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Nationality: Canadian

Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy • Ethics (Historical and Theoretical)

Areas of Competence

Meta-Ethics • Metaphysics & Epistemology • History of Philosophy

Current Positions

2017– Chair, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University
2014– Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University

Appointments

2010–2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University
2009–2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University
2008–2009 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
2008 Part-time Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
2006–2007 Full-time Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Département de Philosophie, Université de Moncton

Degrees

2001–2008 PhD in Philosophy, Paris IV (Sorbonne) & University of Ottawa
1999–2001 MA in Philosophy, University of Ottawa
1992–1996 BA in Classics, Université Laval

Grants, Honours & Awards

2015–2017	St. Thomas University General Research Grant
2015–2016	St. Thomas University Conference Travel Grant
2014–2015	St. Thomas University Conference Travel Grant
2012–2013	St. Thomas University Conference Travel Grant
2010–2011	St. Thomas University J.O.B.S. Grant
2009–2010	St. Thomas University SSHRC 4A Seed Grant St. Thomas University Standard Research Grant St. Thomas University Conference Travel Grant St. Thomas University J.O.B.S. Grant
2008–2009	Memorial University Faculty of Arts Postdoctoral Fellowship Memorial University Faculty of Arts Research Grant
2004–2006	Bourse doctorale de mobilité du gouvernement français
2003–2005	SSHRC Doctoral Grant University of Ottawa Merit Scholarship
2001–2005	University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship
2003–2004	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2002–2003	Ontario Graduate Scholarship University of Ottawa Merit Scholarship
2001–2002	Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Research: Publications & Conferences

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- *A Privileged Point of View: Epicurus on the Criteria of Truth* (Monograph)
- *Justice et amitié : Aristote, Épicure et la communauté parfaite* (Monograph)

UNDER REVIEW

- “Lucretius on Common Sense (*DNR* I 422–423)” (Journal Article)
- “Cicéron, la crainte de châtement et la justice épicurienne” (Journal Article)

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

2019	“The Transmigration of Cooper: Echoes of Plato’s Recollection in <i>Twin Peaks</i> .” <i>The Politics of Twin Peaks</i> . A. DiPaolo and J. Gilles (eds.). Lanham: Lexington Books: 161–175.
2015	“Calliclès a-t-il été réfuté ?” <i>Mouseion</i> 12(3): 273–296.
2013	“Aristotle on Political Communities: Lessons from Outside the Politics.” <i>Apeiron</i> 46(4): 374–390.
2009	“La question de l’animal politique : une mise en dialogue entre Aristote et Épicure.” <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> 42(1): 237–258.
2005	“Security and Happiness in Aristotle’s <i>Polis</i> .” <i>Phronimon</i> 6(2): 15–26.
2002	“L’ <i>eris</i> homérique et l’ <i>elenchos</i> socratique.” <i>De Philosophia</i> 17(1-2): 1–12.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 “Recension de Phillip Mitsis (2014) *L'Éthique d'Épicure. Les plaisirs de l'invulnérabilité*. A. Gigandet (trad.)” *Revue de métaphysique et de morale* 96(4): 530–532.
- 2000 “Compte-rendu de M. Conche *Épicure. Lettres et maximes*.” *De Philosophia* 16(1): 126–129.

PUBLICATIONS (INVITED)

- 2014 “Designing and Running a Successful Undergraduate Seminar.” *Teaching Perspectives* 20: 19–20.

CONFERENCE PAPERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2016 “Lucretius on Common Sense (DNR I 422–423).” *London Ancient Science Conference*. University College London. London, UK, February 15–18, 2016.
- 2014 “Epicurean Epistemology and Two Lessons from Plato’s *Theaetetus*.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City, New York, USA, October 26, 2014.
- 2013 “L’épistémologie épicurienne et quelques leçons du *Théétète* de Platon.” *Ateliers de la Société des Études Platoniciennes*. Université Paris-Nanterre, Paris, France, May 16, 2013.
- 2012 “Was Callicles Refuted?” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City, New York, USA, October 20, 2012.
- “Socrate, Calliclès et la vie la meilleure : un dialogue de sourds.” Plato and his Adversaries Panel at the *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Classical Studies*. University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, May 8, 2012.
- 2011 “Is Hedonism Immoral or Inconsistent? Cicero’s Critical Response to Epicurean Ethics.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City, New York, USA, October 22, 2011.
- 2010 “Could Aristotle’s Community of *Philoï* be a Political Community?” Ancient Friendship Panel at the *Annual Meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*. University of Madrid, Madrid, Spain, June 17–20, 2010.
- 2009 “Aristotelian Definitions of Political Communities: A Re-Evaluation.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City, New York, USA, October 18, 2009.
- “Aristotelian Definitions of Political Communities: a Re-Evaluation.” *Canadian Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting*. Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, May 29, 2009.
- “Psychologie et justice : une réponse épicurienne à la critique de Cicéron.” *Canadian Philosophical Association’s Annual Congress*. Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, May 25, 2009.
- “Cicero’s Case Against the Possibility of Epicurean Justice.” *9th Annual Independent Meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society*. Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, April 26, 2009.
- 2008 “A Reply to Cicero on Epicurean Justice.” *Canadian Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting*. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 4–6, 2007.

