

Harry Alanen – Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY

University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy, New College

Awarded: 04.11.2022

Thesis title: "Aristotle on Action and Agency"
Supervisor: Prof. Ursula Coope
Examiners: Dr. Michail Peramatzis (University of Oxford)
Dr. Stevie Makin (University of Sheffield)

MASTER OF STUDIES IN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy, Oriel College

Awarded: 23.07.2014

Thesis title: "The Desire to Act - Aristotle on Desire and Reason"
Supervisor: Prof. David Charles
Modules: Aristotle: Physics
Body & Soul in Plato & Aristotle

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts

Awarded: 19.02.2013

Thesis title: "Aristotle's Desire in Action"
Supervisors: Dr. Jan-Ivar Lindén
Dr. Mika Perälä
Subjects: Philosophy (Major)
Language Technology (Minor)
Economics (Minor)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind & Action

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics
History of Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & VISITING POSITIONS

CURRENT

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

August 2023-July 2024

PAST

Stipendiary Lecturer in Ancient Philosophy, Christ Church College, Oxford
Visiting Doctoral Fellowship, University of Leipzig
Visiting Assistant in Research, Yale University

January-July 2022
July 2018
January-April 2017

MAJOR GRANTS & AWARDS

American Philosophical Association

Awarded: February 2023

APA Graduate Student Stipend (\$300) awarded to graduate students who get their papers accepted onto APA's main programme.

Fulbright Finland Foundation

Awarded: December 2022

A \$4,000 ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for Junior Scholars awarded toward travel costs related to my research visit at the University of Pittsburgh, PA (12 months).

The Ella and Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation

Awarded: November 2022

52,000 € Awarded toward a 12 month research visit at the University of Pittsburgh, PA (awarded via the Postdoc pool).

The Alfred Kordelin Foundation

Awarded: October 2022

An individual working grant of 25,000 € awarded for my research project "Desire for the Good in Aristotle's Philosophy of Action" to be undertaken during 2023.

The Philosophical Fellowship Fund

Awarded: October 2022

A PFF Post-Doctoral Fellowship of £5,000 awarded for the 2022-23 Academic year towards developing selected chapters of my DPhil thesis into journal articles.

The Humboldt Project

Awarded: April 2018

2,650 € Awarded for visiting Leipzig as a Visiting Doctoral Fellow during July 2018 to work with James Conant.

The Alfred Kordelin Foundation

Awarded: October 2017

12,000 € Awarded toward my DPhil research for the 2018-19 academic year.

The Alfred Kordelin Foundation

Awarded: October 2016

4,000 € Awarded to support my research at Yale during spring term 2017 as a Visiting Assistant in Research, working with David Charles on my DPhil research.

The Ella and Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation

Awarded: May 2015

11,000 € Awarded to support my DPhil research during the 2015-16 academic year.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES (Peer-Reviewed)

"Davidson on Aristotle and Philosophy of Action". In: J. Kuorikoski & T. Toppinen (eds.) *Action, Value and Metaphysics: Proceedings of the Philosophical Society of Finland Colloquium 2018, ACTA PHILOSOPHICA FENNICA*, vol 94, 2018, 35-68.

REVIEWS

"A Review of C.M.M. Olfert's *Aristotle on Practical Truth* (OUP, 2017)". In: *Ancient Philosophy Today: DIALOGOI*, Vol.1, 2019, 133-141.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Nekrolog. Lilli Alanen". Obituary co-authored with Lars Herzberg, Martina Reuter, and Anna Tornivuori published in *Hufvudstadsbladet*, 06.11.2021.

UNDER PREPARATION

"The *Aporia* of *Physics* III.3: Aristotle on Action and Affection". Draft of thesis chapter in preparation for journal submission.

"Induction, Perception, and Scientific Method in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy" (tentative title). Article in preparation for *Aristotelian induction and its reception in antiquity* (working title), edited by Mika Perälä & Henrik Lagerlund.

Together with James Conant we are preparing Frederick Stoutland's manuscript *Acting for Reasons* for publication.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LECTURES

Introduction to Philosophy of Action (University of Oxford) Michaelmas Term 2017

TUTORIALS

Philosophy of Mind (Mansfield College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Ethics (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Early Modern Philosophy (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Plato, Euthyphro and Meno (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Plato's Republic (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Aristotle's Ethics (Christ Church College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2022
Plato's Republic (Christ Church College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2022
Aristotle's Ethics (St Edmund Hall, Oxford) Trinity Term 2021
Philosophy of Mind (Mansfield College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2020
Aristotle's Ethics (Mansfield College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2020
An Introduction to Plato's and Aristotle's Ethics (Mansfield College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2019
Aristotle's Ethics (Mansfield College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2019
Plato's Republic (Mansfield College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2018
Plato's Republic (Harris Manchester College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2018
Plato's Republic (Harris Manchester College, Oxford) Michaelmas Term 2017
Plato's Republic (Mansfield College, Oxford) Michaelmas Term 2016
Aristotle's Ethics (Queen's College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2016

REVISION CLASSES

Aristotle on Nature, Life, and Mind (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Ethics (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Early Modern Philosophy (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Aristotle's Ethics (Christ Church College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2022
Early Greek Philosophy (Christ Church College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2022
Plato, Euthyphro and Meno (Christ Church College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2022
Aristotle's Ethics (St. Catherine's College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2020
Plato's Republic (Mansfield College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2018
Plato's Republic (Keble College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2018
Plato's Republic (St. Catherine's College, Oxford) Hilary Term 2018
General Ethics (St. John's College, Oxford) Trinity Term 2016

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

University of Pittsburgh, 09-10.09.2023: *On Aristotle's Conception of Technê in the Ethics* (Tentative title). CPAS Workshop.

