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**AOS** Ancient Philosophy

**AOC** History of Ethics  
Environmental Ethics  
Digital Humanities

## EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Arizona, with a graduate minor in Classics  
Dissertation: *Virtue of Character in Aristotle's Eudemian Ethics*, supervisor: Julia Annas  
Committee: Friedemann Buddensiek, Mark Timmons, and Houston Smit
- 2019–20 Fulbright Fellow, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
- 2018 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Arizona (UA)
- 2017 Visiting Postgraduate Student, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge
- 2016 Visiting Student, Philosophy Department, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 The Greek Workshop, University of California, Berkeley (summer)
- 2012 Teaching Certificate, Delta State University
- 2012 B.A. in Philosophy and Mathematics, both “with distinction,” St. Olaf College  
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa member, Ringstad Prize for best philosophy essay  
Rhodes Fellowship National Finalist as a graduating senior, in 2012

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024– Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis), NTNU, Campus Ålesund
- 2023–24 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Lisbon
- 2023, Spr. Universitetslektor, 86%, University of Bergen
- 2022, Fall Universitetslektor, 33%, University of Oslo
- 2021–22 Gjesteforsker (Visiting Researcher), University of Oslo
- 2021, Sep. Invited Researcher, Jubilee Centre for Character & Virtue, University of Birmingham
- 2014–20 Graduate Assistant (Undergraduate Teacher) while at the University of Arizona
- 2012–14 High School Mathematics Teacher, Knox County School District, Kentucky, USA

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Pleasure, Habit, and Virtue in the *Eudemian Ethics*” (title modified while under review)  
Edited and resubmitted: “Revise and resubmit” verdict at a top ancient philosophy journal
2. “A New Stylometric Analysis of the Common Books”  
Computational and philosophical work complete, writing up results for submission
3. “Incomplete virtue in Aristotle”  
Presented twice in spring 2024, under revision before submission for publication
4. “Philological issues in the *Eudemian* passage on habit: II.2, 1220a39–b7”  
Revising in accordance with comments received from a prior journal submission

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2019–20	Fulbright Fellowship, U.S. Student Program, at the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
2014–20	Ancient Philosophy Research Fellowship, UA (\$20K per year with half-time teaching)
2015–19	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$7K per year for research)
2014–19	Conference Travel Grants, Department of Philosophy / Society for Classical Studies (UA)
2015	Research and Project Grant, UA Student Council (\$2K for German courses in Berlin)

## TEACHING RECOGNITION

2020	Outstanding Graduate Teacher, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, UA
2019	Julia Annas Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, UA
2016, 2017	Green Leaf Award for holistic impact on a high school student's education

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NTNU, Campus Ålesund: Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis)

2025, Spr.	Examen Philosophicum, economics & business variant	<i>lecturer and seminar leader</i>
2024, Fall	Examen Philosophicum, health & medicine variant	<i>lecturer and seminar leader</i>

University of Lisbon: Postdoctoral Fellow, including a small teaching component

2023, Fall	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (MA/PhD)	<i>joint seminar leader and course creator</i>
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University of Bergen: Universitetslektor, 86%

2023, Spr.	History of Philosophy to the Enlightenment	<i>seminar leader</i>
	Examen Philosophicum, “mat-nat” variant	<i>seminar leader</i>

University of Oslo: Universitetslektor, 33%

2022, Fall	Ancient Theories of Knowledge (MA-level)	<i>course creator, instructor of record</i>
	Examen Philosophicum	<i>seminar leader</i>

University of Arizona: Instructor of Record, 50%, also responsible for course creation

2020	Plato's <i>Timaeus</i>	<i>online, upper-level course</i>
2019	Virtue and Knowledge in Plato and Aristotle	<i>flipped classroom model</i>
2018	Ancient Ethics	<i>team-based learning model</i>
2017	Environmental Ethics	<i>online, upper-level course</i>

University of Arizona: Graduate Teaching Assistant, 50%

2015	The Philosophy of Happiness
2014	The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation

Knox Central High School, Kentucky: High School Mathematics Teacher, 100%, 35 live hours / day

2012–14	Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra I, Pre-Algebra	<i>responsible for textbook creation</i>
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## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- 2023 Completed UPED600: Introduction to University Teaching and Course Design (24 hours) from the University of Bergen's Program for University Pedagogy (course in Norwegian)
- 2014–20 Graduate teacher training from the University of Arizona Philosophy Department and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Voluntary participation in Faculty Learning Communities during two semesters
- 2012 Provisional teaching certificate (for US secondary education), Delta State University
- Summer program in pedagogy administered by Teach for America (Appalachia Region)

## LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker
Norwegian	B2–C1, teaching proficiency (B2 certificate in speaking, writing, listening, and reading from Kompetanse Norge, April 2023)
German, French, and Spanish	academic reading proficiency, basic conversational proficiency
Ancient Greek	advanced reading proficiency
Latin	intermediate reading proficiency
Old Norse / Norrønt	basic reading proficiency

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited conference papers since 2016

