

SCOTT BERMAN  
Department of Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Contemporary Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

PUBLICATIONS

"The Stoics' Criterion of Truth: Disjunctivism, Scale Relativity, and Expertise" in *The Oxford Handbook on Stoicism*, edited by Dominic Bailey (Oxford University Press, *invited contribution, forthcoming*).

*Platonism and the Objects of Science* (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020).

Paperback edition, 2021.

Reviewed by Lloyd Gerson in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*  
<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.07.39/>

"Prudence and Morality: Socrates vs. Moral Philosophers" *South African Journal of Philosophy*

"How Polus Was Refuted: Reconsidering Plato's *Gorgias* 474c-475c" *Ancient Philosophy* 11 (1991): 265-284.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

"Higher Education in Prisons." Public lecture. Denver, CO, March 2020.

"Plato, Socrates, and Confederate Monuments." Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO,  
November 2017

"Moral Psychology: A Debate" (with Chad Flanders, Law School at SLU) ERDCC (Missouri State  
Penitentiary) Bonne Terre, MO, December 2016.

"Philosophy vs. Rhetoric: A Debate" (with Paul Lynch, English Dept Missouri State



- "Logical Possibility is Not Real Possibility." Presented at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Meetings held at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, July 2017
- "A Scientific Defense of Socrates' Ethical Truths." Presented at the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy held at Fordham University, New York, NY, October 2016.
- "A Platonic Philosophy of Science." Presented at the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science held at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, July 2015.
- "An Ontological Defense of Socrates' Ethical Truths." Presented at the International Plato Society conference held at Emory University, March 2015.
- "Aristotle's Ontological Pluralism." Presented at the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy held at Fordham University, New York, NY, October 2014
- "Plato's Theory of Perceptibles." Presented at the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy held at Fordham University, New York, NY, October 2013
- "Socrates, Complexity, and *Akrasia*." Presented at the International Plato Society conference held at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, October 2012
- "Identity Truthmakers." Presented at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Meetings held at the University of Stirling, Stirling, United Kingdom, July 2012
- "Structuralism, Identity and Necessary Relations." Presented at the Structure and Identity conference held at the University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom, July 2010.
- "Universals: Ways or Things?" Presented at the Eidos Metaphysics Conference held at the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2008
- "Universals, Particulars and Geography: Let Aristotle Rest In Peace." Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy held at the University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2006
- "Cratylean Naturalism: Why Cratylus is an Anti-Realist."

"Realism, Anti-Realism, and the Nature of Mind-Dependency." Presented at the Mid-South Philosophy Conference held at the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 2003 (Commentator: Don Merrell, Arkansas State University)

"Plato on the cause of coming-to-be at *Timaeus* 28a4-6." Presented at the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, NY, October 1995

"Plato's Refutation of Constructivism in the *Cratylus*." Presented at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, NY, October 1994

"Plato's Refutation of Constructivism in the *Cratylus*." Presented to the Society for Realist/Anti-Realist Discussion at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, May 1994

"A Socratic Argument for Psychological Egoism." Presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, April 1994

"Socrates on Moral Goodness." Presented to the Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March 1991

#### WRITTEN WORK IN PROGRESS

"Plato and Socrates on Confederate Monuments."

"A Scientific Explanation of Socrates' Ethical Truths."

"Cratylean Naturalism: Why Cratylus is an Anti-Realist."

"Socrates, Complexity, and *Akrasia*."

"Socratic Intellectualism."

"Plato on the cause of coming-to-be at *Timaeus* 28a4-6."

#### AWARDS

Finalist for the Excellence Award in Graduate Mentoring, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University, Spring 2019.

Finalist for the Donald G. Brennan Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University, Spring 2018

"Housing and Residence Life Faculty Excellence Award," Saint Louis University, Spring 2009

Finalist for the Helen Mandeville Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University, Spring 2003

Teacher of the Month, February 1993

### INTERVIEWS

"Does Science Prove Platonism?" Interviewed by Joe Schmid at *Majesty of Reason*, July 2021.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrDMkQQ6aGg>

"On Platonism." Interviewed by Alex Malpass at *Thoughtology*, June 2017.  
<http://thoughtology.podbean.com/e/episode-5-scott-berman-on-platonism/>

"The Platonist." Interviewed by Richard Marshall at *3:AM Magazine*, June 2012.  
<https://316am.site123.me/articles/the-platonist>

### GRADUATE SEMINARS

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Plato's Ethics                       | Saint Louis University         |
| Plato & Contemporary Metaphysics     | Saint Louis University         |
| Aristotle & Contemporary Metaphysics | Saint Louis University         |
| Plato's Epistemology                 | Saint Louis University         |
| Plato's Metaphysics                  | Saint Louis University         |
| Aristotle's Metaphysics              | Saint Louis University         |
| Aristotle's Ethics                   | Saint Louis University         |
| Contemporary Metaphysics             | Saint Louis University         |
| Philosophy of Language               | Saint Louis University         |
| Realism and Anti-Realism             | Saint Louis University         |
| Socratic Ethics                      | Goethe University Frankfurt    |
| Plato's Metaphysics                  | Goethe University Frankfurt    |
| Social Contract Theory               | University of Nebraska-Lincoln |



UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

|                                     |                                            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| History of Ancient Greek Philosophy | Saint Louis University                     |
| Contemporary Metaphysics            | Saint Louis University                     |
| Philosophy of Language              | Saint Louis University                     |
| Philosophy & Art                    | Saint Louis University                     |
| Introduction to Philosophy          | Saint Louis University                     |
| Honors Introduction to Philosophy   | Saint Louis University                     |
| Ethics (& Honors Ethics)            | Saint Louis University                     |
| Ethics & Moral Psychology           | FCI (Federal Penitentiary, Greenville, IL) |
| Introduction to Philosophy          | ERDCC (Missouri State Penitentiary)        |
| Ethics                              | ERDCC (Missouri State Penitentiary)        |
| Philosophy & Art                    | ERDCC (Missouri State Penitentiary)        |
| Philosophy & Film                   | ERDCC (Missouri State Penitentiary)        |
| Philosophy and Current Issues       | University of Nebraska-Lincoln             |
| Philosophy of Mind                  | University of Nebraska-Lincoln             |
| Elementary Logic                    | University of Nebraska-Lincoln             |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee for *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge*, *Dialogoi*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Critical Education*, *Polity Press*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Res Philosophica*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Phronesis*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, and *Dialogue*.

AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, Central Division  
The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek