

Marina Berzins McCoy
Professor of Philosophy
Curriculum vitae

Philosophy, Boston College
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Areas of Specialization: Ancient Philosophy, especially Plato; Rhetoric and Sophists;
Philosophy of Ancient Greek Literature

Areas of Competence: Mass Incarceration; History of Philosophy

Languages Ancient Greek, French (reading)

Appointments Professor of Philosophy, Philosophy Department, Boston College,
fall 2020-present.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Philosophy Department, Boston
College, fall 2009-spring 2020.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Philosophy Department, Boston
College, fall 2003-spring 2009

Adjunct Assistant Professor (full-time), Philosophy Department,
Boston College, fall 1998-spring 2003.

NEH Fellow/ Lecturer, Core Curriculum, College of Arts and
Sciences, Boston University, fall 1996- spring 1998.

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Summer Term, College of Arts
and Sciences, Boston University, Summers 1992, 1993, 1995, 1998.

Educational Consultant and Teaching Fellow, Boston University
Academy, Boston, MA. Designed and taught new philosophy
curriculum for high school students, 1995-96.

Education Ph.D., January 1997; M.A., January 1994, Department of
Philosophy, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston
University.

Doctoral Thesis: “Reason, Virtue, and Moral Education: A Study of
Plato’s *Protagoras*.”

Director: Charles L. Griswold. *Readers:* C. Allen Speight, David

Roochnik.

B.A., June 1990, with College Honors, Major in Psychology, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

Awards

First place, Association of Catholic Publishers book awards, General category, for *An Ignatian Guide to Forgiveness*, 2021.

Bronze Medalist, Illumination Book awards, Education category, for *An Ignatian Guide to Forgiveness*, 2021.

Goldsmith Mentor of the Year, Benjamin Mays Mentoring Program, Boston College, 2015.

Institute for Liberal Arts (ILA) minor grant recipient, Race and Ethics faculty/ graduate student colloquium, 2012-13, Boston College.

ILA major grant recipient, Race and Ethics faculty/ graduate student colloquium, 2011-12, Boston College

ILA major grant recipient, Gender and Embodiment faculty/ graduate student colloquium, 2010-11, Boston College.

Inaugural holder of the Albert J. Fitzgibbons Chair in Philosophy (chair initially for junior faculty; automatically expired with tenure), 2007 – 2009.

Research Incentives Grant recipient, Boston College, College of Arts and Sciences, 2005-2006.

National Endowment for the Humanities/ Core Curriculum Fellowship, Core Curriculum Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 1996-1998.

Teaching Fellowships, Graduate Scholarships, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, 1991-1996.

Bertocci Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, 1994-95.

Teaching Fellow Prize, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 1993-1994.

Presidential University Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 1990-91.

Phi Beta Kappa, Earlham College, 1990.

Departmental Honors, Honors Thesis, Psychology, Earlham College, 1990.

Publications:

Books:

Image and Argument in Plato's Republic, SUNY Press, July 2020.

Wounded Heroes: Vulnerability as a Virtue in Greek Tragedy and Philosophy, Oxford University Press, 2013.

Plato on the Rhetoric of Philosophers and Sophists, Cambridge University Press, 2008. (Also translated into Portuguese, 2010 and reprinted in paperback).

Popular works: *The Ignatian Guide to Forgiveness: Ten Steps to Healing*, Loyola Press, December 2020.

"Discernment: A Partnership with God," *Human Development* 40 (1), 2019, 76-85.

Monthly blog author for Loyola Press's Dot Magis site at Ignatianspirituality.com.

Articles/Book Chapters:

"Socratic Midwifery and the Feminine in Plato's *Theaetetus*," under contract for a Routledge Press volume on women and Ancient Philosophy.

"Developing Intellectual Empathy in Service Learning Courses" for PULSE volume, submitted to editors Eileen and Meghan Sweeney. Co-authored with Mary Troxell (Boston College).

"Vulnerability, Dialogue, and the Limits of Autonomy," book chapter (volume under review by Cambridge)

"Love and Soul leading in Plato's *Phaedrus*," *A Handbook on Platonic Love from Antiquity to the Renaissance* (eds. John Dillon and Carl Sean O'Brien, Cambridge University Press), forthcoming 2022.