- 2024 15. "A New Stylometric Evaluation of Aristotle's Ethical Works," Aristoteles Pezogaphos project, Durham Centre for Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, marking the publication of Christopher Rowe's new Oxford Classical Text of the *Eudemian Ethics*.
14. 120-minute symposium on my paper "The Development of Character in the *Eudemian Ethics*," Eastern APA, New York City, New York.
- 2023 13. "Is Phronêsis Merely Instrumental?," Aretai Center Annual Conference, "Phronesis, Virtues, and Meta-Virtues." Genoa.
12. "The Development of Character in the *Eudemian Ethics*," "Themes in Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*," Renmin University of China Conference in Ancient Philosophy V, Beijing.
11. "Nature and Goodness in Aristotle's Moral Psychology," Bergen Ancient Philosophy Society annual conference, University of Bergen.
10. "Developmental continuity and criteria for virtue in Aristotle," "Ancient & Contemporary Virtue Ethics" workshop, University of Agder.
9. "The Development of Character in the *Eudemian Ethics*," Keeling Graduate and Early Career Conference, University College London.
- 2021 8. "Character in the *Eudemian Ethics*," Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtue, University of Birmingham, England.
7. "The *Eudemian Ethics* on Becoming Virtuous," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) meeting at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association's (APA), held online.
- 2020 6. "Separating the *NE* and the *EE*?," Eastern APA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2019 5. "Stylometry and the Common Books," Texas Ancient Philosophy Workshop.

- 2018 4. “Aristotelian Vice is Not a Conflicted State,” Pacific APA, San Diego, California.
- 2017 3. “The Punishment of the Soul in Plotinus’ *Enneads*,” Central APA, Kansas City, MO.
- 2016 2. “The Punishment of the Descending Soul in Plotinus’ *Enneads*,” 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting of the SAGP and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, Fordham University, New York City.
- 1. “Two Forms of Stoic Cosmopolitanism,” Boston University Graduate Conference.

#### Internal seminar and workshop papers since 2016

- 2024 9. “Incomplete Virtue in Aristotle” “New perspectives on Aristotle’s Ethics” workshop, University of Lisbon, May 2024.
- 8. “Goods *simpliciter* in the *Eudemian Ethics*,” History of Philosophy research group, University of Lisbon.
- 2021 7. “Virtue of Character in Aristotle’s *Eudemian Ethics*,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Oslo.
- 6. “Care Ethics as Humanized Virtue Theory,” Practical Ethics Group, University of Oslo.
- 2018 5. “Aristotelian Vice is Not a Conflicted State,” Students Working at Presenting Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Arizona (UA).
- 2017 4. “*Prohairesis* in Aristotle’s Ethics,” Cambridge University Graduate Student Colloquium, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, England.
- 2016 3. “Character Formation and Empirical Psychology in Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” Ethics Breakfast Working Group at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 2. “Two Forms of Stoic Cosmopolitanism,” Graduate Seminar Presentation, UA.
- 1. “Aristotle and Aquinas on the Forms of Justice,” Taught Course Presentation, UA.

#### **PROJECT, CONFERENCE, AND JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 2024 Organizer of the workshop, “New perspectives on Aristotle’s Ethics” at the University of Lisbon, 13–14 May 2024
- 2023–24 Consultant on English language-related issues for the project “Complete Works of Aristotle: Translation and Commentary” at the University of Lisbon
- 2020 Deputy Editor, *Social Philosophy & Policy*
- 2014–20 Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy & Policy* (50%), for journal issues & conferences:
  - 38:1 *Administrative State* 2019 conference in Tucson, Arizona
  - 37:2 *Freedom of Thought* 2019 conference in Park City, Utah
  - 37:1 *Origins of Political Economy* 2018 conference in Tucson, Arizona
  - 36:1 *Moral Responsibility* 2017 conference in Tucson, Arizona
  - 35:1 *Norms* 2016 conference in Tucson, Arizona
  - 34:2 *Progress* 2016 conference in Los Angeles, California
  - 33:1–2 *Ideal Theory* (double issue) 2015 conference in Tucson, Arizona
  - 32:2 *The Morality of Aggression* 2014 conference in Tucson, Arizona

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa, American Philosophical Association, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

## SERVICE

### Referee

- 2022      *Journal of Moral Education*  
2020, 21    *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
2019      *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*  
2019      Feminist Philosophy Conference, University of Arizona

### Subject specialist consultant (volunteer)

- 2022      Universitetsforlag, editing philosophical material in Norwegian for Exphil-site [Kunne.net](https://www.kunne.net)

### Conference session chair

- 2018      Conference on Aristotle's *Eudemian* and *Nicomachean Ethics*, Dublin, Ireland  
            American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting, San Diego, California  
2016      Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy annual meeting, New York City  
            Ancient Philosophy Symposium, Pacific APA, San Francisco, California

## TECHNICAL COMPETENCE

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| Online learning platforms   | Canvas, D2L Brightspace, Moodle, OLAT, and Cambridge LMS            |
| Web development             | CSS, HTML, JavaScript, PHP, and SQL                                 |
| Video recording software    | Experience with lecture recording and editing (samples on website)  |
| Software development        | C++, C#, GNU Bash, Java, Perl, Python, and R                        |
| Mathematics and logic       | B.A. in mathematics, with logic and computer science components     |
| Digital humanities tools    | Classical Language Toolkit, R's stylo package, general competence   |
| Office tools (PC/Mac/cloud) | Extensive professional and personal use of a wide range of software |

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