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## **Areas of Specialization:**

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, History of Philosophy

## **Areas of Competence:**

Metaphysics, Feminist Philosophy, Classical Studies

## **Education:**

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| Ph.D. | University of California, San Diego<br>Department of Philosophy                                                                                                                          | 2011 – Fall 2018 (expected) |
| B.A.  | University of California, Santa Barbara<br>Philosophy major (graduated with honors)<br>Queer Studies minor<br>Honors Thesis Title: “The Form and Function of Berkeley’s Master Argument” | 2007 – 2011                 |

## **Dissertation:**

*Eternal Action: Stoics on Time and the Present*

Committee: Monte Johnson (chair), Anthony Edwards, Rick Grush, Donald Rutherford, Ed Watts

**Abstract:** The Stoic theory of time is preserved only in fragments, often found in hostile sources. My dissertation brings these fragments together to argue that the Stoics have a comprehensive and interesting theory of time that deserves philosophical attention. I argue that the Stoics deliberately construct time as parallel to place, putting the two in the same limited ontological category and using parallel language to make time a genuine fourth dimension. I tackle the difficult issue of the present in Stoicism, which seems to simultaneously occupy an ontologically privileged place as the only real part of time and to vanish into nothingness as a period of indefinitely small (perhaps even zero) duration. I make the case that the Stoics had two interconnected definitions of the present, corresponding to a strict metaphysical present and what we might today call a “specious” present constructed out of past and future around the metaphysical present. The Stoic theory of time turns out to be complex but internally coherent, surprisingly modern in many respects yet deeply Stoic in its underlying commitments.

## **Works in Draft (available upon request):**

“Negation, Contradiction, and Kind-Crossing in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* 1.11”

“The *Timaeus* and the Elements of a Created Time”

“Omissions, Preventions, and Untriggered Events: When is a Counterfactual Trigger a Legitimate Consequence?”

## **Presentations:**

“Time in Antiquity” Graduate Conference at the University of Colorado Boulder, “The *Timaeus* and the Elements of a Created Time” (October 2018, *invited*)

Ancient Philosophical Society 2018 Conference, “The *Timaeus* and the Elements of a Created Time” (April 2018)

St. Andrews Arche Graduate Student Conference, “Omissions, Preventions, and Untriggered Events: When is a Counterfactual Trigger a Legitimate Consequence?” (October 2017)

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, “Negation, Contradiction, and Kind-Crossing in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* 1.11” (October 2017)

Northwest Philosophy Conference, “The *Timaeus* and the Elements of a Created Time” (October 2017)

Alabama Philosophical Society, “Omissions, Preventions, and Untriggered Events: When is a Counterfactual Trigger a Legitimate Consequence?” (September 2017)

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, “The *Timaeus* and the Elements of a Created Time” (January 2017)

## **Academic Appointments:**

Instructor of Record, Department of Philosophy  
UC San Diego 2016 – present

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy  
UC San Diego 2012 – present

Teaching Assistant, Revelle Humanities  
UC San Diego 2012 – present

Guest Lecturer, Department of Philosophy  
UC San Diego 2012 – present

## **Courses Taught:**

### *As Instructor of Record in Philosophy*

Aristotle – Philosophy 101

Summer 2016, Winter 2016, Winter 2017

### *As Teaching Assistant in Philosophy*

Ethics and Society – Philosophy 27 and Philosophy 28

*Instructors:* Samuel Rickless, Saba Bazargan, Andy Lamey, and Ryan Stringer

*Topics:* Distributive Justice, Philosophy of War, Political Philosophy, and assorted topics in Applied Ethics

Philosophy of Mind – Philosophy 136

*Instructor:* Rick Grush

Introduction to Logic – Philosophy 10

*Instructor:* Rick Grush

### *As Teaching Assistant in Revelle Humanities*

Humanities I – The Hebrew Bible and Greek Literature

*Instructor:* Anthony Edwards

Humanities II – Roman Literature, Medieval Literature, and the New Testament

*Instructors:* Seth Lehrer, Stanley Chodorow

## **Graduate Coursework**

### *Coursework in History of Philosophy*

Sextus Empiricus and Pyrrhonian Skepticism, Monte Johnson

Aristotle's Posterior Analytics, Monte Johnson

Plato and Aristotle on Justice, Georgios Anagnostopoulos

Aristotle's Physics, Monte Johnson

Core Course in Medieval Ethics, Don Rutherford

Core Course in Ancient Ethics, David Brink

Kant, Erik Watkins and Clinton Tolley (audited)

Wisdom in Ancient Philosophy, Monte Johnson and Don Rutherford (audited)

### *Coursework in Metaphysics, Logic, and Philosophy of Language*

Omissions, Dana Nelkin and Samuel Rickless

Philosophy of Physics of Time, Craig Calendar

Core Course in Metaphysics, Christian Wuthrich

Modal Logic, Gila Sher

Pragmatic (Philosophy of Language), Jonathan Cohen

### *Coursework in Ethics, Philosophy of Race, and Philosophy of Gender*

Reactive Attitudes, Dana Nelkin  
Proseminar on Freedom and Punishment, Dana Nelkin  
Consequentialism and Deontology, Saba Bazargan (audited)  
Philosophy of Gender, Michael Hardimon  
Philosophy of Race, Michael Hardimon  
Philosophy of Racism, Michael Hardimon (audited)

Coursework in Classical Studies:

Greek and Latin Philosophy Translation and Reading Group (2011 – present)  
Greek Language Coursework (2011 - present)  
    Authors studied include Plato, Xenophon, Homer, Aristophanes, Euripides  
Latin Language Coursework (2011 - present)  
    Authors studied include Seneca, Cicero, Virgil, Ovid, Catullus, Horace  
Pedagogy Seminar in Humanities (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, and Fall 2015)

**References:**

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