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Current Position

Professor of Late Ancient and Arabic Philosophy at the LMU in Munich. Co-director of the Munich School of Ancient Philosophy, with Prof Christof Rapp and Prof Oliver Primavesi.

Additional fractional post as Professor of Philosophy at King's College London.

Areas of Specialization

Ancient philosophy, Medieval philosophy including philosophy in the Islamic world.

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Indian Philosophy, Africana Philosophy.

Education and Previous Positions held

1990-1994	BA Williams College (<i>summa cum laude</i>)
1994-1996	MA in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
1996-2000	PhD in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
2000-2006	Lecturer in Philosophy, King's College London
2006-2009	Reader in Philosophy, King's College London
2009-2013	Professor of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, King's College London

Publications: Books (as author or co-author)

Don't Think for Yourself: Authority and Belief in Medieval Philosophy (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2022).

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Byzantine and Renaissance Philosophy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).

Al-Rāzī (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).

[with J. Ganeri] *A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Classical Indian Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Medieval Philosophy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Philosophy in the Islamic World (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). [A translation has appeared in Swedish.]

Philosophy in the Islamic World: a Very Short Introduction (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015). [A translation has appeared in Persian.]

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Philosophy in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

Studies in Early Arabic Philosophy (Aldershot: Variorum, 2015).

Studies on Plotinus and al-Kindī (Aldershot: Variorum, 2014).

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Classical Philosophy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014). [Translations have appeared in Korean and Persian.]

[with P.E. Pormann] *The Philosophical Works of al-Kindī* (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Al-Kindī (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

The Arabic Plotinus: a Philosophical Study of the "Theology of Aristotle" (London: Duckworth, 2002). Reprinted by Gorgias Press, 2017.

Publications: Books (as editor or co-editor)

[with C. Rapp] *State and Nature – Studies in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2021).

Philosophy and Jurisprudence in the Islamic World (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2019).

Health: a History, for the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).

[with M. Di Giovanni] *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

[with G.F. Edwards] *Animals: a History*, for the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

[with P.E. Pormann] *Philosophy and Medicine in the Formative Period of Islam* (London: Warburg Institute, 2017).

[with U. Rudolph and R. Hansberger] *Philosophy in the Islamic World: 8th-10th Century* (Leiden: Brill, 2016). [English translation of *Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie, Philosophie in der islamischen Welt 1: 8.-10. Jahrhundert.*]

[with R. Hansberger and J. Wilberding] *Philosophical Themes in Galen* (London: Institute of Classical Studies, 2014).

Interpreting Avicenna: Critical Essays (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013). [A translation has appeared in Persian.]

Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies 55.1 (2012), a special issue of the journal in honor of R.W. Sharples.

In the Age of Averroes: Arabic Philosophy in the Sixth/Twelfth Century (Warburg Institute Colloquia 16) (London: Warburg Institute, 2011).

Classical Arabic Philosophy: Sources and Reception (Warburg Institute Colloquia 11) (London: Warburg Institute, 2007).

[with R.C. Taylor] *The Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005). [Translations have appeared in Turkish and Polish.]

Emma Gannagé: Alexander of Aphrodisias, *On Aristotle On Generation and Corruption* (fragments preserved in Arabic) (London: Duckworth, 2005).

[with H. Baltussen and M.W.F. Stone] *Philosophy, Science and Exegesis in Greek, Arabic and Latin Commentaries*, in honor of Richard Sorabji, in 2 vols (Supplement to the Bulletin of the Institute Of Classical Studies 83.1-2) (London: ICS, 2004).

Publications: Books in Progress (as author or co-author)

A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Philosophy in the Reformation (Oxford University Press, submission expected 2025).

[with C. Jeffers] *A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Africana Philosophy in the Twentieth Century* (Oxford University Press, submission expected 2024).

[with C. Jeffers] *A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Africana Philosophy from Ancient Egypt to the Nineteenth Century* (Oxford University Press, submission expected 2023).

Ibn Sīnā (Avicenna): a Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, accepted for publication October 2022).

Publications: Articles in Progress

[with H. Amin Beidokhti] “Animals in al-Sijistānī’s *Kashf al-Mahjūb*”

[with P. Hullmeine] “Al-Bīrūnī on Greek and Indian Philosophy: Divine Action and Reincarnation”

[with T. Brennan] “The Bitter Pill: Lady Philosophy as Healer in Boethius’ *Consolation*”

[with S. Maghsoudlou] “‘They Have Not Smelled the Perfume of Existence’: Real Essences (a’yān tābīta) in Post-Avicennan Philosophical Sufism,” for R. Hajatpour and G. Tamer (eds), *Philosophy and Mysticism in the Islamic World* (de Gruyter).

Publications: Articles Submitted for Review

[with B. Somma] “Animal Ethics as Virtue Ethics in Philosophy of the Islamic World,” for F. Bouhafa (ed.), *The Conceptual Ground of Good and Evil in Islamic Discourse*.

[with S. Pessin] “Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” for T. Goldschmidt and D. Rynhold (eds), *The Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy* (Routledge).

“Why Teach Alcibiades? Iamblichus on Pointless Providence,” for J. Dillon and V. Tsouna (eds), *New Essays in the Platonic Tradition* (Brill).

