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AREAS OF INTEREST AoS: Ancient & Medieval Philosophy; Metaphysics; Epistemology; Language & Logic

**AoC:** History of Political Thought

EMPLOYMENT University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Nelson Distinguished Visiting Professor of Philosophy (2022)

University of Groningen

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2015 - present) (tenured since 2017)

University of Oxford

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy (2013 – 2015)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS Nelson Distinguished Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan (2022)

Visiting Scholar, University of Tokyo (2019) Visiting Scholar, University of Waseda (2019)

EDUCATION University of Cambridge

PhD, Ancient Philosophy (2009–2014)

MPhil, Political Thought & Intellectual History (2008–2009)

University of Edinburgh

MA Hons., History & Classics, First Class Honours (2004–2008)

PUBLICATIONS Journal Articles

1. 'Conflicting Appearances, Suspension of Judgment, and Pyrrhonian Skepticism without Commitment', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

[14,454 words]

2. 'Augustine's Master Argument for the Incorporeality of the Mind', *The Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).

[9,916 words] https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqab020

3. 'Clear and Distinct Perception in the Stoics, Augustine, and William of Ockham', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Suppl.* (forthcoming).

[8,900 words]

4. 'The Roots of Occasionalism? Causation, Metaphysical Dependence, and Soul-Body Relations in Augustine', *Vivarium* (forthcoming).

[11,833 words] https://doi.org/10.1163/15685349-05904001

5. 'Every Word is a Name: Autonymy and Quotation in Augustine', *Mind* 130 (2021): 595–616.

[8,888 words] https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzaa043

6. 'Veritism Refuted? Understanding, Idealization, and the Facts', *Synthese* 198 (2021): 4295–4313.

[10,100 words] https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02342-2

7. 'Augustine on Active Perception, Awareness, and Representation', *Phronesis* 66 (2021): 84–110.

[12,864 words] https://doi.org/10.1163/15685284-bja10035

8. 'Augustine's Defence of Knowledge against the Sceptics', Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy 56 (2019): 215–265.

[23,297 words] http://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198851059.003.0006

9. 'Thrasymachus' Unerring Skill and the Arguments of *Republic* I', *Phronesis* 63 (2018): 359–391.

[14,712 words] https://doi.org/10.1163/15685284-12341354

10. 'Platonic Know-How and Successful Action', European Journal of Philosophy 25 (2017): 944–962.

[15,180 words] https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12285

11. 'The Stoics on Identity, Identification, and Peculiar Qualities', *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 32 (2017): 113–159.

[22,582 words] https://doi.org/10.1163/22134417-00321P11

12. 'Aristotelian Finitism', *Synthese* 192 (2015): 2345–2360. [8,830 words] https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-015-0827-9

13. 'Augustine on the Varieties of Understanding and Why There is No Learning from Words', Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy 3 (2015): 1–31.

[14,732 words] https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198743798.003.0001

- 14. 'Augustine on the Dangers of Friendship', *The Classical Quarterly* 65 (2015): 836–851. [10,330 words] <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009838815000427">https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009838815000427</a>
- 15. 'The Stoic Account of Apprehension', *Philosophers' Imprint* 14, n.29 (October, 2014): 1–21.

[14,684 words] https://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0014.029

16. 'Knowledge and True Belief at *Theaetetus* 201a-c', *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 21 (2013): 1052–1070.

Commended in the 2013 BSHP Essay Prize [9,307 words] https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2013.822344

### **Book Chapters**

- 17. 'The Stoics and Augustine on Friendship', in D. Jeske (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Friendship* (Routledge, forthcoming).
- 18. 'Democracy and Knowledge in Ancient Greece', in M. Hannon & J. de Ridder (eds.), The Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology (Routledge, 2021), 13–24. http://doi.org/10.4324/9780429326769-4
- 19. 'Dynamic Modalities and Teleological Agency: Plato and Aristotle on Skill and Ability', in T. Johansen (ed.), *Productive Knowledge in Ancient Philosophy: The Concept of Technê* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), 39–61.

https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108641579.003

20. 'The Stoic Theory of the Soul', in K. Arenson (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy* (Routledge, 2020), 148–159.

http://doi.org/10.4324/9781351168120-12

21. 'Relativism in Ancient Greek Philosophy', in M. Kusch (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Relativism* (Routledge, 2020), 41–49.

http://doi.org/10.4324/9781351052306-5

22. 'The Augustinian *Cogito* and Materialist Theories of Mind', in T. Ekenberg & J. Kaukua (eds.), *Subjectivity and Selfhood in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*, (Springer, 2016), 25–36.

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-26914-6\_3

- 23. 'Adiutrix Virtutum? Augustine on Friendship and Virtue', in S. Stern-Gillet & G. Gurtler (eds.), Ancient and Medieval Concepts of Friendship (SUNY Press, 2014), 197–225.
- \* 'Plato: Politics and Epistemology: the *Republic* and Other Dialogues', in C. Atack (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Political Thought* (contracted).
- \* 'Augustine on Time, Temporal Experience, and Memory', in T. Williams (ed.), *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Augustine's Confessions* (contracted).
- \* 'Logic and Paradox', in D. Bailey (ed.), The Oxford Handbook of Stoicism (contracted).

