVID-19	
<b>Socratic Leadership.</b>	02/2020
Teaching Hub Poster Presentation American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting	
<b>Comments on Wenjin Liu, “The Fabric of Akrasia in <i>Prot.</i> 351-360.”</b>	01/2020
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Meeting	
<b>Can Flogging Make Us Smarter? Socrates on Reformatory Punishment.</b>	10/2018
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Christopher Newport University	
<b>Why Do Itches Itch? Bodily Pain in Socratic Moral Psychology.</b>	
41st Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Florida	2/2018
American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting (Commentators: Rachel Singpurwalla, Emily Fletcher)	2/2018
<b>Emotions and Appetites in the Socratic Dialogues.</b>	
Emotions in Plato, University of Edinburgh	4/2017
<b>Socrates on Punishment.</b>	
New Perspectives on Plato’s Philosophy, UFABC, São Paulo	6/2016
Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Mind, University at Albany	4/2016
<b>The Unemotional “Emotions” in Aristotle.</b>	
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	3/2016
<b>Rethinking Emotions in Aristotle.</b>	
The 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University	11/2015
<b>Comments on David Kaufman, “Seneca and Epictetus on the Pre-Emotions of the Wise Man.”</b>	9/2015
New Perspectives on Stoicism, Cornell University	

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Research Support Grant, Loyola University Chicago (total amount awarded \$3,739.00)	09/2022
Teaching Excellence Award: James Slevin Assignment Sequence Prize (awarded each semester to one graduate student for the best assignment sequence assigned in a first-year seminar)	Fall 2017
Norman Malcolm Fellowship (awarded each year to one graduate student)	Spring 2017
Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2/2016, 2/2017, 2/2018
Sage School of Philosophy Graduate Fellowship	2013-2014/ 2016-2017
Klaus Murmann Fellowship (full scholarship sponsored by the Foundation of German Business)	2008-2013

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent)	
German (first language)	
Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)	
Latin (reading knowledge)	
French (reading knowledge)	
Spanish (reading knowledge)	
Intensive Latin Summer Class, University of California, Berkeley	Summer 2014
Graecum (National Certificate in Ancient Greek), University of Cologne	Summer 2010

## REVIEW ACTIVITIES

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For *Cambridge University Press*; *Ancient Philosophy*; *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *Ancient Philosophy Today: DIALOGOI*; *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*

## TEACHING

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At Loyola University Chicago:

- PHIL 304: *History of Ancient Philosophy* (Fall 2019, Spring 2023, Spring 2025)
- PHIL 401: *Graduate Seminar: Plato, Socrates, and the Task of Philosophy* (Fall 2024)
- PHIL 401: *Graduate Seminar: Socrates' Criticism of Rhetoricians* (Spring 2023)
- PHIL 130: *Philosophy and Persons* (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- PHIL 310: *Issues in Philosophy of Human Nature* (Fall 2020)
- PHIL 401: *Graduate Seminar: Plato's Early Dialogues* (Fall 2020)

### At Cornell University:

Discussions of Justice: Democracy Now	Fall 2018
What Does It Mean to Be Human? Ancient, Medieval, Contemporary Readings	Fall 2018
Heidegger and Arendt on the Human Condition	Spring 2018
Explanation of Human Action. Introduction to Moral Psychology	Fall 2017

### Auburn Correctional Facility & Five Points Correctional Facility:

What Does It Mean to Be Human? Ancient, Medieval, Contemporary Readings	Fall 2018
A Philosopher's Guide to the Galaxy. Philosophy and Science Fiction Co-taught with August Faller	Summer 2016

### TEACHING CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS

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CIRTL, Online Learning and Teaching, nine-week course	Summer 2020
CIRTL, Diversity in the College Classroom, semester-long course	Spring 2019
Assisting Students in Distress, Workshop, Cornell	Fall 2017
Teaching Writing, six-week course, Cornell	Fall 2017
CIRTL Certificate, The College Classroom, semester-long course	Spring 2017
Citizen Schools Training to prepare to teach at Orchard Gardens Middle School, MA	Fall 2016

### STUDENT ADVISING

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- Member of MA Thesis Committee for Aziz Alfaiakawi (LUC)
- Chair of MA Thesis Committee for Joshua Hinchie (LUC)
- Member of MA Thesis Committee for Rebecca Caithamer (LUC)

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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#### **National & Professional**

Member, APA Committee on Teaching of Philosophy (review applications for the APA Teaching Award and the APA Small Grant Program)	8/2021 - present
Co-founder and co-organizer, YSMAP (Young Scholars of the Midwest in Ancient Philosophy)	2020 – present
Panel Organizer, Socrates and Buddhist Philosophy, Pacific APA	2024
Session chair, Colloquium Hellenistic Philosophy, APA Central Meeting	2/2020
Organizer, Eudemean Ethics Conference 2015, Cornell University	8/2015
Research Assistant, German Reference Center for Ethics in the Life Sciences (DRZE)	2010

### **University & Department**

Chair, Undergraduate Awards Committee	8/2020 - present
Co-chair, LUC Philosophy Club	Fall 2019 - present
Member, Academic Appeals Committee	Fall 2024 - present
Member, Undergraduate Coordinating Committee	Fall 2019 - 2024
Teaching Mentor for new faculty	5/2022 - present
Teaching evaluation for job candidate	2/2022
Participant, Plato Reading Group	Fall 2019 - present
Graduate Student Mentor, Sage School Mentoring Program	Fall 2018

### **Public**

Volunteer for Citizen Schools, taught philosophy once a week in grade eight at Orchard Gardens Middle School in Roxbury, MA	Fall 2016
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