“Refinement of Character,” in J. Mattilla (ed.), the *Routledge Handbook of Islamic Ethics* (Routledge).

“Philosophy and Science in the Islamic World and Latin Christendom,” in L. Taub and R. Gouling (eds), *The Bloomsbury History and Philosophy of Science: vol.1, Ancient and Medieval*.

Publications: Articles Accepted for Publication

“Ibn Khaldūn’s Method of History and Aristotelian Natural Philosophy,” in *Journal for the History of Philosophy*.

“The Place of Ethiopian Philosophy in the History of Philosophy,” in L. Cantor, J. Egid, and F. Merawi (eds), *In Search of Zera Yacob* (de Gruyter).

“A False Start? The Two Beginnings of Ibn Ṭufayl’s *Hayy ibn Yaḡzān*,” in *Philosophy in the Lands of Islam and Its Influence* (Catholic University Press).

“Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Animal Intelligence,” in R. Seidel et al. (eds), *Mobilität des Denkens/Mobility of Thought* (Brill).

“Miskawayh’s Ethics,” in M. Shah (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Ethics* (Oxford University Press).

“The Reception of Plato on Women: Proclus, Averroes, Marinella,” in K. O’Reilly and C. Pello (eds), *Ancient Women Philosophers* (Cambridge University Press).

“Natural, Artificial, and Organic Forms in Avicenna,” in D. Charles (ed.), *The History of Hylomorphism* (Oxford University Press).

[with G. Galluzzo] “Being as Existence,” in N. Germann and P. Porro (eds), *On What There Was: Being* (Brepols).

“From al-Rāzī to al-Rāzī: Platonist Views of Time and Place in the Islamic World,” in A. Robert and C. Trifogli (eds), *On What There Was: Time and Space* (Brepols).

Publications: Articles in Refereed Journals

[with B. Somma] “Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Animal Cognition and Immortality,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*. Online first publication: doi.org/10.1515/agph-2021-0171

“Miskawayh on Animals,” *Recherches de théologie et philosophie médiévales* 89 (2022), 1-24.

[with M.S. Noble] “Intuition in the Avicennan Tradition,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (published online 2022); DOI 10.1080/09608788.2022.2065662

“From Known to Knower: Affinity Arguments for the Mind’s Incorporeality in the Islamic World,” *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Mind* 1 (2021), 373-96.

“Received Wisdom: the Use of Authority in Medieval Islamic Philosophy,” *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 89 (2021), 99-115.

“Yaḡyā Ibn ‘Adī vs. al-Kindī on the Trinity,” *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 72 (2020), 241-71.

“Memory from Plato to Damascius,” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* supplementary volume 93 (2019), 161-84.

- “*Interroga virtutes naturales: Nature in Giles of Rome’s On Ecclesiastical Power,*” *Vivarium* 57 (2019), 22-50.
- “The Simplicity of Self-Knowledge After Avicenna,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 28 (2018), 257-77.
- [with F. Benevich] “The Thought Experimental Method: Avicenna’s Flying Man Argument,” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 4 (2018), 1-18.
- “Dialectical Method in Alexander of Aphrodisias’ Treatises on Fate and Providence,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 53 (2018), 279-308.
- “Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Place,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 27 (2017), 205-236.
- [with R. Wisnovsky] “Ibn ‘Adī on a *Kalām* Argument for Creation,” *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 5 (2017), 213-239.
- “Neoplatonism: the Last Ten Years,” *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 9 (2015), 205-220.
- “Miskawayh on Pleasure,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 25 (2015), 199-223.
- [with R. Wisnovsky] “Yaḥyā Ibn ‘Adī on the Location of God,” *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 1 (2013), 205-228.
- “Abū Bakr al-Rāzī on Animals,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 94 (2012), 249-73.
- [with P.E. Pormann] “More than Heat and Light: Miskawayh’s Epistle on Soul and Intellect,” *Muslim World* 102 (2012), 478-524.
- “Making a Virtue of Necessity: *Anangkê* in Plato, Plotinus and Proclus,” *Études platoniciennes* 8 (2011), 9-30.
- “Yaḥyā Ibn ‘Adī and Averroes on *Metaphysics* Alpha Elatton,” *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale* 21 (2010), 343-74.
- “Plotinus on Astrology,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 35 (2008), 265-291.
- “Knowledge of Universals and Particulars in the Baghdad School,” *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale* 18 (2007), 141-164.
- “Vision, Light and Color in al-Kindī, Ptolemy and the Ancient Commentators,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 16 (2006), 207-236.
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- “On Knowledge of Particulars,” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 105 (2005), 273-294.

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“Before Essence and Existence: Al-Kindī’s Conception of Being,” *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 40 (2002), 297-312.

“Aristotelianism and the Soul in the Arabic Plotinus,” *The Journal of the History of Ideas* 62 (2001), 211-232.

“Two Early Arabic Doxographies on the Soul: al-Kindī and the ‘Theology of Aristotle,’” *The Modern Schoolman* 77 (2000), 105-125.