- 2007 “Is Gyges Hiding in the Garden? Cicero’s Platonism and Epicurean Justice.” *Plato and Platonisms: The Constitution of a Tradition (10th Annual University of South Carolina Comparative Literature Conference)*. Columbia, South Carolina, USA, March 21, 2008.
- 2007 “L’anthropologie politique d’Aristote et Epicure : oppositions ou confluences ?” *Canadian Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting*. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 31, 2007.
- 2005 “L’être humain et sa nature politique : un débat entre Aristote et Épicure.” *Canadian Philosophical Association’s Annual Congress*. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 28, 2007.
- 2005 “Law as Means to Happiness: Tensions in Aristotle’s Ethics and Politics.” *Atlantic Region Philosophical Association’s Annual Conference*. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, October 2005.
- 2005 “Ends Fulfilled? Law in Aristotle’s Ethics.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City, New York, USA, October 2005.
- 2005 “Security and Happiness in Aristotle’s Polis.” *South African Society for Greek Philosophy and the Humanities’ 2005 International Conference on Ethics, Politics, Criminality: Perspectives from Greek Philosophy and Africa*. University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, May 5, 2005.
- 2004 “Vie politique ou vie cachée ? Aristote et Épicure sur la vie la meilleure.” *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Classical Studies*. Université Laval, Québec, Québec, May 2004.

CONFERENCE PAPERS (INVITED)

- 2019 “ ‘Vivre caché’ tout en cachant son injustice : Cicéron, critique de la justice épicurienne.” Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, February 28, 2019.
- 2015 “La connaissance sensible mène-t-elle au relativisme ? Le cas d’Épicure.” Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, January 29, 2015.
- 2014 “Aristotle on Happiness: Philosophical Perspectives for Positive Psychology.” St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, October 2, 2014.
- 2012 “Aristotle’s Ethics and the Question of Morality.” St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, October 2012.
- 2010 “Comment définir la communauté politique ? Des leçons de l’*Éthique*.” Département de Philosophie, Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, January 2010.
- 2009 “Reply to R. Middleton: The Linkage Problem in Aristotle’s Theory of Memory.” *Canadian Philosophical Association’s Annual Congress*. Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, May 25, 2009.
- 2008 “Reconciling *Eudaimonia* and the Common Good in the *Polis*: Aristotle and Epicurus in Dialogue.” Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, February 12, 2009.
- 2008 “Methodological Issues in Aristotelian Studies: The Problem of Manuscript Transmission.” Department of Philosophy. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, November 7, 2008.
- 2008 “Analyzing ‘Political Animals’: Aristotle and Epicurus in Dialogue.” Memorial University of Newfoundland’s Political Science Seminar Series. Memorial University of Newfound-

- land, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, February 15, 2008.
- "Aristotle and Epicurus on the *Telos*: a Debate." Memorial University of Newfoundland's Philosophy Department Winter Colloquium Series. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, March 4, 2008.
- 2007 "A Reply to Cicero on Epicurean Friendship: Overcoming the Differences between Self and Others." Memorial University of Newfoundland's Philosophy Department Winter Colloquium Series. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, March 2007.
- "L'être humain est-il 'par nature un animal politique' ? Aristote et Épicure mis en dialogue." School of Political Studies. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, 15 January, 2007.
- 2004 "Aristote, Épicure et le genre de vie : divergences et convergences." Philosophy Department Graduate Colloquium. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Fall 2004.
- 2003 "Citoyenneté et bonheur dans la philosophie politique d'Aristote." Department of Philosophy Colloquium. Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, Fall 2003.
- 2002 "Le moment opportun dans l'éthique aristotélicienne." Carrefour étudiant philosophique. Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Québec, Winter 2002.

