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EDUCATION

- 2020–2024** **King’s College London** **PhD in Philosophy**
Thesis: *In Search of Zär’a Ya’əqob: A Study of the Philosophy and Intellectual History of the Ḥatāta Zär’a Ya’əqob and the Debate Concerning its Authorship*
Supervised by Dr Sara Marzagora & Professor Toby Green
Examined by Professor Jonardon Ganeri & Professor Souleymane Bachir Diagne
Viva voce passed without corrections
- 2016–18** **University of Oxford** **BPhil (Masters) in Philosophy**
Thesis: *Realism, Relativism and the ‘Anxiety of Alternatives’*
Supervised by Professor Adrian Moore
- 2011–15** **University of Kent** **BA with First Class Hons in Philosophy**
Thesis: *‘Time is nothing but the form of inner sense’: Kant’s Response to Lambert in the Critique of Pure Reason*
Supervised by Dr Edward Kanterian
- 2013–14** **Université Paris IV – La Sorbonne** **Erasmus Student Exchange Program**

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Philosophizing in a Globalized World - Historical and Systematic Perspectives. University of Hildesheim, Centre for Advanced Studies. July 2025
- EXC 2020 ‘Temporal Communities’ Doctoral Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin, September 2023-May 2024

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- British Society for the History of Philosophy Postgraduate Fellow, 2023-4
- London Arts and Humanities Program (AHRC) Full Studentship, 2020-2023
 - LAHP Research Grant to study in Addis Ababa, 2023
 - LAHP Language Fund, 2020, 2021, 2022
 - LAHP Public Engagement Prize, 2023
- Heckman Stipend, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, 2022
- The Spalding Trust Studentship, 2020 (declined)
- Faculty of Humanities Rotary Prize in Recognition of Distinguished Performance, 2015
- Philosophy Department Prize for Best Philosophy Dissertation, 2015
- Keith Jones Prize for Best Final Year Performance in Philosophy, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED BOOKS

- *The Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob Authorship Dispute: A Sourcebook*. Co-edited with Lea Cantor (Cambridge). Forthcoming with Oxford University Press
- *In Search of Zār'a Ya'əqob: On the Authenticity and Authorship of the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob & the Ḥatāta Walda Heywat*. Co-edited with Lea Cantor (Cambridge) and Dr. Fasil Merawi (Addis Ababa). De Gruyter. (2024). Chapters of which authored:
 - *Introduction in In Search of Zār'a Ya'əqob On the History, Philosophy, and Authorship of the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob and the Ḥatāta Wäldä Ḥəywät*. 2024
 - *Comparative Timeline in In Search of Zār'a Ya'əqob On the History, Philosophy, and Authorship of the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob and the Ḥatāta Wäldä Ḥəywät* (with Lea Cantor). 2024
 - *Gə'əṣ Philosophical Wordlist in In Search of Zār'a Ya'əqob On the History, Philosophy, and Authorship of the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob and the Ḥatāta Wäldä Ḥəywät*. 2024

BOOK CHAPTERS

- *The Philosophy of History, An Introduction to Philosophy: A Handbook for African Students* (ed. C.E. Ukhun, J.A. Aigbodioh, J.O. Ehiakhamen, M.A. Izibili, E. Imafidon), (Forthcoming)
- *Phenomenology, Existentialism and Hermeneutics, An Introduction to Philosophy: A Handbook for African Students* (ed. C.E. Ukhun, J.A. Aigbodioh, J.O. Ehiakhamen, M.A. Izibili, E. Imafidon), (Forthcoming)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- *An Ethiopian Lucretius': Giusto da Urbino and the Origins of the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob Controversy*. (Under Review for the Journal of the History of Ideas) with Lea Cantor
- *The Historiographical Category of 'Western Philosophy': Reflections from Connected History*. (In preparation for a special edition of the British Journal for the History of Philosophy: Questioning Western Philosophy)
- *Hegel and the Hatāta Zār'a Ya'əqob: Africa in the Philosophy of History and the History of Philosophy*. Hegel Bulletin. Published online: 1-24, 2024
- *How does Philosophy Learn to Speak a New Language? Perspectives: Studies in Translation Theory and Practice*. 31:1, 104-118. 2023

BOOK REVIEWS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Review of *The Hatata Inquiries: Two Texts of Seventeenth-Century African Philosophy from Ethiopia about Reason, the Creator, and Our Ethical Responsibilities*. MIND. Published online October 2024
- Review of *The Monk on the Roof: The Story of an Ethiopian Manuscript Found in Jerusalem (1904)*. Orientalistische Literaturzeitung, Volume 118 – Issue 6 – May 2024
- Review of *Kant, God and Metaphysics*. Philosophy: Journal of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, Volume 95 – Issue 2 - March 2020

