

Ryan M. Brown

Curriculum Vitae

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Villanova University
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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, 08/2021

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Dissertation Title: "Soul-Leading in Plato's *Phaedrus* and the Iconic Character of Being"

Director: Marina McCoy; Readers: Gary Gurtler, Jill Gordon

M.A., Philosophy (interim), 05/2016

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

With distinction

B.A., B.S., B.A.H., 05/2013

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Summa Cum Laude

Majors: Humanities, Mathematics, Honors

Minors: Philosophy, Classics, Theology, History

Areas of Specialization and Competence

Specialization: Ancient Philosophy (especially Plato and the Platonic tradition)

Competence: History of Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophical Anthropology, Classical Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion

Employment

Classical High School Teacher

2022—Present. Martin Saints Classical High School

Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy

2021—2022. Philosophy Department, Eastern University

Adjunct Lecturer

2020—Present. Honors Program, Ethics Program, and Political Science Department, Villanova University

2020—2021. Philosophy Department, Eastern University

2019. Department of Literature, Languages, Writing, and Philosophy, Fairleigh Dickinson University

2018—2019. Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Framingham State University (taught in China)

Teaching Fellow

2015—2018. Philosophy Department, Boston College

Teaching Assistant

2013. St. Thomas of Villanova Scholars (Mathematics), Villanova University

Publications

Edited Volumes

1. 2022. *Arete in Plato and Aristotle*. Eds. Ryan M. Brown and Jay R. Elliott. Sioux City: Parnassos Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. (forthcoming 2023) "The Thematic Significance of the Scenery in Plato's *Phaedrus*." *Ancient Philosophy*.
2. (conditionally accepted for 2022) "The Lovers' Formation in Plato's *Phaedrus*." *Epoché*

Book Chapters

1. 2022. "The Liberation of Virtue in Plato's *Phaedrus*." *Arete in Plato and Aristotle*. Eds. Ryan M. Brown and Jay R. Elliott. Sioux City: Parnassos Press. 47-76.

Scholarly Works in Progress

1. *Leading the Soul to Beauty: A Study of Plato's Phaedrus* (expansion and revision of my dissertation)
2. "The Meaning of Perpetual Initiation in Plato's *Phaedrus*"
3. "Plato's Use of *Mogis* (Barely, Scarcely, With Toil)"
4. "Piety, Care, and Service: Finding a Way Forward Where Euthyphro Turned Astray"
5. "On Reason and Hope: Plato, Pieper, and the Hopeful Structure of Reason"

Invited Talks

1. 2022. Jan. 28: The D Society, University of Cambridge: Cambridge, UK
"Eros and Care in Plato"

Conference Presentations

1. 2022. (accepted) Oct. 8: Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
"On Reason and Hope: Plato, Pieper, and the Hopeful Structure of Reason"
2. 2022. (under review) October 4-5: "The Ancient Greeks and Their Knowledge;" Guadalajara
"Plato on the Limits of Knowledge"
3. 2022. June 16: New England Symposium on Ancient Philosophy
"Plato's Use of *Mogis* (Barely, Scarcely, With Toil)"
4. 2022. April 7-10: Ancient Philosophy Society
"Comment on Van Tu, 'The Reasons of Love in Plato's *Phaedrus*'"
5. 2021. Oct. 16: Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Meeting, Panel: "Plato on Maintaining a Proper Relationship to Logos" (online)
"Writing, Images, and Love for Reality in Plato's *Phaedrus*"
6. 2021. July 25-28: Fonte Aretusa, Sixth Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Heritage of Western Greece (on Virtue): Siracusa, Sicily
"The Liberation of Virtue in Plato's *Phaedrus*"
7. 2021. July 19-23: International Plato Society, Midterm Meeting: Lima, Peru (online)
"Communion With Reality in Plato's *Phaedrus* and the Descent of Beauty"
8. 2021. May 14-16: Fourteenth West Coast Plato Workshop (Plato's Sophist): Flagstaff, AZ (online)
"A Proto-Account of the 'Convertibility of the Transcendentals' in Plato's *Sophist*"
9. 2021. Mar. 31-Apr. 4: American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division; Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy satellite meeting): Portland, OR (online)
"The Lovers' Formation in Plato's *Phaedrus*"

10. 2019. Nov. 16-17: Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Conference: Newport News, VA
“The Interplay of Soul-Leading and the Radiance of Being: Anthropology and Ascent in Plato’s *Phaedrus*”
11. 2019. May 23-24: University of Chicago Graduate Student Conference in Ancient Philosophy: Chicago, IL
“Does Plato Inhabit a Tragic Cosmos? The Question of Limitation in Platonic Thought”
12. 2019. Mar. 22-24: Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Annual Conference: Villanova, PA
“Plato and the Problem of Writing”
13. 2016. May 1: Ancient Philosophy Society, Annual Meeting: Portland, ME
“Comment on J.M. Robitzsch, ‘The Epicurean Critique of the Platonic Form of Justice: A Commentary on KD 33’”
14. 2014. Nov. 7-8: The Conference on Christianity and Literature, Northeast Regional Meeting: Wenham, MA
“Speaking with God or Speaking as God: Grace and the Diabolical in Dostoevsky’s Fiction”

Departmental Talks

1. 2022. April 20: Eastern University, Philosophical Society
“On Reason and Hope”
2. 2021. February 4: Villanova University, Honors Program
“Can the True Be Good?” (Common Lecture for students in the Good-True-Beautiful Sequence)
3. 2020. Aug. 24: Villanova University, Honors Program
“Can the Good Be True?” (Common Lecture for students in the Good-True-Beautiful Sequence)
4. 2017. May 26: Boston College, Second Annual Contemporary Philosophy Symposium
“Groundwork for a Wittgensteinian Description of Lebensform-Conversion”

Courses (Instructor of Record)

Ancient Philosophy

Eastern University (1 section, Fall 2021)

Framingham State University (2 sections, Shanghai Summer Session 2018)

Augustine and Culture Seminar.

