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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 (10%) as Professor of Philosophy at King's College London.

**Areas of Specialization**

Ancient philosophy, Medieval philosophy (especially philosophy in the Islamic world).

**Areas of Competence**

German philosophy, History of Ethics, Metaphysics (especially the free will problem), Philosophy of Religion.

**Education and Previous Positions held**

1990-1994 BA, Williams College (*summa cum laude*)  
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)**

*Philosophy in the Islamic World: a Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

*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).

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

*Al-Kindī* (Great Medieval Thinkers) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

*The Arabic Plotinus: a Philosophical Study of the "Theology of Aristotle"* (London: Duckworth, 2002).

**Publications: Books (as editor or co-editor)**

[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).

*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).

*In the Age of al-Fārābī: Arabic Philosophy in the Fourth/Tenth Century* (Warburg Institute Colloquia 12) (London: Warburg Institute, 2008).

*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 honour 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)**

*Al-Rāzī*, under contract with Oneworld Press. Submission expected 2016.

*A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps: Philosophy in the Islamic World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming summer 2016).

**Publications: Books in Progress (as editor or co-editor)**

[with P.E. Pormann] *Philosophy and Medicine in the Islamic World* (London: Warburg Institute). Submission for review expected 2016.

*Health: a History*, for the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy*. Under contract; submission for review expected 2016.

[with G.F. Edwards] *Animals: a History*, for the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy*. Under contract; submission for review expected 2016.

[with M. Di Giovanni] *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays*, for Cambridge University Press. Under contract; submission for review expected 2016.

### **Publications: Articles in Progress**

"Averroes on God's Causality," for *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays* (see above).

[with A. Lammer] "Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's Platonist Account of the Essence of Time," for a volume on later Ash'arism edited by A. Shihadeh for the Brill series *Islamicate Intellectual History*.

[with R. Wisnovsky] "Ibn 'Adī on an Argument for Creation"

"Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Place"

"Health in Arabic Ethical Works," in *Health* (see above).

"Human and Animal Nature in the Philosophy of the Islamic World," in *Animals* (see above).

### **Publications: Articles Accepted for Publication**

"Medicine and Philosophy," in P.E. Pormann (ed.), *1001 Cures: Medicine in the Pre-Modern Middle East*.

"Plotinus on Plato's *Daimon*," in a volume to be published by Cambridge University Press.

"Philosophical Theology," for the *Oxford Handbook to Islamic Theology*, ed. S. Schmitdke (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

"The Existence of Time in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's *Maṭālib al-‘āliya*," for a collected volume on the reception of Avicenna's physics, ed. A. Bertolacci and D.N. Hasse.

[with G. Galluzzo] "Being as Existence," in *On What There Was, Volume 1: Being*, ed. N. Germann and P. Porro, to be published by Brepols.

“Al-Rāzī, *Spiritual Medicine*,” in K. El-Rouayheb and S. Schmitdke (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

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

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

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

### **Publications: Articles in Refereed Journals**

“Neoplatonism: the Last Ten Years,” *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 9 (2015), 205-20.

“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), 205-28.

“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,” in *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), 265-91.

“Knowledge of Universals and Particulars in the Baghdad School,” *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale* 18 (2007), 141-64.

“Vision, Light and Color in al-Kindī, Ptolemy and the Ancient Commentators,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 16 (2006), 207-236.

“The Arabic Sea Battle: al-Fārābī on the Problem of Future Contingents,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 88 (2006), 163-188.

“On Knowledge of Particulars,” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 105 (2005), 273-294.

“Al-Kindī and the Mu‘ tazila: Divine Attributes, Creation and Freedom,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 13 (2003), 45-77.

“Abū Ma‘ shar, al-Kindī and the Philosophical Defense of Astrology,” *Recherches de théologie et philosophie médiévales* 69 (2002), 245-270.

“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**

“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*.]

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

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

“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.

“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.

“Introduction,” in *In the Age of Averroes* (see above), 1-7.

