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### Area of Specialization

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

### Areas of Competence

Medieval Philosophy (Latin and Arabic traditions), History of Ethics

### Academic Positions

Serra Hünter Fellow (expected to become permanent) Universitat de Barcelona	Sept 2022–
Researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	2017–2022
Replacement Professor (Vertretungsprofessur) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Spring Semester 2021
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 Fellowships

Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (alternate: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)	2016 - 2017
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

### Education

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

## Monograph

1. *Plato's Phaedo: Forms, Death, and the Philosophical Life* (Cambridge University Press, 2023), xii + 348 pp.

## Volumes Edited

2. *Cambridge Companion to Plato*, second edition (with Richard Kraut) (Cambridge University Press, 2022), xviii + 624 pp.
3. *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science* (Cambridge University Press, 2015; paperback, 2018)

## Published and Forthcoming Essays (<https://www.davidebrey.com>)

4. "The *Phaedo* as an Alternative to Tragedy," *Classical Philology* 118 (2023), 153-171
5. "Introduction to the Study of Plato" (co-authored with Richard Kraut) in 2, above, 1-38
6. "The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*" in 2, above, 268-297
7. "Sócrates modelo y guía en el *Fedón*" ["Socrates as a model and guide in the *Phaedo*"] in B. Bossi (ed.) *La relación socrática maestro-discípulo, Transmisión y transformación* (Guillermo Escolar, 2022), 71-80.
8. "The *Phaedo*'s Final Argument and the Soul's Kinship with the Divine" *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 61 (2021), 25-62
9. "Aristotle on the Matter for Birth, Life, and the Elements" in *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Science* ed. Liba Taub (Cambridge University Press, 2020), 79-101
10. "Identity and Explanation in the *Euthyphro*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 52 (2017), 77-111
11. "Socrates on Why We Should Inquire," *Ancient Philosophy* 37 (2017), 1-17
12. "The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul's Proper Activity," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 99 (2017), 1-30
13. "The Value of Rule in Plato's Dialogues: A Reply to Melissa Lane," *Plato Journal* 16 (2016), 75-80
14. "Introduction" in 3, above, 1-7
15. "Blood, Matter, and Necessity" in 3, above, 61-76
16. "Why Are There No Conditionals in Aristotle's Logic?" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2015), 185-205
17. "Meno's Paradox in Context," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22 (2014), 1-21
18. "Making Room for Matter: Material Causes in the *Phaedo* and the *Physics*," *Apeiron* 47 (2014), 245-265
19. "A New Philosophical Tool in the *Meno*: 86e-87c," *Ancient Philosophy* 33 (2013), 75-96

## Book Reviews & Annotated Bibliography

20. Review of A. G. Long, *Death and Immortality in Ancient Philosophy* in *Mind* fzac027, 2022
21. "Plato's *Phaedo*," *Oxford Bibliographies* in Classics. Ed. Dee Clayman. August 2017 [8,000 word online annotated bibliography]
22. Review of Gail Fine, *The Possibility of Inquiry: Meno's Paradox from Socrates to Sextus* in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55, 2017, 537-538
23. Review of Hugh Benson *Clitophon's Challenge: Dialectic in Plato's Meno, Phaedo, and Republic* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2016.11.21
24. Review of Iakovos Vasiliou, *Aiming at Virtue in Plato* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2009.08.21

## Under contract

25. "*Meno*" (in *The Platonic Mind*, ed. Vasilis Politis and Peter Larsen, Routledge)
26. "Pleasure, Courage, and the Correct Exchange" (in *Plato on Pleasure*, ed. Mehmet Erginel and Joachim Aufderheide, Oxford)

## Works in Progress

27. "True Love and the Divine: *Phaedrus* 241d–245c" (with Emily Fletcher)
28. "The Division of the Soul in *Republic* IV"
29. "Timaeus' origin myth"
30. "The Definition of Matter in *Physics* I"
31. "The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge"
32. "The Enemies of Stable Being in the *Cratylus*"
33. "Forms and The Origin of Self-Predication"

