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CURRICULUM VITAE

SPECIALISMS Early Christian Philosophy – Ancient Philosophy – History of Ideas

COMPETENCES Political Philosophy – Early Modern Philosophy – Modern French Philosophy

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow, *The Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2019–20*

PRIOR POSITIONS

Affiliate Professor, *Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland, 2019*

University Postdoctoral Fellow, *Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 2017–18*

LECTIO Doctoral Fellow, *Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 2014–17*

RESEARCH DEGREES

2017 *KU Leuven*. PhD in Philosophy
THESIS – “The World City: A Reconstruction of Nemesius of Emesa’s *De Natura Hominis*”
COMMITTEE – Mauro Bonazzi, Jan Opsomer, Andrea Robiglio, Gerd Van Riel

2012 *KU Leuven*. MPhil in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, *Magna cum laude*

2011 *University of Wales, Trinity Saint David*. MPhil in Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

2018 *Fondation Hardt*. Scholar in residence
Fondation Hardt pour l’étude de l’antiquité classique, Geneva
One-month residency, May 2018

2017 *KU Leuven*. Post-doctoral fellow
LECTIO and De Wulf-Mansion Centre, Institute of Philosophy
Twelve-month salaried fellowship

2016 *Harvard University*. Visiting research fellow
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, Washington, D.C.
One-month salary-matching fellowship

- 2014 *KU Leuven*. Doctoral fellow
LECTIO and De Wulf-Mansion Centre, Institute of Philosophy
Forty-two-month salaried fellowship

ACADEMIC COUNCILS

- 2018 Appointed Member, *International Policy Council, KU Leuven*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2017 *Platonic Legislations: An Essay on Legal Critique in Ancient Greece*. Dordrecht: Springer. XXIII + 116 pp.
“Dusenbury’s ... suggestion that Plato engages in a critique of law undoubtedly offers a fresh and potentially illuminating approach to Plato’s political and legal philosophy, and also raises some significant issues for the philosophy of law.” – Richard Stalley, review of *Platonic Legislations* in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 12 (2018), 179–182
- 2014 *The Space of Time: A Sensualist Interpretation of Time in Augustine, Confessions X to XII*. Leiden and Boston: Brill. XVI + 358 pp.
“Highly erudite and enthusiastically written ... a fine new study on Augustine’s concept of time in *Confessions*, which should be heeded by all who take an interest in the philosophical study of time.” – Josef Lössl, review of *The Space of Time* in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 9 (2015), 253–256

FORTHCOMING BOOKS

- 2020 *Nemesius of Emesa on Human Nature: A Reconstruction of the De Natura Hominis*. Under contract with Oxford University Press; series, Oxford Early Christian Studies
- 2020 *The Innocence of Pontius Pilate: How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History*. London: Hurst | New York: Oxford University Press.
Manuscript in preparation. Under contract, and due to be published in December 2019. Visit <https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/the-innocence-of-pontius-pilate/>

BOOKS UNDER REVIEW

- 2021 *“I Judge No One”: The Life and Trials of Jesus*. London: Hurst | New York: Oxford University Press.
Manuscript under review

ARTICLES

- 2018 “New Light on Time in Augustine’s *Confessions*.” *Studia Patristica* 98, 529–543.
- 2017 “The Judgment of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben.” *Journal of Law and Religion* 32, 340–365.
- 2017 “*Ait enim Lucretius*: An Affirmation of the Epicurean Concept of Time in Isidore of Seville’s *Etymologiae*.” *Antiquité Tardive* 25, 321–331.
- 2015 “Carl Schmitt on *Hostis* and *Inimicus*: A Veneer for Bloody-Mindedness.” *Ratio Juris* 28, 431–439.

FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

- 2019 "Nemesius of Emesa and the Political Logic of Reincarnation." *Studia Patristica*
In press. Invited contribution, for a volume edited by Josef Lössl

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2017 "Judaic Authority in Nemesius of Emesa's *De natura hominis* (390 CE)." *Light on Creation: Ancient Commentators in Dialogue and Debate on the Origin of the World*. (Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 104.) Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck. (Pages 127–156.)

