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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Ancient Philosophy
Normative and Applied Ethics
Moral Psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Political Philosophy
Classics, Greek and Latin
Digital Humanities

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona (graduate minor in Classics)
(defended successfully on September 26, 2020; degree to be awarded on University timetable in May)

Dissertation: *Virtue of Character in Aristotle's Eudemian Ethics*

Committee: Julia Annas (chair), Friedemann Buddensiek, Mark Timmons, Houston Smit

Abstract: Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics* (*EE*) is much less well understood than his *Nicomachean Ethics*. Between Schleiermacher (1817) and Kapp (1912), the treatise was not even recognized as Aristotle's, and translations only became widely available a century later (Fermani 2008, Solopova 2011, Kenny 2011). A real improvement on Susemihl's 1884 Greek text is just now being produced (Rowe). In the dissertation, I examine the *EE*'s unique conception of the development and maturity of virtue of character.

I argue that, on Aristotle's view (1) habituation results in the ability to act in a certain way through repetitive movement, (2) the pleasures and pains that accompany virtuous and vicious action guide the development of virtuous and vicious character, and (3) the virtuous person's non-rational desiderative faculties set correct ends (4) in pursuit of which deliberation then identifies appropriate action—excellent deliberation produces action conducive to a contemplative yet active life. The virtuous person chooses fine actions qua fine but also because they aim effectively at her mundane desires.

On all four of these points, previous research consists entirely of a handful of largely philological essays focusing on individual passages, recent unpublished drafts of a generally synoptic nature, and a single chapter of Buddensiek's 1999 book. For example, the only prior work on habituation in the *EE* consists of two exegeses of a key passage (Chamberlain 1984, Ferreira 2017) and unpublished essays from both the 2017 Symposium Aristotelicum on *EE* II and a 2018 workshop on the treatises' relationship. My work is the first sustained examination of ethical virtue in Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*.

B.A., Philosophy and Mathematics, both "with distinction," St. Olaf College (2012)

Ringstad Prize for best philosophy essay, 2012

Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, 2019-2020 (advisor: Friedemann Buddensiek)

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Classics, Spring 2017

University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy Department, Fall 2016 (advisor: Susan Sauvé-Meyer)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fulbright Fellowship, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, 2019-2020

Outstanding Graduate Teacher, University of Arizona, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2020

Julia Annas Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, 2019
Ancient Philosophy Research Fellowship, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, 2014-2020
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2015-2020
Research and Project Grant, University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council, 2015
National Finalist, Rhodes Fellowship, 2012

WORK IN PROGRESS & UNDER REVIEW

“Habit in the *Eudemian Ethics*: II.2, 1220a39-b7” (under review)
“Pleasure and Pain and the Formation of Character in the *Eudemian Ethics*” (under review)
“Reason and virtue in *Eudemian Ethics* VIII.3: Reasonable actions, the standard for deliberation, and the contemplation and service of god” (under review)
“A Stylometric Analysis of the Problem of the Common Books”
“Aristotle on *Prohairesis* (Choosing)”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“*Eudemian Ethics* III on Moral Virtue,” Workshop on *EE* III, Trinity College Dublin, June 2021.
“The *Eudemian Ethics* on Becoming Virtuous,” Pacific APA, April 2021.
“Separating the *NE* and the *EE*?,” Eastern APA, Philadelphia, January 2020.
“Stylometry and the Common Books,” Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, San Antonio, March 2019.
“Aristotelian Vice is Not a Conflicted State,” Pacific APA, San Diego, March 2018.
“*Prohairesis* in Aristotle’s Ethics,” Graduate Seminar Presentation, Cambridge, England, May 2017.
“The Punishment of the Descending Soul in Plotinus’ *Enneads*,” Central APA, Kansas City, March 2017.
“Character Formation and Empirical Psychology in Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” University of Pennsylvania Ethics Breakfast, November 2016.
“The Punishment of the Descending Soul in Plotinus’ *Enneads*,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York City, October 2016.
“Two Forms of Stoic Cosmopolitanism,” Boston University Graduate Conference, March 2016.

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek: reading proficiency
Latin: reading proficiency
German: conversational and reading proficiency
French: conversational and reading proficiency
Spanish: conversational and reading proficiency
Danish: conversational and reading proficiency

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Arizona

Instructor

“Plato’s *Timaeus*” (online, upper-level course), Fall 2020
“Virtue and Knowledge in Plato and Aristotle” (flipped classroom model), Spring 2019
“Ancient Ethics” (team-based learning model), Spring 2018
“Environmental Ethics” (online, upper-level course) Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant

“The Philosophy of Happiness,” Fall 2015 (Dan Russell)
“Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation,” Fall 2014 (Thomas Christiano)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Knox Central High School, Kentucky

High School Mathematics Teacher (Teach for America)

Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra I, Pre-Algebra

Responsible for 120 students over 35 live teaching hours per week

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Ancient Philosophy

“Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” Julia Annas (Spring 2019)

“Ancient Epistemology,” Julia Annas (Spring 2018)

Directed Study on Aristotle’s Moral Psychology, Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2016)

Ancient Political Philosophy Seminar, Julia Annas (Spring 2016)

“Aristotle and Aquinas,” Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2016)

Pre-Socratic Philosophy, Rachana Kamtekar (Fall 2015)

Aristoteles Ethik (in German), Jonathan Beere (Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Summer 2015)

Ancient Philosophy Seminar, Stephen Menn (Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Summer 2015)

“Responsibility in Ancient Philosophy,” Rachana Kamtekar (Spring 2015)

Classics and Ancient Greek

On Ideas (Aristotle): Seminar, Friedemann Buddensiek (Frankfurt, Winter 2019-2020)

Rhetoric (Aristotle): Senior Members Seminar (Cambridge, Lent & Easter 2017)

Galen – Readings: PhD Seminar, James Warren, (Cambridge, Lent & Easter 2017)

Sophocles – Readings: Seminar, Sheila Murnaghan (University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2016)

Gorgias (Plato): Reading Group, Charles Kahn (University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2016)

Parva Naturalia (Aristotle): Tutorial, Fred Miller (Spring 2016)

De Anima (Aristotle): Tutorial, Fred Miller (Spring 2015)

Pre-Socratics – Readings: Seminar, Norman Austin (Spring 2015)

“The Ancient Novel,” Robert Groves (Fall 2014)

Value Theory

“Non-Ideal Virtue Theory,” Daniel Russell (Fall 2018)

Kant’s Practical Philosophy, Mark Timmons (Fall 2015)

Virtue Ethics Seminar Julia Annas (Spring 2015)

Moral Responsibility Seminar, Michael McKenna (Fall 2014)

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Normativity Seminar, Connie Rosati (Fall 2015)

Epistemology of Disagreement Seminar, Stewart Cohen (Fall 2015)

Philosophy and Cognitive Science Seminar, Shaun Nichols (Fall 2014)

Social Norms Seminar, Jerry Gaus (Fall 2014)

Weekly Reading Groups

Ancient Greek (2014-2020)

Latin (2014-2020)

French (2014-2016)

German (2015-2016)

SERVICE

Referee, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* and *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

Deputy Editor, *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 2020-2021; **Editorial Assistant**, 2014-2020

Conference Session Chair

Aristotle's *Eudemian* and *Nicomachean* Ethics, Dublin, 2018

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, 2018

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York City, 2016

Ancient Philosophy Symposium, Pacific APA, San Francisco, 2016

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Phi Beta Kappa

REFERENCES

Julia E. Annas (committee chair, advisor)

Regents Professor Emerita

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