Publications: Articles in Books

“Averroes’ *Decisive Treatise (Faṣl al-maqāl)* and *Exposition (Kashf)* as Dialectical Works,” in K. Krause, L.X. López Farjeat, and N. Oschman (eds), *Contextualizing Premodern Philosophy: Explorations of the Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, and Latin Traditions* (Taylor and Francis, 2023), 326-40.

“Philosophical Translations,” in S. Brentjes (ed.), *Routledge Handbook on the Sciences in Islamicate Societies: Practices from the 2nd/8th to the 13th/19th Centuries* (London: Routledge, 2023), 32-5.

“Macrina’s Method: Reason and Reasoning in Gregory of Nyssa’s *On Soul and Resurrection*,” in J. Schultz and J. Wilberding (eds), *Women and the Female in Neoplatonism* (Leiden: Brill, 2022), 255-75.

“Philosophy Podcasting,” in L. McIntyre, N. McHugh, and I. Olasov (eds), *A Companion to Public Philosophy* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2022), 259-65.

“The Philosophical Background,” in U. Rudolph (ed.), *Abū Naṣr al-Fārābī: Die Prinzipien der Ansichten der Bewohner der vortrefflichen Staat* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022), 161-74.

“The Modern Popularization of Medieval Philosophy,” in S. Harvey, M. Abram, and L. Mühlenthaler (eds), *The Popularization of Philosophy in Medieval Islam, Judaism, and Christianity* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2022), 411-17.

“Preface,” in D. Righi (ed.), *Qusṭā ibn Lūqā: Epistola sulla differenza tra lo spirito e l’anima* (Bologna: Gruppo di Ricerca Arabo-Cristiana, 2021).

“‘The Universe is an Animal’: World-Soul in Medieval Philosophy,” in J. Wilberding (ed.), *World Soul: a History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), 73-99. [A German version has appeared as “Das Universum ist ein Lebewesen: die Weltseele in der mittelalterlichen Philosophie,” in F. Bezner and B. Kellner (eds), *Alanus ab Insulis und das europäische Mittelalter* (Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink, 2021).]

“Against Nature: Two Critiques of Naturalism from the Islamic World,” in *State and Nature: Essays on Ancient Political Philosophy* (see above), 343-63.

“Plotinus Arabus and Proclus Arabus in the *Harmony of the Two Philosophers* Ascribed to al-Fārābī,” in D. Calma (ed.), *Reading Proclus and the Book of Causes*, vol.2 (Leiden: Brill, 2021), 184-99.

“Why is Aspasia a Woman? Reflections on Plato’s *Menexenus*,” in A. Höfele and B. Kellner (eds), *Natur - Geschlecht - Politik. Denkmuster und Repräsentationsformen vom Alten Testament bis in die Neuzeit* (Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink, 2020), 69-79.

[with A. Lammer] “Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s Platonist Account of the Essence of Time,” in A. Shihadeh and J. Thiele (eds), *Philosophical Theology in Islam: The Later Ash‘arī Tradition* (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 95-122.

“Al-Kindī” and “Al-Rāzī,” in *Noétique et théorie de la connaissance dans la philosophie arabo-musulmane des IXe-XVIIe siècle*, ed. D. De Smet and M. Sebti (Paris: Vrin, 2019), 75-108.

“Averroes on God’s Causality,” in *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays* (see above), 198-217.

“Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Void,” in A. Al Ghouz (eds), *Islamic Philosophy from the 12th to the 14th Century* (Bonn: Bonn University Press, 2018), 307-324.

“The Existence of Time in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s *Maṭālib al-‘āliya*,” in *The Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Reception of Avicenna’s Physics and Cosmology*, ed. D.N. Hasse and A. Bertolacci (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2018), 65-99.

“Health in Arabic Ethical Works,” in *Health: a History* (see above), 103-135. German version (translated by Peter Tarras) in I. Nassery and J. Schmidt (eds), *Moralische Vortrefflichkeit in der pluralen Gesellschaft. Tugendethik aus philosophischer, christlicher und muslimischer Perspektive* (Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2016), 65-90.

[with H.H. Biesterfeldt] “The Consolations of Philosophy: Abū Zayd al-Balḥī and Abū Bakr al-Rāzī on Sorrow and Anger,” in *Philosophy and Medicine in the Formative Period of Islam* (see above), 190-205.

“Human and Animal Nature in the Philosophy of the Islamic World,” in *Animals: a History* (see above), 90-113.

“‘Present without Being Present’: Plotinus on Plato’s *Daimon*,” in *Rereading Ancient Philosophy: Old Chestnuts and Sacred Cows*, ed. V. Harte and R. Woolf (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), 257-75.

“Medicine and Philosophy,” in P.E. Pormann (ed.), *1001 Cures: Contributions in Medicine and Healthcare from Muslim Civilization* (Manchester: Foundation for Science Technology and Civilization, 2017), 166-73.

[with F. Karfik] “Proclus’ Legacy,” in *All From One: a Guide to Proclus*, ed. P. d’Hoine and M. Martijn (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 290-321.

“Abū Bakr al-Rāzī (d. 925), *The Spiritual Medicine*,” in K. El-Rouayheb and S. Schmitdke (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 63-82.

“Philosophical Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook to Islamic Theology*, ed. S. Schmitdke (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 297-312.

