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Academic Positions: 2015- present: Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America
2009 –2015: Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America
2005–2009: Assistant Professor, Campion College, University of Regina, Canada

Education: 2000–2005: Ph.D., University of Guelph. Title of Ph.D. Dissertation: “Plato’s *Meno*: An Interpretation.” Advisor: Kenneth Dorter
1999–2000: M.A., University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy
1995–1999: B.A., University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

Area of Specialization: Ancient Greek Philosophy (Plato)
Area of Competency: Metaphysics, Heidegger, Modern Philosophy

Publications:

Books: *On the Good Life: Thinking through the Intermediaries in Plato’s Philebus*, SUNY Press, NY: 2019.

Plato’s Meno: An Interpretation, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, Lexington Books, MD: 2007.

Journal articles: “Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*”, *Platonic Dialectic* (Routledge Press, forthcoming 2021).

“Images and Paradigms in Plato’s *Sophist* and *Statesman*”, *Ancient Philosophy* 40, 2020.

“Elenchus, Recollection, and the Method of Hypothesis in the *Meno*”, *The Plato Journal* 17, 2017: 9-29.

“Due Measure and the Dialectical Method in Plato’s *Statesman*”, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 41, 2016: 77-104.

“The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of

- Reality in Plato's *Philebus*" in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, XXX: 1-32: 2015.
- "Dialectical Method and Myth in Plato's *Statesman*", *Ancient Philosophy* 34, 2014: 1-18
- "Dialectic in Plato's *Sophist*: Division and the Communion of Kinds", *Arethusa* 46, 2013: 41-64.
- "Recollection and the Method of Collection and Division in the *Phaedrus*." *Journal of Philosophical Research* 37, 2012: 1-24.
- "Dialectical Method and the Structure of Reality in the *Timaeus*." *Ancient Philosophy* 30, 2010: 299–318.
- "Hybrid Varieties of Pleasure and the Complex Case of the Pleasures of Learning in Plato's *Philebus*." *Dialogue* 47, 2008: 1–23.
- "Plato's Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*: Absolute Standards of Repletion and the Mean." *Journal of Philosophical Research* 33, 2008: 1–18.
- "The Unity of the *Philebus*: Metaphysical Assumptions of the Good Human Life." *Ancient Philosophy* 27, 2007: 55–75.
- "The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato's *Symposium*." *Dialogue* 46, 2007: 27–42.
- "The Mythical Introduction of Recollection in the *Meno* (81a–e3)." *Journal of Philosophical Research* 31, 2006: 153–170.
- "Another Kantian Argument for the Refutation of Problematic Idealism: Kant's Fragment *On Inner Sense* (The Leningrad Fragment)", *Portret de grup cu filosofia: Studii de istoriografie filosofica*, Timisoara: Editura Universitatii de Vest, 2005: 221–243 (in Romanian)
- "The Concept of the *Last God* in Heidegger's *Beiträge*: Hints toward an Understanding of the Gift of *Sein*." *Studia Phaenomenologica* 2, 2002: 59–95.
- "Hegel's Doctrine of the Identity of Cause and Effect in the *Science of Logic*." *Analele Universitatii de Vest din Timisoara*, Vol. XIV, 2002: 35–56.

Book Reviews: *The Demiurge in Ancient Thought: Secondary Gods and Divine Mediators.* By Carl Séan O'Brien. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, in *Ancient Philosophy* 2017: 1-5.

Plato and Heidegger, A Question of Dialogue, Penn State Press, 2009, Francisco Gonzalez, *Dialogue* 49, 2010: 322–324.

Companion to Heidegger's Contributions to Philosophy, Scott, Charles E, Schoenbohm, Susan M., Vallega-Neu Daniela eds., *Studia Phaenomenologica* 3, 2003: 277–281.

Essays in Honor of Hubert Dreyfus: Vol. I: Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity; Vol. II: Heidegger, Coping and Cognitive Science, Wrathall, Mark A. and Malpas, Jeff, eds., *Symposium* 5, 2001: 115–120.

