

**Lea Aurelia Schroeder**  
Curriculum Vitae (March 2024)

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**Area of Specialization** Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

**Areas of Competence** Metaphysics; Philosophy of Perception; Ancient Science; Early Modern Philosophy

**Academic Appointments**

2022 – Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University  
Spring 2024 Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

**Education**

2022 Ph.D. (with distinction) in Philosophy & Classics, Yale University  
Dissertation: ‘Perception and Perceptual Judgment in Plato’s *Theaetetus* and *Timaeus*’  
Committee: Verity Harte (advisor), David Charles, Kenneth Winkler, Hendrik Lorenz

2020 M.Phil. in Philosophy & Classics, Yale University  
2020 M.A. in Philosophy, Yale University

2016 B.A. (*summa cum laude*, ΦBK) in Philosophy & Classics, Dartmouth College  
Honors Thesis: ‘Material Composition in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Advisor: Christine Thomas

**Publications**

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

*Single-authored*

2023 ‘Proportionate Atomism: Solving the Problem of Isomorphic Variants in Plato’s *Timaeus*’. *Phronesis*, 68.1: 31-61. [\[doi\]](#)

2021 ‘Replenishment and Maintenance of the Human Body (*Timaeus* 77a-81e)’. *Apeiron*, 54.3: 317-346. [\[doi\]](#)

*Co-authored*

2017 J. Dexter, T. Katz, N. Tripuraneni, T. Dasgupta, A. Kannan, J. Brofos, J. Bonilla Lopez, **L. A. Schroeder**, A. Casarez, M. Rabinovich, A. Haimson Lushkov, and P. Chaudhuri. ‘Quantitative Criticism of Literary Relationships’. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, vol. 114 no. 16 E3195-E3204. [\[doi\]](#)

Translations (from Latin)

- 2023 J. K. McDonough, **L. A. Schroeder**, and S. Levey (trans.). ‘A Unitary Principle of Optics, Catoptrics, and Dioptrics’; ‘New Demonstrations Concerning the Resistance of Solids’; ‘On Optical Lines and other matters’; ‘A Reply to the articles that the illustrious J. B. published in the May issue of these *Acta*’; ‘On the Line into which a flexible body curves itself under its own weight, and its remarkable usefulness for discovering any number of mean proportional and logarithms’; ‘On Solutions to the Problem of the Catenary or Funicular, and to other problems proposed by the learned I. B. in the *Acta* of June 1691’; ‘A Short Note on p.537ff. of the December *Acta* of 1695’. In: Richard T. W. Arthur (ed.), *Leibniz: Publications on Natural Philosophy*, Oxford University Press. [ISBN: 9780192843531]

**Work in Progress**

- A paper on object perception in the *Theaetetus* (R&R)  
 A paper on the explanatory role of elemental properties in Plato’s *Timaeus* (draft completed for a planned volume on grounding and fundamentality in Plato and Aristotle)  
 Monograph project *Plato on Perception* (in progress)  
 ‘Epictetus on ethical preconceptions (*prolepseis*)’ (draft)  
 ‘Galen on the account of bodily disease in Plato’s *Timaeus*’ (draft)

**Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards**

- Louis Skolnick Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Princeton. 2022 – . (*Declined*)  
 A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellow, Yale. 2016 – 2018.  
 Davis United World College Scholar (Davis UWC Program, ~\$20k/year), 2012 – 2016  
 Endowed Scholar (Arne & Anita Myhren Scholarship, Dartmouth, ~\$40k/year), 2012 – 2016  
 Amy High Scholarship (Paideia Institute; full funding for a 5-week spoken Latin course in Rome), 2013  
 Story Philosophy Prize (best senior thesis in philosophy), 2016  
 Phi Beta Kappa early inductee (top twenty students in year group at Dartmouth), 2015  
 Atherton 1883 Greek Prize, 2014, 2013  
 Class of 1846 Latin Prize, 2014  
 Katharine Booth Brock Prize (awarded to one female first-year by faculty nomination), 2013