“Eternity in Medieval Philosophy,” in *Eternity: a History*, ed. Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 75-116.

“State of Nature: Human and Cosmic Rulership in Ancient Philosophy,” in B. Kellner and A. Höfele (eds), *Menschennatur und politische Ordnung* (Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink, 2015), 79-94.

“The Ethical Treatment of Animals,” in R.C. Taylor and L.X. López-Farjeat (eds), *Routledge Companion to Islamic Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2015), 371-82.

[with A. Key] “Philosophy of Language in the Medieval Arabic Tradition,” in M. Cameron and R. Stainton (eds), *Linguistic Meaning: New Essays in the History of the Philosophy of Language*, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 74-99.

“Freedom, Providence and Fate,” in P. Remes and S. Slaveva-Griffin (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Neoplatonism* (London: Routledge, 2014), 437-52.

“Al-Kindī und die frühe Rezeption der griechischen Philosophie” and “Abū Bakr Al-Rāzī,” in H. Eichner and M. Perkams (eds), *Handbuch der islamischen Philosophie* (Darmstadt: WBG, 2013), 143-61 and 199-217. [In German; the chapter on al-Kindī is a translated revision of my chapter from the *Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy*.]

“Galen on Void,” in *Philosophical Themes in Galen* (see above), 197-211.

“The Arabic Reception of Greek Philosophy,” in *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, ed. F. Sheffield and J. Warren (London: Routledge, 2013), 672-88.

“One of a Kind: Unique Instantiation in Plotinus and Porphyry,” in *Universals in Ancient Philosophy*, ed. R. Chiaradonna and G. Galluzzo (Pisa: Edizioni della Scuola Normale, 2013), 329-51.

“From the Necessary Existent to God,” in *Interpreting Avicenna* (see above), 170-89.

“Arabic Ethics and the Limits of Philosophical Consolation,” in *Greek and Roman Consolations: Eight Studies of a Tradition and its Afterlife*, ed. H. Baltussen (Swansea: Classical Press of Wales, 2013), 177-96.

[with G. Endress] “Al-Kindī,” in *Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie. Philosophie in der islamischen Welt, Bd.1: 8.-10. Jahrhundert*, ed. U. Rudolph (Basel: Schwabe, 2012), 92-147.

“Galen and Abū Bakr al-Rāzī on Time,” in *Medieval Arabic Thought: Essays in Honour of Fritz Zimmermann*, ed. R. Hansberger and C. Burnett (London: Warburg Institute, 2012), 1-14.

“Aristotle in the Arabic Commentary Tradition,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Aristotle*, ed. C. Shields (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 645-64.

“Arabic Philosophy and Theology Before Avicenna,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy*, ed. J. Marenbon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 58-82.

“The Last Philosophers of Late Antiquity in the Arabic Tradition,” in *Entre Orient et Occident: la philosophie et la science gréco-romaines*, ed. U. Rudolph and R. Goulet (Entretiens sur l’Antiquité classique, vol. LVII) (Vandoeuvres: Fondation Hardt, 2011), 1-43. Reprinted in R. Sorabji (ed.), *Aristotle Re-Interpreted: New Findings on Seven Hundred Years of the Ancient Commentators* (London: Bloomsbury, 2016), 453-76.

“Avicenna and his Commentators on Self-Intellective Substances,” in D.N. Hasse and A. Bertolacci (eds), *The Arabic, Hebrew and Latin Reception of Avicenna’s Metaphysics* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011), 97-122.

“*Posterior Analytics* II.19: a Dialogue with Plato?” in *Aristotle and the Stoics Reading Plato*, ed. V. Harte, MM McCabe, R.W. Sharples and A. Sheppard (London: Institute of Classical Studies, 2010), 1-19.

“The Arabic Tradition,” in *The Routledge Companion to Ethics*, ed. J. Skorupski (London: Routledge, 2010), 63-75.

“Freedom and Determinism,” in *The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*, ed. R. Pasnau, 2 vols (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), vol. 1, 399-413.

[with P.E. Pormann] “Aristotle’s *Categories* and the Soul: an Annotated Translation of al-Kindī’s *That There Are Separate Substances*,” in J.M. Dillon and M. Elkaisy-Friemuth (eds), *The Afterlife of the Platonic Soul. Reflections of Platonic Psychology in the Monotheistic Religions* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), 95-106.

“Platonic Pleasures in Epicurus and al-Rāzī,” in *In the Age of al-Farabi* (see above), 71-94.

“*Porphyrius Arabus* on Nature and Art: 463F Smith in Context,” in G. Karamanolis and A. Sheppard (eds), *Studies on Porphyry* (London: Institute of Classical Studies, 2007), 141-163.

“Miskawayh’s Psychology,” in *Classical Arabic Philosophy: Sources and Reception* (see above), 39-54.

“The Arabic Socrates: the Place of al-Kindī’s Report in the Tradition,” in M. Trapp (ed.), *Socrates from Antiquity to the Enlightenment* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007), 161-78.

“The Kindian Tradition: the Structure of Philosophy in Arabic Neoplatonism,” in C. D’Ancona (ed.), *Libraries of the Neoplatonists* (*Philosophia Antiqua* 107) (Leiden: Brill, 2007), 351-70.