Essays in Honor of Hubert Dreyfus: Vol. I: Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity; Vol. II: Heidegger, Coping and Cognitive Science, Wrathall, Mark A. and Malpas, Jeff, eds., *Studia Phaenomenologica: Romanian Journal of Phenomenology*, vol. 1, no. 1–2, pp. 344–350, 2001 (slightly different version from the above; Romanian).

Heidegger's Temporal Idealism, William D. Blattner, *Studia Phaenomenologica* 1, 2001: 344–350.

Non-specialty publications: Ionescu, Alma Cornea. *Muzica vietii mele*, Editura Brumar, Timisoara, 2018 (edited my grandmother's Memoir, entitled *The Music of My Life*)

“Two Models for Recovering the Humanities: Liberal Arts Colleges and Great Books Programs”, Timisoara, Romania, pp.20-35 in *Filosofia în universitatea contemporană*, Editura Universității de Vest, 2017

Work in Progress: “The Best and the Worst according to Plato's *Phaedo*”

“The Objects We Collect and Divide and the Unity of the *Phaedrus*”

“Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato's *Sophist*”

“True Virtue and Various Images of Virtue in Plato's *Symposium*”

- Conference presentations: The *Philebus*' Response to the Aporiai of Participation from the *Parmenides*, invited talk, workshop UNAM, Mexico City (Workshop: Forms in Plato and Aristotle, 7-9 May 2020, to be rescheduled due to COVID 19)
- "True Virtue and Various Images of Virtue in Plato's Symposium", Sixth Interdisciplinary Symposium of Fonte Arethusa, Syracuse, Sicily, June 2020 (to be rescheduled due to COVID 19)
- "The Language of Images and Paradigms in Plato's *Sophist* and *Statesman*", School of Philosophy lecture series, CUA, November 15, 2019.
- "The Objects We Collect and Divide and the Unity of the *Phaedrus*, keynote speaker, *Ancient Philosophy Society* Duquesne University, October 31, 2019.
- "Persuasion through Dramatic Details: Reflections on Plato's Account of the Good Life in the *Philebus*" keynote speaker, The International Philosophy Conference in Timisoara, Romania, October 17-19, 2019.
- "The Philosopher's Dialectical Art in the *Phaedrus*: What are the Objects that we Collect and Divide", Conference on Platonic Dialectic, Bergen, Norway May 31-June 2, 2018.
- "Plato's Account of Pleasure in the *Philebus* surviving Three Aristotelian Objections", SAGP Annual conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 2017.
- "Images and Paradigms in Plato's *Sophist* and the *Statesman*" SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University NYC, October 28-30, 2016.
- "Measures and Paradigms in Plato's *Sophist* and *Statesman*", Guest lecture, The Washington Architecture Alexandria Center, Ph.D. Seminar, September 23, 2016.
- "Pleasures of Learning and the Role of Due Measure in Experiencing Them", West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University, May 8, 2016.
- "Pleasures of Learning and the Role of Due Measure in Experiencing Them", Congress in Ancient Philosophy, SIFG, Lisbon, April 21, 2016.
- "Due Measure and Paradigms in Plato's *Statesman*", SAGP Annual

- Conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 25, 2015.
- “The *Techne* of Dialectic: Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*”, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, October 17, 2015.
- “Pleasure and Knowledge as Ingredients of the Good Human Life in Plato’s *Philebus*”, Western University Timisoara, May 29, 2015.
- “Socrates Freshly Bathed and Wearing Fancy Sandals at Plato’s Banquet: Dramatic Elements in the *Symposium*”/Socrate proaspat imbaiat si cu sandale dichisite in picioare la Banchetul lui Platon: Elemente dramatice in dialogul platonician” – Libraria Cartea de Nisip, Timisoara, May 28, 2015.
- “Divine Method in Plato’s *Philebus*” – Guest lecture, Research Institute at the University of Bucharest, ICUB, May 27, 2015.
- “Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*”, SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 25, 2015.
- “Recollection and Persuasion in Plato’s *Phaedrus*” – Guest lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, May 1, 2014.
- “Cosmic Myth and Dialectical Method in Plato’s *Statesman*”, Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 21-22, 2014.
- The Dialogue between Pleasure and Knowledge in Plato’s *Philebus*”, SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, 13 Oct. 2013.
- “The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Reality in Plato’s *Philebus*” Boston College, invited lecture, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 19, September, 2013.
- “The Dialectical Method of Collection and Division in Plato’s *Philebus*”, Boston College, invited seminar, *Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, 19 September 2013.
- “The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Plato’s *Philebus*” Invited talk on a Panel entitled: The Body and the Irrational. Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA March 15, 2013.
- “Interweaving Method and Myth in Plato’s *Statesman*” SAGP Annual

