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curriculum vitae

University of Notre Dame
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Academic Positions

University of Notre Dame
Tracey Family Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2021–present)

The Catholic University of America
Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy (2017–2021)

University of Notre Dame
Andrew Mellon Junior Faculty Fellow, Medieval Institute (2018–2019)

Johns Hopkins University
Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy (2015–2017)

Education

Yale University, Ph.D.
Departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2015)
Dissertation:
Receiving and Making Aristotle's Intellect: A New Assessment of Averroes and Aquinas
Advisers: Verity Harte and John Hare
Committee: Frank Griffel, Deborah Black (Toronto), and Gyula Klima (Fordham)

Yale University, M.A., M.Phil.
Departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2013)

Yale Divinity School, M.A.R. *summa cum laude*
Philosophy of Religion (2009)

Rhodes College, B.A. *summa cum laude*
Philosophy, Religious Studies (2005)

Areas of Specialization

Arabic-Islamic Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Aristotle, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competency

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Epistemology

Books

Averroes on Intellect: From Aristotelian Origins to Aquinas's Critique (Oxford University Press, 2022)

The Metaphysics of Personal Identity, Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, vol. 13, introduction and co-edited with Gyula Klima and Alexander Hall (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016)

Articles and Chapters

Averroes, Intellect, and Liberal Hylomorphism. In *The History of Hylomorphism: From Aristotle to Boyle*, edited by David Charles (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Avicenna and Spinoza on Essence and Existence. In *A Companion to Spinoza*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed, 30–40 (Wiley-Blackwell, 2021)

Averroes's Unity Argument against Multiple Intellects, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 103 (2021): 429–454.

Avicenna's Emanated Abstraction, *Philosophers' Imprint* 20 (2020): 1–26.

Ibn Rushd and Aquinas on God's Causal Omniscience, *The Muslim World* 109 (2019): 595–614.

On a Possible Argument for Averroes's Single Separate Intellect, *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 4 (2017): 27–63.

Individuation and the Afterlife According to Some Muslim Philosophers and Aquinas. In *The Metaphysics of Personal Identity*, Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, vol. 13, edited by Stephen Ogden, Gyula Klima, and Alexander Hall, 33–62 (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016)

Problems in al-Ghazālī's Perfect World: Objections and Counter-Objections to His Best Possible World Thesis. In *Islam and Rationality: The Impact of al-Ghazali. Papers Collected on His 900th Anniversary, Vol. 2*, edited by Frank Griffel, 54–89 (Brill, 2016)

Maimonides, Aquinas, and Particularity: Comments on Seeskin's 'Creation and the Argument from Particularity.' In *Maimonides on God and Duns Scotus on Logic and Metaphysics*, Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, vol. 12, edited by Gyula Klima and Alexander Hall, 17–22 (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015)

Reviews and Commentary

Review of *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays*, edited by Peter Adamson and Matteo Di Giovanni (Cambridge University Press, 2019). In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57 (2019): 751–752.

Review of *Phantasia in Aristotle's Ethics: Reception in the Arabic, Greek, Hebrew and Latin Traditions*, edited by Jakob Leth Fink (Bloomsbury Academic, 2019). In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (July 2019)

Comments on Gabriel Citron, "Dreams, Nightmares, and a Defense Against Arguments from Evil," Association for the Philosophy of Judaism Online Symposium (with Marilyn Adams and John Pittard) (May 2016) <<http://www.theapj.com/08-15-may-gabriel-citrons-dreams-nightmares-and-a-defense-against-arguments-from-evil/>>

Selected Work in Progress

(Article) al-Ghazālī on *taqlīd* (with Nathan Ballantyne) (final research and drafting)

(Article) connecting form in Aristotle's *Met. Z* and *nous* in *De Anima* III (final revisions on manuscript)

(Article) on Averroes on common natures (near complete manuscript)

(Chapter) Averroes. In *A Companion to Epistemology*, 3rd ed., edited by Kurt Sylvan (Wiley-Blackwell) (in planning)

(Article) on the philosopher as microcosm (with Therese Cory) (in planning)

Honors and Fellowships

Summer research award, "The Challenge of *taqlīd* in al-Ghazālī," with Nathan Ballantyne—Theology, Science, and Knowledge: The Christian West and Islamic East, John Templeton Foundation and University of Missouri St. Louis (2021)

Tracey Family Assistant Professor—University of Notre Dame (2021–present)

Andrew Mellon Junior Faculty Fellowship—Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame (2018–2019)

Founders' Award, "The Unity Argument in Averroes"—Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy [best paper on medieval or renaissance philosophy by a younger scholar] (2017)

Finalist for Krieger School of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award—Johns Hopkins University [one of five finalists for graduate teaching and mentoring] (2017)