## Presentations

- "Timaeus' origin myth"
- Keynote Address, Ancient Philosophy Society, Toronto (April 2024)
  - Eidos Seminar (October 2023)
  - Southern Association Ancient Philosophy Conference, Oxford (Sept 2023)
  - University of Chicago Ancient Philosophy Workshop (May 2023)
  - *Humboldt Ancient Philosophy Conference* (June 2022)
  - Tartu-Stanford Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Tartu (June 2022)
  - University of Kentucky Online *Timaeus* Conference (May 2022)
- "Socrates' Autobiography"
- Plato's *Metaphysics* (Keeling Center, UCL) (May 2023)
  - National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Dec. 2021)
  - University of Oslo (March 2021)
- "The Sun, The Good, and the Value of Knowledge"
- Complutense University of Madrid (November 2023)
  - Conference *Knowledge and Value* Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil (June 2016)

- Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philos. (May 2016)
  - Central APA Colloquium (March 2016)
  - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (February 2016)
  - University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (January 2016)
  - Michigan State University (November 2015)
- “Misology and the Method of Hypothesis”
- *Seeking the Good: A celebration of Richard Kraut*, Northwestern (May 2023)
  - University of Crete, Rethymno (October 2019)
  - Philosophy in Assos (Turkey) (July 2019)
- “Meno’s character and the arc of the *Meno*”
- Notre Dame Ancient Phil. Workshop (May 2023)
- Author Meets Critic on *Plato’s Phaedo: Forms, Death, and the Philosophical Life*
- *The Shelves*, University of Turin (online) (April 2023)
- “The Division of the Soul in *Republic IV*”
- Conference on Plato’s *Republic*, University of Barcelona (March 2023)
  - *Beauty and Goodness Workshop*, University of Istanbul (Dec. 2022)
- “Socrates’ Autobiography”
- UCSD History of Philosophy Workshop (January 2023)
  - National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Dec. 2021)
  - University of Oslo (March 2021)
- “The *Phaedo*’s Defense of the Desire to be Dead”
- UCSD (January 2023)
- “The Unfolding Account of Forms in the *Phaedo*”
- University of Crete, Rethymno (December 2022)
  - *Plato’s Philosophy: Eros, Polis, Cosmos*, Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Biennial Conference (October 2018)
  - Departmental Colloquium, Charles University (May 2018)
  - Conference on Substance, Fed. Univ. of Goiania (Brazil) (April 2018)
  - Departmental Colloquium, University of Groningen (January 2018)
  - Front Range Ancient Phil. 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 Body and the Body-like in the *Phaedo*”
- *Human Body and Identity in Greek Philosophy and Culture*, Norwegian Institute, Athens (Oct. 2022)
- Presentation on *Phaedrus* 241d-245c (with Emily Fletcher)
- Plato Dialogue Project, Athens (Sept. 2022)
- Presentation on *Laches* 182d6-186a2
- University of Cambridge May Week on the *Laches* (May 2022)
- Presenter on A. G. Long (ed.) *Immortality in Ancient Philosophy* (April 2022)
- *The Shelves*, University of Turin (online)
- “Socrates as a Model and Guide in the *Phaedo*”
- *The Relation Master and Disciple in Antiquity*, Universidad Complutense, Madrid (Sept. 2021)

- “The Causes of Beauty and Flux in the *Phaedo*’s Cosmology”
- Keynote address, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Berlin-Munich graduate conference (Dec. 2020)
- “The Structure of the *Phaedo*’s Recollecting Argument”
- Ancient Phil Colloquium, University of Tübingen (January 2020)
- “Pleasure, Courage, and the Correct Exchange”
- Invited Eastern APA Symposium (January 2020)
  - *Plato and Platonism*, University of Oslo (November 2018)
  - *Plato’s Pleasures: New Perspectives*, King’s College London (August 2018)
- “Ascribing Matter to Aristotle’s Predecessors”
- *Aristotle on Plato and the Presocratics* at University of Oslo (Sept 2019)
- Presentation on *Phaedo* 63e8-69e3
- Cambridge May Week on the *Phaedo* (June 2019)
- “The *Phaedo*’s Final Argument and the Soul’s Kinship with the Forms”
- Université libre de Bruxelles (December 2018)
  - Ancient Philosophy Colloquium, Bochum (November 2018)
  - Symposium, Central American Philosophical Association (February 2018)
  - 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 Phil. Workshop (June 2016)
- “On Ancient Medicine and the Method of Hypothesis in the *Phaedo*”
- Ancient Medicine Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (July 2018)
- Presentation on *Phaedo* 92c5-94b3 (Socrates’ Reply to Simmias’ Objection)
- *Phaedo Reading Week*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (August 2018)
- Presentation on *Peri Ideon* 97.27-98.24 (Aristotle’s Reply to Eudoxus’ Position)
- Cambridge May Week on the *Peri Ideon* (May 2018)
- “The Enemies of Stable Being in the *Cratylus*”
- Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Apr. 2018)
  - Keynote address, *Language and Reality in Ancient Philosophy*, University of Groningen (January 2018)
  - Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Philosophy (November 2013)
  - West Coast Plato Workshop, Stanford (May 2013)
- “The *Phaedo* as Anti-Tragedy”
- PUC Rio de Janeiro (April 2018)
  - Keynote address, Humboldt-LMU Joint Graduate Conference (Feb. 2018)
- “The Definition of Matter in *Physics I*”
- Contemporary Perspectives on Aristotle’s Physics, Ligerz (January 2018)
  - Notre Dame Junior Faculty Workshop (May 2015)
  - Aristotle Conference at University of Kansas (April 2015)
  - Invited Central APA Symposium (February 2014)
  - Oxford (January 2014)
- “Plato’s *Phaedo*: The Initiation of a Philosopher”
- Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison (Oct 2016)
- “The Matter for Birth, Life, and the Elements”
- Workshop on Matter in Aristotle, Oxford (June 2016)

