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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION & COMPETENCE

- ♦ *Philosophy* AOS: Philosophy as a Way of Life | Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy
 AOC: Patristics | Pagan and Christian Protreptic Literature
- ♦ *Economics* AOS: History of Economic Thought | Economic History
 AOC: Development and Transition Economics | Poverty, Inequality and Income Redistribution

EDUCATION

2020– present **Deakin University, Australia**

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Philosophy

Thesis: *Aristotle's Protrepticus in the Christian Tradition: On Ancient Spirituality and Its History*

Principal Supervisor: Prof. Matthew Sharpe

Award: Deakin University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (DUPRS)

2017– 2018 **Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium** | *Summa Cum Laude*

Degree: Research Master of Philosophy (ReMa, former MPhil) in Philosophy, Abridged Program

Thesis: *What is a Writer of Hupomnemata? Or, On the Hellenistic-Roman Art of Not Being Oneself*

Supervisor: Prof. David Lloyd Dusenbury

2014 – 2016 **Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium** | *Magna Cum Laude*

Degree: Master of Arts (Ma) in Philosophy

Thesis: *On the Genealogy of Thoreauvian Con-Science: A Transcendentalist in Transition to Pragmatism*

Supervisor: Prof. William Desmond

2011 – 2014 **Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Italy**

Degree: Master of Science (MSc) in Economic and Social Sciences

Thesis: *Mechanics of Transition: Designing a New Capitalist Engine for North Korea, Benchmarking the Past Experience of China and EEFSU*

Supervisor: Prof. Giuseppe Berta

2008 – 2011 **Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Italy**

Degree: Bachelor (Ba) in Economic and Social Sciences

Thesis: *Mechanism Design Theory: A Historical Perspective*

Supervisor: Prof. Ivan Moscati

ACADEMIC VISITS

Apr – July 2022 **Ifilnova, NOVA FCSH, Lisbon, Portugal**

Program: research stay at the 'Art of Living' research group coordinated by Prof. Marta Faustino.

Award: Deakin University's International Fieldwork Assistance Grant

Sep 2012 – Feb 2013 **WISE Department of Economics, Xiamen University, China**

Program: International Exchange, instituted by Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Feb 2023 – May 2023 **Lorenzo de' Medici Institute, Firenze, Italy**

Position: Adjunct Instructor

Tasks: I singlehandedly structured, prepared and will deliver the undergraduate course 'The Pursuit of Happiness' (PHI220). Under this heading, this course will explore theories of happiness from antiquity to contemporaneity, with a special emphasis on the eudaimonism of Plato, Aristotle and Epictetus.

Mar 2019 – Feb 2020 **Istituto Europeo, Firenze, Italy**

Position: Adjunct Instructor

Tasks: I singlehandedly structured, prepared and delivered the pre-college course of 'International Business & World Financial Markets' (ECN100). Under this heading, this course explored the history of economics and finance from antiquity to contemporaneity.

LANGUAGES

<i>Modern</i>	Italian Native speaker	<i>Ancient</i>	Latin Basic
	English Fluent (IELTS score 8.0)		
	Spanish Conversant		
	French Basic		
	German Basic		

AFFILIATIONS & SOCIETIES

2023 – present **Exploratory Project "Mapping Philosophy as a Way of Life: An Ancient Model, a Contemporary Approach," Nova Institute of Philosophy, Lisbon.**

Position: Collaborator.

2022 – present ***Societas Artistarum*, Association pour la recherche sur la faculté des arts**

Position: Member.

2022 – present **Philosophy as a Way of Life Research Group, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome**

Position: Member.

2022 – present **Art of Living Research Group, Nova Institute of Philosophy, Lisbon**

Position: Collaborator.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2023 – present **Brill's Book Series 'Philosophy as a Way of Life: Texts and Studies'**

Position: Reviewer

2022 – present **Eidos. A Journal for Philosophy of Culture**

Position: Reviewer

PUBLICATIONS

International, Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Forth. 'Hadot Among the Medievalists: Revisiting the Historiography on 'Intellectual Felicity',' *Eidos*, Thematic Issue 'What Exactly is Philosophy as a Way of Life?'
- 2023 'Beyond the Rhetoric of the *Octavius*: Minucius Felix's *Exhortatio ad Christianitatem*,' *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum*, 27 (1), p. 77-101, <https://doi.org/10.1515/zac-2023-0006>
- 2023 'Thoreau's Stoicism in *Letters to Various Persons*: The Spiritual Direction of Harrison Blake,' *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 37 (2), p. 165-196, muse.jhu.edu/article/889918.
- 2022 'The Use and Misuse of Pleasure: Hadot *contra* Foucault on the Stoic Dichotomy *gaudium-voluptas* in Seneca,' *Foucault Studies*, 33, p. 1-23, <https://doi.org/10.22439/fs.vi33.6798>
- 2022 'The τόπος of the Goods of Fortune in *Consolatio* II and III: How to Console and Exhort Boethius,' *Aevum*, 96 (2), p. 243-273.
- 2022 Sharpe, M. (co-auth.), 'Of Cartesianism and Spiritual Exercises: Reading Descartes through Hadot, and Hadot through Descartes,' *Philosophy Today*, 66 (3), Summer 2022, p. 471-489.
- 2021 Sharpe, M. (co-auth.), 'Pushing Against an Open Door: On Agamben on Hadot on Foucault' *Classical Receptions*, 14 (1), p. 120-139