Winner of the Veritas et Amor Contest—Circolo San Tommaso d'Aquino [best thesis/monograph on the thought of Aquinas by a younger scholar] (2015)

Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities—Johns Hopkins University (2015–2017)

University Dissertation Fellowship—Yale University (2014)

Associates in Teaching Fellowship—Yale University (2013)

Lilly Graduate Fellowship Program—Valparaiso University (2009–2012)

Franke Fellowship in the Humanities—Yale University (2010–2011)

Graduate Student Fellowship—Yale University (2009–2013)
 Dwight-Hooker Fellowship—Yale Divinity School (2009)
 Gaylord B. Noyce Scholarship—Yale Divinity School (2007)
 Society of Phi Beta Kappa—Rhodes College (2005)
 State Finalist (TN) for the Rhodes Scholarship—Oxford University (2004)

Presentations

- “Growing into a Microcosm: The Philosopher in the Medieval Falsafa and Scholastic Traditions,” with Therese Cory—Philosophy Throughout its History, History of Philosophy Forum, University of Notre Dame (Apr. 2022)
- “Al-Ghazālī’s Social Epistemology”—Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), University of Notre Dame (Mar. 2022)
- “Al-Ghazālī on *taqlīd*”—Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Conference, University of Notre Dame (Oct. 2021)
- “A Lot of Potential: Averroes’ Material Intellect”—Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions: Structures of Being, World and Mind, Aquinas and the ‘Arabs’ International Working Group, online workshop (June 2021)
- “Averroes, Intellect, and Permissive Hylomorphism”—University of Chicago, Dept. of Philosophy, online (Jan. 2021)
- “Reconsidering Avicenna and Averroes on Abstraction”—Medieval Gatherings, Institut für Philosophie, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, online (Oct. 2019)
- “Averroes, Intellect, and Permissive Hylomorphism”—University of Notre Dame Philosophy Colloquium (Sep. 2019)
- “Reconsidering Avicenna and Averroes on Abstraction”—Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions: Intellect, Experience, and More, Università di Pisa (May 2019)
- “Averroes, Hylomorphism, and Separate Intellect”—History of Hylomorphism Conference, Yale University (Apr. 2019)
- “Averroes, Intellect, and Hylomorphism”—Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University (Apr. 2019)
- “Introduction to Receiving and Making Aristotle’s Intellect: A New Assessment of Ibn Rushd and Aquinas”—Mellon Colloquium, Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame (Mar. 2019)
- “The Unity Argument in Averroes”—Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy sponsored session, American Philosophical Association Eastern meetings [invited paper as Founder’s Award recipient 2017, rescheduled from 2018] (Jan. 2019)
- “Avicenna’s Emanationist Abstraction”—Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN), Ancient Greek and Classical Arabic Psychology (Aug. 2018)
- “Ibn Rushd and Aquinas on God’s Causal Knowledge”—Philosophical Perspectives on Scriptural Exegesis in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City (Apr. 2018)

- “From Universal Form to Universal Nous: A Conditional Argument in Aristotle”—
American Catholic Philosophical Association meetings (Nov. 2017)
- Comments on Richard Taylor, “Averroes on the Attainment of Happiness”—University
of Toronto Medieval Colloquium (Sep. 2017)
- “Avicenna’s Emanationist Abstraction”—Aquinas and the Arabs International Working
Group Fall Meeting, University of Notre Dame (Aug. 2017)
- “Ibn Rushd on the Nature of the Intellects in *De Anima* III”—Representation and Reality,
Workshop 15, *De Anima* in the Arabic Tradition, University of Gothenburg (Apr.
2017)
- “Proving Averroes’s Moderate Particularism on Substantial Form”—Metaphysics in the
Tradition of Aristotle workshop, Providence College (Sep. 2016)
- “The Avicennan Averroes: On Common Natures”—Aquinas and the Arabs
International Working Group Fall Workshop, Marquette University (Sep. 2016)
- “The Unity Argument in Averroes”—Johns Hopkins Mellon Humanities Seminar (April
2016)
- “On a Possible Argument for Averroes’s Single Separate Intellect”—Johns Hopkins
Philosophy Colloquium (Sep. 2015)
- “Averroes and the Determinate Particular Argument”—Cornell Summer Colloquium in
Medieval Philosophy (May 2015)
- “Aristotle’s Intellect as *Hexis*”—American Catholic Philosophical Association meetings
(Oct. 2014)
- “The All-or-Nothing Reading: How Averroes and Aquinas Agreed on Aristotle’s *De
Anima* III.4–5”—Arxai: Commentary as Philosophy and the Abrahamic
Interpreters, Istanbul (Jul. 2014)
- “Individuation and the Afterlife According to Some Muslim Philosophers and
Aquinas”—Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, International Congress
on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University (May 2014)
- Comments on “Creation and the Argument from Particularity,” Kenneth Seeskin—
Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, American Catholic Philosophical
Association meetings (Nov. 2013)
- “Averroes’s Arguments from Universals for a Separate Material Intellect”—University
of Toronto Medieval Colloquium (Sep. 2013)
- “Reviving the Crucial Agreement of Averroes and Aquinas on *De Anima* III.4-5”—
Averroes and His Philosophy workshop, Aquinas and the Arabs International
Working Group, Marquette University (Jun. 2013)
- “A Contextualist Look at Skeptical Theism”—The Problem of Evil conference, Saint
Louis University (Mar. 2013)
- “A Contextualist Look at Skeptical Theism”—Workshop on Contextualism and
Pragmatic Encroachment, New Insights and Directions for Religious
Epistemology, Oxford University (Mar. 2013)
- “Problems in al-Ghazali’s Perfect World”—The Varieties of Possibility conference,
University of Toronto (Mar. 2012)