"İmgeler ve İmgelem Gücü, (Images and Imagination)" translated into Turkish, *Sabah Ülkesi Magazine*, 6/30/2021 issue.

“Myth and Argument in Glaucon’s account of Gyges’ Ring and Adeimantus’ Use of Poetry,” *Logos and Mythos*, volume II (ed. William Wians), 2019.

“Why is Knowledge of Ignorance Good?” *Knowledge and Ignorance of the Self in Platonic Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press), eds. James Ambury and Andrew German, Cambridge University Press, 2018.

“Sophist” entry for *The Bloomsbury Handbook to Literary and Cultural Theory* (ed. Jeffrey DiLeo), 2018.

“Wounded gods and wounded men in Homer’s *Iliad*,” *Exploring Vulnerability*, eds. Heike Springhart and Gunther Thomas, Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2017.

“Rhetoric and Royalty: Odysseus’ presentation of the female shades in Hades,” *Logos without Rhetoric: The Arts of Language Before Plato* (ed. Robin Reames), U. of South Carolina Press, 2017.

“Plato’s *Protagoras*, Comedy, and the Power of *Aporia*,” In *Plato’s Protagoras: Essays on the Confrontation of Philosophy and Sophistry*, ed. Vigdis Songe-Moller, Springer, 2017.

“Perspectivism and the Philosophical Rhetoric of the Dialogue Form,” *Plato Journal* 16 (2016), 49-57.

“Socrates and Protagoras on Political Rhetoric and Education,” *Studies in Philosophy and Education* 37 (2018), 421-22.

“The City of Sows and Sexual Differentiation in Plato’s *Republic*,” chapter for *Plato’s Animals* (eds. Jeremy Bell and Michael Naas), Indiana University Press, 2015.

“Commentary on Ionescu’s ‘The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Reality in Plato’s *Philebus*,” *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 30 (1), 2015, 33-39.

“Freedom and Responsibility in the Myth of Er,” *Ideas y Valores* special issue (Plato and Socratic Politics) 61 (149), September 2012.

Encyclopedia articles on “Rhetoric” and “Sophists” for *Continuum Companion to Plato* (ed G. Press), Continuum Press, 2012.

"Alcidamas, Isocrates, and Plato on speech, writing, and

philosophical rhetoric," *Ancient Philosophy* 29 (2), spring 2009.

"Love and Platonic Transcendence in the Music of U2" in *U2 and Philosophy*, ed. Mark A. Wrathall (Open Court, June 2006).

"Sophistry and Philosophy in Plato's *Republic*," *Polis* volume 22(2), 2005.

"Reason and Dialectic in the Argument against Protagoras in the *Theaetetus*," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, volume 45 (1) (March 2005), 21-39.

"Philosophy, Elenchus, and Charmides's Definitions of *Sophrosune*" *Arethusa* 38 (2005), 133-159.

"Socrates on Simonides: The Use of Poetry in Socratic and Platonic Rhetoric." *Philosophy and Rhetoric* vol. 32 (4), 1999: 349-367.

"Protagoras on Human Nature, Wisdom, and the Good: The Great Speech and the Hedonism of Plato's *Protagoras*." *Ancient Philosophy* vol. 18, 1998, 21-39.

Reviews

Review of Andrea Nightingale, *Philosophy and Religion in Plato's Dialogues*, for JHP, in progress for Jan 2022 submission date.

Review of *The Gatekeeper: Narrative Voice in Plato's Dialogues* by Margalit Finkelberg, *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, 2020.

Review of *The Rhetoric of Plato's Republic* by James Kastely, *Review of Metaphysics*, 2017, 353-4.

Review of *Partakers of the Divine: Contemplation and the Practice of Philosophy* by Jacob Sherman, *Theological Studies* 76 (4), November 2015, 877-8.

Review of *Conversation and Self-Sufficiency in Plato* by A.G. Long, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 52:4, October 2014, 836-7.

Review of *Plato and the Art of Philosophical Writing* by Christopher Rowe, *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 2011.

Review of *Philosophy in Dialogue: Plato's Many Devices* (ed. Gary Alan Scott), *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 51.1, March 2011, 107-9.

Review of *Trials of Reason: Plato and the Crafting of Philosophy* by David Wolfsdorf for *International Journal for the Classical Tradition*, 17.1, March 2010: 118-23.

