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EDUCATION

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| 2023 (expected) | University of Kentucky, PhD in Philosophy
Dissertation: <i>The Primacy of Openness in Ecological Complexity Theory</i>
Chairs: Ted Schatzki, Tony Stallins
Committee: Julia Bursten, Brandon Look, David Bradshaw |
| 2017 | Kent State University, MA in Philosophy
Thesis: <i>The role of intermediacy: Plato's Republic Book VI</i>
Chair: Gina Zavota
Committee: Deborah Barnbaum, Michael Byron, Jennifer Larson |
| 2014 | Wittenberg University, BA in Philosophy |

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental Philosophy, Environmental Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, History of Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Geography’s role in sustaining systemic value,” *Conservation Biology*
(Revise & Resubmit)

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “What is the right unit for the ecological resilience concept? A unique case for the philosophy of science,” Presenter, Kent State University Graduate Conference, Kent, OH [Upcoming]
- 2023 “The ethical blind spot inherent to tipping point explanations: A defense of the moral standing of topographical features in sustainability practices,” Presenter, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Portland, OR
- 2022 “The topographical nature of openness as illustrated by island biogeography theory,” Workshop, UK PGSA Graduate Workshop on Complexity, Lexington, KY
- 2022 “Justice and environmental engineering: An argument for habitat heterogeneity,” Presenter, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Cincinnati, OH
- 2021 “Bridging the topological with the topographical: Why space matters to process ontology,” Presenter, Mississippi Academy of Sciences Conference, Biloxi, MS
- 2020 “Multilevel selection and evolutionary transitions,” Workshop with John Dupré, European Advanced School in the Philosophy of Life Sciences, Online
- 2018 “Necessity and form-copies: *Republic*, *Timaeus*, and *Laws*,” Presenter, Ohio Philosophical Association Conference, Cincinnati, OH
- 2017 “Wit and natural punishments in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” Workshop, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington, PA

- 2017 “Causality and necessity (ἀνάγκη) in Plato’s *Timaeus*,” Presenter, Ohio Philosophical Association Conference, Ada, OH
- 2016 “Plato’s syllable analogy and Parmenides’ paradox: The difference between a ‘whole’ (ὅλος) and a ‘sum’ (πᾶς),” Presenter, Virginia Tech Graduate Conference, Blacksburg, VA

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- 2021 Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Teaching Assistant Instructor, University of Kentucky
Philosophy Department
Introduction to Philosophy (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021[x2])
Introduction to Ethics (2022)
Logic (2020, 2021[x2], 2022[x3])
Healthcare Ethics (2020[x2], 2021)
Food Ethics (2022, 2023)
Environmental Ethics (2023)
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky Philosophy
Department
Logic, Professor Tim Sundell
- 2018 Adjunct Professor, University of Akron (Wayne College)
Introduction to Ethics
- 2017-2018 Adjunct Professor, Kent State University (Stark Campus)
Philosophy Department
Introduction to Philosophy (2017[x2])
Introduction to Ethics (2018)
Critical Thinking (2018)

Introduction to Formal Logic (2017, 2018)

2016-2017 Teaching Assistant, Kent State University Philosophy Department
Introduction to Philosophy, Professor Polycarp Ikuenobe (2016)
Healthcare Ethics, Professor Kim Garchar (2017)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 UK Philosophy Department Graduate Teaching Award
 2021 Mississippi Academy of Sciences Graduate Student Paper Award

SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

2022-present Coach, University of Kentucky Ethics Bowl Team
 2022 UK PGSA Graduate Workshop Organizer
 2021-2022 Philosophy Graduate Student Association Vice President
 2021-present Environmental Humanities Initiative, University of Kentucky
 2017-present Ohio Greek Philosophy Reading Group
 2016-2017 Department Graduate Studies Committee Representative, Kent State University Philosophy Department
 2015-2017 Conference Coordinator, Kent State University Philosophy Department

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (Attic): Professional Working Proficiency

COURSEWORK

University of Kentucky

- Seminar in Metaphysics/Epistemology: Materiality in Contemporary Theory*,
Professor Ted Schatzki (2018)
- Seminar in Metaphysics/Epistemology: Philosophy of Science (Scaling)*,
Professor Julia Bursten (2018)
- Proseminar: Metaphysics/Epistemology*, Professors Eve Rabinoff, Natalie
Nenadic, Clare Batty (2018)
- Proseminar: Teaching Methods*, Professor Julia Bursten (2018)
- Proseminar: Value Theory*, Professors Eric Sanday, Stefan Bird-Pollan, Anita
Superson (2019)
- Seminar in Ancient Philosophy: Timaeus*, Professor Eric Sanday (2019)
- 4th Century Greece and the Hellenistic World*, Professor Daniel Gargola
(2019) [History]
- Special Topics in Philosophy: Context and History*, Professor Natalie Nenadic
(2019)
- Research in Philosophy: Complex Systems Theory*, Professor Ted Schatzki
(2019)
- Biogeography and Conservation*, Professor Tony Stallins (2019)
[Biology/Geography]
- Topics in History of Modern Philosophy: Western Marxism*, Professor Arnold
Farr (2020)
- Seminar in Recent Philosophy: Marcuse*, Professor Arnold Farr (2020)
- Seminar in Value Theory: Procreation Ethics*, Professor Lindsey Chambers
(2020)

Kent State University

- Philosophy of Expression (Kant, Fichte, Schelling, Hegel)*, Professor Gene
Pendleton (2015)
- Intermediate Logic*, Professor Deb Smith (2015)

History of Philosophy: Kant's Transcendental Unity of Apperception,
Professor Frank Ryan (2016)
Graduate Seminar: Ancient Eastern Philosophy, Professor Jung-Yeup Kim
(2016)
Aristotle, Professor Michael Byron (2016)
Plato, Professor Gina Zavota (2016)
Graduate Seminar: New Materialism, Professor Gina Zavota (2017)
Epistemology, Professor Deb Smith (2017)

REFERENCES

Ted Schatzki: Professor of Philosophy, Geography, Sociology, Social Theory,
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
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Tony Stallins: Professor of Geography, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Applied
Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Social Theory
University of Kentucky
dissertation chair
Email: ja.stallins@uky.edu

Stefan Bird-Pollan: Professor of Philosophy, International Film Studies, Social Theory
University of Kentucky
teaching advisor
Email: stefanbirdpollan@uky.edu

David Bradshaw: Professor of Philosophy, Modern & Classical Languages Literatures &
Cultures
University of Kentucky
interim department chair (2022-2023) and teaching reference
Email: david.bradshaw@uky.edu