**Talks etc.**

- 06/2024 ‘Epictetus on Normative or Evaluative Preconceptions (*prolepseis*)’  
 Metaethics & Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin  
 06/2024 ‘The Argument from Relatives (*Charmides* 167a9-169d2)’  
 Workshop on Plato’s *Charmides*, Yale University  
 03/2024 ‘The Argument from Relatives (*Charmides* 167c8-169c2)’  
 NYCAP, New York University  
 02/2024 ‘A Puzzle about Sight in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
 Invited talk, Princeton University  
 01/2024 ‘A Puzzle about Sight in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
 Colloquium talk, UC Berkeley

- 12/2023 ‘Elemental Properties and Context-Sensitive Explanation in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Princeton Classical Philosophy Conference, Princeton University
- 12/2023 ‘Elemental Properties and Context-Sensitive Explanation in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Workshop on Plato’s *Timaeus*, Yale University
- 12/2023 ‘A Puzzle about Sight in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Friday Colloquium talk, Princeton University
- 11/2023 ‘Elemental Properties and Context-Sensitive Explanation in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
*Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy* Annual Conference (invited panel)
- 03/2023 ‘Plato on Perceiving Ordinary Objects’  
MAP Talk, University of Notre Dame
- 11/2022 ‘Perception, Memory, and Perceptual Error in Plato’s *Theaetetus*’  
‘Second Saturdays’ Working Group, University of Chicago
- 05/2022 ‘The Contextualist Account of Sense Perception in the *Timaeus*’  
Symposium on Plato’s *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky
- 02/2022 ‘Proportionate Atomism: Solving the Problem of Isotopes in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Invited talk, University of South Florida
- 02/2022 ‘Perception and Perceptual Experience in Plato’s *Theaetetus*’  
Invited talk, UC San Diego
- 01/2022 ‘Perception and Perceptual Experience in Plato’s *Theaetetus*’  
Invited talk, Purdue University
- 02/2021 ‘Composition, Variation, and Change of the Elements’  
Workshop on Plato’s *Timaeus*, University of Kentucky
- 09/2019 ‘Aristotle’s *On Generation and Corruption* 327a30-328a18’, with Jake Rohde  
Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Cornell University
- 05/2019 ‘Epictetus on Normative or Evaluative *prolēpseis*’ (comments: Alex Brown)  
*Knowledge, Value, and Modality in Ancient Philosophy*, University of Oxford
- 07/2018 ‘Hippocrates’ *On Ancient Medicine* 6-9’  
Toronto-Yale Ancient Philosophy Retreat, Port Colborne, Ontario
- 06/2018 ‘Replenishment and Maintenance of the Human Body: *Timaeus* 77c-81e’  
*Plato’s Timaeus: Human Soul, Bodies & Qualities*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
- 12/2017 ‘Capacity-Specific Possibility in *Metaphysics* Θ?’ with Emily Kress (comments: Marko Malink)  
*Metaphysics* Θ Workshop, Yale University
- 01/2017 ‘Mathematical Proportion as a Principle of Composition in Plato’s *Timaeus*’  
Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale University,
- 03/2015 ‘Aristotle’s Argument for Eternal Uniform Circular Motion (*Met.* Λ)’  
Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting, Boulder CO
- 10/2014 ‘Diplomacy and Repetition in Seneca’s *Phoenissae*’  
Classical Association of the Atlantic States Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

**Comments etc.**

- 02/2023 Adam Waggoner, 'The Dreadful, Mortal Soul in Plato's *Timaeus*', Central APA
- 09/2020 Gabriel Lear, 'Forms and Appearances: The Epistemological Dimensions of Plato's *Metaphysics*', Department Colloquium, Yale University
- 05/2019 Amie Thomasson, 'Is Philosophical Work Conceptual Work?', Workshop on Philosophical Methodology and Meta-Metaphysics, Dartmouth College

**Teaching**

As Primary Instructor (1.-4. at Purdue, 5.-6. at Yale)