#### **Reviews & Discussion Articles**

- 'J. Barnes, Proof, Knowledge, and Scepticism', Philosophy 90 (2015), 539-544.
- 'R. Groff & J. Greco, Powers and Capacities in Philosophy', The Philosophical Quarterly 64 (2014), 670–672.
- 'M. Burnyeat, Explorations in Ancient and Modern Philosophy', Philosophy 88 (2013), 621–626
- 'A. Nightingale & D. Sedley, Ancient Models of Mind', Ancient Philosophy 32 (2012), 461–467.

#### **AWARDS & GRANTS**

PI, ERC Starting Grant (≈€ 1,500,000)	(begins January 2023)
Project: Truth in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	
PI, NWO VENI Laureate (≈€ 250,000)	(2017–2021)
Project: Relativism in Ancient Philosophy	
Winner: Best Teaching Practices of the Year (Groningen)	(2021–2022)
Lecturer of the Year (Philosophy, Groningen)	(2016–2017)
Commendation, BSHP Essay Prize	(2013)
Paper: 'Knowledge and True Belief at Theaetetus 201a-c', BJ.	HP 21.
Minor Conference Grants (≈ £5,000)	(2011–2013)
AHRC, PhD Full Scholarship (≈ £60,000)	(2009–2013)
AHRC, MPhil Full Scholarship (≈ £20,000)	(2008–2009)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 'Chrysippus against Diodorus Cronus on Future Truth and Necessity', *Symposium Hellenisticum*, University of Geneva, July 2022.
- 'Clear and Distinct Perception in the Stoics, Augustine, and William of Ockham', Symposium: Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of St. Andrews, July 2022.
- 'Conflicting Appearances, Suspension of Judgment, and Pyrrhonian Skepticism without Commitment', Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, 4 February 2022.
- 'Ancient Democracy: A Philosophical Analysis', Department of Classics, University of Edinburgh, 10 November 2021.
- 'Facts and Fiction: Truth and Scientific Idealisations', BCN Conference: Nothing but the Truth, University of Groningen, 1 November 2021.
- 'Augustine on Self-Knowledge and the Mind', Institute of Philosophy, Hungary, 16 April 2021.

- 'Laws of Nature, Accuracy, and the Truth in Science', American University Cairo, 23 October 2019.
- 'Pyrrhonian Scepticism, Relativism, and Epoche', Groningen, 21 June 2019.
- 'The Stoics on Causes & Causation', Utrecht, 20 May 2019.
- 'Protagorean Relativism, Heraclitean Flux, and Self-Refutation', Yonsei University (Seoul), 3 May 2019.
- 'Aristotle on Practical and Theoretical Reasoning', National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan), 23 April 2019.
- 'Veritism and its Vices', Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, 10 April 2019.
- 'Platonic *Epistemē* and Understanding', University of Tokyo, 28 March 2019.
- 'Aristotle on Skill and Ability', Kyoto University, 22 March 2019.
- 'Augustine on Mind-Body Problems', Peking University, 8 March 2019.
- 'The Fregean Revolution' (Middle East Society for Analytic Philosophy), American University Cairo (Tahrir), 29 December 2018.
- 'The Augustinian Cogito and the Cartesian Cogito', Durham University, 29 November 2018.
- 'Stoic Puzzles about Identity', Humboldt-Universität Berlin (23 August 2018) & Southern Association of Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge (11 September 2018).
- 'Aristotle on Teleological Reasoning and Agency', Groningen, 3 July 2018.
- 'Revisiting the Arguments between Thrasymachus and Socrates in Republic I', Oxford, 22 February 2018.
- 'Some Aristotelian Modalities', Groningen, 17 January 2018.
- 'Infinitism and the Mode Ad Infinitum', Groningen, 21 March 2017.
- 'Augustine on Friendship, Virtue, and Vice', Catholic University of America, 18 November 2016.
- 'Response: Leibniz on Possible Worlds and Possible Substances', Toronto, 11 June 2016.
- 'The Stoics on Identity', Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Boston College, 17 March 2016.
- 'Aristotle on Action and Agency', Groningen, 25 January 2016.
- 'Platonic Know-How and Successful Action', Technē Conference, Oxford, 28 August 2015.
- 'Ad Infinitum: The Modes of Agrippa', Infinity and Infinite Regress Workshop, Durham University, 14 July 2015.
- 'Augustine on Self-Knowledge', Oxford, 28 May 2015.
- 'The Value of True Belief', Groningen, 27 August 2014.
- 'Self-Knowledge in Augustine', Cornell, 31 May 2014.
- 'Sextus on the Impossibility of Causation', Cornell, 28 May 2014.
- 'An Aristotelian Approach to Infinite Sequences', FotFS VIII, Cambridge, 20 September 2013.
- 'Epistemic Value and the Problem of Trivial Truths', Understanding Value Conference, Sheffield, 18 July 2013.
- 'Truth, Precision, and Epistemic Value', Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & Mind Association, Exeter, 13 July 2013.
- 'Re-Visiting the Jury: Cognitive Virtue in Plato's *Theaetetus*', Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & Mind Association: The Postgraduate Sessions, Stirling, 7 July 2012.

