

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**CHRISTIANA M. M. OLFERT**

**EMPLOYMENT**

Tufts University, Tenured Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2016-present  
Tufts University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2010-2016  
Tufts University, Adjunct Professor of Classics, 2010-present

**EDUCATION**

Columbia University, PhD in Philosophy (with Distinction), 2010  
Mount Allison University, BA in Philosophy (First Class Honours), 2004

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:** Ancient Philosophy

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Philosophy of Action, Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy

**BOOKS**

1. *Aristotle on Practical Truth* (Oxford University Press, 2017)
2. *Undogmatic: Skepticism As A Way of Life* (under review at Oxford University Press)

**PAPERS**

1. "What can we learn from pleasure?," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 2013 (Vol. 30 No. 1), pp. 35-53.
2. "Incomplete Activities," *Apeiron*, October 2013
3. "Aristotle's Conception of Practical Truth," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, April 2014 (Winner of the JHP annual Article Prize for volume 52)
4. "Skeptical Investigation and its Perks" in Diogenes Laertius's *Lives of Philosophers* IX.61-161, ed. Katja Vogt, SAPERE series by Mohr Siebeck, 2015
5. "The Truth About Practical Ends," *Apeiron*, March 2018
6. "Academic Skeptics Versus Stoics on Happiness and the End of Action," *Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy* (forthcoming in 2020)
7. "Deliberating About Practical Truth" (forthcoming in a proposed volume on the idea of practical truth, ed. Jennifer Frey and Christopher Frey)
8. "Aristotle on Autonomy and Self-sufficiency" (forthcoming in the *Routledge Handbook of Autonomy*)

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2014: Winner of the JHP annual Article Prize for volume 52, for my paper, "Aristotle's Conception of Practical Truth"

2009-2010: Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship  
2007-2008: SSHRC Dissertation Fellowship  
2008-2009: George John Bowdery Memorial Fellowship in Philosophy

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

1. "Inquiry as a Way of Life" (in progress)
2. "Does Knowledge Rule Out False Belief?" (under review)
3. "Aiming at the future in teleological theories of action" (under review)
4. "Practical Reason and Knowledge in the *Charmides* and the *Statesman*" (under review)
5. "Aristotle, Action, and Fitting Oneself to the World" (in progress)

## BOOK REVIEWS

1. "Action, Contemplation, and Happiness: An Essay on Aristotle," NDPR (Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews), June 25, 2012.

**DISSERTATION:** *Building the Soul: Aristotle's Constitutive View of Virtue* (Wolfgang Mann and Katja Vogt, co-chairs)

## PRESENTATIONS

1. "Does Knowledge Rule Out False Belief?," invited presentation, Colgate University, April 23, 2020. [Postponed due to COVID-19.]
2. "Inquiry as a Way of Life," invited presentation, Dartmouth Workshop on Ancient Philosophy, March 14, 2020. [Canceled/postponed due to COVID-19.]
3. "Inquiry as a Way of Life," invited presentation, Conference on the Nature of Inquiry, St. Agnes Scott College, March 6, 2020.
4. "Deliberating about Practical Truth," peer-reviewed presentation, Marquette University's conference in honor of Sarah Broadie, February 21, 2020.
5. "Does Knowledge Rule Out False Belief?," invited presentation, Vanderbilt University, November 15, 2019.
6. "Aristotle on Practical Truth," two invited presentations, University of Sao Paulo at Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 2019.
7. "Pyrrhonian Skepticism as a Way of Life," invited presentation, Columbia University Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, April 22, 2019.
8. "Deliberating about practical truth," invited presentation, Oxford University, March 18, 2019.
9. "Does Knowledge Eliminate False Belief? A Platonic Answer," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January, 2019.
10. "Pyrrhonian Skepticism as a Way of Life," invited seminar presentation, NEH seminar on Philosophy as a Way of Life, Wesleyan University, July 17, 2018.
11. "The Charmides and the Statesman on Practical Reason," invited presentation, Dartmouth College, June 19, 2017.
12. "Practical Truth as an Object of Deliberation: Some Puzzles," invited presentation, "Practical Truth: Reflections on the Aristotelian Tradition," University of South Carolina, April 21-22, 2017.

