

Department of Philosophy & Religion
New Jersey City University
Karnoutsos Hall 606
2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ 07305

☎ 201 200 2000
✉ soconnor@njcu.edu
🌐 <http://scottoconnor.org>
Updated: May 22, 2019

SCOTT O'CONNOR

Appointments

- 2014–present NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor
Jersey City, NJ
- 2019–2020 NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY
Interim Chair
Jersey City, NJ

Education

- 2013 **Ph.D, Philosophy**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2010 **M.A, Philosophy**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2006 **B.Phil, Philosophy**
Oxford University, Oxford, U.K.
- 2004 **B.A, Mental and Moral Science (1st Class)**
Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy (especially Aristotle), Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Ethics

Publications

ARTICLES

- 2018 “On Persistence in Aristotle.” *Ergo* vol. 5 (20), pp.540–573
- 2017 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.8.” *Rhizomata, A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science* vol. 5 (1), pp. 25–50
- 2015 “The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.7.” *Apeiron, A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science* vol. 48 (1), pp. 45–75

IN-PROGRESS

Review of Christian Pfeiffer, *Aristotle's Theory of Bodies*. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*

Presentations

INVITED MARKED WITH *. REFEREED MARKED WITH †.

- 2019 “Comments on Evan Rodriguez’s *Aristotle on the Problem of First Principles*”. *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, Canada*. April*
- 2019 “On Some Changing Stuff In Aristotle”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, NYU, NY*. March*
- 2018 “Living, Learning, & Loving, Lessons from an Urban Interdisciplinary Honors Core”. *National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, Boston, MA*. November†
- 2018 “Aristotle on Monism and Pluralism in *On Generation and Corruption I*”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, Marquette University, WI*. June†
- 2017 “Aristotle’s Objection to Pluralism in *Generation and Corruption I*”. *Dublin Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, “Physis and Psyche in Ancient Philosophy, Causes, Generation, and Change”, TCD/UCD, Dublin, Ireland*. March†
- 2017 “Notes on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* 8.6”. *Graduate seminar, Yale, New Haven, CT*. April*
- 2016 Graduate Placement Seminar. *Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*. November*
- 2016 “Substantial Change and Alteration in Aristotle’s *Generation and Corruption I.4*”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, NYU, NY*. May*
- 2016 Comments on Thomas Tuozzo’s, “The Indispensability of Incidental Causes in *Physics VIII 4*”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Rice University, TX*. February*
- 2016 Comments on Jeremy Kirby’s, “Aristotle’s Clincher, *Metaphysics* 1006b28–1006b34”. *Eastern division of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, DC*. January*
- 2015 “The Principles and Elements of Nature in Aristotle’s *Physics I*”. *The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, NY*. October†
- 2015 “Some Stuff and Things”. *Adventures in Philosophy, NJCU, NJ*. April
- 2015 “The Generation and Destruction of Matter in Aristotle’s *Physics I.9*”. *The Ancient Philosophy Society, Lexington, KY*. April†
- 2015 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics I.8*”. *Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin*. February†
- 2015 “The Eleatic Challenge in Aristotle’s *Physics I.8*”. *Ancient Philosophy Work in Progress, NYU, NY*. January
- 2014 “Aristotle’s Criticism of Plato’s First Principles in *Physics I.9*”. *The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, NY*. October†
- 2014 “Essence and Persistence in Aristotle”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, Marquette University, WI*. June†
- 2014 Comments on Pavle Stojanovic’s, “Non-unified Objects As Proper Individuals in Stoicism”. *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA*. April*
- 2013 “Explaining Persistence in Aristotle’s *Physics I*”. *Louisiana State University, LA*. April*
- 2013 “The Subjects of Natural Generations in Aristotle’s *Physics I*”. *The College of St. Benedict & Saint John’s University, MI*. January*
- 2011 “The Persisting Simple in Aristotle’s *Physics I.7*”. *Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference, Marquette University, WI*. June†

