

SCOTT O'CONNOR

Curriculum Vitae

New Jersey City University
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Professional Experience

2014 – cont. **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, (1st 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', *Revise and Re-submit for Apeiron*.
'Persistence in Aristotle's *Physics* I–II'.
'Aristotle's Criticism of Plato in *Physics* I.9'.

Presentations

- 2016 **Comments on Jeremy Kirby's 'Aristotle's Clincher: *Metaphysics*, 1006b28–1006b34'**, The American Philosophical Society, Washington D.C., January.
- 2015 'The Principles and Elements of Nature in Aristotle's *Physics* I', The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, October.
- 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.

- 2015 **'The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle's *Physics* I.8'**, Ancient Philosophy Work in Progress Group, NYU, February.
- 2014 **'Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's First Principles in *Physics* I.9'**, The 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.

Teaching

Regularly Offered

A Survey of Ancient Philosophy.
Metaphysics: Appearance & Reality.
The Examined Life.
Persons & Problems.
Critical Thinking.

Other

Philosophy of Mathematics, *Independent Study*, 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.

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.

Academic Service

- 2014 – cont. **CAS Honors Program Committee**, NJCU.
- 2014 – cont. **Chair, Philosophy Department 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.

Language Proficiency

Classical Greek (advanced reading), Latin (basic)

References

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Theodore Brennan, Cornell, tad.brennan@cornell.edu.