FORTHCOMING BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 "'Transgressors in this World': Law, Coercive Power, & the Roman Trial of Jesus in Marsilius of Padua."
Invited contribution, publishing contract under negotiation
- 2019 "Data and Detection: Homage to Carlo Ginzburg." *Slow Reading and the Shock of Recognition*. Ed. A. A. Robiglio. Cordoba: University of Cordoba Press.
In press. Invited contribution, with a reply by Carlo Ginzburg

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- 2019 "Pietrino Belli." *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*. Ed. Marco Sgarbi. Cham: Springer.
- 2017 "Balthasar de Ayala." *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*. Ed. Marco Sgarbi. Cham: Springer.

ESSAYS

- 2019 "Machine Drama." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (20 May 2019). Archived online at <http://thephilosophicalsalon.com/machine-drama/>
- 2019 "Unfortunate Galilean: The Passion as Seen by Two Poetic Herberts." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (19 April 2019), 13–14.
Invited Holy Week "Commentary" essay on the poetry of George Herbert, Zbigniew Herbert, and the politics of Jesus' death
- 2019 "Postnatural Intelligence." *First Things* (February 2019), 15–17.
- 2018 "Trouble in Paradise: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence." *The Philosophical Salon – Los Angeles Review of Books* (2 July 2018). Archived online at <http://thephilosophicalsalon.com/trouble-in-paradise-the-rise-of-artificial-intelligence/>
- 2018 "Data! Data! Data!" *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (13 June 2018). Archived online at www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/public/data-sherlock-holmes-computers/
- 2016 "Pilate Schemes." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (25 March 2016), 15.
Invited Holy Week essay on Giorgio Agamben and the Roman trial of Jesus

REVIEWS

- 2018 Review of Giorgio Agamben, *The Mystery of Evil: Benedict XVI and the End of Days* (Princeton 2017). "Dark and Beautiful: Ends and Beginnings in the Church." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (20 April 2018), 26.
- 2016 Review of Marc Van De Mierop, *Philosophy before the Greeks: The Pursuit of Truth in Ancient Babylonia* (Princeton 2016). "Beware of Greeks." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (2 December 2016), 26.
- 2015 Review of Mark F. M. Clavier, *Eloquent Wisdom: Rhetoric, Cosmology and Delight in the Theology of Augustine of Hippo* (Brepols 2014). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (30 October 2015), 30–31.
- 2015 Review of Simona Cohen, *Transformations of Time and Temporality in Medieval and Renaissance Art* (Leiden 2014). *Aevum. Rassegna di Scienze storiche linguistiche e filologiche* 89, 454–456.
- 2014 Review of Gil Anidjar, *Blood: A Critique of Christianity* (New York 2014). "Red Cells and Grey." *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (3 October 2014), 32.
- 2014 Review of 'Simplicius', *On Aristotle On the Soul 3.6–13*, trans. C. Steel with A. Ritups (London 2012). "Pseudo-Simplicius." *The Classical Review* 64, 436–437.
- 2014 Review of Michael Edwards, *Time and the Science of the Soul in Early Modern Philosophy* (Leiden 2013). *TLS. The Times Literary Supplement* (15 August 2014), 27.
- 2012 Review of Gerard O'Daly, *Days Linked by Song: Prudentius' Cathemerinon* (Oxford 2012). *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 88, 516–518.

FORTHCOMING REVIEWS

- 2019 Review of Runar M. Thorsteinsson, *Jesus as Philosopher: The Moral Sage in the Synoptic Gospels* (Oxford 2018). *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*

