



CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara

PhD (Philosophy)

Dissertation: 'Aspects of Socratic Rationality' (see abstract below)

Committee: Voula Tsouna (Chair), Matt Hanser, Aaron Zimmerman

2004-Current

(expected 2009)

MA, CPhil (Philosophy)

2007

Qualifying Paper: 'Rationally Reconciling Socrates and το Δαιμονιον'

San Diego State University

2002-2004

35 units of graduate coursework in Philosophy (*see listing below*)

Westminster Theological Seminary

1997-1999

MA (Theology)

1999

Vanguard University

1994-1997

BA (Religion) *summa cum laude*

1997

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Plato, Socratic rationality

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Western Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Ancient Greek

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

2002-Current

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*teaching evaluations, syllabi, etc. available upon request*)

Allan Hancock College

2007–Current

Lecturer

PHILOS 114 – Critical Thinking/Introduction to Logic (Fall 2008)

PHILOS 102 – Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (Fall 2008)

PHILOS 101 – Survey of Philosophy (Spring 2008)

PHILOS 101 – Survey of Philosophy (Fall 2007)

University of California, Santa Barbara

2005–Current

Lecturer (Associate)

PHIL 20A – History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2008)

PHIL 1 – Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2008)

PHIL 1 – Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2008)

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 3 – Critical Thinking/Introduction to Logic (Winter 2008)

PHIL 4 – Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2007)

PHIL 20A – History of Ancient Philosophy (Summer 2007)

PHIL 20C – History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2007)

PHIL 20B – History of Medieval Philosophy (Winter 2007)

PHIL 20A – History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2006)

PHIL 3 – Critical Thinking/Introduction to Logic (Summer 2006)

PHIL 20C – History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2006)

PHIL 20B – History of Medieval Philosophy (Winter 2006)

PHIL 20A – History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2005)

San Diego State University

2003-2004

Lecturer

PHIL 512 – Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2004)

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 310 – Philosophy of Human Nature (Fall 2003)

PHIL 329 – Social Ethics (Summer 2003)

PHIL 305 – Classics of Western Philosophy (Spring 2003)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARIES

American Philosophical Association

'A New Problem for the New Route?'

Comments on Ben Caplan and David Sanson's 'Locality and Necessity'. Colloquium on Metaphysics. APA Pacific Division Meeting (2008)

'Personal Identity and DNA: A Genomic Approach'

Group Session: The Newest Approaches to Personal Identity. APA Pacific Division Meeting (2005)

SERVICE / SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Webmaster – UCSB Department of Philosophy

2005-Current

Online Educational technology (Blackboard, WebCT, Moodle)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Voula Tsouna, PhD (*Dissertation Advisor*)

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Professor, Systematic Theology & Apologetics (Westminster Theological Seminary)
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MY RESEARCH

My primary area of research is in ancient Greek philosophy. I am particularly interested in how various metaphysical and epistemological problems were dealt with by the ancient Greeks. So far, for instance, my writing and research has focused on ancient accounts of personal identity, the metaphysics of death, Platonic epistemology and Socratic rationality. Other interests in ancient philosophy include Parmenidean ontology, Socratic elenchus, Aristotelian ethics, Skepticism, etc. Other interests in the History of Philosophy include the metaphysical and epistemological contributions of such Medieval and Modern philosophers as Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas, Ockham, Hobbes, Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant. In addition to my work in the History of Philosophy, I also have an abiding interest in contemporary Metaphysics, Epistemology and the Philosophy of Religion. I am particularly interested in non-psychological accounts of personal identity, foundationalist theories of epistemic justification, the rationality of belief, transcendental arguments for the existence of God, ant-theistic arguments from evil, and various philosophical analyses of the doctrines of the trinity, the incarnation and original sin.

MY DISSERTATION RESEARCH: 'Aspects of Socratic Rationality'

The aim of my dissertation research is to provide an account of Socratic rationality and to consider how aspects of that account might bear upon several controversial aspects of Socratic philosophy. Generally speaking, the dissertation will have two major divisions. The nature of my work in the first division will be more exploratory and interpretive as I seek to carve out what Socrates takes rationality to be in the early-middle dialogues of Plato. Among other things, my investigation in this first division will involve a careful consideration of the Socratic elenchus, the nature of Socratic definitions, the educational program of the Republic, Socratic self-knowledge, etc. Once a systematic account of Socratic rationality has been sufficiently elucidated (if one exists at all), my aim in the second division of the dissertation will be to apply aspects of that account to several controversial aspects of Socratic philosophy—most notably, the worry that Socrates' allegiance to the *daimonion* (or 'divine sign') and his frequent use of myth are irrational given his claim to be the kind of person that is persuaded by reason and rational argument alone. Although I am only in the initial stages of my research, I have a hunch that Socrates' notion of rationality will, in the end, turn out to be something very different than what most modern

conceptions of rationality amount to. As such, providing an account of Socratic rationality may greatly affect the way in which certain controversies in Socratic philosophy get resolved.

COMPLETED GRADUATE COURSEWORK IN PHILOSOPHY

University of California, Santa Barbara

PHIL 184 – Beginning Modern/Symbolic Logic (Fall 2004)
PHIL 250 – Advanced Metaphysics (Fall 2004)
PHIL 256 – Hellenistic Philosophy (Fall 2004)
PHIL 284 – Intermediate Modern/Symbolic Logic (Winter 2005)
PHIL 230 – Pre-Socratic Philosophy (Winter 2005)
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Epistemology (Winter 2005)
PHIL 252 – Plato (Spring 2005)
PHIL 253 – Aristotle (Spring 2005)
PHIL 212 – Philosophy of Religion (Summer 2005)*
PHIL 230 – Freedom & Determinism (Fall 2005)*
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Philosophy of Mind (Fall 2005)
PHIL 230 – Seminar in Ethics (Winter 2006)
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Epistemology (Winter 2006)
PHIL 234 – Moral Psychology (Spring 2006)
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Philosophy of Language (Spring 2006)
PHIL 297 – Seminar in Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2006)
PHIL 297 – Seminar in History of Philosophy (Winter 2007)*
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Epistemology (Winter 2007)*
PHIL 296 – Seminar in Ancient Philosophy (Winter 2008)*

San Diego State University

PHIL 305 – Classics of Western Philosophy (Fall 2002)
PHIL 329 – Social Ethics (Fall 2002)
PHIL 537 – Philosophy of Science (Fall 2002)
PHIL 541 – History of Aesthetics (Fall 2002)
PHIL 411 – Ancient Western Philosophy (Spring 2003)*
PHIL 536 – Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2003)
PHIL 620 – Seminar in History of Philosophy (Spring 2003)
PHIL 630 – Seminar in Current Philosophical Issues (Spring 2003)
PHIL 506 – 20th C Continental Philosophy (Fall 2003)
PHIL 610 – Seminar in Global Justice (Fall 2003)
PHIL 620 – Seminar in Metaphysics (Fall 2003)

* *Audited Graduate Coursework in Philosophy*