PAST (Selection)

Denver, 22.2-25.2.2023: "*Kinêsis vs Energeia: A Defence of Metaphysics Θ .6 1048b18-35*". APA Central Division, Annual Meeting Program (Symposium).

University of St Andrews, 08-10.07.2022: "*Kinêsis vs Energeia: A Defence of Metaphysics Θ .6 1048b18-35*". 96th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Open Session.

Christ Church College, Oxford, 08.06.2022: "Keep the Change: *Kinêsis* and *Energeia* in Aristotle's *Metaphysics IX*". Classics Discussion Group.

Uppsala University, 17.02.2022: "Aristotle on Animal Locomotion". Uppsala History of Philosophy Seminar.

King's College London, 24-26.04.2019: "Aristotle on Instrumental Changes". British Society for the History of Philosophy, Annual Conference 2019.

University of Oxford, 31.01.2019: "The *Aporia* of *Physics III.3*: Aristotle on Action and Affection". Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.

University of Cambridge, 16.11.2018: "The *Aporia* of *Physics III.3*: Aristotle on Action and Affection". Triangle Ancient Philosophy Colloquium.

Christopher Newport University, 20.10.2018: "Aristotle on Habitual Action". Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Conference 2018.

University of St Andrews, 05.06.2018: "Teleology and the Good in Aristotle's *Physics II.8-9*". St Andrews Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy 2018 on 'Teleology, Intelligence and Life in the Platonic and Aristotelian Tradition'.

University of Durham, 13.04.2018: "Aristotle on Habitual Action". British Society for the History of Philosophy, Annual Conference 'Habit in the History of Philosophy'.

San Diego, 28.03.2018: "Aristotle's *De Anima III.7* on Pleasant and Painful Perception". APA Pacific Division, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Group Session.

Helsinki, 11.01.2018: "Aristotle and the 'Standard Story' on Action and Agency". Philosophical Society of Finland, 2018 Annual Colloquium.

University of Helsinki, 28.09.2017: "Aristotle and his Predecessors on the Problem of Change in *Physics I*". History of Philosophy Research Seminar.

Yale University, 10.04.2017: "Aristotle on Desire as the Cause of Bodily Movement". Working Group in Ancient Philosophy.

Uppsala University, 30.09.2016: "Aristotle on the Perception of Pleasure and Pain in *De Anima III.7*". Uppsala Graduate Conference in History of Philosophy.

University of Helsinki, 04.03.2016: "Aristotle and the Philosophy of Action". History of Philosophy

Research Seminar.

REFEREES

PROF. URSULA COOPE

Academic Referee (Supervisor)
University of Oxford

DR. STEVIE MAKIN

Academic Referee (Examiner)
University of Sheffield

DR. MICHAEL PERAMATZIS

Academic Referee (Examiner)
University of Oxford

PROF. DAVID CHARLES

Academic Referee
Yale University

PROF. LINDSAY JUDSON

Teaching Referee
University of Oxford

PROF. WILLIAM MANDER

Teaching Referee
University of Oxford

ACADEMIC SERVICE

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Co-Organizer of "Mind, Nature, and Morality: A Conference in Honour of Lilli Alanen", University of Helsinki, 02-04.09.2016; <http://mindnaturemorality.wordpress.com>.

Co-Organizer of the 19th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford, 13-15.11.2015.

INTERVIEWS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Invited speaker on the topic of "Philosophy" at the Espoo City Library Kulttuuribunkkeri event. Aired online 29.04.2020.

Interviewed by Riita Gullman for the Alfred Kordelin Foundation 2018 annual report. Published as "Kysymyksenasettelua Aristoteleen Tapaan" in M. Seitsalo & S. Terva (eds.) *Alfred Kordelinin Säätiö Vuosikertomus 98. toimintavuosi 2018*, 36-37.

PEER REVIEW

Member of AHRC-TORCH Student Peer Review College, reviewing research proposals for the AHRC-TORCH Graduate Fund (2015 & 2016).

ASSISTANT WORK

Editorial Assistant

Summer 2018

Assisted Dr. Martina Reuter and Dr. Frans Svensson (eds.) prepare *Mind, Body, and Morality: New Themes from Descartes and Spinoza* (Routledge, 2019) for publication.

Research Assistant

August-December 2016

Assistant to Dr. Anna Marmodoro.

Undergraduate Admissions Interviews

2014-2016

Assisting Dr. Paolo Fait with interviews of prospective students for Classics, and Philosophy & Modern Languages at New College & St. Hugh's College (University of Oxford).

MISCELLANEOUS

Co-organizer of weekly philosophy seminars at Oxford: Ockham Society (2014-2016); DPhil Seminar (2016-2017); Jowett Society (2017-2019).

Representative for research degree students at the Graduate Studies Committee, together with Alexander Roberts (Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford, 2016-2017).

TEACHING, LANGUAGES & OTHER COMPETENCIES

TEACHER ACCREDITATION

SEDA-PDF Supporting Learning Award

October 2018

LANGUAGES

Swedish & Finnish: First languages.

English: Excellent (CEFR C2).

German: Beginner.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

Attic Greek, Latin (beginner).

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE & POSITIONS

Jury Member, Maire Gullichsen Art Prize (2021-)

Board Member, Villa Mairea Foundation (2012-)

President, Developer's Helsinki Ltd. (2008-2021)

Chief Operative Developer & Partner, Developer's Helsinki Oy Ab (2008-2011)

Business Developer & Partner, NetManager Oy (2007-2008)