

# 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.

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### 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).

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### Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy  
Metaphysics

### Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind  
Early Modern Philosophy

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### 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.

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### Work in Progress

- 'The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle's *Physics* I.8'.  
'Persistence in Aristotle's *Physics* I–II'.  
'Aristotle's Criticism of Plato in *Physics* I.9'.

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### 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 '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’**, 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 **‘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.
- 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.
- 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.

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### 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

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.

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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 – 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.

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## Language Proficiency

Classical Greek (advanced reading), Latin (basic)

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## References

**Gail Fine**, Cornell, [gjf1@cornell.edu](mailto:gjf1@cornell.edu).

**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).