TEACHING

- 2019 Philosophical Perspectives: The Project of Modernity. *Loyola University Maryland*
BA lecture course, 150 minutes per week. My syllabus, on the rise of the mechanistic world-picture. Total enrollment (two classes) ≈ 40 students. Readings of Francis Bacon, René Descartes, Pierre-Daniel Huet, Julien de La Mettrie, Jakob von Uëxkull, Martin Heidegger, and Julia Kristeva
- 2017 Political Philosophy: Advanced Course. *KU Leuven*
MA/MPhil lecture course, 3 hours per week. My syllabus, on the history of sexuality. Total enrollment (one class) ≈ 50 students. Readings of Plato's *Symposium* and *Phaedrus*, Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality* vols 2 and 3
- 2017 Open Research Seminar: Augustine's *Confessions*. (MPhil.) *KU Leuven*
MPhil seminar course, 2 hours per week. Total enrollment (one class) ≈ 10 students. Reading of Augustine's *Confessions*
- 2016 Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy. (MA, MPhil.) *KU Leuven*
MA/MPhil seminar course, 2 hours per week. Carlos Steel's syllabus. Collaborative teaching. Total enrollment (one class) ≈ 10 students. Readings in the history of philosophical interpretations of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. I offered a seminar on Immanuel Kant's "Conjectural Beginning of Human History" (1786)
- 2016 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course. (MA, MPhil.) *KU Leuven*
MA/MPhil lecture course, 3 hours per week. My syllabus, on the origins and future of "sovereignty". Collaborative teaching. Total enrollment (one class) ≈ 60 students. Readings in ancient, medieval, and modern legal philosophy
- 2015 Philosophy of Law: Advanced Course. (MA, MPhil.) *KU Leuven*

MA/MPhil lecture course, 2 hours per week. My syllabus, on the laws of war and peace. Collaborative teaching. Total enrollment (one class) \approx 60 students. Readings in ancient, medieval, and modern legal philosophy

- 2015 Political Thought in Medieval and Early Modern Europe. (MA, MPhil.) *KU Leuven*
MA/MPhil seminar course, 2 hours per week. Collaborative teaching. Total enrollment (one class) \approx 10 students. Readings in medieval and early modern political philosophy
- 2015 Themes in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. (MA, MPhil.) *KU Leuven*
MA/MPhil seminar course, 2 hours per week. Jan Opsomer's syllabus. Total enrollment (one class) \approx 10 students. Readings in ancient natural philosophy. I offered a seminar on Nemesius of Emesa's theory of the elements (*Elementenlehre*)

SELECT TALKS

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 "Data and Detection: From Sherlock Holmes to Observant Machines."
Committee on Catholic Social Thought, Loyola University Maryland, 18 March 2019
- 2016 "The Judgement of Pontius Pilate: A Critique of Giorgio Agamben."
(1) School of Law, The University of Edinburgh, 7 October 2016
(2) Faculty of Law, KU Leuven, 20 October 2016

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2016 "Giorgio Agamben and the Judgement of Pontius Pilate."
Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, 27 October 2016
- 2016 "Philosophy before the Greeks."
Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 12 October 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2018/9 "The World City: A Reconstruction of Nemesius of Emesa's *De Natura Hominis*." (Read *in absentia*.)
(1) *Seventh British Patristics Conference*, Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture, Cardiff University, 5–7 September 2018. (Read *in absentia*.)
(2) *XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, University of Oxford, 19–24 August 2019
- 2018 "'Transgressors in this World': Law, Coercive Power, and the Roman Trial of Jesus in Marsilius of Padua."
Marsilius of Padua between History, Philosophy and Politics, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 6–7 September 2018
- 2016 "Utopia's Borders."
(1) *Authority Revisited: Towards the Authority of Thomas More and Erasmus in 1516*, KU Leuven, 29 November–2 December 2016
(2) *Philosophy of Borders: Nations, States and Immigration*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 3–4 February 2017
- 2015 "New Light on Time in Augustine, *Confessions* XI."
XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, 10–14 August 2015
- 2015 "The Time of Things, the Substance of Time – from Homer's *Iliad* to Hobbes and Gassendi."
Le temps des choses, la substance du temps, Université Paris VIII, 21–22 May 2015

- 2014 "International Civil War: Remarks on Carl Schmitt, Plato, and the Future of War."
War in the History of Ideas, Royal Military Academy, Breda, Netherlands, 14 October 2014
- 2012 "Juridical Ignorance and the Metaphysics of Torture in Augustine."
Between Heaven and Earth: Law, Ideology, and the Social Order in Late Antiquity, University of Manchester and The John Rylands Library, 13–15 September 2012