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Area of Specialization

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

Area of Competence

Medieval Philosophy, History of Ethics

Academic Positions

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter [similar to Assistant Professor], Humboldt University in Berlin	2017 - 2019
Solmsen Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2016 - 2017
Assistant Professor, Northwestern University	2009 - 2016
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall and Classics Faculty, Cambridge	Winter 2013
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California at Berkeley	2007- 2009

Postdoctoral Awards

Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Fellowship declined: Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study; alternate: Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton))	2016 - 2017
Learn German in Germany Grant (DAAD)	January 2017
Funded Participant, NEH Summer Seminar on Socrates	Summer 2014
Spencer Foundation grant (\$40,000 supporting a year's research leave, one-term visit to Cambridge, and a major conference)	2012-2013
Alice Kaplan Humanities Institute Fellowship (50% research leave)	2011-2012
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California at Berkeley	2007-2009

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles Dissertation: <i>Aristotle's Motivation for Matter</i>	2000-2007
A.B. in Philosophy with Honors, University of Chicago Study Abroad at King's College London	1996-2000 1998-99

Predoctoral Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship	2006-2007
Collegium of University Teaching Fellows (UCLA)	2006-2007
Carnap Prize (best philosophy essay by a UCLA grad student)	2002-2003, 2005-2006
Wooden Fellowship	2000-2001, 2004-2005
Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002-2003
Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002
Quinn Fellowship	Summer 2001

Published or Forthcoming Essays (<https://sites.google.com/site/davidebreyrecentwork/>)

1. "Identity and Explanation in the *Euthyphro*" *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 52 (2017)
2. "Socrates on Why We Should Inquire" *Ancient Philosophy* 37 (2017)
3. "The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul's Proper Activity" *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 99 (2017)
4. "The Value of Rule in Plato's Dialogues: A Reply to Melissa Lane" *Plato Journal* 16 (2016)
5. "Introduction" in *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* (2015)
6. "Blood, Matter, and Necessity" in *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* (2015)
7. "Why Are There No Conditionals in Aristotle's Logic?" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2015), 185-205
8. "Meno's Paradox in Context," *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 22 (2014), 1-21
9. "Making Room for Matter: Material Causes in the *Phaedo* and the *Physics*," *Apeiron* 47 (2014), 245-265
10. "A New Philosophical Tool in the *Meno*: 86e-87c," *Ancient Philosophy* 33 (2013), 75-96

Edited Volumes

11. *Cambridge Companion to Plato* Second Edition (co-editor with Richard Kraut) (Cambridge University Press, contract to be signed Summer 2017)
12. *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* (editor) (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Revise and resubmit or in future volume

13. "Forms and The Origin of Self-Predication" (revise and resubmit, *Classical Philology*)
14. "The Matter for Birth, Life, and the Elements in Aristotle's Natural Science" (in *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Science*, ed. Liba Taub)
15. "*Meno*" (in *The Platonic Mind*, ed. Vasilis Politis and Peter Larsen, Routledge)
16. "The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*" (in *Cambridge Companion to Plato* Second Edition)
17. "Virtue, Teaching, and Divine Inspiration in the *Meno*" (to be included in a Festschrift for Nicholas Smith)

Book Reviews & Annotated Bibliography

18. Annotated Bibliography on the *Phaedo* – *Oxford Bibliographies* (forthcoming summer 2017)
19. Gail Fine, *The Possibility of Inquiry: Meno's Paradox from Socrates to Sextus* in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (July 2017, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*)
20. Hugh Benson *Clitophon's Challenge: Dialectic in Plato's Meno, Phaedo, and Republic*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* November 2016.11.21
21. Iakovos Vasiliou, *Aiming at Virtue in Plato* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2009.08.21

Works in Progress

22. *Plato's Phaedo: The Initiation of a Philosopher* [tentative title]
23. "The Definition of Matter in *Physics* I"
24. "Natural Science and The Method of Hypothesis and in the *Phaedo*"
25. "The Cloak Maker Objection and the Final Immortality Argument"
26. "The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge"
27. "The Enemies of Stable Being in the *Cratylus*"

Presentations and Comments

- "The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*"
- Front Range Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Univ of Colorado-Denver (May 2017)
 - The Greeks at University of Wisconsin-Madison (December 2016)
 - Harvard Ancient Philosophy Workshop (November 2015)
 - University of Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference (October 2015)
- "The Cloak Maker Objection and the Final Immortality Argument"
- Cambridge B Club (Nov 2016)
 - University of Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference (Nov 2016)
 - International Plato Society, Brasilia (July 2016)
 - Univ. of Chicago Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop (June 2016)
- "Plato's *Phaedo*: The Initiation of a Philosopher"
- Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison (Oct 2016)
- "Different Kinds of Matter in Aristotle's Natural Science"
- Workshop on Matter in Aristotle, Oxford (June 2016)
- "The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge"
- Conference *Knowledge and Value* Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil (June 2016)
 - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (May 2016)
 - Central APA Colloquium (March 2016)
 - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (February 2016)
 - University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (January 2016)
 - Michigan State (November 2015)
- Comments on Jason Rheins "World-soul, Intellect and Cause in Socrates' Cosmological Argument in the *Philebus*"
- West Coast Plato Society, Northern Arizona University (May 2016)

