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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

2018 “On Persistence in Aristotle.” *Ergo* vol. 5 (20), pp.540–573

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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- 2019 “Comments on Evan Rodriguez’s *Aristotle on the Problem of First Principles*”. *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, Canada*. April\*
- 2019 “On Some Changing Stuff In Aristotle”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, NYU, NY*. March\*
- 2018 “Aristotle on Monism and Pluralism in *On Generation and Corruption I*”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, Marquette University, WI*. June†
- 2017 “Aristotle’s Objection to Pluralism in *Generation and Corruption I*”. *Dublin Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, “Physis and Psyche in Ancient Philosophy, Causes, Generation, and Change”, TCD/UCD, Dublin, Ireland*. March†
- 2017 “Notes on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* 8.6”. *Graduate seminar, Yale, New Haven, CT*. April\*
- 2016 “Substantial Change and Alteration in Aristotle’s *Generation and Corruption I.4*”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, NYU, NY*. May\*
- 2016 Comments on Thomas Tuoze’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 “Some Stuff and Things”. *Adventures in Philosophy, NJCU, NJ*. April
- 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, most semesters and summers)

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 Apeiron, Epoché

2018–present Senator, NJCU Faculty Senate

2018–present MSCHE 2020 Self-Study Group

2016 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

2017 Excellence in Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success.  
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