“Immanence and Transcendence: Intellect and Forms in al-Kindī and the *Liber de Causis*,” in S. Gersh and D. Moran (eds), *Eriugena, Berkeley, and the Idealist Tradition* (South Bend IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006), 187-201.

“Al-Kindī and the Reception of Greek Philosophy,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy* (see above), 32-51.

“A Note on Freedom in the Circle of al-Kindī,” in J.E. Montgomery (ed.), *‘Abbasid Studies* (Leuven: Peeters, 2004), 199-207.

“Non-Discursive Thought in Avicenna’s Commentary on the *Theology of Aristotle*,” in J. McGinnis (ed.), *Interpreting Avicenna: Science and Philosophy in Medieval Islam* (Leiden: Brill, 2004), 87-111.

“Correcting Plotinus: Soul’s Relationship to Body in Avicenna’s Commentary on the *Theology of Aristotle*,” in P. Adamson, H. Baltussen and M.W.F. Stone (eds), *Philosophy, Science and Exegesis in Greek, Arabic and Latin Commentaries* (see above), vol. 2, 59-75.

“Forms of Knowledge in the Arabic Plotinus,” in J. Inglis (ed.), *Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition in Islam, Judaism and Christianity* (London: Curzon-Routledge, 2002).

Awards, Grants, Signs of Distinction

2024-25: Invited as the Dwight H. Terry Lecturer at Yale University.

2023-2025: Lead investigator of the DFG funded project “The Philosophy of the Baghdad School” (€616132)

2022: Gilson Lecture at the University of Toronto.

2022: Senior Global Fellow at the University of St Andrews.

2021: Elected as member of executive committee (Vorstand) of the DGPhil (German Society for Philosophy).

2021: Named by Prospect Magazine as one of “The World’s Top 50 Thinkers 2021.”

2021: Hallie Lecture at Wesleyan University.

2020: Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling-Preis 2020, for research in the area of Multiculturalism in Historical Perspective (€25,000).

2020: Keynote speaker at the Dies Quodlibetalis of the German Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, University of Jena.

2020: Carlyle Lectures at Oxford University.

2014, 2017, 2020, 2021: Preis für gute Lehre (teaching award), as voted by the Philosophy students at the LMU.

2019: Conway Lectures at the University of Notre Dame.

2019: Gunning Lectures at Edinburgh University.

2019: Academy of Science of South Africa Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Witwatersrand.

2018: ERC Advanced Grant, “Animals in Philosophy of the Islamic World” (€2,343,661).

2018: Hanna Lectures at Hamline University, St Paul Minnesota.

2017: Distinguished Lecturer for the Anniversary of the Collaborative Programme in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Toronto.

2017: Distinguished Scholar in Residence at NYU Abu Dhabi.

2017: Workshop grant for “Jurisprudence and Philosophy in the Islamic World” from the Thyssen Stiftung (€9000).

2016-23: Lead investigator of the DFG funded project “Heirs of Avicenna: Philosophy in the Islamic East from the 12th to the 13th Century” (€526274 for three years initial funding, plus €571940 for three year extension)

2015: Stephen MacKenna Lecture at Trinity College Dublin.

2014: Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Award for Translation (with Peter Pormann, awarded for *The Philosophical Works of al-Kindī*, \$100,000)

2014: Mary Olive Woods Lecture at Western Illinois University.

2013-2019: Teilprojektleiter (with Christof Rapp) in DFG funded Research Group, “Natur in Politischen Ordnungsentwürfen” (€449650)

2010: King’s College Teaching Fund (£5760), to support podcast

2010-2013: Leverhulme Project Grant (£250000), “Natural Philosophy in the Islamic World.”

2009: Fellowship with the School of Advanced Study in London (£7000 grant to cover one semester of research leave).

2008: Teaching Excellence Award (£500) from King’s College London. I was nominated for the award two additional times, most recently in 2011. That year I was also nominated for an award in excellence in the supervision of research students.

2003: Philip Leverhulme Prize (£50000): awarded for “outstanding research achievements of young scholars of distinction and promise based in UK institutions.”

Publications: Encyclopedia entries etc.

“Plotin in arabischer Übersetzung,” in *Plotin Handbuch*, ed. C. Tornau.

“Theology of Aristotle,” “al-Kindi,” “Abu Bakr al-Razi,” and with Fedor Benevich, “Fakhr al-Din al-Razi,” for the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

“Animals in Islamic Philosophy,” for *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* (2019).

“School of Alexandria: Philosophy” (co-authored with O. Overwien and G. Strohmaier), “Al-Kindi,” “Ethics in Philosophy,” “Existence,” “Neoplatonism,” and “Intellect,” in *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd edition.

Entries on al-Kindī, al-Rāzī, Ibn Rushd, and Ibn Ṭufayl, in the *Biographical Dictionary of Islamic Civilization and Culture*, ed. M. Shah (I.B. Tauris, forthcoming).

“Philosophical Accounts of Prophecy,” in *Muhammad in History, Thought and Culture*, ed. C. Fitzpatrick and A.H. Walker (ABC-CLIO, 2014).

“Al-Kindi,” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics* (Oxford UP, 2014).

“Al-Kindi,” “Al-Sarakhsi” and (co-authored with Cecilia Trifogli) “Time,” for the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy*, ed. H. Lagerlund (Springer, 2011).

“Al-Farabi,” for the *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (SAGE Publishers, 2010).

Media appearances and activities

I am the author and presenter of the “History of Philosophy” podcast, available at www.historyofphilosophy.net. The scripts are reworked as a series of monographs for

Oxford University Press, entitled *A History of Philosophy Without any Gaps* (see above). Total downloads to date: approximately 31 million.

I have appeared on BBC Radio 4's "In Our Time" seven times, to discuss Averroes, Avicenna, the Greek-Arabic Translation movement, al-Ghazālī, Maimonides, Heraclitus and Neoplatonism.

I have appeared on the Australia Broadcasting Corporation's "Philosopher's Zone" three times to discuss Plotinus, the Greek-Arabic translation movement, and Averroes.

I have appeared on the podcast "Philosophy Bites" three times, discussing Avicenna's proof for the existence of God, Avicenna's flying man argument, and Plotinus on evil.

I have appeared on numerous other podcasts including "Ancient Greece Declassified," "Elucidations," "History of Byzantium," "History of India," "New Books in Hindu Studies," "Panpsychast," "Partially Examined Life," and "Present Danger: a History of Free Speech."

I write the column "Philosophy Then" for the magazine *Philosophy Now* and have also written columns or been interviewed for *Aeon*, *Five Books*, *The New Humanist*, *What is it Like to Be a Philosopher?*, the Blog of the American Philosophical Association, and *The Philosophers' Magazine*.

For the Blog of the American Philosophical Association I have written "So You Want to Teach Some Islamic Philosophy?" and, with Liam Kofi Bright, "So You Want to Teach Some African Philosophy?" with suggestions for how philosophers can include topics from these traditions in their teaching.

Book Reviews

S. Ogden, *Averroes on Intellect: from Aristotelian Origins to Aquinas's Critique*, in *Philosophical Review*, forthcoming.

C. Muratori, *Renaissance Vegetarianism: the Philosophical Afterlives of Porphyry's On Abstinence*, in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, forthcoming.

K. Yamamoto and C. Burnett, *The Great Introduction to Astrology by Abū Ma'shar*, in *Journal for the History of Astronomy* 52 (2021), 237-49.

M. Sassi, *The Beginnings of Philosophy in Greece*, in the *New York Review of Books* (2019).

J. Baggini, *How the World Thinks*, and B. Van Norden, *Taking Back Philosophy*, in the *Times Literary Supplement* (2018).

A.H. Akhtar, *Philosophers, Sufis, and Caliphs: Politics and Authority from Cordoba to Cairo and Baghdad*, in *Journal of Arabic Literature* (2017).

D. Janos (ed.), *Ideas in Motion in Baghdad and Beyond: Philosophical and Theological Exchanges between Christians and Muslims in the Third/Ninth and Fourth/Tenth Centuries*, in *Intellectual History of the Islamic World* (2017).

A. Shihadeh, *Doubts on Avicenna: A Study and Edition of Sharaf al-Dīn al-Mas'ūdī's Commentary on the Ishārāt*, in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* (2016).

A. Alwishah and J. Hayes (eds), *Aristotle and the Arabic Tradition* in *Nazariyat: Journal for the*

History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences 2 (2016), 145-8.

D. Gutas, *Avicenna and the Aristotelian Tradition* (second edition), in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 78 (2015), 615-7.

M.E. Kalderon, *Form Without Matter: Empedocles and Aristotle on Colour Perception*, J. Marenbon, *Pagans and Philosophers*, and C. Fraenkel, *Teaching Plato in Palestine*, all in the *Times Literary Supplement* (2015-16).

J. Kaukua, *Self-Awareness in Islamic Philosophy: Avicenna and Beyond*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015).

S. Swain, *Economy, Family and Society from Rome to Islam: a Critical Edition, English Translation, and Study of Bryson's "Management of the Estate"*, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 26 (2015), 206-8.

M. Rustom, *The Triumph of Mercy: Philosophy and Scripture in Mullā Ṣadrā*, in *Zeitschrift der deutschen-morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 164 (2014), 833-5.

"Book Notes: Late Antiquity," *Phronesis* 59 (2014), 385-99.

"Book Notes: Late Antiquity," *Phronesis* 58 (2013), 401-18.

M.F. Burnyeat, *Explorations in Ancient and Modern Philosophy*, in *Classical Review* 64 (2013).

R.C. Taylor and I.A. Omar, *The Judeo-Christian-Islamic Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives*, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 24 (2013).

F. Opwis and D.C. Reisman (eds), *Islamic Philosophy, Science, Culture and Religion*, in *Ilahiyat Studies* (2012).

"Book Notes: Neoplatonism," *Phronesis* 57 (2012), 380-99.

C. Baffoni (ed. and trans.), *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity. On Logic*, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 22 (2011).

"Book Notes: Neoplatonism," *Phronesis* 56 (2011), 426-40.

D.B. Burrell, C. Cogliati, J.M. Soskice, and W.R. Stoeger (eds), *Creation and the God of Abraham*, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 22 (2011).

"Book Notes: Neoplatonism," *Phronesis* 55 (2010), 355-73.

S. Rizvi, *Mulla Sadra and Metaphysics*, in *Holy Land Studies* 8 (2009), 249-51.

"Book Notes: Neoplatonism," *Phronesis* 54 (2009), 423-39.

C. D'Ancona, *Libraries of the Neoplatonists*, in *Aestimatio* 6 (2009), 80-88.

R.M. Van den Berg, *Proclus' Commentary on the Cratylus in Context*, in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 3 (2009), 41-44.

P. Remes, *Neoplatonism*, at *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2009)

M. Campanini, *An Introduction to Islamic Philosophy*, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 19 (2008), 473-478.

“Book Notes: Neoplatonism,” *Phronesis* 53 (2008), 433-448.

J. Wilberding, *Plotinus’ Cosmology*, in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 2 (2008), 219-223.

M. Edwards, *Culture and Philosophy in the Age of Plotinus*, in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 2 (2008), 79-81.

“Book Notes: Neoplatonism,” *Phronesis* 52 (2007), 403-25.

“Book Notes: Neoplatonism,” *Phronesis* 51 (2006), 408-22.

L.E. Gerson, *Knowing Persons*, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 45 (2005), 138-40.

R. Wisnovsky, *Avicenna’s Metaphysics in Context*, in *Classical Review* 54 (2004), 354-6.

M. Ullmann, *Wörterbuch zu den griechisch-arabischen Übersetzungen des 9. Jahrhunderts*, in *Classical Review* 54 (2004), 252.

A.A. Long, *Epictetus: a Stoic and Socratic Guide to Life*, in *Mind* 112 (2003), 363-6.

R. Arnaldez, *Averroes: a Rationalist in Islam*, in *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 76 (2002), 807-808.

Administrative experience

At the LMU

- Studiendekan, Philosophy Department (2014-)
- Fakultätsrat (2013-)

At King’s College London

- Head of Department (2011-2012)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2007-11)
- Deputy Head of Department (2007-11)
- Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator (2004-7)
- Undergraduate Admissions (2002-4)
- Academic board (2003-2006)

Professional Activities

Member of the editorial board for the journals *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Aristotelica*, *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *HOPOS*, *Journal of Islamic Studies*, and *Mind*. I am an advisor for the following book series: *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle*, *Intellectual History of the Islamicate World* and *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy*. I am also an area editor on Islamic philosophy for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Referee for numerous journals, including *Arabica*, *American Historical Review*, *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Comparative Islamic Studies*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *Heythrop Journal*, *History of Political Thought*, *History of Science*, *Intellectual History of the Islamicate World*,

International Journal of the Platonic Tradition, Isis, Journal of Analytic Theology, Journal of Islamic Studies, Journal of Shia Studies, Metaphilosophy, Modern Theology, Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion, Phronesis, al-Qanṭara, Religions, Religious Studies, Speculum, and Theoria.

External manuscript or proposal reviewer for Brill; Oxford University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Cambridge University Press; Springer; Macmillan; Hackett.

Previously on the board of advisors at the Warburg Institute and the Institute of Classical Studies; named as an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Classical Studies in 2010-11.

Referee for numerous grant-awarding bodies including the European Research Council (ERC), German Research Foundation (DFG), European Science Foundation (ESF), Princeton School of Advanced Studies, Studienstiftung, and Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

Service on numerous tenure committees; external advisor on several professorial appointments in the USA and Germany.

PhD referee for theses at Bochum, Pisa, Cambridge, Oxford, the Warburg Institute, London Royal Holloway, SOAS, Paris Sorbonne, Exeter, Leuven, Lahore, and Jyväskylä in Finland. I also served for three years as an external examiner for the MSc in Ancient Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh.

Conferences Organized

Deutsche Orientalistentag

In Berlin, September 2022. Section leader for papers on Islamic philosophy.

Women Intellectuals in Antiquity

At Keble College Oxford, February 2020. Funded by TORCH and the British Society for the History of Philosophy, organized with Ursula Coope, Katharine O'Reilly, and Jenny Rallens.

Heirs of Avicenna: Annual Workshops

At LMU Munich, March 2017, March 2018, May 2019, June 2020. Funded by the DFG.

Philosophy in Byzantium: The Order of Nature and Order of Humankind

At LMU Munich, October 5-6 2017. Funded by the DFG, organized with J. Greig and D. Vasilakis.

Philosophy and Jurisprudence in the Islamic World

At LMU Munich, March 23-24, 2017. Funded by the Thyssen Stiftung.

Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Animals

Workshop at King's College London, March 6-7, 2015, organized with G.F. Edwards.

ESF exploratory workshop: Definitions of Paganism

At LMU Munich, Nov 27-9, 2014, organized with B. Van den Berg and J. Marenbon.

Philosophy and Medicine in the Islamic World

at the Warburg Institute, March 1-2, 2013, organized with P.E. Pormann.

Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Health

Workshop at King's College London, Feb 28, 2013.

The Peripatetic School Through Alexander of Aphrodisias

In honor of R.W. Sharples. At the School of Advanced Studies, London, March 19, 2010. Proceedings appeared as a special issue of *BICS* (see above).

