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EMPLOYMENT

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching Assistant Professor of Philosophy

July 2020 - Present

Director of Outreach, Department of Philosophy & Parr Center for Ethics

July 2020 - Present

As Director of Outreach, I design, oversee, and implement a wide range of community engagement programs in K-12 schools, community colleges, libraries, correctional facilities, museums, professional workplaces, retirement communities, and other community venues and campus units.

University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education

Lecturer, Mid-Career Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership

July 2020-Present

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

2015 - 2020

Ph.D., Philosophy

Dissertation: *Practical Reasoning in Stoic Ethics*

Committee: Susan Sauvé Meyer (supervisor), Sukaina Hirji, Jacob Klein, Errol Lord

University of Pennsylvania

2014 - 2015

Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies

Villanova University

2010 - 2014

B.A. *summa cum laude* Philosophy, Humanities, Honors

Thesis: Reflections on Metaphysics and the World: A Study of Plotinus' *Enneads*

Robert Russell, O.S.A. Medallion for Academic Excellence in Philosophy

Karol Wojtyła Medallion for Academic Excellence in Humanities

Phi Beta Kappa

University of Oxford, Blackfriars Hall

2013

Visiting Student, Classical Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Education

AOC: History of Philosophy (Early Modern, Modern), Logic, Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[4] “Ciceronian *Officium* and Kantian Duty” (with Andree Hahman)
forthcoming, *The Review of Metaphysics*

[3] “How Can a Line Segment with Extension be Composed of Extensionless Points?
From Aristotle to Borel, and Beyond” (with Brian Reese and Scott Weinstein)
forthcoming, *Synthese*

- [2] **“The Black Box in Stoic Axiology”**
forthcoming, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; online as of Jan. 2022
- [1] **“Hopeless Fools and Impossible Ideals”**
Res Philosophica 98, no. 3 (2021): 429-451.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] “Deliberating Across the Lifespan” (forthcoming in *The Ethics Bowl Way: Answering Questions, Questioning Answers, and Creating Ethical Communities*; Rowman and Littlefield)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [14] **Philosophy as a Vehicle for Intergenerational Dialogue**
Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session on Intergenerational Philosophy organized by the Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (Jan. 2022; virtual)
- [13] **Deliberative Practice for the Public Sector**
6th Public Philosophy Network Conference: “Engagement, Policy, and Practice” (Oct. 2021; virtual)
- [12] **Community-Engaged Pedagogy & Intergenerational Encounter**
Engagement Scholarship Consortium Annual Meeting: Creating Connections and Expanding Possibilities (Sept. 2021; virtual)
- [11] **Discursive Practices in the Classroom**
Panel, “Facilitating and Evaluating Public Discourse,” Inaugural UNC Faculty Symposium on Deliberative Pedagogy (May 2021; recording available [here](#))
- [10] **Putting Ethics Bowl to Work: Dialogical Pedagogy for Professional Ethics Education**
30th Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference (Feb. 2021; recording available [here](#))
- [9] **Ethics Bowl in the Classroom: Perspectives on Dialogical Pedagogy for Ethics and Civics Education**
2021 Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session organized by the National High School Ethics Bowl (Jan. 2021; virtual)
- [8] **Service-Learning, Moral Philosophy, and Civic Engagement**
Panel, “Models of Philosophical Engagement with K-12 Students,” Philosophy of Education Society Annual Meeting (Mar. 2020)
- [7] **Zeno Peripateticus? Cicero’s Rhetorical Philosophy in *De Officiis***
Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting (Jan. 2020)
- [6] **Hopeless Fools and Impossible Ideals**
Read-ahead paper delivered to the Penn Normative Philosophy Group (Dec. 2019)
- [5] **Cicero and the Origins of Moral Duty**
Panel, “Cicero as *Translator*, Cicero as *Interpreter*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting at Christopher Newport University (Nov. 2019)
- [4] ***Cum officio selectio*: A Proposal for Stoic Practical Reasoning**
Hellenistic Philosophy Society Panel on Stoic Ethics, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (Apr. 2019)

- [3] **A Black Box in Stoic Ethical Theory**
Princeton University Classical Philosophy Works-in-Progress Workshop Series (Dec. 2018)
- [2] **The Normative Hippocratic Doctor: Moral Motivation in Ancient Medical Ethics**
35th annual meeting of The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2017)
- [1] **Quo Warranto? Real Definition and the Euthyphro Argument**
34th annual meeting of The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2016)

PUBLIC AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- [8] **Dialogical Strategies for Ethics and Civics Pedagogy**
National Council for Social Studies Podcast (Recorded Dec. 2021; Aired Jan. 2022)
- [7] **Middle School Ethics Bowl and Deliberative Practice**
Presentation to pre-service teachers enrolled in EDUC 617 (“Teaching in Middle School”) at UNC-CH (Oct. 2021)
- [6] **Why You Should Be an Epicurean; The Aims of Education; What Must I Believe?**
Three talks delivered as part of the inaugural Galloway Ridge-UNC Agora Lecture Series (Fall 2021)
- [5] **The Importance of Ethics**
Presentation at the International High School Philosophy Conference @ NYU (Sept. 2021)
- [4] **Hopeless Fools**
Talk on Stoic philosophy for Philosophy in 15 Minutes at UNC-CH (Sept. 2021; recording available [here](#))
- [3] **Philosophy for the Young and Professional Philosophy**
Talk on engaged scholarship delivered to the Fontaine Fellows at Penn (Oct. 2020)
- [2] **What do Ancient Philosophers Know about Morality?**
Presentation to the Penn Undergraduate Philosophy Society (Mar. 2019)
- [1] **Is there a Moral Duty to Adopt?**
Talk delivered as part of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Colloquium Series (Apr. 2018)