Review of Scott Schreiber, *Aristotle on False Reasoning: Language and the World in the Sophistical Refutations* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2003), *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 38(1), 2005: 92-5.

Presentations (recent selected)

Invited speaker, “Socratic Midwifery and Barrenness,” Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Santiago, Chile, virtual conference), November 2021.

Invited speaker, “Plato on the Rhetoric of Sophists and Philosophers,” (virtual), Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, August 2021.

Invited speaker, “Socratic Midwifery” for Routledge Summer Workshop on Women and Ancient Greek Philosophy (virtual), hosted by Fairfield University, June 2021.

Invited speaker at book panel, “Plato’s *Republic* for Today,” hosted by the Ancient Philosophy Society from Penn State (virtual), April 2021.

Invited speaker, “Sophocles’ *Philoctetes*: From Wounding to Healing,” J Getty Villa, a public talk featured in conjunction with a new production of the *Philoctetes*, September 2019.

Invited speaker, “Vulnerability, Dialogue, and the Limits of Autonomy,” Conference on Rationality and Self-Governance workshop, Uppsala University, May 2019.

Author meets critic book panel on my *Wounded Heroes*, Central American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, February 2019.

Invited speaker, “The Strangeness of Citizens and Citizenship of Strangers,” History of Philosophy Society session, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy annual meeting, October 2018.

Keynote, “Epistemic and Existential Vulnerability in *Oedipus Tyrannus* and Plato’s *Apology*,” Earlham College undergraduate philosophy conference, December 2017.

Panel discussant, Rikers Island film and panel, Boisi Center, Boston College, October 2017.

Invited speaker, “Epistemic and Existential Vulnerability in *Oedipus Tyrannus* and Plato’s *Apology*,” Providence College lecture series, October 2017.

Invited speaker, “Competitive Views of *Philosophia*: Plato, Isocrates, and Aristophanes,” Conference on Philosophy in its Ancient Beginnings: On the Conceptualisation, Criticism, and Justification of Philosophy in Antiquity, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, July 2017.

Commentator, Ancient Philosophy Society annual meeting, Baylor University, April 2017. *Delivered in absentia*.

“Mimetic identification and argument in Glaucon’s tale of the Ring of Gyges,” Annual Ancient Philosophy Society annual meeting, Portland, Maine, April 2016.

Panel member on ancient philosophy and writing, for event in honor of Drew Hyland, Suffolk University, April 2016.

Invited speaker, “Perspectivism and the Philosophical Rhetoric of the Dialogue Form,” Ways of Interpreting Plato workshop, University of Toronto, March 2016.

Invited speaker, “Vulnerability and Virtue: Misfortune, Comfort, and the Good Death,” Veritas Forum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, November 2015.

Service, Department (selected)

Placement coordinator for doctoral students, Summer 2021 to present.

Director of Graduate Studies (Interim), Philosophy Department, Boston College, June 2020-21.

Phi Sigma Tau (national philosophy honors society), Boston College branch faculty advisor, 2017-spring 2019.

McGillicuddy-Logue Fellows liaison, BC, 2010-present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, Boston College, 2012-2015.

Service, BC (selected)

Core Renewal Committee, Boston College, Fall 2021 to present.

Dean's committee for exploration of best practices for medium sized classrooms, summer 2020.

Committee on future of student formation in the Jesuit tradition (led by Christiano Casalini, Dennis Shirley, and Margaret Laurence), fall 2018-spring 2020.

PULSE program advisory board, 2015- present.

Archbishop Romero Scholarship committee, BC, 2012-2017

Professional Service, External (selected):

Executive Board, Ancient Philosophy Society, general member, 2016-present. Co-director of the APS fall 2020.-present.

Polis (journal) editorial board, 2013-present.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Awards Review Panel, "Enduring Questions" grants, fall 2012.

Advisory Board, Institute for Philosophy in Public Life, U of North Dakota (Grand Forks), 2008- 2011.

Community

Prison volunteer, Norfolk Correctional Facility, June 2006-March 2020. I teach and discuss theology, spirituality, and philosophy with inmates in the Dominican Laity group within the prison, one to two sessions per month (on indefinite hiatus during COVID due to correctional facility imposed limits)

Professional Organizations

Ancient Philosophy Society
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Philosophers in Jesuit Education