

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Research Areas

Areas of Specialization: Ancient philosophy, especially ancient metaphysics and Neoplatonism; Byzantine philosophy.

Areas of Competence: Medieval philosophy; contemporary metaphysics; philosophical theology; patristics; ancient theories of ethics.

Education

Oct. 2014–Feb. 2018: *PhD Philosophy* — LMU Munich

Primary Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson (LMU Munich) — Secondary Supervisor: Prof. Jan Opsomer (KU Leuven)

Dissertation: “The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One’s Causality in Proclus and Damascius” — Defense date: February 26, 2018; awarded *Magna cum laude*.

Sept. 2013–Aug. 2014: *MSc by Research in Philosophy* — University of Edinburgh

Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva

Dissertation: “Proclus and Plotinus on Self-Constitution in the One”

Sept. 2012–Aug. 2013: *MSc Ancient Philosophy* — University of Edinburgh

Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva

Dissertation: “Plotinus and Aristotle on the Simplicity of the Divine Intellect”

Aug. 2006–May 2010: *BA Liberal Arts (Philosophy/Theology)* — Thomas Aquinas College (California, USA)

Academic Positions

Oct. 2021–Sept. 2024: *Senior Postdoctoral Fellow* — KU Leuven / Flemish Research Council (FWO)

Project: *Substance and the Sensible World between Pagan Platonism and Early Byzantine Christians: A Philosophical Investigation*. (Grant #1287822N)

Principle Mentor: Gerd Van Riel (KU Leuven)

Oct. 2019–Sept. 2021: *Postdoctoral Research Fellow* — Austrian Academy of Sciences

Attached to ERC project: *Neoplatonism and Abrahamic Traditions: A Comparative Analysis of the Middle East, Byzantium and the Latin West (9th-16th Centuries)*. (Grant #771640)

Principle Investigator: Dragos Calma (UC Dublin) — Secondary Supervisor: Pavlina Rychterová (Austrian Academy of Sciences, IMAFO)

Apr.–Sept. 2018: *Adjunct Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter)* — LMU Munich
Course title: “Ancient Philosophical Theology” (BA Seminar, Summer Semester 2018)

Oct. 2017–Feb. 2018: *Adjunct Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter)* — LMU Munich
Course title: “Mind and Soul in Platonism” (BA Seminar, Winter Semester 2017–2018)
Co-Instructor with Mr. Máté Herner (Université de Fribourg)

Rejected Academic Positions

- Irish Research Council
- Two-year research position (Sept. 2021–Sept. 2023) to be hosted at UC Dublin under the Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme, for project entitled, “Subversive Platonism and Orthodoxy: John Italos’ Revival of Pagan Philosophy in Byzantium”.
- Position offered May 31, 2021; rejected in favor of competing offer from FWO (above).

Academic Memberships

- International Plato Society (May 2019–current)
Currently responsible for the Society’s website (platosociety.org) and social media publications.
- International Society of Neoplatonism Studies (May 2017–current)

Publications

Monograph

1. Greig, J. (2021). *The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One’s Causality in Proclus and Damascius*. *Philosophia Antiqua*. Leiden: Brill, <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004439092>.
 - Revised version of the PhD dissertation; book published Nov. 2020.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

2. Greig, J. (2021) [*in press*]. “Proclus’ Reception in Maximus the Confessor, Mediated through John Philoponus and Pseudo-Dionysius: A Case Study of *Ambiguum* 7”. In *Reading Proclus and the Book of Causes, Volume 3*, edited by Dragos Calma. Leiden: Brill. (Submitted May 17, 2019, accepted Jun. 25, 2020.)
3. Greig, J. (2021) [*in press*]. “The Aporetic Method of Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* B in Damascius’ *De Principiis*”. *History of Philosophy and Logical Analysis* 24. (Submitted Jan. 31, 2021, accepted May 3, 2021.)
4. Greig, J. (2021). “Reason, Revelation, and Sceptical Argumentation in 12th- to 14th-Century Byzantium”, *Theoria* 87, <https://doi.org/10.1111/theo.12312>.
5. Greig, J. (2020). “Proclus on the Two Causal Models for the One’s Production of Being: Reconciling the Relation of the Henads and the Limit/Unlimited”, *International Journal of Platonic Tradition* 14 (1): 23–48, <https://doi.org/10.1163/18725473-12341453>.
6. Greig, J. (2017). “Proclus’ Doctrine of Participation in Maximus the Confessor’s *Centuries of Theology* I.48–50”. In *Studia Patristica LXXV*, edited by Markus Vinzent, 137–148. Leuven: Peeters, https://www.peeters-leuven.be/detail.php?search_key=9789042935716&series_number_str=75&lang=en.

Book Reviews

7. Greig, J. (2021) [*in press*]. “Review of N. Spanu (2020), *Proclus and the Chaldean Oracles*, London and New York: Routledge”, *Plékos* 23.
8. Greig, J. (2021) [*in press*]. “Review of M. Vlad, *Damascius et l’ineffable: récit de l’impossible discours*, Paris: Vrin, 2019”, *Rhizomata* 9(1).
9. Greig, J., and John Whitty (2020). “Review of J. Zachhuber, *The Rise of Christian Theology and the End of Ancient Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020)”, *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 72(3–4): 320–323.
10. Greig, J. (2020). “Review of D. O’Meara, *Cosmology and Politics in Plato’s Late Works*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017”, *Review of Metaphysics* 74(2).