- Conference, Fordham University, NYC, Oct. 19-21, 2012.
- “Circular Orbits and the Three Parts of the Soul in Plato’s *Timaeus*”,
Keynote Address at the Annual Thomistic Studies conference,
Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Maryland, March 16, 2012.
- “Pleasures as Replenishments and the Mean”, King’s University College,
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada,
February 8, 2012.
- “Division and the Communion of Forms in the Sophist: A Reading of
Sophist 253b10–e2.” SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham
University, NYC, Oct. 21–23, 2011.
- “The Complexity of the Soul in Plato’s *Timaeus*”, Washington-Alexandria
Architecture Center, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia Tech,
September 16, 2011.
- “Recollection as Participation in the Banquet of the Gods”, Keynote
Speaker, Annual Thomistic Studies conference, Fulton Sheen
House of Formation, Maryland, March 11, 2011.
- “Recollection and the Method of Collection and Division in the
Phaedrus.” SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC,
Oct. 15–17, 2010.
- “Dialectical Method in Plato’s *Timaeus*.” Annual Congress of the
Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division,
Concordia University, Quebec, Canada, May – June 2010.
- “Hybrid Varieties of Pleasure in Plato’s *Philebus*.” Annual Congress of
the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division
(CPA), Carleton University, Ottawa, May 2009.
- “Co-operative and Manly Virtues in Plato’s *Meno*.” Prairie Provinces
Political Science Association Conference (PPPSA), Regina,
September 2008.
- “Pleasures in the *Philebus*: Absolute Standards of Repletion and the
Mean.” University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, February 2008.
- “Persuading Necessity and Recognizing the Mean in Plato’s *Timaeus*” –
11th International Conference of the International Society for the
Study of European Ideas, (ISSEI), Panel: Matter and Form,
Helsinki, July 2008.
- “Socrates: Wizard and Torpedo-Fish. Complex Irony in the *Meno*”, Panel:

Socrates on Trial, University of Regina, October 2007.

“The Unity of the *Philebus*”, Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), University of Saskatchewan, May 2007.

“The Relevance of Emotions in Plato’s Conception of Love in the *Symposium*”, Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Political Science Association’s division (CPSA), University of Saskatchewan, May 2007.

“Plato’s Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*” – Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division, York University, Toronto, June 2006.

“Plato’s Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*” – Annual Conference of the Philosophical Association of the Religious Affiliated Colleges (PARAC) Campion College, Regina, March.

“The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*”, Presented at From the Academy to the Lyceum, conference organized in honor of Professor Kenneth Dorter, University of Guelph, November 2006.

“The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*”, Annual Philosophy Conference, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, 7–9 October 2005.

“Another Kantian Argument for the Refutation of Problematic Idealism: Kant’s Fragment On Inner Sense (The Leningrad Fragment)” Philosophy Symposium, Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Communication, Western University Timisoara, 19 April 2003.

Invited Commentaries:

Commentary on Kenneth Dorter: “Sense Perception and Reason in *Parmenides*.” Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division, Concordia University, Quebec, Canada, May–June 2010.

Commentary on Warren Heiti: “The Paradox of the *Republic*.” Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 2009.

Commentary on John Thorp: “Love among the Stoics”, Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division, Saskatoon, May 2007.

Commentary on Steven Robinson: “Spiritedness and Desire in Plato versus Rawls”, Congress of Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division, Saskatoon, May 2007.

