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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2019-
Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech Fall 2016 - Spring 2019

Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

Education

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| PhD, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University | 09/2016 |
| M.A., Queen's University (Philosophy) | 2010 |
| B.A. (Honors), The University of Alberta (Political Science) | 2006 |

Publications: Peer-reviewed

1. "Acting Virtuously as an End in Aristotle's Ethics" — *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 26(6): 1006-1026, 2018.
2. "Not Always Worth the Effort: Difficulty and the Value of Achievement" — in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 100(2): 525-548, 2019.
3. "What's Aristotelian about Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics?" (26 p.) — in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98(3): 671-696, 2019.
4. "External Goods and the Complete Exercise of Virtue in Aristotle's NE" — in the *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (1):29-53, 2021.
5. "Oppressive Double Binds" — in *Ethics* 131(4): 643-669, 2021.

Publications: Invited

6. "Eudaimonism and the Dualism of Practical Reason" — in Tyler Paytas & Tim Henning (eds.), *The Ethics of Sidgwick and Kant: Exploring the Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within*, Routledge, 2020.

Reviews

Review of Matthew D. Walker, *Aristotle on the Uses of Contemplation*, in *Philosophical Review* 129(3):465-469, 2020.

Awards & Fellowships

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| National Humanities Center Fellowship | 2021 (declined) |
| Favorite Faculty Award, Virginia Tech | 2018 |
| Diversity Grant, Virginia Tech | 2018 |
| Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech | 2017 |
| Bersoff Fellowship, NYU | 2016 (declined) |
| Laurance S. Rockefeller UCHV Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University (Competitive Fellowship awarded to students working on issues concerning human values) | 2015-16 |
| McGraw Teagle Teaching Seminar (Selected participant) | 2014-15 |
| Stanley J. Seeger Travel Award, Program in Hellenic Studies | 2012, 2013, 2014 |
| University Fellowship, Princeton University | 2011-2016 |
| Merit Grant, UCHV | 2011 |

Teaching

Graduate Student Advising

Michael Vazquez (2020) — Committee member
 Matthew Solomon — Committee member
 Paul Musso — Committee member
 Stephanie Wesson — Committee member
 Youngbin Yoon — Committee member
 Tyler Re — Committee member
 Zachary Agoff — Committee member

Undergraduate Advising

Sakshi Seghal — Honors thesis
 Kathryn Farrell — Honors thesis (in progress)
 Tengqin Han — Honors thesis
 David Ehrenreich — Honors thesis
 Olivia Libonati — Rhodes scholarship application

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy — Instructor

PHIL 510, Plato's Republic and Laws (Fall 2019)
 PHIL 002, Intro to Ethics (Spring 2020)
 PHIL 281, Love and Sex (Spring 2020)
 Dissertation Seminar (Fall 2020)
 PHIL 281, Love and Sex (Fall 2020)
 PHIL 002, Intro to Ethics (Spring 2021)
 PHIL 512, Aristotle's Teleology (Spring 2021)
 PHIL 281, Love and Sex (Fall 2021)
 PHIL 003, Intro to Ancient (Fall 2021)

Virginia Tech, Department of Philosophy — Instructor

PHIL 2115 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2018)
 PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Fall 2018)
 PHIL 4212 Graduate Seminar: Aristotelian Metaphysics — co-taught with Kelly Trogdon (Spring 2017)
 PHIL 4016 Special Topics in Philosophy: Plato's Republic (Spring 2017)
 PHIL 2115 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2017)
 PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Fall 2017)
 PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Spring 2017)
 PHIL 3314 Ethical Theory: Philosophy of Well-Being (Spring 2017)

Rutgers University, Department of Philosophy — Instructor

PHI 01:730:401 Plato: The Republic (Spring 2015)

Albert C. Wagner Correctional Facility — Instructor

PHI205 Philosophy of Inequality (Spring 2015, with Ella Haselswerdt, Orlando Reade, & Daniel Wodak)
 PHI102 Philosophy & the Good Life (Spring 2013, with Ella Haselswerdt, Josh O'Rourke, & Daniel Wodak)