“*Posterior Analytics* II.19: a Dialogue with Plato?” in *Aristotle and the Stoics Reading Plato*, ed. V. Harte, M. 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).

#### **Publications: Encyclopedia entries etc.**

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).

“School of Alexandria: Philosophy,” “Ethics in Philosophy,” and “Existence,” in *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

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

“Al-Kindi,” on the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

(<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/al-kindi>)

“The Theology of Aristotle,” on the online *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

(<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/theology-aristotle>)

“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](http://www.historyofphilosophy.net). The scripts are being reworked as a series of monographs for Oxford University Press, entitled *A History of Philosophy Without any Gaps* (see above).

I have appeared on BBC Radio 4’s “In Our Time” six times, to discuss Averroes, Avicenna, the Greek-Arabic Translation movement, 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 the podcast “Elucidations” to discuss al-Kindi.

I write the column “Philosophy Then” for the magazine *Philosophy Now*.

### **Book Reviews**

D. Gutas, *Avicenna and the Aristotelian Tradition* (second edition), in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African*



*Studies* (2015).

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).

J. Kaukua, *Self-Awareness in Islamic Philosophy: Avicenna and Beyond*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (published June 6, 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* (forthcoming).

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

"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 *Aestimatō* 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* (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=14946>)

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-)
- Examination Committee for research students (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)

### **Awards and Grants**

2016-19: Lead investigator of the DFG funded project “Heirs of Avicenna: Philosophy in the Islamic East from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century” (€526274)

2014: Preis für gute Lehre (teaching award): voted best senior academic instructor by the Philosophy students at LMU.

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)

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

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

2010-2013: Leverhulme Project Grant (£250,000), “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 have been 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 (£50,000): awarded for “outstanding research achievements of young scholars of distinction and promise based in UK institutions.”

### **Professional Activities**

I am a member of the editorial board for the journals *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, and *Mind*. I am also an advisor for the following book series: *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle*, *Intellectual History of the Islamicate World* and *Oxford Concepts in Philosophy*.

I have also served as a referee for articles submitted to numerous journals, including *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy*, *Classical Quarterly*, *History of Science*, *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, *Phronesis*, *Religious Studies*, and *Speculum*.

I was previously on the board of advisors at the Warburg Institute and the Institute of Classical Studies, and was named as an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Classical Studies in 2010-11.

I have served on several tenure committees and been an external advisor on several professor level appointments in the USA and Germany. I have been an external manuscript or proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Cambridge University Press; Springer; Macmillan; and Hackett.

I have been a PhD referee for theses at the University of Pisa, Cambridge University (twice), Oxford University, the Warburg Institute (twice), Royal Holloway (twice), Exeter University, and the University of 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

#### *Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Animals*

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

#### *ESF exploratory workshop: Definitions of Paganism*

At LMU Munich, Nov 27-9, 2014, organized with Bert Van den Berg and John 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 4<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Recent Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations**

September 2014, February and March 2015: "Fakhr al-Din al-Razi on Time," at the University of Notre Dame, CNRS Paris, and King's College London.

November 2014: Keynote speaker at conference in Bern, on the reception of Aristotle's *Ethics* in the Abrahamic traditions.

September 2014: The 2014 Mary Olive Woods Lecture, Western Illinois University: "Is the God of Islam the Necessary Existent? Avicenna's Philosophical Theology."

January and March 2014: "Miskawayh on Pleasure," at Münster and Columbia University.

February 2014: "The Five Eternals: the Shocking Cosmology of a 10th Century Muslim Platonist," Central European University, Budapest.

May 2014: "Al-Razi und seine fünf ewige Prinzipien: Platonismus in der islamischen Welt," University of Bielefeld.

July 2014: "Plotinus on Plato's *Daimon*," at celebration in honor of MM McCabe, Figeac, France.

September 2013: "Natural Philosophy in the Islamic World" and "Against Nature," Münster.

July 2013: "Ethics as Medicine in the Islamic World," Bochum.

June-July 2013: "The Existence of Time in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's *Maṭālib al-ʿāliyya*," Menaggio, Italy.

