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EDUCATION

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

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Complex Systems Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Environmental Ethics, History of Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

- “The much-forgotten roles of openness and topography in ecological complexity’s process ontology: Philosophical reflections on island biogeography theory,” *Ecological Complexity*, (Under Review)

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 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
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Dissertation Chair,
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