“Without an Image *Emotion* Is Impossible: The Role of *Phantasia* in Aristotle’s Conception of the Emotions” (abstract accepted)—Emotions conference, The Catholic University of America (Feb. 2012)

Other Academic Activities

Invited instructor, “Islamic Science and Philosophy”—Why the Middle Ages Matter, International Baccalaureate course, John Adams High School, South Bend, IN (Mar. 2022)

Invited speaker, “*Ijtihād* and *Jihād*: Ibn Taymiyya and Islamic Political Philosophy”—CUA Philosophy Club (Oct. 2020)

Invited participant, The Philosophy of Hasdai Crescas Masterclass with Warren Zev Harvey—Johns Hopkins University (May 2018)

Invited speaker, “Hylomorphisms: Medieval and Modern”—*Prometheus* undergraduate philosophy journal kick-off event, Johns Hopkins University (Nov. 2016)

Selected participant, Why Is There Anything? Cosmos, Logos, and the Why of the Universe conference—Yale University (Oct. 2011)

Selected participant, Themes in the Philosophy of Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas—Thomistic Seminar, Princeton University (Aug. 2011)

Teaching Experience

[Courses with an asterisk (*) include both graduate and undergraduate students.]

University of Notre Dame (2021–2022)

God, World, & Soul in Classical Islamic Philosophy (graduate seminar)*
Islamic Philosophy*

The Catholic University of America (2017–2021)

God, World, & Soul in Classical Islamic Philosophy (graduate seminar)
Human Action and Government
Philosophy of Religion (x4)
Islamic Political Philosophy
Philosophy of God
Avicenna, Averroes, and Aquinas on Intellect (graduate seminar)*
History of Medieval Philosophy (x2)
Philosophy in the Islamic World
Theories of Ethics
The Modern Mind (x2)
The Modern Mind (Honors)
The Classical Mind
The Classical Mind (Honors)

Johns Hopkins University (2015–2017)

Islamic Political Philosophy*
Aquinas (directed study course)*
Aristotelian Philosophical Psychology*
Introduction to Philosophy
Medieval Philosophy*
Arabic-Islamic Philosophy*

Yale University, Associate in Teaching Fellow (co-instructor) (2013)
Introduction to Medieval Philosophy*, co-taught with Paul Franks

Yale University, Teaching Fellow
[teaching two weekly sections, advising, grading] (2012–2015)
Philosophy of Religion*, with John Hare
Introduction to Ancient Philosophy, with Verity Harte
Survey of Medieval Theology*, with Denys Turner

Service

Referee

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly; Broadview Press; The Catholic University of America Press; *Ergo*; *Faith and Philosophy*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Journal of Islamic Ethics*; *Manuscrito*; *Political Theory*; *Religious Studies*; *Sophia*; Springer Publishing

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Executive Committee (2019–present)
Program Committee Chair (present)
Program Committee (2020–2021)

University of Notre Dame
Department of Philosophy
Placement Support Committee (2021–2022)
Qualifying Papers Grading Committee (2021–2022)
History of Philosophy Forum
Small Grants Committee (2022)

The Catholic University of America
School of Philosophy
Placement Advisory Committee (2020–2021)
Graduate Program Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (2020–2021)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2020–2021)
Academic Dishonesty Committee (2019–2020)
Committee on Failing Grades (2019–2020)
Library Committee (2017–2018, 2019–2021)
Foreign Language Examination Committee [Latin] (2017–2018, 2020–2021)
Phi Beta Kappa
Organizing Committee on Visiting Scholar (2019–2020)

Languages

Classical

Arabic, Greek, Latin (reading)

Modern

Arabic, Spanish (reading and some speaking)
French, German (reading)