Villanova University (introductory interdisciplinary humanities seminar)

Moderns (Ancients and Moderns sequence: 1 honors section, Spring 2021; 1 honors section, Spring 2020)

Goodness (Good, True, Beautiful Sequence: 1 honors section, Fall 2020)

Truth (Good, True, Beautiful Sequence: 1 honors section, Spring 2021)

Continental Philosophy

Eastern University (1 section, Spring 2021)

Ethics

Villanova University (2 sections, Fall 2021)

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus (2 sections, Fall 2019)

Faith and Philosophy

Eastern University (1 section, Spring 2022; 1 section, Fall 2021; 1 section, Fall 2020)

Introduction to Philosophy

Eastern University (1 section, Spring 2022; 1 section, Fall 2021)

Framingham State University (1 section, Beijing Summer Session 2019; 1 section, Shanghai Summer Session 2018)

Introduction to Political Philosophy

Villanova University (1 section, Fall 2022; 2 sections, Spring 2022; 1 section, Fall 2021)

Medieval Philosophy

Eastern University (1 section, Spring 2022)

Philosophy of the Person. Boston College

Person I: Ancients and Medievalists (1 section, Fall 2017; 1 section, Fall 2016; 1 section, Fall 2015)

Person II: Moderns and Contemporaries (1 section, Spring, 2018; 1 section, Spring 2017; 1 section, Spring 2016)

High School Courses (Martin Saints)

Astronomy/Physical Science (2 sections, 2022-2023)

Pre-calculus (1 section, 2022-2023)

Philosophy in the Ancient World (1 section, 2022-2023)

Philosophy in the Modern World (1 section, 2022-2023)

Languages

Ancient Greek, reading proficiency

Classical Latin, reading competency

German, reading competency

Spanish, reading competency

Popular Writing

1. 2022. (forthcoming). "An Epidemic of Stubborn Delusions" (review of S. Nadler and L. Shapiro, *When Bad Thinking Happens to Good People: How Philosophy Can Save Us From Ourselves*). *Commonweal Magazine*.

Editing and Research

Freelance Copyeditor

2022—Present: Lex Academic

Contract Editor

Summer 2016: Jason Giannetti, Esq.

Consultant editing, line editing, copyediting: *The Way of Arete*, Vol. 1 (forthcoming)

Research Assistant

2014-2015: John Sallis, Boston College

Copyediting: *The Figure of Nature* (2016)

The Return of Nature (2016)

Copyediting and indexing: *Senses of Landscape* (2015)

2014-2015: Ronald Tacelli, Boston College

Copyediting: *Ontology* (translation of Bela Weissmahr, *Ontologie*; forthcoming)

2013-2014: Paul Danove, Villanova University

Copyediting: *New Testament Verbs of Communication: A Case Frame and Exegetical Study* (2015)

"The *Aiteo/Aietomai* Distinction in the New Testament: A Proposal"

"Rhetorical Applications of New Testament Verbs of Communication with Contrasting Secondary Emphasis"

"Deriving' and Describing Usages of *Tithemi* and *Tithemi* Compounds in the Septuagint and New Testament"

Awards and Honors

The Parnassos Press Bursary (Funded to study Plato's *Euthyphro* in Greek; >\$525; declined), 2022

Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College, 2020-2021
University Fellowship, Boston College, 2018-2019
Presidential Scholarship, Boston College, 2014-2019
Phi Beta Kappa, 2013
Pi Mu Epsilon, 2013
Karol Wojtyła Award for Excellence in the Humanities, Villanova University, 2013
Celina Mariceth Ramos Writing Award, Villanova University, 2009

Professional Organizations

American Catholic Philosophical Association	International Plato Society
American Philosophical Association	International Society for Socratic Studies
Ancient Philosophy Society	Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Conferences Organized and Chaired

Conference sessions chaired:

2021: Fonte Aretusa Interdisciplinary Symposium (on Virtue), Paper Session
2021: American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), Colloquium on Plato's *Republic*

Conference organization:

2021: co-organizer, Panel on "Plato on Maintaining a Proper Relationship to Logos," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
2017: co-organizer, Third Annual Symposium in Contemporary Philosophy
2016: co-organizer, Philosophy of the History of Philosophy Graduate Conference
2015: co-organizer, Philosophy of the History of Philosophy Workshop
2015: assistant organizer (to John Sallis), conference on Plato's *Statesman*

Professional References

Marina McCoy, Professor, Philosophy, Boston College
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