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## appointments & projects

2023- **Brooklyn Institute for Social Research** Second Faculty  
2019- **Open Plato Project** Principal Collaborator ([OpenPlato.org](http://OpenPlato.org))  
2018-21 **Koç University** Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
2016-18 **University of Pittsburgh** Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

## education

2017 **University of Toronto** PhD in Philosophy, Certificate in Collaborative Programme in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Dissertation: "Aristotle's Case For Perceptual Knowledge," Supervised by Jennifer Whiting, Read by Brad Inwood, Lloyd Gerson, and Justin Broackes (External Examiner).  
2015-16 **University of Pittsburgh** Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy  
2015 **Yale University** Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Philosophy  
2013 **University of Oxford** Visiting Graduate, Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity  
2010 **Texas A&M University** MA in Philosophy. Thesis: "Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Method of Division," Supervised by Robin Smith, Read by Scott Austin and Craig Kallendorf.  
2008 **Louisiana State University** BA with Honors in Philosophy, Minors in Greek, Classics

## specialization & competence

specialization

Ancient Philosophy                      Philosophy of Perception

## competence

Philosophy of Mind                      Medieval Philosophy  
Epistemology                              Early Modern Philosophy

## publications

papers    2020    Robert Howton. "Why *De Anima* Needs III 12–13," in *Aristote et l'Âme Humaine: Lectures de De Anima III Offertes à Michel Crubellier*, edited by Charlotte Murgier, Claire Louguet, and Gweltaz Guyomarc'h. Leuven: Peeters.

reviews    2020    Geert Keil and Nora Kreft (eds.), *Aristotle's Anthropology*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

2016    Thomas Johansen, *The Powers of Aristotle's Soul*. *Philosophical Review* 125 (1): 135–138.

## work in progress

"Reduction and Revelation in Aristotle's Science of Sensible Qualities" (Under Revision, Draft Available Upon Request)  
Paper on *Posterior Analytics* 2.19 (Revise & Resubmit)

Paper on Aristotle's Theory of Sensory Discrimination (In Progress)

Paper on the "Natural End" of Living Things in Aristotle's Biology (In Progress)

## teaching

BISR	2023	The Origins of the Cosmos: Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> . Instructor: Bruce King* [* = as Second Faculty] The Abyss I am Made Of: an Introduction to Clarice Lispector. Instructor: Paige Sweet*
Koç University	2021	PHIL 453: Aristotle's Hylomorphism: Form, Matter, & Coming to Be PHIL 217: Modern Philosophy
	2020	HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive PHIL 451: Philosophy of Perception: Color and Color Experience PHIL 217: Modern Philosophy
	2019	PHIL 453: Mind & Reality in the Ancient World: the Problem of the Criterion HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive PHIL 217: Modern Philosophy
	2018	PHIL 403: Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle's Psychology HUMS 132: Illusion: When Appearances Deceive
University of Pittsburgh	2018	PHIL 0210: Introduction to Modern Philosophy
	2017	PHIL 0080: Introduction to Philosophical Problems PHIL 1040: Aristotle PHIL 0450: Theories of Knowledge and Reality
	2016	PHIL 0460: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind PHIL 1440: Philosophy of Mind
University of Toronto	2014	PHL340: Issues in Philosophy of Mind: Perception and Singular Thought
presentations		
invited	2020	"Aristotle on the End of an Organism's Nature." Philosophy in Assos/Assos'ta Felsefe, 2 October 2020.
	2019	"Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate." Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 18 October 2019. "Aristotle on the End of an Organism's Nature." Tübingen Universität, 25 July 2019. "Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate." Tübingen Universität, 23 July 2019. "De Memoria 2, 451a18–b10: Translation and Commentary." Workshop on Aristotle's <i>Parva Naturalia</i> , Yale University, 13 June 2019. "Aristotle on Why the Senses Discriminate." CABAL Workshop 2019, Pocatello, ID, 25 May 2019. Comments on Samuel Meister, "Aristotle on Mathematical Objects as Intelligible Composites." 2019 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 22 February 2019.
	2018	"The Argument of <i>Posterior Analytics</i> 2.19." Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu İstanbul Semineri, İstanbul, 30 November 2018. "Rhetoric 1.2, 1357a22–b25: Translation and Commentary." Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy, Charles University, Prague, 22 November 2018. "De Sensu 7, 448b16–449a20: Translation and Commentary." Workshop on Aristotle's <i>Parva Naturalia</i> , Yale University, 15 June 2018. "Mixture and Motion': Aristotle on Sensible Qualities." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Université du Québec à Montréal, 7 June 2018. "Aristotle on Soul as a Complex Activity." Workshop on "For the Sake Of" Relations in Aristotle, Virginia Tech University, 22 April 2018.

