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## EMPLOYMENT

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| Keeling Research Fellow<br>University College London, Department of Philosophy                 | 2019-   |
| Postgraduate Research Associate and Lecturer<br>Princeton University, Department of Philosophy | 2018-19 |

## EDUCATION

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

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy, Normative Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, Political Philosophy, Nietzsche

## PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

## UNDER REVIEW

‘The Power of Courage in Plato’s *Republic*’  
*Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*

## BOOK IN PROGRESS

*Just Prospering? Plato and the 5<sup>th</sup> Century Debate about Justice*  
 Proposal solicited by *Oxford University Press*

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

At University College London

Research Fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Studies 2019-20

At Princeton University

Mildred W. and Alfred T. Carton, Class of 1905 Fellowship  
*Competitive named fellowship for outstanding research in the Humanities* 2017-18

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship  
*Competitive Fellowship for interdisciplinary work on human values* 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

Registrars Graduation Award in the Humanities  
*Awarded to the student with the highest GPA of their graduating class* 2011

## TEACHING

At University College London - Instructor

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

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

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| PHL 385: Ethics and Mental Health   | Spring.2013  |
| PHL105: Introduction to Philosophy  | Spring.2012  |
| PHL 271: Law and Morality           | Fall.2011    |
| PHL 100: Introduction to Philosophy | Year.2010-11 |

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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| Notes on Plato’s Philosophical Anthropology<br><i>Oxford University Philosophy Society, Oxford</i>   | 11.2020 |
| On Courage in Plato’s Republic and it’s Lessons for us Today<br><i>Institute for Advanced Studies, London</i>  | 10.2020 |
| A Sophistic Dialectic in <i>Republic II</i> ?<br><i>Plato and the Sophists Workshop, University College London</i>                                   | 02.2020 |
| Panelist for ‘Comedy and Free Speech’<br><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><br><i>A.G. Leventis Conference, University of Edinburgh</i> | 11.2019 |
| The Structure and Anatomy of the Platonic Virtues<br><i>Institute for Classical Studies, London</i>  | 10.2019 |
| The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i><br><i>Philosophy Department, University College London</i>                               | 06.2019 |
| The Moral Philosophy of the Anonymous Iamblich and its Influence<br><i>Department of Classics, Durham University</i>                                 | 06.2019 |
| The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i><br><i>Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Villanova University</i>                | 04.2019 |
| The Ethics of Comedy and Offense<br><i>Human Values Forum, Princeton University</i>  | 03.2019 |
| The Power of Justice: <i>Dunamis</i> in the <i>Republic</i><br><i>Philosophy Department, Brown University</i>  | 01.2019 |
| Comments on Capelletto’s “On Sympathy, or how to Escape Empathy”<br><i>Workshop of the Postclassicisms Initiative, Mumbai</i>                        | 07.2018 |
| Comments on Silian’s “Shapes as Objects of Mathematics in Ptolemy”<br><i>6th LMU-HU Joint Graduate Workshop, Berlin</i>                              | 04.2018 |
| How Does Justice Pay? An Analysis of Plato’s <i>Republic</i><br><i>Classical Philosophy Work in Progress Seminar, Princeton University</i>           | 10.2017 |
| Democritus on Eudaimonia<br><i>International Association of Presocratic Studies, Austin</i>  | 06.2016 |
| Immorality or Immortality? An Argument for Virtue<br><i>Princeton Philosophical Society, Princeton University</i>                                    | 10.2015 |
| Comments on Mi-Kyoung Lee’s “The Sophists on Greek Morality”   |         |

*Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto*

03.2015

## REFERENCES

### Research

Hendrik Lorenz (Primary Supervisor), Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University, Philosophy  
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Princeton University, Philosophy  
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University College London, Philosophy  
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### Teaching

Benjamin Morison, Professor of Philosophy and Head of 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