June 2013: "Miskawayh on Pleasure," Munich.

May-June 2013: "Al-Kindī und der Anfang der islamischen Philosophie," Erlangen and Regensburg.

March 2013: The 10<sup>th</sup> *aporia* of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* B, with O. Primavesi and C. Rapp, Delphi.

March 2013: "Health in Arabic Ethical Works," London.

December 2012: "The Commentators in the Arabic Tradition," London.

September 2012: "Yahya Ibn 'Adi's Physics," Vienna.

August 2012: "Al-Razi's Greek Sources" and "Miskawayh on Pleasure," Freising (SIEPM).

February 2012: "Empty Place and Eternal Time: the Cosmology of al-Rāzī," Birmingham.

February 2012: "Aristotle's *Rhetoric* in the Arabic Tradition," King's College London.

November 2011: "The *Arabic Plotinus*," Copenhagen.

May 2011: "Al-Razi on Animals," Exeter.

November 2010: "Philosophy Against Islam?" Mainz (Cusanuswerk).

November 2010: "One of a Kind: Unique Instantiation in Neoplatonism," Bochum.

October 2010: "Medieval Theories of Freedom and their Antique Sources," Munich (Center of Advanced Studies at the LMU).

April 2010: "How the Muslims Saved Civilization: the Arabic Reception of Greek Learning," Ithaca (Cornell University).

November 2009: Commentary on G. Aubry's paper at the Keeling Colloquium, London.

November 2009: "Abu Bakr al-Razi on Prophecy," London (SOAS conference on Koranic studies).

October, 2009: "The Reception of Late Antique Philosophy in Early Islam," at Boston College, Colgate University, and Villanova University.

March, 2009: "Making a Virtue of Necessity: *Anankê* in Plato and the Neoplatonists," keynote speaker at Neoplatonism conference in Leuven, Belgium.

March, 2009: "The Reception of Late Antique Philosophy in Early Islam," and "*Posterior Analytics* II.19: a Dialogue With Plato?" Oxford University.

### **Languages**

Fluent: German.

Reading Proficiency: Arabic, Ancient Greek, Latin, Italian, French, Spanish.

### **Teaching Experience**

*2012-present, LMU München*

- BA and MA, mostly taught in German: Neoplatonism, Arabic Philosophy, Introduction to Ancient Philosophy, Jewish Philosophy, Epistemology in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy.

- Graduate Seminars on Greek or Arabic texts by Aristotle, Alexander of Aphrodisias, Plotinus, Ibn Haḏm, Averroes, Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī.

*2000-2012, At King's College London:*

*Undergraduate level*

- Greek Philosophy: introductory level.
- Greek Philosophy: advanced level (on Plato's later metaphysics, Plato and the Sophists, the *Theaetetus*, Aristotle on causation and explanation, Aristotle's epistemology, Plato and Aristotle on the Pre-Socratics, Aristotle on necessity).
- Post-Aristotelian Philosophy: Hellenistic and Neoplatonism.
- Medieval philosophy: various topics, especially early Latin medieval philosophy. (Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Eriugena); Aquinas; Arabic philosophy and its influence on Latin medieval thought.
- Ethics: on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*.
- Philosophy of Religion: on the problem of evil, religious epistemology, miracles.
- Facts and Values in Historical Perspective: Aristotle and Galen on teleology.
- History of Political Philosophy: ancient and medieval.
- Philosophy in the Islamic World.

*MA courses*

- 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 (twice), Plotinus (twice), Porphyry, al-Farabi, and Eriugena. I am currently supervising the following PhD theses:

*At KCL*

Christopher Caruana: Albert and Aquinas on Action  
Katja Krause: Aquinas on the Beatific Vision  
Julian Rimmer: Al-Ghazali on Religious Epistemology  
Dimitrios Vasilakis: Love in Neoplatonism

*At the LMU*

Diego Diana: Porphyry's theory of metempsychosis  
Andreas Lammer: The reception of Avicenna's Physics  
I am also a secondary advisor for students at Bochum and Würzburg