Collections of Essays

- Forth. 'Ancient Philosophy: An Ethics, a Practice, or a Way of Life? The Controversy on Aristotle,' in: M. Sharpe (ed) '*Philosophy as a Way of Life: New Research Directions*,' Brill's 'Philosophy as a Way of Life. Texts and Studies' series.
- Forth. 'From the Secrets of Nature to the Mystery of Being: Hadot on the Ethics and (Meta)Physics of Conversion in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy,' in: E. Kramer (ed) '*Living According to Nature, Volume 1: Orphic and Promethean Attitudes Toward Nature and Culture*,' Brill's 'Philosophy as a Way of Life. Texts and Studies' series.

Book Reviews

- 2022 'Marta Faustino and Gianfranco Ferraro (eds), *The Late Foucault: Ethical and Political Questions* (London/New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020), ISBN: 978-1350134355,' *Foucault Studies*, 33, p. 90-94. <https://doi.org/10.22439/fs.vi33.6806>.

Translations

- Forth. Juliusz Domański, *Philosophy, Theory or Way of Life? Controversies from Antiquity to the Renaissance. With a Preface by Pierre Hadot*. Translated from French by M. Sharpe, A. Irvine, and M. Stettler, Brill's 'Philosophy as a Way of Life. Texts and Studies' series.

- 2020 Dusenbury, D. L., 'Socrate e Gesù di Nuovo a Processo', *La Lettura (Corriere della Sera)*, 19 July, 2020 [transl.: 'A World Like a Russian Novel', *Times Literary Supplement*, April, 2020] Retrieved from: <https://www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/the-trials-of-socrates-and-jesus-essay-d-l-dusenbury/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 'Intellectual Felicity in the Latin Averroists: Exploring the Limits of Hadot's Metaphilosophy in the Middle Ages,' paper presented at the 'What Exactly is Philosophy as a Way of Life? Boundaries, Crossroads, Deadlocks' conference, NOVA Institute of Philosophy, Lisbon, 6 July.
- 2022 'Ancient Philosophy: An Ethics, a Practice, or a Way of Life? The Controversy on Aristotle,' paper presented at the 'Philosophy as a Way of Life, New Research Directions' conference, Deakin University (virtually), 12 December.
- 2022 'From the Secrets of Nature to the Mystery of Being: Hadot on the Ethics and (Meta)Physics of Conversion in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy,' paper presented at the 'Living According to Nature: Historic and Contemporary Perspective' conference, University of Wroclaw (virtually), 12 September.
- 2021 'Hadot on Heidegger and Plotinus' Spiritualities: On Modes of Conversion and Forms of Mysticism in Antiquity and Contemporaneity,' paper presented at the 2021 Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy conference, Bond University (virtually), 8 December.
- 2021 'Beyond the Rhetoric of the *Octavius*: Minucius Felix's *Exhortatio ad Christianitatem*,' paper presented at the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong (virtually), 21 November.
- 2021 'Cicero's *Hortensius* in the Christian Tradition: Lactantius and Augustine's Apotreptics to Philosophy and Protrepics to Christianity,' paper presented at the 21st Annual AECDO Conference, Dominican University College, Ottawa, ON, (virtually), 26 March.
- 2020 'Aristotle's *Protrepticus* & The Conversion to the *Bíos Theoretikós*: Prolegomenon to a History of the Decline of Western Spirituality,' paper presented at the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide (virtually), 20 September.
- 2018 'The Use and Misuse of Pleasure: Hadot *Contra* Foucault on Hedonistic Modes of Ethical Self-Possession', paper presented at the 8th HIW Annual Graduate Student Conference, Leuven, 19 April.

LECTURES & SEMINARS

- 2022 'Thoreau's Stoicism in *Letters to a Spiritual Seeker*: The Spiritual Direction of Harrison Blake,' paper presented at the 'American Philosophy and Culture' lecture series of the University of Wroclaw (Poland), 29 June, 2022.

- 2022 ‘The Consolation and Exhortation of Philosophy: On the Goods of Fortune in Book II and III of Boethius’ *Consolatio*,’ paper presented at the ‘Art of Living’ research group of the NOVA University, Lisbon (Portugal), 8 June, 2022.
- 2022 ‘Lady Philosophy’s Therapy and the Goods of Fortune: On the Medical Analogy in Boethius’ *Consolatio philosophiae*,’ paper presented at the internal seminar of the Universidade Aberta, Lisbon (Portugal), 6 June, 2022.
- 2022 ‘*Prosochē*: L’attenzione nello Stoicismo di Epitteto e Marco Aurelio,’ paper presented at the seminar of the ‘Philosophy as a Way of Life’ research group (via Zoom), Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma, (Italy), 20 May.
- 2021 ‘Beyond the Rhetoric of the *Octavius*: Minucius Felix’s *Exhortatio ad Christianitatem*,’ paper presented at the HDR Philosophy Seminar (via Zoom), Deakin University, Melbourne (AUS), 27 July.
- 2020 ‘Writing *Hypomnēmata*: Spiritual Exercises in a Time of Crisis,’ paper presented at Stoicon-X Australia (via Zoom), Brisbane, 6 November.