- “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, Brazilian Plato Society, 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 (Oct. 2014)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial meeting of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (November 2014)
- “The Asceticism of the *Phaedo*: Pleasure, Purification, and the Soul’s Proper Activity”
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (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 Difference between Teaching and Habituation in Plato and Aristotle”
- Central European University (January 2014)
  - *Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary* 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* Northwestern (Apr. 2012)
  - Colloquium, Kaplan Instit. for the Humanities, Northwestern (Jan. 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)
- “Making Room for Matter”
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Pacific APA, Seattle (April 2012)

- ATINER Inter. Conference on Philosophy (Athens, Greece, June 2011)
- Workshop on Material/Teleological Causation, Center for Hellenic Studies (February 2011)
- San Diego State University (March 2010)
- Notre Dame Ancient Philosophy Workshop (February 2010)
- “Three Problems with the Royal Art”
  - West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Berkeley (May 2009)
- “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)
- “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)

### Conferences and Workshops Organized

1. Plato’s *Republic* (March 2023)
2. *Humboldt Ancient Philosophy Conference* (June 2022)
3. *Plato’s Philosophy: Eros, Polis, Cosmos* co-organized with Richard Kraut and Gabriel Lear [For the *Cambridge Companion to Plato*], (October 2018)
4. *Phaedo* Reading Week [Week-long intensive faculty reading week] (August 2018)
5. *Plato’s Late Dialogues* (March 2016)
6. *Northwestern Junior Faculty Ancient Philosophy Workshop* (June 2014)
7. *Moral Education: Ancient and Contemporary*, Spencer-funded conference (June 2013)
8. *Animality: Greco-Roman Conceptions of the Human Being* Co-organized with Gabriel Lear, the Chicago-Area Ancient Philosophy Consortium’s conference (October 2012)
9. *Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy* (April 2012)
10. Plato’s *Euthydemus*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Plato Society Workshop (May 2009)  
Northwestern’s (Philosophy’s) junior faculty working group (2009-2016)  
Co-organized Northwestern’s Ancient Philosophy Workshop (2009-2016)

**Courses designed and taught** (Humboldt has two semesters: Winter and Summer. Barcelona has Fall and Spring)

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| 32. Plato on Love and Rhetoric (adv. undergrad)          | Fall 2023   |
| 31. Myth in Plato (grad seminar)                         | Fall 2023   |
| 30. Introduction to Greek (intro undergraduate)          | Fall 2023   |
| 29. Ancient Philosophy and the Mysteries (grad seminar)  | Spring 2023 |
| 28. Introduction to Medieval Philosophy (adv. undergrad) | Spring 2023 |