NON PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2024

- *Bending the Arc of History* – Review Essay on *Hegel's World Revolutions* by Richard Bourke. Times Literary Supplement, November 2024
- *Algebra & Other Idle Pursuits* – Review Essay on *A Summer with Pascal* by Antoine Compagnon (Translated from French by Catherine Porter). Literary Review, June 2024
- *A Tract for our Times* – Review Essay on two new translations of Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Times Literary Supplement, February 2024

2023

- *Forging Philosophy* – Essay on Anonymity and Pseudonymity in Philosophy. Aeon, December 2023
- *Questioning Language* – Review Essay on *The Philosophy Of Literary Translation* by Clive Scott, Times Literary Supplement, November 2023
- *The Novelist's Philosopher* – Review Essay on *Looking for Theophrastus* by Laura Beatty, Times Literary Supplement, January 2023

2022

- *Impossible Freedom* – Review Essay on *Freedom: An Impossible Reality* by Raymond Tallis, New Humanist, May 2022
- *Pseudoscience as Policy* – Review Essay on *Hybrid Hate: Conflations of Anti-Semitism and Anti-Black Racism from the Renaissance to the Third Reich* by Tudor Parfitt, Times Literary Supplement, April 2022
- *Inward Empire* – Review Essay on *Inwardness: An Outsider's Guide* by Jonardon Ganeri, Times Literary Supplement, February 2022

2021

- *Abstract Egalitarianism* – Review Essay on *In the Shadow of Justice: Postwar Liberalism and the Remaking of Political Philosophy* by Katrina Forrester, Radical Philosophy, Winter 2021
- *A Deadly Debate* – Review Essay on *The Murder of Professor Schlick: The Rise and Fall of the Vienna Circle* by David Edmonds, Times Literary Supplement, May 2021
- *Total Liberation* – Review Essay on *Worldmaking After Empire* by Adom Getatchew, New Humanist, May 2021
- *Work/Life Balance* – Review Essay on *John Stuart Mill and the Meaning of Life* by Elijah Milgram. Times Literary Supplement, March 2021

2020

- *The Study of All Things* – Review Essay on *Doing Philosophy* by Timothy Williamson. New Humanist, Winter 2020
- *Maths Rules* – Review Essay on *Irrationality: A History of the Dark Side of Human Reason* by Justin E. H. Smith. Times Literary Supplement, June 2020
- *The 'Real' World* – Review Essay on *Being Human* by Rowan Williams. New Humanist, Spring 2020

2019

- *Making A Mingle Mangle* – Review Essay on *Witcraft: The Invention of Philosophy in English* by Jonathan Rée. Times Literary Supplement, August 2019

PEER-REVIEWED TRANSLATIONS

All except for *L'histoire d'un vrai faux traité philosophique* forthcoming in *In Search of Zär'a Ya'əqob: On the Authenticity and Authorship of the Ḥatäta Zär'a Ya'əqob & the Ḥatäta Walda Heywat*.

French to English

- *The Hatäta Zara Yacqob and the Hatäta Walda Heywat* by Jean Simon.
- *Notice on the Ethiopian MSS. of the d'Abbadie collection* by Carlo Conti Rossini.
- *L'histoire d'un vrai faux traité philosophique (Ḥatätā Zar'a Yā'eqob et Ḥatätā Walda Ḥeywat). Introduction: Enquête sur une enquête* by Aïssatou Mbodj and Anaïs Wion. With Lea Cantor. <https://journals.openedition.org/afriques/3154>
- *L'histoire d'un vrai faux traité philosophique (Ḥatätā Zar'a Yā'eqob et Ḥatätā Walda Ḥeywat). Épisode 1: Le temps de la découverte. De l'entrée en collection à l'édition scientifique (1852-1904)* by Aïssatou Mbodj and Anaïs Wion. With Lea Cantor <https://journals.openedition.org/afriques/3178>
- *L'histoire d'un vrai faux traité philosophique (Ḥatätā Zar'a Yā'eqob et Ḥatätā Walda Ḥeywat). Épisode 2: Le temps de la démystification et la traversée du désert (de 1916 aux années 1950)* by Anaïs Wion. With Lea Cantor