TEACHING

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Teaching Assistant Professor

Philosophy Across the Lifespan	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Ethics Bowl & Democratic Deliberation	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Directed Readings: Cicero’s Moral and Political Philosophy	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Intergenerational Philosophy	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Ethics Bowl & Democratic Deliberation	<i>Fall 2020</i>

Advising

- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor for Anna Fiore, “Radical Thought” (2021-2022)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member for Liam Bendezu, “Flipping the Script: Issues of Religion, National Identity, and Liberalism in Irish Education” (Spring 2021)

University of Pennsylvania, Lecturer

Social Foundations of Education (Graduate School of Education)	<i>Summer 2021</i>
Social Foundations of Education (Graduate School of Education)	<i>Summer 2020</i>

History of Ancient Philosophy (Co-taught with Matthew Solomon)	<i>Summer 2020</i>
Public Philosophy & Civic Engagement	<i>Spring 2020</i>
University of Pennsylvania, Teaching Assistant	
Philosophy of Education: Teaching Philosophy in Middle Schools	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Introduction to Philosophy (Online)	<i>Summer 2018</i>
History of Modern Philosophy	<i>Spring 2018</i>
The Social Contract	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Logic and Formal Reasoning	<i>Spring 2017</i>
History of Ancient Philosophy (funded by S.A.I.L. grant)	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Plato and his Predecessors (Online)	<i>Summer 2016</i>
Aristotle and his Successors (Online)	<i>Summer 2016</i>

Additional Experience:

- Penn Center for Teaching & Learning, Teaching Certificate (Spring 2020)
- Penn Center for Teaching & Learning, Structured Active In-Class Learning Training (Fall 2016)
- Penn Center for Teaching & Learning, Teaching Assistant Training (Summer 2016)
- 150+ hours tutoring in Ancient Greek, Latin, and Philosophy (Wyzant, Varsity Tutors, Chegg)

GRANTS

NHSEBBridge: Promoting Student Access and Equity in the National High School Ethics Bowl *2022*

American Philosophical Association Diversity and Inclusiveness grant awarded to support NHSEB-Bridge, a program that specifically targets underserved communities and under-resourced schools who may not otherwise have access to the National High School Ethics Bowl’s academic, social, and civic benefits

Co-directed with Alex Richardson

Award Amount = \$10,000

Dialogue and Transformation: Bringing Philosophy to Juvenile Justice Educators *2022*

American Philosophical Association Small Grant awarded to expand our existing Juvenile Justice Outreach Program’s capacity by launching a new pilot program to “teach the teachers” and equip Juvenile Justice educators with the skills, knowledge, and strategies needed to incorporate philosophy into their curricula and classrooms

Co-directed with Geoffrey Sayre-McCord & Z Quanbeck

Award Amount = \$2,000

Dialogue & Transformation: Bringing Philosophy to Juvenile Justice Centers *2021*

Humanities for the Public Good Critical Issues Project Award to fund student and teacher-facing efforts to integrate philosophy and university resources in Juvenile Justice education programs across North Carolina

Co-directed with Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

Award Amount = \$7925

Ancient Wisdom *2020-2021*

Society for Classical Studies Classics Everywhere Award to fund, a text-centered philosophy discussion group offered in partnership with Orange County’s Department of Aging

Award Amount = \$400

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

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

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Middle School Ethics Bowl Executive Committee, Kent Place School (Fall 2021 - Present)
- Undergraduate Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Philosophy (2021-2022)
- Search Committee, Parr Center for Ethics Administrative Support Associate (Fall 2021)
- American Philosophical Association Committee on Public Philosophy (Jul. 2021-Jun. 2024)
- Advocacy Committee (lobbying state boards of education for philosophy in K-12 curricula), Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (Apr. 2020-Present)
- Fundraising Committee, Parr Center for Ethics (Apr. 2021-Present)
- Executive Committee, National High School Ethics Bowl (Jul. 2020-Present)
- Philosophy Graduate Representative to the Faculty, University of Pennsylvania (2018-2019)
- Graduate Philosophy Listserv Administrator (2017-2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Faculty Affiliate, Program for Public Discourse at UNC-Chapel Hill (July 2021 - Present)
- Organizer & Chair, Penn Project for Philosophy for the Young Inaugural Group Session at the Eastern APA, "Models of Dialogue between the Academy and the Community" (Jan. 2020)
- Assistant Organizer, Anscombe Archive Conference on Mind and Action (Penn, Apr. 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 (Nov. 2018)

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

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

Organizer & Facilitator, Comegys Elementary School Philosophy for the Young Series (2017-2020)

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

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

Co-organizer, Penn Philosophy Ancient Greek Reading Group (2015-2020)

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

Hellenistic Philosophy Society

Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

Philosophy of Education Society

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Society for Classical Studies

References available upon request.