Garden State Correctional Facility — Instructor

ENG203 Reason and Passion in the Ancient World (Fall 2013, with Ella Haselswerdt, Tom Miller, & Simon Shogry)

Princeton University — Assistant in Instruction

PHI305 Plato's *Republic* ("Plato in Berlin" Seminar, Summer 2014, for Benjamin Morison)

PHI 205 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2014, for Hendrik Lorenz)

PHI202 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Fall 2012, for Michael Smith)

Queen's University — Assistant in Instruction

PHIL153 State and Citizen (Fall 2009, for Christine Sypnowich)

PHIL256 Existentialism (Spring 2009, for Adele Mercier)

Talks and Presentations (Invited talks marked with *)

- “White Blindness and Self-Knowledge in Plato’s Alcibiades”
 ● *SAAP, Oxford, UK 10/2021
- “Outrage and the Bounds of Empathy”
 ● *Colloquium talk, Queen’s University, Canada 2/2021
 ● *Colloquium talk, Georgetown, 2/2021
 ● *Colloquium talk, University of York, UK, 3/2021
 ● *Colloquium talk, Lafayette, 4/2021
 ● *Colloquium talk, Villanova 4/2021
- “Double Binds, Oppression, and The Undermining of the Self”
 ● *Keynote, Philosophy at the Border UTEP 4/2019
 ● *Colloquium talk, UIC 9/2019
 ● *Colloquium talk Wellesley 3/2020
- “How Virtue is a Means to Contemplation”
 ● *NYU Cape Cod Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 7/2019
 ● *Columbia Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy 10/2019
 ● *Indiana Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 11/2019
 ● *CPAMP University of Toronto 1/2020
 ● NYU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 12/2020
- “Double Binds and the Limits of Autonomy”
 ● Society for Analytic Feminism Group Session, Central APA 2/2019
 ● *Action Network Meeting “Agency and Time”, Leipzig 7/2018
- “Double Binds and Diversifying the Discipline”
 ● *Colloquium Talk for Diversity, Inclusion, and Climate Initiative, Boston University 4/2018
- “Mixed Actions and External Goods in Aristotle’s Ethics”
 ● *Boston University 4/2018
 ● *Colloquium Talk, Transylvania University, Kentucky 12/2017
 ● *Colloquium Talk, University of Austin, Texas 9/2017
 ● *NYU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 5/2017
- “Virtue, Actions and Ends in Aristotle’s Ethics”
 ● *Colloquium Talk, University of Arizona 2/2017
 ● *Graduate Seminar, UNC 2/2017
- “Aristotle on the Connection between Virtue and Happiness”
 ● *Symposium on the Philosophy of Well-Being, Positive Psychology Center; University of Pennsylvania 12/2016

- *The Center for Comparative Philosophy & Global Asia Initiative; Duke University 11/2016
- “Aristotelian Perfectionism”
- *Costa Rica Interdisciplinary Workshop on Well-being 6/2016
- “Eudaimonia as the Most Teleion of Ends in NE 1.7”
- Eastern APA, Savannah, GA 1/2018
- *Tahoe Ancient Philosophy Workshop 5/2016
- “Aristotle on Complete and Incomplete Actions”
- *Workshop on Aristotle’s Metaphysics, NYU 12/2015
- Ancient Philosophy Workshop; Humboldt University Berlin 12/2014
- “Virtue and Happiness: A Genuinely Aristotelian Alternative”
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder 8/2015
- Philosophy Dissertation Seminar, Princeton University 4/2015
- “Inequality in Education” (with Daniel Wodak)
- *UCHV Human Values Forum, Princeton University 4/2015
- “Was Aristotle a Virtue Ethicist?”
- Value and Virtue in Ethics and Epistemology; New York University 5/2014
- Philosophy Dissertation Seminar, Princeton University 10/2014
- “Knowledge and Understanding in Republic V”
- Guest lecture, PHIL98hf (taught by Marc Gasser), Harvard University 11/2013
- “The Critique of Medicine in ‘On Ancient Medicine’”
- 3rd APSN Graduate Conference, Humboldt-University Berlin 6/2013
- Ancient Medicine: A Mini-Symposium, University of Pennsylvania 4/2013
- “Is an Aristotelian Virtue Ethics Still Credible?”
- 13th Annual University of Toronto Graduate Conference 6/2013
- “Demonstration and Causation in *Posterior Analytics* A 4”
- University of Cambridge; First Principles, Cause and Explanation in Ancient Philosophy 4/2013
- “Internalism and Universal Reasons”
- 2nd Annual Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference 8/2012