German to English

- *A Statistic, Stylistic and (Hopefully) Stylometric Approach for Resolving the Problem of Authorship of Hatäta Zär'a Ya'əqob* by Manfred Kropp.
- *Supposed Ethiopian Philosophers of the 17th Century* by Eugen Mittwoch.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- The Historiographical Category of 'Western Philosophy': Reflections from Connected History. Presented at *Questioning Western Philosophy: Philosophical, Historical, and Historiographical Challenges*. Worcester College, 2023
 - Presented at the *British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference*. University of Aberdeen, April 2023
- Athens and Aksum: The Legacy of Greek Philosophy in Ethiopia. Accepted for *Lost & Found: The Legacies of Greek Culture in the Global Middle Ages*, Fordham College, 2023
- 'Descartes, Zera Yacob and *lux intelligentiae*: arguing with Jesuits in 17th century France and Ethiopia'
 - Presented at the *British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference*. Royal Society of Edinburgh, April 2022
 - Presented at the *68th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Dublin, March 2022
 - Presented at the *Renaissance Mind* seminar at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, November 2024
- 'Can a Philosophical Tradition Arise from Translation?'. Presented at the *Transphil Philosophy In/On Translation Symposium*, September 2021
- 'Zera Yacob as Early Modern Rationalist (and as 19th Century Forgery)'. Presented at *Princeton-Bucharest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Bucharest, April 2021
- 'Hegel, Zera Yacob and the Exclusion of Africa from the History of Philosophy'. Presented at *Decolonising Archives, Rethinking Canons*, Cambridge, March 2021

- Presented at the *Beyond Idealism Conference*. University of Sheffield, July 2022
- Presented at the *International Society for Intellectual History Annual Conference*. Venice, September 2022
- ‘Four Conceptions of the Origin of Philosophy in Ge’ez’, *UCLA African Philosophies of Language Conference*, February 2021

INVITED TALKS

- *A Century of the Ḥatāta Zār’a Ya’əqob Authorship Debate: Outlines of an Intellectual History*. University of Warsaw. November 2024
- *‘Infernal Fires’ and the Light of Reason: on the Uses and Abuses of an Ethiopian Biography*. Peterhouse Theory Group, University of Cambridge
- *How Does Philosophy Learn to Speak a New Language: Lessons from Aksum, London and Beyond*.
 - Journée d’études “Traduire la langue philosophique”. Université Paris Cité. June 2024
 - Philosophy of Translation Seminar. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. May 2024
- *‘The Anxiety of Alternatives’: Sufis, Jesuits and Ethiopian Philosophy in the First Global Modernity*. King’s College London Comparative Literature Research Seminar. January 2020
- *What is Africana Philosophy?* Critical Discussion group with Prof Chike Jeffers, Oxford Public Philosophy, October 2020
- *History, Teleology and Mechanism*. Commentary on the *Appendix on the Methodology of the Teleological Power of Judgment* at the Quarantine Kant Seminar. July 2020
- In conversation with Jonathan Rée on *Witcraft: The Invention of Philosophy in English*. British Library. June 2019
- *Absolutism, Relativism and ‘Other-mindedness’*, talk at the Ockham Society, University of Oxford. 2017

EVENTS ORGANISED

- *Questioning Western Philosophy’: Philosophical, Historical, and Historiographical Challenges*. Two-day conference Worcester College, 2023
 - Awarded funding from:
 - LAHP £3000.00
- *In Search of Zera Yacob* Conference. Three-day international conference on the authorship of the *Hatāta Zār’a Ya’əqob* and the *Hatāta Walda Heywat* (to take place at Worcester College, 2021)
 - Awarded funding from:
 - Royal Institute of Philosophy £3,739.00
 - Mind Association £1,111.00
 - British Society for the History of Philosophy £1,000.00
 - Aristotelian Society £300.00

TEACHING

2024-2025 Lecturer in African Philosophy, SOAS, University of London

Global Traditions of Philosophical Hermeneutics

African Philosophy

Core Themes and Debates in African Philosophy (Postgraduate)

Introduction to Epistemology (with Dr. Paul Giladi)

2022-2023 Visiting Lecturer, Philosophy, Addis Ababa University

Lecture series on *Translation, Tradition and the Global Context of Ethiopian Philosophy*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, King's College London

Women Thinkers in Antiquity and the Middle Ages, led by Prof Peter Adamson

2021-2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Comparative Literature, King's College London

Medieval and Modern African Literatures (1200-1900) led by Dr Sara Marzagora

LANGUAGES

Modern

- English Native
- French Fluent
- Modern Greek Conversational
- Italian Conversational
- German Reading

Ancient

- Ancient Greek
- Gə'əz
- Sanskrit (Beginner)

REFERENCES

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- Dr. Sara Marzagora, Senior Lecturer in Comparative Literature, King's College London
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- Prof. Jonardon Ganeri, Bimal Matilal Distinguished Professorship in Philosophy, University of Toronto
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- Prof. Adrian Moore, Professor of Philosophy, University of Oxford
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