“The Definition of Matter in *Physics I*”

- Notre Dame Junior Faculty Workshop (May 2015)
- Aristotle Conference at University of Kansas (April 2015)
- Invited Central APA Symposium (February 2014)
- Oxford (January 2014)

“Identity and Explanation in the *Euthyphro*”

- University of Arkansas (April 2015)
- King’s College London (September 2014)
- Colloquium at the NEH Summer seminar on Socrates, Lewis & Clark College (July 2014)

“Natural Science and The Method of Hypothesis and in the *Phaedo*”

- Keynote at Brazilian Plato Society meeting on the *Phaedo*, Uberlândia (April 2015)
- *A New Perspective on Plato and his Philosophical Methods*, Kyoto University (March 2015)

“Virtue, Teaching, and Divine Inspiration in the *Meno*”

- *Socrates: A Conference in Honor of Nick Smith*, Lewis & Clark (October 2014)

Comments on Jonathan Beere’s “What a god of refutation knows: *Elegchos* and *Dialektike* in Plato's Sophist”

- 10th Biennial meeting of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (November 2014)

Comments on Christiana Olfert’s “Aristotle on Thinking about Ends”

- Northwestern Junior Faculty Ancient Philosophy Workshop (June 2014)

Comments on Paul Carelli’s “Power in the *Lesser Hippias*”

- West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Berkeley (May 2014)

“The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul’s Proper Activity”

- Humboldt University (January 2014)
- Central European University (January 2014)
- University of Chicago Ancient Philosophy Workshop (May 2013)
- *Plato's Moral Psychology*, U.S. Meeting of the International Plato Society, University of Michigan (October 2012)

“The Enemies of Stable Being”

- Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (November 2013)
- West Coast Plato Workshop, Stanford (May 2013)

“The Difference between Teaching and Habituation in Plato and Aristotle”

- Central European University (January 2014)
- *Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary* conference at Northwestern (June 2013)
- Northwestern Classics lunch talk (May 2012)

“Forms and the Origin of Self-predication”

- University of São Paulo (May 2013)
- Central APA (February 2013)
- Cambridge B Club (January 2013)
- University of Kentucky (April 2012)
- Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (May 2012)
- Annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (October 2011)
- Northwestern working group in Ancient Philosophy (May 2011)

“Why are there no conditionals in Aristotle’s logic?”

- University of São Paulo (June 2013)
- *Meaning, Metaphysics, and Inference in Aristotle and Aristotelianism*, Marquette (June 2012)

“Blood, Matter, and Necessity”

- *New Directions* Conference at Rutgers (May 2013)
- The University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (November 2012)
- The Greeks at the University of Wisconsin, Madison (April 2012)
- *Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Science* conference, Northwestern (April 2012)
- Lunch colloquium, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern (Jan. 2012)

Comments on Brooke Holmes “Animal Awareness and Self-Preservation in Stoic *Oikeiōsis*”

- *Animality: Greco-Roman Conceptions of the Human*, 9th Biennial meeting of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (October 2012)

“A New Philosophical Tool in the *Meno*”

- West Coast Plato Workshop, University of Denver (May 2012)
- Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (October 2009)
- Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (September 2009)

Comments on Richard Tierney’s “Proper Place, Form, and Natural Elemental Motion”

- Pacific APA meeting, Seattle (April 2012)

“Making Room for Matter”

- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at the Pacific APA, Seattle (April 2012)
- ATINER International Conference on Philosophy (Athens, Greece, June 2011)
- Workshop on Material/Teleological Causation at the Center for Hellenic Studies (February 2011)
- San Diego State University (March 2010)
- Notre Dame Ancient Philosophy Workshop (February 2010)

Comments on Margaret Scharle’s “Aristotle on the boundary between physics and metaphysics”

- Central APA meeting, Chicago (February 2012)

Comments on Victor Caston’s “Higher Order Awareness in Alexander of Aphrodisias”

- *Representation, Cognition, and Emotion*, 8th Biennial meeting of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (October 2010)

Comments on Agnes Callard’s “Everyone Desires the (Real, Not Apparent) Good”

- Northwestern Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy (May 2010)

Comments on Coleen Zoller’s “Nectar and Ambrosia for Plato’s Philosophers”

- West Coast Plato Workshop, UCSD (May 2010)

Comments on Sean Coughlin’s “Value-based Arguments for the Separation of the Sexes”

- Fifth Pittsburgh/London Workshop on Aristotle’s Generation of Animals (May 2010)

Comments on Rusty Jones’ “Wisdom, Good Fortune, and the Sufficiency of Virtue”

- Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (September 2009)

“Three Problems with the Royal Art”

- West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Berkeley (May 2009)

Comments on M.M. McCabe’s “Waving or Drowning?”

