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EMPLOYMENT

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow University College London, Department of Philosophy	2021-
Keeling Research Fellow University College London, Department of Philosophy	2019-2021
Postgraduate Research Associate and Lecturer Princeton University, Department of Philosophy	2018-19

EDUCATION

Princeton University Ph.D. in Philosophy	09.2018
University of Toronto M.A. in Political Theory	08.2012
University of Toronto B.A. in Philosophy; Graduated with High Distinction	06.2011

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, Political Philosophy, Medieval Islamic Philosophy

BOOK IN PROGRESS

Just Prospering? Plato and the 5th Century Debate about Justice
70,000-word book proposal solicited by, and submitted to, *Oxford University Press*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

‘What are the Wages of Justice? Rethinking the *Republic*’s Division of Goods’
Phronesis 65.1: 1-26 (2020)

‘*Legein* to What End?’
Australasian Philosophical Review 3.2: 176-82 (2019)

‘Immortality or Immortality? An Argument for Virtue’
Rhetorica 37.2: 97-119 (2019)

‘Thrasymachus’ Sophistic Account of Justice in *Republic I*
Ancient Philosophy 36.1: 151-72 (2016)

BOOK CHAPTERS

‘Towards a New Understanding of the Nature of the Virtues in the *Republic*’
 Commissioned for (ed.) Carolina Araujo, *Platonic Power*

‘Re-Weirding the *Republic*: Book II and its Two Theories of Justice’
 Commissioned for (eds.) M.M. McCabe and S. Trépanier, *Re-Reading the Republic*

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Dixsaut, *Plato-Nietzsche: Philosophy the Other Way*
Bryn Mawr Classical Review (2018)

REVISED AND RESUBMITTED

‘The Power of Courage in Plato’s *Republic*’
Journal of the History of Philosophy

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

At University College London

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship	
<i>Competitive research fellowship worth £325,655.94</i>	2021-
Research Fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Studies	2019-20

At Princeton University

Mildred W. and Alfred T. Carton, Class of 1905 Fellowship	
<i>Competitive named fellowship for outstanding research in the Humanities</i>	2017-18
Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship	
<i>Competitive Fellowship for interdisciplinary work on human values</i>	2016-17
University Center for Human Values Travel Grant	2014-17
Paul Elmer More Fellowship	2013-18
Stanley J. Seeger Graduate Fellowship	2013-18

At University of Toronto

Hertog Political Studies Program Fellowship	2012
Socrates Project Fellowship	2010-11
Registrar’s Graduation Award in the Humanities	
<i>For having the highest GPA of New College’s graduating class</i>	2011

TEACHING

At University College London - Instructor

PHIL 0186: Advanced Topics in Plato's Philosophy	Fall.2021
PHIL 0186: Advanced Topics in Plato's Philosophy	Fall.2020
PHIL 0001: Introduction to Ancient Philosophy	Fall.2019

At Princeton University - Instructor

PHI/CLA 205: Introduction to Ancient Philosophy	Fall.2018
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At Princeton University - Assistant Instructor

PHI 385: Practical Ethics	Fall.2017
PHI 300: Plato and his Predecessors	Fall.2016
PHI 306: Nietzsche	Fall.2014

At University of Toronto - Teaching Assistant

PHL 385: Ethics and Mental Health	Spring.2013
PHL 105: Introduction to Philosophy	Spring.2012
PHL 271: Law and Morality	Fall.2011
PHL 100: Introduction to Philosophy	Year.2010-11

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Republic II and the 5th-Century Debate about Justice
Oxford Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Oxford University
 11.2021

Towards a New Understanding of the Nature of the Virtues in the <i>Republic</i> <i>Plato Powers Project Workshop, Rio de Janeiro</i> (online)	10.2021
Notes on Plato's Philosophical Anthropology <i>Oxford University Philosophy Society, Oxford University</i> (online)	11.2020
On Courage in Plato's Republic and its Lessons for us Today <i>Institute for Advanced Studies, London</i> (online)	10.2020
A Sophistic Dialectic in <i>Republic II</i> ? <i>Plato and the Sophists Workshop, University College London</i>	02.2020
Panelist for 'Comedy and Free Speech' <i>St. Peter's College, Oxford University</i>	11.2019
Canines, Cosmetics and Courtesans: <i>Nomos</i> and <i>Phusis</i> in the <i>Republic</i> <i>A.G. Leventis Conference, University of Edinburgh</i>	11.2019
The Structure and Anatomy of the Platonic Virtues <i>Institute for Classical Studies, London</i>	10.2019
The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i> <i>Philosophy Department, University College London</i>	06.2019
The Moral Philosophy of the Anonymous Iamblich and its Influence <i>Department of Classics, Durham University</i>	06.2019
The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i> <i>Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Villanova University</i>	04.2019

The Ethics of Comedy and Offense <i>Human Values Forum, Princeton University</i>	03.2019
The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i> <i>Philosophy Department, Brown University</i>	01.2019
Comments on Capelletto's "On Sympathy, or how to Escape Empathy" <i>Workshop of the Postclassicisms Initiative, Mumbai</i>	07.2018
Comments on Silian's "Shapes as Objects of Mathematics in Ptolemy" <i>6th LMU-HU Joint Graduate Workshop, Berlin</i>	04.2018
How Does Justice Pay? An Analysis of Plato's <i>Republic</i> <i>Classical Philosophy Work in Progress Seminar, Princeton University</i>	10.2017
Democritus on Eudaimonia <i>International Association of Presocratic Studies, Austin</i>	06.2016
Immorality or Immortality? An Argument for Virtue <i>Princeton Philosophical Society, Princeton University</i>	10.2015
Comments on Mi-Kyoung Lee's "The Sophists on Greek Morality" <i>Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto</i>	03.2015

REFERENCES

Research

Hendrik Lorenz (Primary Supervisor), Professor of Philosophy
Princeton University, Philosophy
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Alexander Nehamas, Class of 1943 Professor in Humanities
Princeton University, Philosophy
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Human Values
Princeton University, Politics
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Rachel Barney (External), Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Collaborative
Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
University of Toronto, Philosophy
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University College London, Philosophy
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Teaching

Benjamin Morison, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Program in Classical
Philosophy, Princeton University, Philosophy
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RESEARCH LANGUAGES

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

OTHER SERVICE

At University College London

Director of 'How to be an Antiracist' reading group 2020-21

At Princeton University

Senior Thesis supervision for Simeon Lane and Elizabeth Jobson 2018-19

Conference Moderator 2017, 2019

Resident Graduate Student, Butler College 2014-18

At University of Toronto

Volunteer Instructor for *Humanities for Humanity* 2010-11