- 2011 Comments on Evan Keeling's, "Unity in Aristotle's *Metaphysics* H.6". *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego*. April*
- 2010 Comments on Philip Corkum's, "Aristotle on Reference and Generality". *Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco*. April*
- 2010 "The Persisting Simple in Aristotle's *Physics* I.7". *Ancient Philosophy Graduate Conference, Princeton University, NJ*. April†
- 2009 Comments on Ursula Coope's, "Aristotle on the Infinite". *Ancient Philosophy Speaker Series, Cornell University, NY*. September*

Teaching

2014–present NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

Department of Philosophy & Religion

PHIL 408 – Independent Study, Ancient Ethics (summer, 2016)

PHIL 408 – Independent Study, Philosophy of Mathematics (spring, 2015)

PHIL 313 – Time (spring & fall, 2019)

PHIL 236 – Self-I as Mind (most semesters, online & in-person)

PHIL 234 – A Survey of Ancient Greek Philosophy (biannually)

PHIL 205 – Metaphysics (biannually)

PHIL 208 – Great Philosophers, Plato's *Theaetetus* (fall, 2018)

PHIL 207 – Happiness, Friendship, & the Good Life, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (spring, 2016)

PHIL 140 – The Examined Life (most semesters)

PHIL 120 – Critical Thinking (spring & fall, 2015)

PHIL 101 – Persons & Problems (most semester from 2013–2017)

Honors Program

HON 360 – Upper Level Seminar, Greek Philosophy, study abroad in Greece (spring, 2019 & 2020)

HON 202 – Culture, Ideas, & Values IV, the Philosophy of Time (fall, 2016)

2010–2013 CORNELL UNIVERSITY

WRITING SEMINAR – Aristotle's *Physics*

WRITING SEMINAR – Generation & Destruction (3 semesters)

WRITING SEMINAR – Time

Other Experience

2010–2013 **Graduate Resident Fellow**, Alice Cook House, Cornell University

A GRF lives in a Residential Hall and supports the House Professor-Dean, Assistant Dean, and House Fellows in creating a positive, vibrant and academically engaging residential community; serves as mentor and role model to undergraduate residents; and serves in a leadership role for academic enrichment by promoting a variety of programs and activities.

Service

NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

- 2018-present SENATOR, University Senate
- 2014-2018 ALTERNATE SENATOR, University Senate
- 2018-present MEMBER, Middle States Accreditation Self-Study Group, Ethics and Integrity Standard
- 2017-present MEMBER, University Honors Program Committee
- 2016 MEMBER, SGO Global Citizens Scholarship Application Review Committee
- 2016-present ORGANIZER, Ethics Workshops, Interdisciplinary Colloquia
- 2016 MEMBER, African and African American Studies Program Search Committee
- 2015 ORGANIZER, Adventures in Philosophy, Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
- 2014-present CHAIR, Philosophy & Religion Department Curriculum Committee
- 2014-2016 MEMBER, College of Arts and Science Honors Program Committee

PROFESSION

- 2017-present REFEREE, *APEIRON*, *EPOCHÉ*,

OTHER

- 2009-2010 MEMBER, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Cornell University
- 2007-2010 CO-ORGANIZER, Cornell Graduate Speaker Series
- 2006-2007 REPRESENTATIVE, Graduate Student Association, Cornell University
- 2005, 2004 REFEREE, Oxford University Graduate Conference

Awards

- 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success.
- 2016 Separately Budgeted Research Grant, NJCU
- 2015 Mini-Grant, NJCU
- 2011 Pedagogy Group Grant, The Knight Institute, Cornell University.
- 2009/2006 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.
- 2009 Humanities Dissertation Group Grant, Cornell University.
- 2007 Tuition Scholarship, CUNY, Summer Latin/Greek Institute.
- 2005 The Hugh Pilkington Scholarship, Christ Church, Oxford University.
- 2005 Prendergast Bequest, Oxford University.
- 2004 Tuition Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, Oxford University
- 2004 AHRC Research Preparation Master's Scheme, U.K. National Award.
- 2004 Wray Prize (dissertation prize, shared), Trinity College, Dublin.
- 2003 1st Class Book Award, Trinity College, Dublin.
- 2002 John Henry Bernard Prize, Trinity College, Dublin.

Languages

Classical Greek (advanced reading)

Latin (basic reading)