27. Plato's <i>Republic</i> (advanced undergrad)	Spring 2023
26. Plato's <i>Phaedrus</i> (grad seminar)	Fall 2022
25. Ancient Ethics: Plato and Aristotle (undergrad lecture)	Summer 2021
24. Plato's <i>Symposium</i> in Greek (advanced undergrad)	Wi. 2020-1, Summer 2021
23. Plato on the Soul (grad seminar)	Summer 2021
22. Theories of Justice: Ancient and Modern (adv. undergrad)	Summer 2021
21. Writing and Argumentation course: Phil. Of Games (Intro Undergrad)	Summer 2021
20. Contemplation as Happiness in Plato, Aristotle, and Plotinus (advanced undergrad)	Winter 2020-21
19. Matter in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy (grad seminar)	Winter 2020-21, Spring 2014
18. Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> (graduate seminar)	Summer 2020, Winter 2017-18, Spring 2016, Spring 2009
17. Dissertation Seminar (Discussion PhD work)	2017-18, 2018-19
16. Aristotle On the Soul	Spring 2016
15. Homer and Plato: Philosophy, Poetry, and the Heroic Ideal (freshman seminar)	Winter 2016 Winter 2015
14. History of Philosophy: Medieval (lower division)	Winter 2016
13. Plato on Knowledge (upper division)	Spring 2015
12. Job Market Prep course (grad seminar)	Spring 2014, Spring 2015
11. History of Philosophy: Ancient (lower division)	2015, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006
10. Aristotle: Scientist and Philosopher (upper division)	Fall 2013
9. Plato's Forms (2-quarter graduate Proseminar)	Winter-Spring 2012
8. Doing Philosophy with Socrates (freshman seminar)	Winter 2011, Spring 2010
7. Aristotle's Logic and Scientific Methodology (upper div)	Winter 2011
6. Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> Beta (graduate seminar)	Fall 2010
5. Aristotle's <i>Physics</i> II (graduate seminar)	Spring 2010
4. Plato's <i>Meno</i> (graduate seminar)	Spring 2008
3. Plato (upper division)	Fall 2007
2. Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind	Summer 2005
1. Introduction to Ethics	Summer 2004

### Online Teaching Resources

- Introduction to Ancient Philosophy Course (audio recordings from UC Berkeley 2008)  
"Academic Writing Advice with an eye towards ancient philosophy"  
- Translated into Portuguese by Fernando Martins Mendonça  
- I am interviewed about this writing guide at the Endoxa Blog

### Graduate Advising

Dissertation filed (on committee): Daniel Tovar, Haewon Jeon, Hung  
Nguyen, Oksana Maksymchuk  
Informally advise approximately twenty-five doctoral students at Humboldt  
Co-organized Northwestern's weekly Greek philosophy reading group  
Run Dissertation Seminar and Greek reading group at Humboldt



## Awards and Predoctoral Fellowships

Nomination, “Preis für gute Lehre 2020” [Prize for good teaching]	Winter 2020-21
Learn German in Germany Grant (DAAD)	January 2017
Funded Participant, NEH Summer Seminar on Socrates	Summer 2014
Dissertation Year Fellowship	2006-2007
Collegium of University Teaching Fellows (UCLA)	2006-2007
Carnap Prize (best philosophy essay by a UCLA grad student)	2002-03, 2005-06
Wooden Fellowship	2000-01, 2004-05
University Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002-2003
Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship	2002
Quinn Fellowship	Summer 2001

## Sources of Grant Support:

From Oct 2021: Three-year DFG grant held by Prof. James Wilberding to translate  
Asclepius’ commentary on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Zeta  
July 2017– March 2021: DFG funded Research Training Group  
“Philosophy, Science, and the Sciences”

## Professional Service and Affiliations

Evaluator in the 2011, 2014, and 2017 Philosophical Gourmet Report  
Anonymous Journal Referee (I accept approximately ten requests a year): *Oxford  
Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *Classical Philology*, *Australasian Journal of  
Philosophy*, *Phronesis*, *Revista Archai*, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *Oxford  
University Press* (book proposal), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Phil  
Studies*, *Analysis*, *Mnemosyne*, *Mind*, *British Journal for the History of  
Philosophy*, *Cambridge Classical Journal*, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, *Archiv für  
Geschichte der Philosophie*, West Coast Plato Society meeting, *Apeiron*,  
*Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of  
Philosophy*, *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi*  
Anonymous Book Referee for a major university press (name withheld)  
Held a full-day workshop at Universität Dortmund on journal publishing  
Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge  
Member of: American Philosophical Association, Society for Ancient Greek  
Philosophy, and the International Plato Society

## Departmental service

Undergrad Committee (2015-2016), Grad Committee (2011-2012)  
Graduate Admissions (2010-2011), Ancient Philosophy Graduate Admissions (2009-  
2016), Speaker Committee (2013-2014, 2011-2012, 2009-2010), Logic Program  
Coordinator (2009-2010)

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Prof. Richard Kraut, Northwestern University - [rkraut1@gmail.com](mailto:rkraut1@gmail.com)