13. "Practical Ends and Thinking About the Future," Peer reviewed paper, APA (Central Division), March, 2017.
14. Commentator-at-large, "Epistemology After Sextus Empiricus," Columbia University (invited by Katja Vogt), October 28-29, 2016.
15. "Practical Ends and Thinking About the Future," Peer reviewed paper, Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, October 14, 2016.
16. "Nicomachean Ethics V.4, 1131b25-1132a19: An Introduction to Rectificatory Justice," invited presentation, Prague, September 15, 2016.
17. "What is Practical Truth?," Invited Talk, Philosophy in Assos, June 28, 2016.
18. "Thinking About Ends, Thinking About the Future," Peer reviewed paper, World Congress Aristotle 2400 Years, Thessaloniki (Greece), May 28, 2016.
19. "Practical Knowledge in the Charmides and the Statesman," Invited Talk, Duke University, February 5, 2016
20. Comments on "Knowledge, Virtuous Action, and Experience," Eastern APA, January 2016.
21. "Aristotle on Truthfulness," Invited presentation, Union College workshop on *NE* VI.6-9, October 16-17, 2015.
22. Moderator and substitute commentator, "Howling Whirls" by Pierre Bonnechere, *Water in Greek Religion* conference, Tufts University, July 21-24.
23. "Thinking about Action in the Charmides and the Statesman," Invited talk, Lake Tahoe Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (organized by Rusty Jones), May 29-June 3, 2015.
24. Comments on "Universals, Particulars, and the Practical Syllogism in Aristotle's Ethics," Pacific APA, April 2015.
25. "Aristotle's Conception of Practical Truth," Invited Talk, Mount Allison University, March 20, 2015.
26. "Aristotle on the distinctness of practical reason," Invited Symposium, Central APA, February 19, 2015.
27. "Aristotle's Conception of Practical Truth." Invited talk, Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale University, October 10, 2014.
28. "Thinking about Ends." Invited talk, Northwestern Junior Faculty Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University, June 7-8, 2014.
29. "Skeptical Investigation and Its Perks." Peer reviewed presentation, Canadian Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of British Columbia, May 2-4, 2014.
30. Comments on "Miskawayh on Pleasure." Columbia University, March 14, 2014.
31. "De Motu Animalium 7-9." Invited presentation, New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, New York, February 22, 2014.
32. "Practical Truth and New Pleasures." Invited talk, Proctor Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Wellesley University, February 15-16, 2014.
33. Comments on "Stoic Incorporals: A Grounded Account." Proctor Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Wellesley University, February 15-16, 2014.
34. "Aristotle, Action, and Fitting Oneself to the World." Invited talk, Department of Philosophy, Brandeis University, January 24, 2014.
35. "Aristotle, Action, and Fitting Oneself to the World." Invited talk, Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, November 23, 2013.
36. "Skeptical Investigation and Its Perks." Invited talk at "Pyrrho: Pyrrhonian Skepticism in Diogenes Laertius," a conference organized by Katja Vogt at Columbia University, October 19, 2013.
37. "Doxa, Deliberation, and Truth." Invited talk at "Doxa in Aristotle," a conference organized by Katja Vogt at Columbia University, April 27, 2013

38. "New Pleasures." Invited talk at a seminar run by C.D.C. Reeve and Michael Ferejohn at UNC Chapel Hill, February 11, 2013
39. "Aristotle on Practical Truth." Invited talk at an Ancient Philosophy workshop run by Christie Thomas at Dartmouth, February 17, 2013
40. "Comments on: The Metabolism of the State." Colloquium commentary, Pacific APA, Seattle, April 2012
41. "What can we learn from pleasure?" Invited paper University of Uppsala, Sweden, March 2012
42. "Plato's *Apology*." Invited seminar presentation, Department of Classics, Tufts University, November 2011
43. "Aristotle's conception of practical truth." Invited presentation, Workshop for Women in Philosophy, UMass Amherst, June 2011
44. "*Eudemian Ethics* II.6-9: translation and commentary." Invited presentation, New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, New York, April 2011
45. "What can pleasure tell us about the good?," Colloquium presentation, Pacific APA, San Diego, April 2011
46. "Practical Truth," Invited seminar presentation, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, March 2011
47. "Dispelling the Illusion: Aristotle on Pleasure," Invited talk, Department of Philosophy, Tufts University, February 2010
48. Comments, "The Good of the *Euthyphro*" by Matt Evans, "Plato on Desiring the Good" Conference at Columbia University, February 2010
49. "Dispelling the Illusion: Aristotle on Pleasure," Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria, February 2010
50. "What does it mean to act from a firm and unchanging disposition?," Invited talk, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University, January 2010
51. "Hume's *Enquiry* XI," Invited lecture, Department of Philosophy, St. Thomas University, January 2010
52. "What does it mean to act from a firm and unchanging disposition?," Colloquium Presentation, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, May 2009
53. "One Track Minds: An Aristotelian View of Deliberation," Invited Talk, Columbia University Classics Department, March 2009
54. "What does it mean to act from a firm and unchanging disposition?," "Aristotle, Ethics and Science" Conference at Saint Joseph's University, October 2008

