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SCOTT O'CONNOR

Appointments

2014–present **Assistant Professor**
New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ

Education

2013 **Ph.D, Philosophy**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2010 **M.A, Philosophy**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2006 **B.Phil, Philosophy**
Oxford University, Oxford, U.K.
2004 **B.A, Mental and Moral Science (1st Class)**
Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy
Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind
Early Modern Philosophy

Publications

ARTICLES

2017 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.8.” *Rhizomata, A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science* vol. 5 (1), pp 25–50
2015 “The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.7.” *Apeiron, A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science* vol. 48 (1), pp. 45–75

Presentations

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2017 “Aristotle’s Objection to Pluralism in *Generation and Corruption* I”. *First Dublin Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy*, “Physis and Psyche in Ancient Philosophy, Causes, Generation, and Change”,

TCD/UCD, Dublin, Ireland. March†

- 2016 “Substantial Change and Alteration in Aristotle’s *Generation and Corruption* I.4”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, NYU, NY. May*
- 2016 Comments on Thomas Tuozzo’s, “The Indispensability of Incidental Causes in *Physics* VIII 4”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, Rice University, TX. February*
- 2016 Comments on Jeremy Kirby’s, “Aristotle’s Clincher, *Metaphysics* 1006b28–1006b34”. *Eastern division of the American Philosophical Association*, Washington, DC. January*
- 2015 “The Principles and Elements of Nature in Aristotle’s *Physics* I”. *The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Fordham University, NY. October†
- 2015 “The Generation and Destruction of Matter in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.9”. *The Ancient Philosophy Society*, Lexington, KY. April†
- 2015 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.8”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, UT Austin. February†
- 2015 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.8”. *Ancient Philosophy Work in Progress*, NYU, NY. January
- 2014 “Aristotle’s Criticism of Plato’s First Principles in *Physics* I.9”. *The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Fordham University, NY. October†
- 2014 “Essence and Persistence in Aristotle”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference*, Marquette University, WI. June†
- 2014 Comments on Pavle Stojanovic’s, “Non-unified Objects As Proper Individuals in Stoicism”. *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, San Diego. April*
- 2013 “Explaining Persistence in Aristotle’s *Physics* I”. *Louisiana State University*, LA. April*
- 2013 “The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle’s *Physics* I”. *The College of St. Benedict & Saint John’s University*, MI. January*
- 2011 “The Persisting Simple in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.7”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference*, Marquette University, WI. June†
- 2011 Comments on Evan Keeling’s, “Unity in Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* H.6”. *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, San Diego. April*
- 2010 Comments on Philip Corkum’s, “Aristotle on Reference and Generality”. *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco. April*
- 2010 “The Persisting Simple in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.7”. *Ancient Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Princeton University, NJ. April†
- 2009 Comments on Ursula Coope’s, “Aristotle on the Infinite”. *Ancient Philosophy Speaker Series*, Cornell University, NY. September*

Teaching

2014–present NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

PHIL 236 – Self-Mind (most semesters)

PHIL 234 – Ancient Philosophy (biannually)

PHIL 205 – Metaphysics (biannually)

PHIL 207 – Ethics-Happiness, Friendship, and the Good Life (biannually)

PHIL 101 – Persons & Problems (online, every semester and summer)

PHIL 140 – The Examined Life (most semesters)
PHIL 120 – Critical Thinking (Spring and Fall 2015)
HON 202 – Time (Fall 2016)
PHIL 408 – Independent Study, Ancient Ethics (Summer 2016)
PHIL 408 – Independent Study, Philosophy of Mathematics (Spring 2015)

2010–2013 CORNELL UNIVERSITY
WRITING SEMINAR – Aristotle’s *Physics*
WRITING SEMINAR – Generation & Destruction (3 semesters)
WRITING SEMINAR – Time

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.

Service

Referee Work Epoché, A Journal for the History of Philosophy
2016–present SGO Global Citizens Scholarship Application Review Committee, NJCU
2016–present Organizer, ‘Ethics Workshops’, NJCU
2016 African and African American Studies Program Search Committee, NJCU
2015 Organizer, ‘Adventures in Philosophy’, Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, NJCU
2014–present College of Arts and Science, Honors Program Committee, NJCU
2014–present Chair, Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee, NJCU
2009–2010 Search Committee, Cornell University
2007–2010 Co-organizer, Cornell Graduate Speaker Series
2006–2007 Graduate Student Association Representative, Cornell University
2005, 2004 Referee, Oxford Graduate Conference

Awards

2016 Separately Budgeted Research Grant, NJCU
2015 Mini-Grant, NJCU
2011 Pedagogy Group Grant, The Knight Institute, Cornell University.
2009/2006 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.
2009 Humanities Dissertation Group Grant, Cornell University.

2007 Tuition Scholarship, CUNY, Summer Latin/Greek Institute.
2005 The Hugh Pilkington Scholarship, Christ Church, Oxford University.
2005 Prendergast Bequest, Oxford University.
2004 Tuition Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, Oxford University
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.

Languages

Classical Greek (advanced reading)

Latin (basic reading)

References

[Gail Fine](#) – Cornell University

[Terence Irwin](#), – Oxford University

[Theodore Brennan](#) – Cornell University