

TAYLOR PINCIN

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Area of Specialization Ancient Greek Philosophy
Areas of Competence History of Philosophy, Non-Western Philosophy, Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

2025- **Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor, University of Cincinnati**
Present Department of Philosophy

2024/25 **Postdoctoral Research Scholar and Lecturer, Columbia University**
Initiative in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy

2023/24 **Initially Predoctoral, then Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Columbia University**
Initiative in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy

EDUCATION

2023 **PhD University of Texas, Austin**
Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy

Dissertation: *Priority and Explanation in Aristotle's Metaphysics*
Committee: R.J. Hankinson (chair), Anna Marmodoro (external),
Rob Koons, Matthew Evans

2016 **MSt in Ancient Philosophy, Oxford University**

Thesis: *The Receptacle in Plato's Timaeus and Surrounding Metaphysical Issues*
Advisor: Anna Marmodoro

2014 **B.A. in Integrative Biology and Classical Civilizations, University of California, Berkeley**

Thesis: *Fifth Century Atomism and the Eleatic Challenge*
Advisors: Timothy Clarke, Anthony A. Long, Giovanni Ferrari

RESEARCH

Publications

(forthcoming, 2027) "Change without a Continuant: Elemental Transformation in Aristotle," in Güremen, R. & Zilioli, U. (eds.), *Indeterminacy in Ancient Philosophy*, Bloomsbury.

(2026) Book Review: Tyler Huismann. Aristotle on Accidental Causation. Cambridge University Press, 2024. Pp. 276. Hardback, \$120.00. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 64, no. 4, 663–80

In Progress: books

The Heraclitean Challenge: Matter in Plato and Aristotle

Abstract: Ancient philosophers are intensely interested in opposite properties such as cold and hot, small and large, wet and dry. An account of change must tell us how, for example, something cools grows warm, or something wet dries. Does this involve, for example, that something is both hot and cold? Much recent work asks how Plato and Aristotle respond to an Eleatic challenge: does change entail that something is somehow also its opposite? This line of research, I argue, reveals only one side of the story. The other side comes to light when we ask how Plato and Aristotle respond to a Heraclitean challenge: is there “something” that cools off, something that underlies the change, or do opposites directly change into each other, as Heraclitus seems to propose? My book argues that attention to the Heraclitean challenge illuminates fundamental questions about the notion of matter in Plato and Aristotle.

In Progress: papers (titles altered for blind review)

R&R “The Material Aspects of the Receptacle in the *Timaeus*,” *DIALOGOI: Ancient Philosophy Today*

R&R: “Analyzing Oneness in *Metaphysics* 10.1-2,” *Apeiron*

“Priority in *Metaphysics* 9.8” (under review)

“Priority and Causality in Aristotle” (draft)

“Unity and Plurality in Aristotle’s Four Causes” (draft)

TALKS

“Unity and Plurality in Aristotle’s Four Causes”
Classics Department, University of Cincinnati, October 2025

“The Unity of Form, the Unity of Definition, and *Metaphysics* Iota” (invited)
Workshop on *Metaphysics* Iota, University of Toronto, October 2025

“The Metaphysics of the Receptacle in Plato’s *Timaeus*”
Spatial Notions in Antiquity, Bochum, June 2025

“The Unity of the Science of First Causes and Principles”

Harvard-Columbia Philosophy Workshop II, March 2025

“Two Kinds of Priority in Aristotle” (invited)
Applications of Grounding, University of Fribourg, August 2024

“Aristotle’s Definition of ‘the One’: Name and Nature”
Harvard-Columbia Ancient Philosophy Workshop, April 2024
London Ancient Science Conference, University College London, April 2024

“Indivisibility and Fundamentality of Aristotelian Form” (invited)
Method, Theory, and Reality Workshop, December 2023

“How Aristotelian Form can be Simple and Complex” (invited)
Columbia University, August 2023

“The Eternal Things of *Metaphysics* 9.8”
The 46th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin, March 2023
London Ancient Science Conference, University College London, February 2023

“The Relation(s) of Sameness and Difference in *Metaphysics* 7.6” (invited)
Metaphysics of Relations Summer School, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, June 2022