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Introductory classes:**

Introduction to Ethics (2012)  
Happiness and the Good Life (2012, 2014)  
Plato's Republic (2018)  
Introduction to Philosophy (2020)  
Plato and the Moderns (2020)

### **Upper-level classes:**

History of Modern Philosophy (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018)

Ancient Philosophy (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2018)  
Pre-Socratics to Augustine (2007)

### **Seminars:**

Plato's and Aristotle's Ethics (2011, 2013, 2017)  
Contemporary Virtue Ethics (2011)  
Aristotle's Metaphysics (2015, 2018)  
Skeptics, Stoics, and Hedonists (2017)  
Aristotle on Rationality (2019)

### **Independent Studies:**

Happiness and the Good Life (2012)  
Philosophy of Action after Anscombe (2014)  
Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (2017)  
Aristotle on the *kalon* (2018)  
Plato's *Republic* (2018)  
Autonomy in Ancient Philosophy (2020)

### **Senior Thesis:**

Madeline Adelson, "Spinoza and Leibniz on Faith and Reason" (2012-2013)

### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Director of Graduate Studies, Tufts University Department of Philosophy, Fall 2018-present  
Committee member, Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee, Fall 2019-present  
Chair, Subcommittee on the MA Curriculum, Tufts, Spring 2018  
Committee member, Library Committee, Tufts University, Fall 2015-present  
Committee member, Sub-committee on Foreign Programs, Tufts University, Fall 2011-Spring 2012, Spring 2013 - present  
UIT faculty liaison, Tufts University, Fall 2010-present  
Intra-departmental colloquium organizer, Tufts University, Spring 2011-2013  
MA Admissions committee member, Tufts University Department of Philosophy, 2012-present  
Writing advisor, Tufts University Department of Philosophy, Summer and Fall 2011 and 2014  
Hiring committee member, Tufts University Department of Philosophy, Fall 2010, Fall 2011  
Interview committee member, Tufts University Department of Philosophy, Fall 2010

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Area editor, *Ergo*, Fall 2019-present  
Referee, *Archiv fur Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2018-present  
Referee, *Oxford University Press*, 2018-2019  
Program Committee, Canadian Philosophy Association Meetings 2019, Spring 2019  
Referee, *Polis*, 2017-2018

Referee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2017  
Mentor, *PIKSI*, 2016-17  
Referee, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 2015, 2017  
Referee, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2017  
Referee, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, 2016  
Referee, *Cambridge University Press*, 2015, 2017  
Referee, *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division (Ancient and Medieval philosophy paper submissions), 2015  
Referee, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)*, 2015  
Referee, *Ancient Philosophy*, 2014 and 2015  
Referee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2014, 2017  
Referee, *American Catholic Philosophy Quarterly*, 2013  
Referee, *Digressus*, 2013  
Referee, Czech Science Foundation, Fall 2012, 2013  
Member, NYCAP (New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy), 2011-present  
Member, Harvard Ancient Greek Reading Group, 2010-present  
Invited participant, Cornell workshop in Ancient Philosophy, 2010-2013  
Participant, Princeton Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 2007-present  
Invited participant, The Mentoring Project for pre-tenure women faculty in philosophy, UMass  
Amherst June 2011  
Invited participant, University of Toronto workshop in Ancient Philosophy, March 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association  
Canadian Philosophical Association

## **LANGUAGES**

Ancient Greek, French, German