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EMPLOYMENT

2021-	University College London, Department of Philosophy British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow
2019-21	University College London, Department of Philosophy Keeling Research Fellow
2018-19	Princeton University, Department of Philosophy Postgraduate Research Associate and Lecturer

EDUCATION

2013-18	Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy Program in Ancient Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Justice and Prospering</i> Committee: Hendrik Lorenz (Primary), Alexander Nehamas, Melissa Lane, and Rachel Barney (External)
2012	M.A. in Political Theory, The University of Toronto
2011	B.A. in Philosophy, The University of Toronto <i>Graduated with High Distinction</i>

AREAS OF

Specialization	Ancient Philosophy, Normative Ethics
Competence	Metaethics, Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy (including Islamic Philosophy)

PUBLICATIONS — Peer-Reviewed Papers

1. Forthcoming (expected 2023). “The Power of Courage in Plato’s *Republic*,” *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*. [13764 words]
2. 2020. “What are the Wages of Justice? Rethinking the *Republic*’s Division of Goods,” *Phronesis* 65.1: 1-26
3. 2019. “*Legein* to What End?,” *Australasian Philosophical Review* 3.2: 176-82.
4. 2019. “Immorality or Immortality? An Argument for Virtue,” *Rhetorica* 37.2: 97-119
5. 2016. “Thrasymachus’ Sophistic Account of Justice in *Republic* i,” *Ancient Philosophy* 36.1: 151-72

— Invited Papers

6. “Towards a New Understanding of the Nature of the Virtues in the *Republic*,” Commissioned and written for (ed.) Carolina Araujo, *Platonic Power*
7. “Re-Weirding the *Republic*: Book II and its Two Theories of Justice,” Commissioned and written for (eds.) M.M. McCabe and S. Trépanier, *Re-Reading the Republic*

— Book Reviews

8. 2018. “Plato-Nietzsche: Philosophy the Other Way Translated by Kenneth Quandt,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. Web Archive. [<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2018/2018.10.05/>]

— In Progress

9. *Just Prospering? Plato and the 5th Century Debate about Justice*
110,000-word manuscript invited for review by *Oxford University Press*
10. “The Cunning Rogue in Context: On the Intellectual History of Glaucon and Adeimantus’ Challenge,” Revised and Resubmitted to *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy* [8859 words]

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

At University College London

1. 2021-. British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship
Competitive Research Fellowship worth £325,655.94
2. 2019-20. Research Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies, London

At Princeton University

3. 2017-18. Mildred W. and Alfred T. Carton, Class of 1905 Fellowship
Competitive named fellowship for outstanding research in the Humanities
4. 2016-17. Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship
Competitive Fellowship for interdisciplinary work on human values
5. 2014-17. University Center for Human Values Travel Grant
6. 2013-18. Paul Elmer More Fellowship
7. 2013-18. Stanley J. Seeger Graduate Fellowship

At The University of Toronto

8. 2012. Hertog Political Studies Program Fellowship
 9. 2010-11. Socrates Project Fellowship
 10. 2011. New College Registrar's Graduation Award in the Humanities
For having the highest GPA in the Humanities of New College's Graduating Class.
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TEACHING

At University College London

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

At Princeton University—Primary Instructor

4. Fall, 2018: PHI/CLA 205: Introduction to Ancient Philosophy

At Princeton University—Assistant Instructor

5. Fall, 2017: PHI 385: Practical Ethics
6. Fall, 2016: PHI 300: Plato and his Predecessors

7. Fall, 2014: PHI 306: Nietzsche

At University of Toronto—Teaching Assistant

8. Spring, 2013: PHL 385: Ethics and Mental Health

9. Spring, 2012: PHL 105: Introduction to Philosophy

10. Fall, 2011: PHL 271: Law and Morality

11. Academic Year, 2010-11: PHL 100: Introduction to Philosophy

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 07.2022. “Hippias on *nomos*, *phusis*, and his Trojan Dialogue” — *Hippias in Siracusa, Italy*
2. 11.2021. “Republic II and the 5th-Century Debate about Justice” — *Oxford Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Oxford University*
3. 10.2021. “Towards a New Understanding of the Nature of the Virtues in the *Republic*” — *Plato Powers Project Workshop, Rio de Janeiro (online)*
4. 11.2020. “Notes on Plato’s Philosophical Anthropology” — *Oxford University Philosophy Society, Oxford University (Online)*
5. 10.2020. “On Courage in Plato’s Republic and its Lessons for us Today” — *Institute for Advanced Studies, London (Online)*
6. 02.2020. “A Sophistic Dialectic in *Republic II*?” — *Keeling Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University College London*
7. 11.2019. “Canines, Cosmetics and Courtesans: *Nomos* and *Phusis* in the *Republic*” — *A.G. Leventis Conference, University of Edinburgh*
8. 10.2019. “The Structure and Anatomy of the Platonic Virtues” — *Institute for Classical Studies, London*
9. 06.2019. “The Power of Justice: *Dunamis* in the *Republic*” — *Philosophy Department, University College London*

10. 06.2019. "The Moral Philosophy of the Anonymous Iamblich and its Influence" — *Department of Classics, Durham University*
 11. 04.2019. "The Power of Justice: *Dunamis* in the *Republic*" — *Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Villanova University*
 12. 03.2019. "The Ethics of Comedy and Offense" — *Human Values Forum, Princeton University*
 13. 01.2019. "The Power of Justice: *Dunamis* in the *Republic*" — *Philosophy Department, Brown University*
 14. 07.2018. "Comments on Capelletto's "On Sympathy, or how to Escape Empathy" — *Workshop of the Postclassicism Initiative, Mumbai*
 15. 04.2019. "Comments on Silian's "Shapes as Objects of Mathematics in Ptolemy" — *6th LMU-HU Joint Graduate Workshop, Berlin*
 16. 10.2017. "How Does Justice Pay? An Analysis of Plato's *Republic*" — *Classical Philosophy Work in Progress Seminar, Princeton University*
 17. 06.2016. "Democritus on Eudaimonia" — *International Association of Presocratic Studies, Austin*
 18. 10.2015. "Immortality or Immortality? An Argument for Virtue" — *Princeton Philosophical Society, Princeton University*
 19. 03.2015. "Comments on Mi-Kyoung Lee's "The Sophists on Greek Morality" — *Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto*
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REFERENCES

Research

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Rachel Barney (External), Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
The University of Toronto, Philosophy
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Fiona Leigh, Senior Lecturer and Director of Keeling Center for Ancient 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

2022-23. Organizer, Keeling Workshop in Ancient Philosophy
2021-22. M.A. dissertation supervisor, Kesara Ariyapongpaioj
2020-21. Director of *How to be an Antiracist* Reading Group

At Princeton University

2018-19. Senior thesis supervisor, Simeon Lane and Elizabeth Jobson
2017, 2019. Conference Moderator
2014-19. Resident Graduate Student, Butler College