

# SCOTT O'CONNOR

## Curriculum Vitae

New Jersey City University  
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### Professional Experience

2014 **Assistant Professor**, New Jersey City University, Philosophy Department.

### Education

2013 **Ph.D.**, Cornell University, (MA 2010).

Dissertation: 'On the Principles of Nature: An Interpretation of Aristotle's *Physics* I.5–8'  
Committee: Gail Fine (chair), Terence Irwin, Theodore Brennan

2006 **B.Phil.**, Christ Church, University of Oxford.

2004 **B.A.**, Trinity College, University of Dublin, (1<sup>st</sup> Class).

### Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy  
Metaphysics

### Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind  
Early Modern Philosophy

### Publications

2015 'The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle's *Physics* I.7', *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy & Science*, vol. 48 (1), pp. 45–75.

### Work in Progress

'The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle's *Physics* I.8'.

'Persistence in Aristotle's *Physics* I–II'.

'Aristotle's Response to Plato in *Physics* I.9'.

### Presentations

2015 'Some Stuff and Things', Adventures in Philosophy, NJCU, NJ, April.

2015 'The Generation & Destruction of Matter in Aristotle's *Physics* I.9', Ancient Philosophy Society, Lexington, KY, April.

2015 'The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle's *Physics* I.8', Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin, February.

2014 'Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's First Principles in *Physics* I.9', Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, October.

- 2014 **'Essence and Persistence in Aristotle'**, Marquette, Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, June.
- 2014 **Comments on Pavle Stojanovic's 'Non-unified Objects As Proper Individuals in Stoicism'**, Pacific APA, San Diego, April.
- 2013 **'How Aristotle Explains Persistence'**, Cornell University, December.
- 2013 **'Explaining Persistence in Aristotle's *Physics I*'**, Louisiana State University, April.
- 2013 **'The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle's *Physics I*'**, The College of St. Benedict & Saint John's University, January.
- 2012 **'The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle's *Physics I*'**, Cornell Philosophy Department Workshop, November.
- 2011 **'The Persisting Simple in Aristotle's *Physics I.7*'**, Marquette, Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, June.
- 2011 **Comments on Evan Keeling's 'Unity in Aristotle's *Metaphysics H.6*'**, Pacific APA, San Diego, April.
- 2011 **'The Persisting Simple in Aristotle's *Physics I.7*'**, Cornell Philosophy Department Workshop, May.
- 2010 **'Aristotle, Gunk and Change'**, Cornell Philosophy Department Workshop, October.
- 2010 **'Aristotle, *Eudemian Ethics*: 1215a20-1215b30'**, Cornell University *Eudemian Ethics* Workshop, August.
- 2010 **'The Possibility of Change in Aristotle's *Physics I.8*'**, Cornell Philosophy Department Workshop, April.
- 2010 **Comments on Philip Corkum's 'Aristotle on Reference and Generality'**, Pacific APA, San Francisco, April.
- 2010 **'The Persisting Simple in Aristotle's *Physics I.7*'**, Princeton Ancient Philosophy Graduate Conference, April.
- 2009 **Comments on Ursula Coope's 'Aristotle on the Infinite'**, Cornell University Ancient Philosophy Speaker Series, September.
- 2007 **'Heraclitus' Essentialism'**, Cornell Philosophy Department Workshop, October.
- 2004 **'Essence and Existence'**, Dublin University Metaphysical Society, Trinity College, Dublin. April.

## --- **Selected Honours and Awards**

- 2011 **Pedagogy Group Grant**, The Knight Institute, Cornell University.
- 2009 **Sage Fellowship**, Cornell University.
- 2009 **Humanities Dissertation Group Grant**, Cornell University.
- 2007 **Tuition Scholarship**, CUNY, Summer Latin/Greek Institute.

- 2006 **Sage Fellowship**, Cornell University.  
2005 **The Hugh Pilkington Scholarship**, Christ Church, Oxford University.  
2005 **Prendergast Bequest**, Oxford University.  
2004 **Tuition Scholarship**, Oxford University, Department of Philosophy.  
2004 **AHRC Research Preparation Master's Scheme**, U.K. National Award.  
2004 **Wray Prize (dissertation prize, shared)**, Trinity College, Dublin.  
2003 **1st Class Book Award**, Trinity College, Dublin.  
2002 **John Henry Bernard Prize**, Trinity College, Dublin.

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## Teaching

- A Survey of Ancient Philosophy**, NJCU, Fall 2014.  
**Persons & Problems**, NJCU, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.  
**Critical Thinking**, NJCU, Spring 2015.  
**Introduction to Philosophy**, UMBC, Spring 2014.  
**The Philosophy of Time**, Cornell, Fall 2012.  
**Introduction to Metaphysics**, Cornell, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010.  
**Aristotle's Natural Philosophy**, Cornell, Spring 2011.

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## Other Experience

- 2010–2013 **Graduate Resident Fellow**, Alice Cook House, Cornell University.  
A GRF lives in a Residential Hall and supports the House Professor-Dean, Assistant Dean, and House Fellows in creating a positive, vibrant and academically engaging residential community; serves as mentor and role model to undergraduate residents; and serves in a leadership role for academic enrichment by promoting a variety of programs and activities.

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## Academic Service

- 2014 **A&S Honors Committee**, NJCU.  
2014 **Chair, Philosophy Dept. Curriculum Committee**, NJCU.  
2007–2010 **Organizer**, Cornell Graduate Speaker Series.  
2009–2010 **Search Committee**, Cornell University.  
2006–2007 **Graduate Student Association Representative**, Cornell University.  
2005, 2004 **Referee**, Oxford Graduate Conference.

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## Language Proficiency

Classical Greek (advanced reading), Latin (basic), German (basic)

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## References

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**Terence Irwin**, Oxford, [terry.irwin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:terry.irwin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk).

**Theodore Brennan**, Cornell, [tad.brennan@cornell.edu](mailto:tad.brennan@cornell.edu).

**Christopher Shields**, Oxford, [christopher.shields@lmh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:christopher.shields@lmh.ox.ac.uk).

**Andrew Chignell**, Cornell, [chignell@cornell.edu](mailto:chignell@cornell.edu).