Publications in Progress

Journal Articles

1. “Neoplatonic Participation and Its Transformation in Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Methone”. Article in preparation for submission to *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* by Oct. 2021.
2. “Damascius on Plato and the *Parmenides*’ First Hypothesis”. Article in preparation for submission to *Ancient Philosophy*, expected by early 2022.
3. “Proclus on Sensible Substance”. Journal article in preparation for submission, expected mid-2022.

Book Chapters

4. “Soul and Deification in Proclus, Nicholas of Methone, and the Palamite Controversy”. Submitted June 1, 2021; under review for second volume on soul/body in Byzantine thought, to be published in series, *Theandrites: Byzantine Philosophy and Christian Platonism* (Franciscan University Press), edited by Frederick Lauritzen and Sarah Klitenic Wear. Expected publication mid-2022.
5. “Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas: Between Proclus and the Early Byzantines”. Manuscript in preparation for peer-reviewed volume on Nicholas (see next item). To be submitted Aug. 2021.

Edited Volumes

6. *Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition*. Collected proceedings from conference held Apr. 12–13, 2021 (see below), on the 12th-cent. Byzantine thinker, Nicholas of Methone, and his dispute with Proclus and pagan philosophy, as well as his theological context. Peer-reviewed volume edited with Dragos Calma and Joshua Robinson; contracted to be published in Brill’s series, *History of Metaphysics*, expected publication late 2022/2023.

Book Reviews

7. Review of *Plato’s ›Theaetetus‹ Revisited*, edited by B. Bossi, T.M. Robinson, Berlin: De Gruyter, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, to be submitted late Aug. 2021.

Select Presentations

1. Apr. 13, 2021: “Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas: Between Proclus and the Early Byzantines” — *Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition* (Austrian Academy of Sciences/UC Dublin) [online, due to 2020-21 pandemic].
2. Oct. 15, 2020: “Soul and Divinization in Proclus, Nicholas of Methone, and the Palamite Controversy” — conference panel, “Theandrites”, organized by Frederick Lauritzen (Venice) and Sarah Wear (Franciscan University), for the conference, *Curare la persona* (Scuola Grande di San Marco/Istituto Ellenico di Venezia) [online, due to the 2020 pandemic].
3. Dec. 7, 2019: “Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas” — ERC project (NeoplAT) workshop, *Divine Ideas*, organized by Dragos Calma (UC Dublin).
4. Jul. 18, 2019: “The Ground of Being in the *Parmenides*’ First and Second Hypotheses: Damascius’ Inheritance of Proclus’ Reading of the First Hypothesis” — *Symposium Platonicum XII* (Paris).
5. Jul. 4, 2019: “Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Methone on Divine Causality in Their Critiques of Proclus and Use of Ps.-Dionysius” — *Symposium Thomisticum IV* (Rome).
6. May 24, 2019: “Nicholas of Methone on Participation in His Critique of Proclus” — workshop, *Vienna Colloquium in Byzantine Philosophy* (University of Vienna).
7. Jan. 11, 2019: Commentary on Prof. Luca Gili, ‘Ammonius, Philoponus, and the Activity of Syllogizing’ — conference, *Logic and Exegesis: The Logical Reconstruction of Arguments in the Greek Commentary Tradition* (De Wulf-Mansion Centre, KU Leuven).
8. May 31, 2017: “On the circle–radii–center analogy to divine causality in Plotinus, Proclus, and Damascius, and its legacy” — colloquium presentation (Latin Philology, LMU Munich).
9. Apr. 11, 2017: “Proclus and Damascius on the One’s Causality” — *Northern Association for Ancient Philosophy* 2017 (University of Edinburgh).

Conferences Organized

1. *Apr. 12–13, 2021: Nicholas of Methone: Between Neoplatonism and the Byzantine Tradition*, conference hosted with the Austrian Academy of Sciences and University College Dublin (online, due to the 2020-21 pandemic). Co-organized with Dragos Calma and Joshua Robinson.
2. *Oct. 5–6, 2017: Philosophy in Byzantium: The Order of Nature and Order of Humankind*, conference hosted at the LMU Munich. Co-organized with Peter Adamson (LMU Munich) and Dimitrios Vasilakis (Erlangen-Nürnberg).
3. *Jun. 14, 2017: Conference panel, 'Form and Participation in Graeco-Arabic Neoplatonism'*, for the annual *International Society of Neoplatonism Studies* congress (Olomouc, Czech Republic). Co-organized with Bethany Somma (LMU Munich).

Other Fellowships/Prizes Awarded

- *Oct. 2014–Sept. 2017: Munich School of Ancient Philosophy (LMU Munich) Doctoral Research Fellowship.*
- *Aug. 2014: Highly Commended Dissertation Award, by the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (University of Edinburgh), for the MSc in Research degree.*
- *Aug. 2013: Dissertation distinction for the MSc Ancient Philosophy degree (University of Edinburgh).*

Languages

- Ancient Greek (expert)
- Ancient Latin (intermediate)
- German (intermediate)
- French (reading competence)
- Italian (reading competence)

References

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