1. Ancient Greek Philosophy of Mind (PHIL 501), Fall 2023
2. History of Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 301), Fall 2023
3. Greek Philosophy: Text and Translation (PHIL 590-36), Fall 2023 (with Dan Frank)
4. Transformative Texts: Antiquity to Modernity (SCLA 101, x2), Fall 2022
5. Perception, Illusion, and Hallucination (PHIL S140), Summer 2021
6. Life Worth Living (HUMS 411), Spring 2020

As Teaching Fellow/Teaching Assistant (1.-5. at Yale, 6.-7. at Dartmouth)

1. Intro to Modern Philosophy (PHIL 126), Spring 2022 (Prof. Michael Della Rocca)
2. Death (PHIL 176), Fall 2021 (Prof. Shelly Kagan)
3. Infinity (PHIL 281), Fall 2019 (Prof. Zoltán Szabó)
4. Intro to Ethics (PHIL 175), Spring 2019 (Prof. Shelly Kagan)
5. Intro to Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 125), Fall 2018 (Prof. Verity Harte)
6. Logic and Language (sentential & first-order logic; PHIL 6), Winter 2016 (Prof. Samuel Levey)
7. Introductory and Intermediate German (GERM 1, 2, 3), Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014, Summer 2014 (study-abroad program in Berlin), Fall 2014, Fall 2015 (Profs. Yuliya Komska, Petra McGillen, Ellis Shookman, Gerd Gemünden, Michael McGillen)

As Tutor/Supervisor

1. Greek and Latin Study Center, Fall 2013-Spring 2016, Classics Department, Dartmouth College

**Languages**

*Ancient:* Latin, Ancient Greek

*Modern:* German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Korean (intermediate), Spanish (reading), Italian (reading)

**Research Assistantships**

Verity Harte (Yale), Summer 2022 (commenting on chapter drafts of *Plato Philebus: Constructing the Good Human Life*, under contract with CUP)

Scott Shapiro (Yale), Summer 2016 (researching sources in ancient and medieval philosophy of law)

Herman Cappelen (Hong Kong), Summer 2016 (editing ms. of *Fixing Language: An Essay On Conceptual Engineering*, OUP 2018)

David Charles (Yale), Summer 2016 (translating Frede & Patzig's German commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Zeta into English for use in a graduate seminar)

Tristram McPherson (Ohio State) and David Plunkett (Dartmouth), Winter—Spring 2016 (commenting on half of all chapter drafts for *The Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, Routledge 2017)

Paul Cartledge (Cambridge) and Paul Christesen (Dartmouth), Summer 2017 (translating a chapter from German for *The Oxford History of the Archaic Greek World*, forthcoming with OUP)

Margaret Graver (Dartmouth), Spring 2015 (assisting with a German literature review on Seneca and indexing parts of Graver and Long (trans.), *Lucius Annaeus Seneca. Letters on Ethics*, U Chicago Press 2015)

Pramit Chaudhuri (UT Austin), May 2014 – January 2015 (computational analyses for the Quantitative Criticism Lab, <https://www.qcrit.org/>)

Paul Christesen (Dartmouth), Summer 2014 (translating French and German abstracts in *Nikephoros* to English for a monolingual database)

### Service and Outreach

#### Service to Purdue

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senator (alternate) for Philosophy (AY 2022/2023)

#### Service to Yale

University Advisory Committee for Reforming Doctoral Education in the Humanities (Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Fall 2020)

Co-organizer, Working Group in Ancient Philosophy (Philosophy & Classics, Fall 2017 – Spring 2022)

Graduate Student Advisory Committee (Classics, Spring 2022)

Graduate Climate Representative and member of Climate Committee (Philosophy, Fall 2018)

Prospective Students Committee (Philosophy, AY 2016/2017, AY 2017/2018)

Co-organizer, Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference (Philosophy, AY 2016/2017)

#### Service to the Profession

Referee for *Phronesis*, *Apeiron*, *Ancient Philosophy Today – Dialogoi*

#### Outreach (at Yale)

Mentor, Mentoring Program for Philosophy majors (Spring 2021 – Spring 2022)

Judge, Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl (Spring 2020)

### References

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