Comments

- On Samuel Reis-Dennis, “Anger: Scary Good”
- Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC 09/2017
- On Alastair Norcross’ “On Wanton Self-Assurance: I Promised Myself that I would Write this Paper”
- Problem Promises Workshop; UCHV, Princeton University 3/2015
- On Corinne Gartner’s “Friendship of Character or Virtue? Aristotle on Character Requirements of Primary Philia in the Eudemian Ethics”
- The 37th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop; Temple and Penn University 4/2014
- On Ana Laura Edelhoff’s “Essence before Modality: Aristotle’s Criticism of Ontological Priority in Plato”
- 3rd APSN Graduate Conference, Humboldt-University Berlin 6/2013

On Andreas Leonhard Menges' "Hot and Cold Blame"

- Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University Berlin 8/2012

Professional Service

Departmental & University Service

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| Placement Director Penn | 2020-current |
| Placement Committee Penn | 2019-2020 |
| Fulbright Faculty Committee | 2020-current |
| GSWS Executive Board | 2020-current |
| Department Representative, CLAHS Diversity Committee Virginia Tech | 2017-2018 |
| MAP faculty advisor, Virginia Tech | 2017-2018 |
| Graduate Committee, Philosophy Department, Virginia Tech | 2017 |
| Co-organizer, Graduate Student Pro-seminar, Virginia Tech | 2017 |

0.1 Service to the Profession

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| Organizer, Working Group on Race and Ancient Philosophy | 2021-current |
| Ethics forum Editor on the PEA Soup blog | 2021-current |
| NDPR Review Forum Editor on the PEA Soup blog | 2018-2019 |
| Steering Committee, Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy | 2017-2019 |
| Faculty Mentor & Panelist, Compass, Princeton University | 2018 |
| Reviewer at large, Eastern APA | 2017 |
| Reviewer at large, VSPC | 2017 |
| Faculty Mentor & Panelist, Compass, UNC | 2017 |
| Creator and Organizer, Compass: An Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop, Princeton University | 2015-16 |
| MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Representative (with Daniel Wodak & Yena Lee), Princeton University | 2014-16 |
| Organizer, Philosophy Reading Group for Female Undergraduates, Princeton University | 2014-16 |
| Resident Graduate Student, Mathey College, Princeton University | 2014-16 |
| Co-organizer (with Michaela McSweeney), Princeton Paper Tigers (Interdepartmental talk series), Princeton University | 2013-14 |
| Graduate Representative (with Josh O'Rourke), Princeton University | 2012-13 |

Workshops & Conferences

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| Organizer, Workshop on "For the Sake of" Relations in Aristotle, Blacksburg, VA | 04/2018 |
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| Commentator, VSPC (Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference), Vancouver, BC | 8/2017 |
| Chair, BSPC (Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference), Bellingham, WA | 7/2015 |
| Panelist, Princeton Workshop on Feminist Theory and Practice in Academia, Princeton University | 3/2015 |
| Organizer MCI Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA | 12/2014 |
| Co-organizer (with Noelle Lopez) CRNAP Teaching Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Delhi, NY | 9/2014 |
| Co-organizer (with Marc Gasser) Workshop on Aristotle's <i>Poetics</i> , Delhi, NY | 6/2014 |
| Co-organizer, Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, Princeton University | 4/2012 |
| Co-organizer, Princeton Classical Philosophy Graduate Conference, Princeton University | 3/2012 |

Languages

Ancient Greek, Latin, French (fluent), German (reading)

September 20, 2021