Teaching Experience:

The Catholic University of America:

Phil 201 The Classical Mind
Phil 202 The Modern Mind
HSPH 102 Human Action and Government
HSPH 203 Nature and Human Nature
Phil 301 Reasoning and Argumentation
Phil 310 Philosophy of Art
Phil 313 Philosophy of Human Nature
Phil 353 History of Ancient Philosophy
Phil 455 Junior Seminar: Plato’s *Republic*
Phil 604: Plato: *Statesman*
Phil 705: Plato: *Sophist*
Phil 833 Plato: *Philebus*
Phil 904: Plato’s Theory of Recollection: the *Meno*,
the *Phaedo*, the *Phaedrus*
Phil 910: Plato’s *Sophist and Statesman*

Campion College, University of Regina:

Phil 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Phil 150: Critical Thinking
Phil 210 Pre-Socratics and Plato
Phil 211 Aristotle and Later Greek Philosophy
Phil 240 Metaphysics
Phil 310/410: Plato
Phil 312/412 Heidegger (*Being and Time*)
Phil 890: Readings in Heidegger (Heidegger’s
Interpretation of Kant’s *First Critique*)

St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto
Continuing Education Program
(2005 Spring)

Death, Philosophy, and Finitude

The University of Bucharest
(May-June 2015)

Plato’s *Statesman*

University of Guelph
(2003 Fall)

Phil 2130 Philosophy of Religion

Academic Honors/Awards:

2018 – Grant in Aid, CUA for final editing of my mss. of *On the Good Life: Thinking through the Intermediaries in Plato’s Philebus*
2016 – Grant in Aid, CUA for SIFG, Lisbon, Portugal
2008 – SSHRC General Research Grant/President’s Fund,
University of Regina.

2008 – President’s Research Award, Campion College.
2008 – *Plato’s Meno: An Interpretation* nominated for the “Book of the Year” Award in Philosophy by the Romanian Cultural Magazine *Cuvantul*.
2000 – 2004 University Graduate Scholarship, University of Guelph, Canada.
1998 Fall Semester, TEMPUS Scholarship, Visiting Student at Oxford University, UK.
1995 – 2000 Study Award, University of Bucharest, Romania.

Workshops/Talks Organized:

Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, February 13-14, 2015.
“Weakness and Will in Plato’s *Republic*.” University of Regina, September 21, 2007.
“Orthodox Music and Icons.”, Campion College, Regina, February, 2006.

Dissertation Director:

Jessica Deal (in progress), George Walter (in progress)

First Reader:

Kevin Kambo (2018 completed), Esther Hudson (in progress)

Second Reader:

Joseph Forte (2016 completed), Paul Metilly (2019 completed), Kelly Doolan (2019 completed) Luke Russell (in progress)

External Examiner:

Colin Smith, University of Kentucky (2019 completed)

Anna Pavani, University of Cologne, Germany (2020 Completed)

MA Thesis Director:

Nino Aduashvili (2019), Samuel Wigutow (2019)

Service:

School of Philosophy

Graduate Students’ ProSeminar Committee
Undergraduate Program Learning Outcomes Assessment
Language Exam Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Graduate Curriculum Committee
Committee on Failing Grades
School of Philosophy Academic Dishonesty Committee
Reading List Committee (RL I)
Library Committee
Placement Advisory Committee
Undergraduate Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau
Senior Comprehensive Examination Committee
Undergraduate Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau

CUA Committees

University Honors Program Committee
University Assessment Council Committee
Research Day Committee
University Dishonesty Committee
Appeal Panel for the Academic Senate

Submission Referee: *Ancient Philosophy, Apeiron, Arethusa, American Political Science Review, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Broadview Press, CUA Press, Dialogue Jahrbuch für Religionsphilosophie*

Professional Affiliations: Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
International Plato Society
Canadian Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Association
Romanian Society for Phenomenology

Public Presentations: “Two Models for Recovering the Humanities: Liberal Arts Colleges and Great Books Programs”, Timisoara, Romania, April 26, 2016.
“Socrates Freshly Bathed and Wearing Fancy Sandals at Plato’s Banquet: Dramatic Elements in the *Symposium*”, Libraria Cartea de Nisip, Timisoara, May 28, 2015.
“Philosopher-Kings and Abolition of Nuclear Family in the Ideal State.” Philosophy Cafe Series, 17 Sept. 2008, Connaught Library, Regina.

Languages: Romanian (mother tongue), German, Spanish, Ancient Greek (reading and translation skills), Russian, Hungarian (basic skills)