“The Interplay of Priority in Being and Priority in Account” (invited)
Philosophizing with the Greats, University of Oxford, March 2022

COMMENTS

Lea Cantor: “Speaking of the One: Zhuangzi’s Speech Argument Against Monism”
Columbia Comparative Philosophy Workshop, February 2025

Christian Pfeiffer: “Hylomorphic Composites are Defined like the Snub”
End of Summer Workshop, Columbia University, August 2024

Marko Malink: “Categories in *Topics* 1.9”
Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Columbia University, November 2023

Sean Driscoll: “Hippias and Socratic Heterodoxy”
45th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, April 2022

Emily Kress: “Aristotle on the process(es) of spontaneous generation”
41st Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Florida Gainesville, February 2018

Ricardo Salles: “The early Stoic proofs of the intelligence of the cosmos: how Platonic are they?”
UT/UNAM Conference, Mexico City, October 2017

TEACHING

As Instructor of Record

Graduate Level

(upcoming) Plato on Cause and Explanation, Spring 2027, University of Cincinnati

Aristotle’s Causal Framework, Spring 2026, University of Cincinnati

Contributor to team-taught Ancient Philosophy *Summer School on Definition, Essence, and Explanation* (organized by Béatrice Lienemann, lead instructors Pieter Sjord Hasper and Katja Vogt), Summer 2024, University of Fribourg

Undergraduate Level

Philosophies Around the World, Fall 2026, University of Cincinnati

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2025, University of Cincinnati

Methods and Problems in Philosophy, Spring 2025, Columbia University

History of Philosophy I: Presocratics to Augustine, Fall 2024, Columbia University

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, UT Austin

Ancient Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle, Spring 2022, UT Austin

Introduction to Political Philosophy, Spring 2021, UT Austin

As Teaching Assistant

Environmental Ethics, Sahotra Sarkar, UT Austin, Fall 2021

Problems of Knowledge and Valuation (University-wide Honors Program Introduction to Philosophy), UT Austin:

Fall 2020, Matt Evans: Contemporary introduction to Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, and Epistemology

Spring 2019, Paul Woodruff: Historical Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology: Plato, St. Anselm, Hume, Descartes, Buddhist philosophy (Siderits)

Fall 2018, Paul Woodruff: Historical Introduction to Ethics: Mill, Kant, Plato, Aristotle, Confucius, Mozi

Other Teaching Experience

Syllabus Development, Columbia University: Contributions to a new undergraduate class on Life, Meaning, and Death, co-taught between the Medical School and the College, Spring 2024

Pedagogical Training

Inclusive Classrooms, UT Austin, Summer 2022

Teaching Development Seminar, Michael Tye, UT Austin, Fall 2019

AWARDS

Lodge Award, Columbia University, 2024, \$1200

Professional Development Award, UT Austin Department of Philosophy, 2023, \$500

Summer Workshop Award, UT Austin, Summer 2022, \$1800

Professional Development Award, UT Austin Department of Philosophy, 2022, \$500

Travel Award, University of Florida, 2018, \$300

Professional Development Award, UT Austin Department of Philosophy, 2017, \$500

SERVICE

End-of-Summer Workshop organizer, Cincinnati, August 2026

Harvard-Columbia Early Philosophy Workshop organizer, Columbia, April 2025

Referee, *Journal for the History of Philosophy of Science*

Early Greek Philosophy Debate Series moderator, Columbia, Spring 2025

Harvard-Columbia Ancient Philosophy Workshop co-organizer, Columbia, April 2024

Referee, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*

Ancient Philosophy Workshop Organizer, UT Austin, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

COMPASS Workshop Mentor, UT Austin, Spring 2019

Graduate Conference Organizer, UT Austin, Fall 2017- Spring 2018

COMPASS Workshop Co-founder and co-organizer, UT Austin, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Departmental Colloquia Committee Member, UT Austin, Spring 2017-Spring 2018

Corrupt the Youth Instructor, UT Austin, Spring 2017

LANGUAGES

English, Ancient Greek (reading)

REFERENCES

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