Teaching

REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

PHIL 3503 Seminar on Plato's Philosophy
 PHIL 3513 Seminar on Aristotle's Philosophy
 PHIL 2113 Ancient Philosophy I: From the Presocratics to Plato
 PHIL 2123 Ancient Philosophy II: Aristotle & Hellenistic Philosophy
 PHIL 2213 Introduction to Moral Philosophy
 PHIL 2233 Contemporary Moral Philosophy
 PHIL 2263 The Art of Living
 PHIL 1013 Introduction to Philosophy I: Ancient & Medieval
 PHIL 1023 Introduction to Philosophy II: Modern & Contemporary

HONOURS THESES SUPERVISED

- 2015–2016 "Coherentism in Plato's *Theaetetus*"
 "Kierkegaard on Existential Choice: A Defense of Kierkegaardian Moral Theory"
 2012–2013 "A Compatibilist Reading of *Εὐδαιμονία* in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*"
 2011–2012 "Kant's Criticism of Teleology"
 2010–2011 "Aristotle on Friendship and Self-Love"

Service to the Profession

REGULAR COMMITTEE SERVICE (INTERNAL TO ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY)

- 2018– Member, Senate Student Academic Grievance Committee

Member, Board of Governors
 Member, Joint Board and Senate Committee on the Growth and Future of St. Thomas University
 Board of Governors Faculty Representative, Senate
 2017- Chair, Department of Philosophy
 Member, Senate
 2013-2016 Secretary, Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas Executive Committee
 2014-2016 Executive Liaison, Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas Grievance Committee
 2014-2015 Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy
 Member, Senate
 2011-2014 Library Representative, Department of Philosophy
 2010-2013 Member, Senate Research Committee
 2011-2012 Honours Students Faculty Advisor, Department of Philosophy
 2010-2012 Secretary, Department of Philosophy
 2009-2010 Member, Wellness Committee

SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE WORK (INTERNAL TO ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY)

2019-2020 Chair, Native Studies Part-time Hiring Committee (1 Appointment)
 Member, Political Science Part-time Hiring Committee (1 Appointment)
 2018-2019 Chair, Native Studies Part-time Hiring Committee (3 Appointments)
 Member, Native Studies Part-time Hiring Committee (3 Appointments)
 Member, University Studies Part-time Hiring Committee (1 Appointment)
 2018 Member, Native Studies Part-time Hiring Committee (2 Appointments)
 Chair, Part-time Review Committee
 Chair, External Review Self-Study Committee
 2016 Chair & Moderator, Sociology Department Workshops on Curriculum Development
 Departmental Representative, Senate
 2015 Member, Promotion Committee, Department of Philosophy
 Member, Canada Research Chair Nomination Committee
 2014 Member, Hiring Committee for Associate-Vice President, Research
 Chair, Promotion Committee, Department of Philosophy
 Organizer, Aquinas Lecture, Department of Philosophy
 Member, Committee for Evaluation of Sabbatical Request, Department of Philosophy
 2013 Departmental Representative, Senate
 Member, Renewal Committee, Department of Philosophy
 2012 Member, Promotion Committee, Department of Philosophy
 Member, Hiring Committee, Part-Time Position, Department of Philosophy
 Departmental Representative, Senate
 Member, Hiring Committee, Tenure-Track Position, Department of Philosophy
 2011 Member, Hiring Committee, Limited Term Appointment, Departments of Political Science and Human Rights
 2010-2011 Member, Hiring Committee, Tenure-Track Position, Department of Philosophy
 2010 Member, Hiring Committee, Part-Time Position, Aquinas Program

Member, Hiring Committee, Part-Time Position, Department of Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (EXTERNAL)

- 2018 Referee, *Ancient Philosophy*
2017 Referee, *Phoenix*
2015 Co-organizer, *Atlantic Region Philosophical Association Annual Meeting* (with the University of New Brunswick Department of Philosophy)
Referee, *Dialogue*
Referee, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
2014 FAUST Delegate, CAUT Francophone Conference
2013 External reviewer, Department of Philosophy, Bishop's University
Referee, *Laval théologique et philosophique*
Referee, *Dialogue*
Referee, *2011 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association*
2010 Referee, SSHRC Standard Research Grant Competition
2009 Referee, *2009 International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Conference Proceedings*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- 2018– Hellenistic Philosophy Society
2015– Aristotelian Society
2007– Ancient Philosophy Society
2005– Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
2005– Atlantic Region Philosophical Association
2001– Classical Association of Canada
2001– Canadian Philosophical Association