In the Age of Averroes: Arabic Philosophy at the End of the Classical Period
At the Warburg Institute, February 2008. Proceedings appeared in 2011 (see above).

In the Age of al-Farabi: Arabic Thought in the 4th/10th Century
At the Institute of Classical Studies and the Warburg Institute, June 15-17, 2006. Proceedings appeared in 2008 (see above).

Classical Arabic Philosophy: Sources and Reception
At the Warburg Institute, April 29-30, 2004. Proceedings appeared in 2007 (see above).

Philosophy, Science and Exegesis in Greek, Arabic and Latin Commentaries
In honor of Richard Sorabji. At the Institute for Classical Studies, London. Organized together with Han Baltussen: June 2002. Proceedings appeared in 2004 (see above).

Selected Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations (last five years)

October 2021: Philip Hallie lecture at Wesleyan University [held online due to the pandemic].

September 2021: series of four lectures on philosophy of animals in the Islamic world, organized by for the journal *Tópicos*, based in Mexico City [held online due to the pandemic]

April 2021: “Finding Their Voices: Women in Byzantine and Latin Christian Philosophy,” keynote speaker for the *British Society of the History of Philosophy* annual conference [held online due to the pandemic].

October 2020: “Avicennan Scholasticism,” keynote speaker at the *Dies quodlibetalis* in Jena.

November 2019: “Das Selbst in der afrikanischen, indischen, und islamischen Philosophie,” in Würzburg.

July 2019: “Memory from Plato to Damascius,” in Durham.

November 2018: “World-Soul in Medieval Philosophy,” in Berlin.

November 2018: “Animals in Philosophy of the Islamic World,” in Leiden.

October 2018: “Why Historians of Philosophy Should Care About Astrology,” in London (Warburg Institute) and Regensburg.

September 2018: ““Macrina’s Method: Reason and Reasoning in Gregory of Nyssa’s *On Soul and Resurrection*,” in Bochum.

August 2018: “Memory from Plato to Damascius,” in Syracuse NY.

July 2018: “Women in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy,” in Darmstadt.

May 2018: “Against Nature: Two Critics of Naturalism in the Islamic World,” in Stockholm.

April 2018: “Neoplatonists on Evil,” in Munich.

March 2018: “Yaḥyā ibn ‘Adī vs. al-Kindī on the Trinity,” in Vienna.

December 2017: “Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s Physics” and “What the Historian of Philosophy Can Learn from Analytic Philosophy” at the School of Philosophy, IPM, Tehran.

September 2017: Keynote speaker at the German Congress of Philosophy in Berlin, on “Against Nature: Two Critics of Naturalism in the Islamic World.”

August 2017: “What the Historian of Philosophy Can Learn from Analytic Philosophy,” at the European Congress of Analytic Philosophy in Munich.

March 2017: “Damascius on Recollection,” in Leuven.

March 2017: “Was Islamic Theology a Kind of Philosophy?” in London.

March 2017: “Fakhr al-Din al-Razi’s Physics,” in Cambridge.

February 2017: “Women in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy,” at the United Arab Emirates University.

Languages

Fluent: German.

Reading proficiency: Arabic, Ancient Greek, Latin, Italian, Persian, French, Spanish.

Teaching Experience

2012-present, LMU München

- BA, mostly taught in German: Neoplatonism, Arabic Philosophy, Introduction to Ancient Philosophy, Jewish Philosophy, Epistemology in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Women Philosophers in Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Animals in the History of Philosophy, The Self in Classical Indian Philosophy, African Philosophy.
- Graduate Seminars on Greek, Latin and Arabic texts by Aristotle, Alexander of Aphrodisias, Plato, Plotinus, Proclus, Iamblichus, Damascius, Olympiodorus, Boethius, Abū Bakr al-Rāzī, al-Fārābī, Ibn Ḥazm, Avicenna, Averroes, Suhrawardī, Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī.

2000-2012, King’s College London

- BA: Greek Philosophy: introductory and advanced, Post-Aristotelian Philosophy: Hellenistic and Neoplatonism, Philosophy in the Islamic World, Latin Medieval philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, History of Political Philosophy: ancient and medieval.
- MA: Greek philosophy: Plato and Aristotle, Philosophy in the Islamic World.

MPhil and PhD advising

On a wide range of topics in ancient and medieval philosophy. I have supervised successful PhD theses on Plato; Ptolemy in Arabic; Plotinus (three times); Porphyry; Proclus and Damascius, al-Farabi, Avicenna (three times), Suhrawardī on the categories, Eriugena, Neoplatonic theories of desire, dialectic in Greek and Arabic philosophy, theories of soul and spirit in al-Ghazālī and Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī, ethics in Albert the Great. I have also served as a secondary advisor for students at Bochum and Würzburg (on Plato; Averroes and his Latin reception).

Current PhD projects under my supervision deal with: the self in late ancient commentators; the Arabic reception of the *Poetics*; the problem of evil in early Arabic philosophy; the formation of practical philosophy in Islam (al-Ṭūsī and his predecessors); analogy of being in Avicenna and al-Ṭūsī; mental existence in post-Avicennan philosophy; Mīr Dāmād's metaphysics and its sources.