- West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Berkeley (May 2009)

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- “Meno’s Paradox in Context”
 - Northwestern University (February 2009)
 - Townsend Ancient Philosophy Working Group at Berkeley (October 2008)
- “What is Aristotelian matter present in?”
 - Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (June 2008)
- Comments on Mark Wheeler’s “Aristotle on Truth,”
 - Alaskan Ancient Philosophy Workshop (June 2008)
- “Socrates and Plato on the Value of Knowledge”
 - West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Davis (May 2008)
- “Why Aristotle needs matter”
 - Northwestern (February 2008),
 - Berkeley (February 2007)
 - Washington University in St. Louis (January 2007)
- “Socrates on why we need to study ethics”
 - Townsend Ancient Philosophy Working Group at Berkeley (November 2007)
- “Learning From Puzzles”
 - Albritton Society at UCLA (March 2006)
- “Does something need to persist through change?”
 - Albritton Society at UCLA (May 2005)
- “Matter’s Role in Aristotle’s *Physics* I”
 - Wolheim Society at Berkeley (April 2004)
- “Understanding Matter’s Role in Coming-to-be”
 - Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference (March 2003)
 - Graduate Student Colloquium at UCLA (March 2003)

Conferences and Workshops Organized

- Organized a conference on Plato’s Late Dialogues (March 2016)
- Organized the *Northwestern Junior Faculty Ancient Philosophy Workshop* (June 2014)
- Organized the Spencer conference *Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary* (June 2013)
- Co-organized with Gabriel Lear the Chicago-Area Ancient Philosophy Consortium’s conference *Animality: Greco-Roman Conceptions of the Human Being* (October 2012)
- Organized *Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy* (April 2012)
- Organized the Second West Coast Plato Society Workshop on Plato’s *Euthydemus* (May 2009)
- Organized Northwestern’s (Philosophy’s) junior faculty working group (2009-2016)
- Co-organized Northwestern’s Ancient Philosophy Workshop (2009-2016)

Courses

Plato’s <i>Phaedo</i> (graduate seminar)	Spring 2016, Spring 2009
Aristotle On the Soul	Spring 2016
Homer and Plato: Philosophy, Poetry, and the Heroic Ideal (freshman seminar)	Winter 2016, Winter 2015
History of Philosophy: Medieval (lower division)	Winter 2016
Plato on Knowledge (upper division)	Spring 2015

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Job Market Prep course (grad seminar)	Spring 2014, Spring 2015
History of Philosophy: Ancient (lower division)	2015, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008
Matter in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy (grad seminar)	Spring 2014
Aristotle: Scientist and Philosopher (upper division)	Fall 2013
Plato's Forms (2-quarter graduate proseminar)	Winter-Spring 2012
Doing Philosophy with Socrates (freshman seminar)	Winter 2011, Spring 2010
Aristotle's Logic and Scientific Methodology (upper division)	Winter 2011
Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> Beta (graduate seminar)	Fall 2010
Aristotle's <i>Physics</i> II (graduate seminar)	Spring 2010
Plato's <i>Meno</i> (graduate seminar)	Spring 2008
Plato (upper division)	Fall 2007

Graduate Advising

Dissertation filed (on committee): Daniel Tovar, Haewon Jeon, Hung Nguyen,
Oksana Maksymchuk (tenure track, Arkansas)

Co-organized and attended weekly Greek philosophy reading group (readings in the original)

Professional Service and Affiliations

Evaluator in the 2011 & 2014 Philosophical Gourmet Report

Anonymous Referee: West Coast Plato Society meeting 2015, *Mind*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Apeiron*, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Classical Philology*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge

Member of: American Philosophical Association, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, International Plato Society, The Chicago Area Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Consortium (attend monthly work-in-progress discussions)

Departmental service

Undergrad Committee (2015-2016)

Speaker Committee (2013-2014, 2011-2012, 2009-2010)

Grad Committee (2011-2012)

Graduate Admissions (2010-2011)

Logic Program Coordinator (2009-2010)

References

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Sean Kelsey, Notre Dame - Sean.Kelsey.9@nd.edu

Gábor Betegh, University of Cambridge - gb230@cam.ac.uk