		Comments on Rosemary Twomey, "Aristotle on Discriminating the Common Sensibles." Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 5 January 2018.
2016		"Aristotle on Why Animals are Perceivers." <i>De Anima</i> III: International Workshop in Honor of Michel Crubellier, Université Lille 3, 11 March 2016.
2015		"Perception and Hypothetical Necessity in <i>Posterior Analytics</i> 2.19." Workshop on Aristotle's Epistemology, University of Pittsburgh, 17 April 2015.
		"Aristotle on Why Animals Need <i>Phantasia</i> ." Yale Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale University, 15 April 2015.
2014		Comments on Klaus Corcilius, "Hylomorphism, Aristotle's Science of Life, and the Explanation of Mental Episodes." Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, 18 April 2014.
		Comments on Marc Gasser, "Aristotle on Perceiving Universals." 37th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, 5 April 2014.
2013		"Aristotle on the Epistemic Role of Perception: <i>Posterior Analytics</i> 1.31." Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 15 March 2013.
2012		Comments on David Charles, "Aristotle on Perception." Hylomorphism in Kant and Aristotle, University of Toronto, 11 November 2012.
		"Virtue as <i>Dunamis</i> in Plato's <i>Hippias Minor</i> ." Second Graduate Conference of the Ancient Philosophy & Science Network, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 1 July 2012.
		Comments on David Charles, "Aristotle: Actions as Processes." Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 16 March 2012.
submitted	2017	Comments on Klaus Corcilius, " <i>Generation of Animals</i> V.1–8." Aristotle on Living Beings: The <i>Generation of Animals</i> International Symposium, Tübingen Universität, 5 May 2017.
		"Aristotle's Doctrine of the Discriminative Mean." Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Duquesne University, 4 March 2017.
2016		"Aristotle's Doctrine of the Discriminative Mean." BPPA Masterclass, University of Cambridge, 21 May 2016.
2015		"Perception and Hypothetical Necessity in <i>Posterior Analytics</i> 2.19." 38th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, 21 February 2015.
2014		"Natural Teleology in Aristotle's Account of Incidental Perception." Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, PA, 29 December 2014.
		"Natural Teleology in Aristotle's Account of Incidental Perception." Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, 4 October 2014.
2012		"Virtue as <i>Dunamis</i> in Plato's <i>Hippias Minor</i> ." North American Meeting of the International Plato Society, University of Michigan, 6 October 2012.
2011		"The Object of Thought Argument." Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, 23 October 2011.

## awards & fellowships

Erasmus+ Higher Education Staff Exchange Grant, Spring 2020

KOLT Teaching Innovation Grant (with Haris Theodorelis-Rigas), Koç University, Fall 2019

Visiting Scholar Grant, Koç University, Summer 2019

Celebration of Teaching & Learning Award, Koç University, Spring 2019

Robinson Fellowship in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2014–2015, 2015–2016

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto, 2013–2014, 2014–2015

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, 2014

Michael J. Herman Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2011

Association of Former Students Graduate Merit Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 2008–2010

## graduate coursework

ancient philosophy	2015	Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i> . Instructor: David Charles (Yale)* [* = audited]
		Aristotle on Definition and Essence. Instructor: David Charles (Yale)*
	2013	Plato's <i>Philebus</i> and its Aristotelian Legacy. Instructor: Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)*
		Aristotle on <i>Phantasia</i> , Cognition, and Action. Instructor: Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)*
	2012	Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> . Instructor: Lloyd Gerson (Toronto)
		Presocratic Philosophy. Instructor: Brad Inwood (Toronto)
	2011	Plato's Ethical Dialogues. Instructor: Rachel Barney (Toronto)
		Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms. Instructor: Lloyd Gerson (Toronto)
	2010	Plato's <i>Gorgias</i> . Instructor: Rachel Barney (Toronto)
	2009	Ancient Determinism. Instructor: Robin Smith (TAMU)
		Presocratic Philosophy. Instructor: Scott Austin (TAMU)
philosophy of mind & language	2014	Perception, Singular Thought, Ontology. Instructor: Imogen Dickie (Toronto)*
	2012	Rationality, Consciousness, Action. Instructors: Benj Hellie, Andrew Sepielli (Toronto)
	2010-11	Reference and Communication. Instructor: Imogen Dickie (Toronto)
	logic	
	2011	Formal Tools in Philosophy. Instructor: Jonathan Weisberg (Toronto)
	2010	Modal Logic. Instructor: Christopher Menzel (TAMU)
	2008	Mathematical Logic. Instructor: Robert Burch (TAMU)
medieval & early modern philosophy	2011	Peter Abelard. Instructor: Peter King (Toronto)
	2009	Modern Philosophy. Instructor: Stephen Daniel (TAMU)
metaphysics & epistemology	2013	Actions, Events, and Processes. Instructors: David Charles, Ursula Coope (Oxford)*
		Epistemology. Instructors: Timothy Williamson, John Hawthorne (Oxford)*
	2010	Teleology. Instructors: Denis Walsh, Jennifer Whiting (Toronto)
		Trope Theory. Instructor: Robert Garcia (TAMU)
	2009	Epistemology. Instructor: Benjamin McMyler (TAMU)
misc.	2011	Wittgenstein. Instructor: Sonia Sedivy (Toronto)
	2008	William James. Instructor: John McDermott (TAMU)
		Feminist Ethics. Instructor: Linda Radzik (TAMU)

## research languages

Ancient Greek	French
Latin	German

## professional activities

2023	Organizer, Open Plato Project: Conference on Plato's <i>Alcibiades</i> , Center for Hellenic Studies
2020-21	Department Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Koç University

## references

Dr. Jennifer Whiting  
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy  
University of Pittsburgh  
✉ [whitingj@pitt.edu](mailto:whitingj@pitt.edu)

Dr. David Charles  
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