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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Ph.D., Philosophy (expected May 2020) Dissertation: <i>Practical Reasoning in Stoic Ethics</i>	<i>2015 - Present</i>
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies	<i>2014 - 2015</i>
<b>Villanova University</b> B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> Philosophy, Humanities, Honors Thesis: Reflections on Metaphysics and the World: A Study of Plotinus' <i>Enneads</i> Robert Russell, O.S.A. Medallion for Academic Excellence in Philosophy Karol Wojtyla Medallion for Academic Excellence in Humanities Phi Beta Kappa	<i>2010 - 2014</i>
<b>University of Oxford, Blackfriars Hall</b> Visiting Student, Classical Philosophy	<i>2013</i>

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**AOS:** Ancient Philosophy, Ethics  
**AOC:** History of Philosophy (Early Modern, Modern), Philosophy of Education, Logic

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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Provost's Graduate Academic Engagement Fellowship at the Netter Center <i>Inaugural recipient of two-year teaching and research fellowship awarded to two doctoral students across the university for publicly engaged scholarship</i>	<i>2019 - 2021</i>
School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Dean's Scholar <i>Awarded to nine graduate students per year who "exhibit exceptional academic performance and intellectual promise"</i>	<i>2019</i>
George W. M. Bacon Fellow <i>Penn School of Arts and Sciences year-long research fellowship</i>	<i>2016 - 2017</i>
Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture Graduate Fellow <i>Access to monthly colloquia, specialized reading groups, and research/travel funds</i>	<i>2015 - Present</i>
Benjamin Franklin Doctoral Fellowship <i>Five-year fellowship for doctoral research</i>	<i>2015-2020</i>
Political Studies Summer Fellowship, Hudson Institute <i>In-residence program in Washington, D.C. centering around the theory and practice of politics</i>	<i>2014</i>
Villanova Summer Research Grant, "Re-discovering Ancient Conceptions of Causality" <i>Grant supporting an independent research project on causation in Plotinus' philosophy</i>	<i>2013</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor**

Public Philosophy & Civic Engagement

*Spring 2020*

### **Teaching Assistant**

Philosophy of Education: Teaching Philosophy in Middle Schools

*Fall 2018*

Introduction to Philosophy (Online)

*Summer 2018*

History of Modern Philosophy

*Spring 2018*

The Social Contract

*Fall 2017*

Logic and Formal Reasoning

*Spring 2017*

History of Ancient Philosophy (funded by S.A.I.L. grant)

*Fall 2016*

Plato and his Predecessors (Online)

*Summer 2016*

Aristotle and his Successors (Online)

*Summer 2016*

### **Additional Experience:**

- Center for Teaching & Learning, Structured Active In-Class Learning TA Training (Fall 2016)
- Center for Teaching & Learning, Teaching Assistant Training (Summer 2016)
- 150+ hours tutoring in Ancient Greek, Latin, and Philosophy (Wyzant, Varsity Tutors, Chegg)

## TALKS

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### **Service-Learning, Moral Philosophy, and Civic Engagement**

Panel on Pre-College Philosophy at the Philosophy of Education Society Meeting (Mar. 2020)

### **Cicero's Rhetorical Philosophy in the *De Officiis***

Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting (Jan. 2020)

### **Hopeless Fools and Impossible Ideals**

Penn Normative Philosophy Group (Dec. 2019)

### **Cicero on Moral Duty**

Panel on Cicero's Reception of Hellenistic Philosophy at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting, Christopher Newport University (Nov. 2019)

### ***Cum officio selectio*: A Proposal for Stoic Practical Reasoning**

APA Pacific Division Meeting, Hellenistic Philosophy Society Panel on Stoic Ethics (Apr. 2019)

### **What do Ancient Philosophers know about Morality?**

Philosophy Table, Penn Philosophy Society (Mar. 2019)

### **A Black Box in Stoic Ethical Theory**

Princeton University Classical Philosophy WIP Workshop (Dec. 2018)

### **Is there a Moral Duty to Adopt?**

University of Pennsylvania Graduate Colloquium (Apr. 2018)

### **The Normative Hippocratic Doctor: Moral Motivation in Ancient Medical Ethics**

35th annual meeting of The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2017)

### ***Quo Warranto?* Real Definition and the Euthyphro Argument**

34th annual meeting of The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2016)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Organizer & Chair, Penn Project for Philosophy for the Young Inaugural Group Session at the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), "Models of Dialogue between the Academy and the Community" (January 2020)

Assistant Organizer, Anscombe Archive Conference on Mind and Action (Penn, April 2019)

Editing for *Virtue, Happiness, and Knowledge: Themes from the Work of Gail Fine and Terence Irwin*, ed. D. Brink, S. Meyer, and C. Shields, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2018

Editing for *Plato: Laws 1 and 2*, Susan Sauve Meyer, Oxford University Press, 2015

Assistant Organizer, Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (PeRFECt4) on the Epistemology of the Normative (November 2018)

Research Fellow, Penn Positive Psychology, "Philosophy and Well-Being: A Meeting of the Humanities and Human Flourishing Project" (Summer 2018)

Co-organizer, Fourth Annual Penn Ancient Workshop: Lucretius' *De rerum natura* (April 2016)

Co-organizer, Penn Philosophy Ancient Greek Reading Group (2015-Present)

Co-organizer, Collegium Institute Koine Greek Weekly Workshop (2015-2017)

## SERVICE

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High-School Ethics Bowl Coach (Spring 2019-Present)

Philosophy Graduate Representative to the Faculty (2018-2019)

Graduate Philosophy Listserv Administrator (2017-Present)

Organizer & Facilitator, Philadelphia Futures After-School Philosophy Club (2016-2017)

Organizer & Facilitator, Penn Alexander Elementary School Philosophy Club (2018)

Organizer & Facilitator, Comegys Elementary School Philosophy for the Young Series (2017-Present)

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### History of Philosophy

Ancient Skepticism*	<i>Spring 2015</i>
Plutarch: Platonism and Poetry (Classics, ind. study)	<i>Fall 2015</i>
Aristotle's Psychology: <i>De Anima</i>	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Hippocrates and Greek Intellectual Culture of the Classical Period (Classics)	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Plato's Dialogues: Plato on Pleasure	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Stoic Ethics and Psychology	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Aristotle's Ethics*	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Duty & Obligation in Modern Philosophy (ind. study)	<i>Spring 2018</i>

### Contemporary Philosophy

Proseminar	<i>Fall 2015</i>
Rationality, Morality, and Law: Expertise	<i>Fall 2015</i>
Formal Logic I	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Formal Logic II	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Philosophy of Language: Reference and Context-Sensitivity	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Philosophy of Mathematics	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Philosophy of Biology	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Metaethics*	<i>Spring 2017</i>

\* = *audit*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Penn Project for Philosophy for the Young (APA Affiliated Group, Founding Member)  
American Philosophical Association  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Society for Classical Studies  
Hellenistic Philosophy Society  
Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO)  
Philosophy of Education Society

## REFERENCES

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