#### **TEACHING**

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbour

Courses Taught

PHIL 610: Graduate Seminar in Philosophy (History, Logic) (2021–2022) PHIL 397: Topics in Philosophy (Language, Metaphysics) (2021–2022)

## University of Groningen

PhD Theses supervised (primary supervisor):

van Zoonen, 'Plato's Anti-Hedonistic Arguments' (2016-2022)

Publications include: D. van Zoonen, 'Problems with the Life of Pleasure: The Γένεσις Argument in Plato's *Philebus* (53c4–55a12)', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 59 (2021): 167–191.

Reigosa, 'The Problem of Future Truth' (2019-present)

Masters Theses supervised (primary supervisor):

'Pleasure in Plato's Phaedo' [student went on to PhD in Groningen] (2016);

'Aquinas on Spiritual Change' (2018);

'Aristotle's *De Interpretatione* 9: Modalities and Semantics for an Open Future' [student went on to PhD in Groningen] (2018);

'Prodicus' Theory of Language' [student went on to PhD at Humboldt-Berlin] (2020)

#### Bachelor Theses supervised (primary supervisor):

Global Justice (2016); Aristotle's Teleology (2017); Knowledge in Plato's *Theaeterus* (2018); Frankfurt on Free Will (2018); Relativism & Self-Refutation (2019); Plotinus and Proclus on Evil (2020); Inductive Scepticism and Modal Realism [student went on to MSt Philosophy of Physics at Oxford] (2020); Fear of Death (2020); Modal Realism (2021); Metaphor (2021); Material Constitution (2021); Strong AI & Searle's Chinese Room Argument (2022)

### Courses Taught

Fate, Freedom, and Necessity (Graduate Seminar)	(2021-2022)
Plato's Theaetetus (Graduate Seminar)	(2016–2017)
Aristotle's Ethics (Graduate Seminar)	(2015–2016)
Language & Reality (BA)	(2017-present)
Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics (BA)	(2016–2017)
Ancient & Medieval Philosophy (BA)	(2016–2017)
Ancient Philosophy (Honours College)	(2015–2017)
Ancient Philosophy (Minor)	(2015–2017)
Ancient Philosophy (BA)	(2015-present)

BKO (Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs) (May 2019)

### University of Cambridge

Plato	(2012-2013)
Aristotle: Ethics and Politics	(2012–2013)
Metaphysics and Epistemology	(2011–2013)
Modern and Medieval Philosophy	(2011–2012)
Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind	(2011–2013)
Set Texts	(2011–2013)
Training: Teaching Skills Programme	(2011)

<sup>=</sup> University Teaching Qualification, Proof of Didactic Competence

**SERVICE** Faculty

Secretary of the Department of the History of Philosophy (2015–present);

Education Committee (2017–2020)

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) (2021-present)

### Referee

Ancient Philosophy (4); Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie (2); Australasian Journal of Philosophy (1); British Journal for the History of Philosophy (4); Canadian Journal of Philosophy (1); Classical Quarterly (2); European Journal of the Philosophy of Science (1); History of Philosophy Quarterly (1); Journal of the American Philosophical Association (1); Journal of the History of Philosophy (1); Journal of Value Inquiry (1); Mind (1); Mnemosyne (1); Philosophers' Imprint (1); Philosophia (1); Philosophy (1); Phronesis (3); Polis (1)

### Conference Organisation

Truth and Relativism in Ancient Philosophy	(June 2019)
Language and Reality in Ancient Philosophy	(January 2018)
The Metaphysics of the Stoics	(June 2015)
The Metaphysics of Quantum Mechanics	(October 2014)
Truth, Falsehood, and Deception	(April 2012)
Myth and Literature in Ancient Philosophy	(April 2011)

### **Panel Organisation**

Classical Association: Mind and World in Plato (April 2013)

**OUTREACH (KEYNOTE)** Middle East Society for Analytic Philosophy

(2018-present) Night of Philosophy (Groningen) (April 2020) Studium Generale (Groningen) (April 2018) (April 2017) Night of Philosophy (Groningen) Night of the University (Groningen) (October 2015) Schools: Cambridge, Groningen (2011, 2015-present)

**LANGUAGES** 

English (CEFR C2) Spanish (CEFR C2) Ancient Greek (reading) Latin (reading)

Arabic (CEFR B2 equivalent)

French (CEFR B2) German (CEFR B2) Dutch (CEFR B1-B2)

NON-ACADEMIC

(2003 - 2004)United Nations Development Programme (Egypt)