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| <b>AOS</b>          | Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                               |
| <b>AOC</b>          | Chinese Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Race, Feminist Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
| <b>Employment</b>   | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor<br>Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Classical Studies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2025–                                         |
|                     | Northwestern University<br>Assistant Professor of Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2023–2025                                     |
|                     | Faculty Affiliate, Department of Classics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2023–2025                                     |
|                     | University of Houston<br>Assistant Professor of Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2021–2023                                     |
| <b>Education</b>    | Princeton University, Ph.D., Philosophy<br>Interdepartmental Program in Classical Philosophy<br>Graduate Affiliate in the Program in American Studies<br>Dissertation: <i>Wisdom in Plato and Aristotle</i><br>Advisors: Hendrik Lorenz and Benjamin Morison                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2021                                          |
|                     | Wellesley College, B.A., <i>magna cum laude</i> , Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2016                                          |
| <b>Publications</b> | 3. “Wisdom for the Living: <i>Sophia</i> in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”, <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> , Volume 63, Number 4, October 2025, pp. 497–521. <a href="#">[link]</a><br>2. “The Unity of Justice and Virtue in Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> ”, forthcoming in <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> . <a href="#">[early view]</a><br>1. “The Myth of Cronus in Plato’s <i>Statesman</i> : Cosmic Rotation and Earthly Correspondence” with Corinne Gartner, <i>Apeiron</i> 53 (4):437–462 (2017). <a href="#">[link]</a> |                                               |
| <b>In Progress</b>  | Monograph on Wisdom in Plato’s <i>Republic</i><br>“Using Forms as Models in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”<br>“The Unity of Wisdom in Aristotle”<br>“Directing Souls: Philosophy and Rhetoric in the <i>Phaedrus</i> ” (in preparation for the Cambridge Critical Guide to Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                               |
| <b>Languages</b>    | Ancient Greek, Latin, French (reading), English (native),<br>Cantonese Chinese (native), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                               |
| <b>Awards</b>       | Career Development Grant, Northwestern University<br>Fellowship at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University ( <i>declined</i> )<br>Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship, Harvard University (\$40k)<br>Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University<br>Political Philosophy Research and Travel Grant, Center for Human Values                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2024<br>2023–24<br>2022–23<br>2020–21<br>2019 |

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| Predctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council | 2019       |
| Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council    | 2018       |
| P.E. More Fellowship, Princeton University                             | 2018–21    |
| Stanley J. Seeger Travel Award, Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton | 2018, 2019 |
| Scholarship to the Latin/Greek Institute, CUNY                         | 2017       |
| President’s Fellowship, Princeton University                           | 2016–18    |
| University Fellowship, Princeton University                            | 2016–21    |
| Edna V. Moffett Fellowship, Wellesley College                          | 2016–17    |
| Phi Beta Kappa                                                         | 2016       |
| Scholarship to the U.C. Berkeley Greek Intensive, U.C. Berkeley        | 2016       |
| Fellow at the Madeleine K. Albright Institute for Global Affairs       | 2015–16    |
| Jerome A. Schiff Fellowship, Wellesley College                         | 2015       |
| Alain Locke Fellow, MIT                                                | 2015       |
| Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, The Andrew Mellon Foundation     | 2013–16    |
| Thomas J. Watson Scholarship                                           | 2012–16    |

## Presentations

● = invited

◇ = peer-reviewed

TBD

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| ● Workshop on Political Knowledge in Plato, University of Toronto                 | Nov. 2025  |
| ● WiAP Conference Keynote, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin                         | Nov. 2025  |
| ● 16th Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference: Virtue and Vice                       | March 2026 |
| ● Conference in Ancient Philosophy, Fordham University                            | March 2026 |
| ● Conference for the Cambridge Critical Guide to Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i>          | June 2026  |
| ● Rutgers SIDP                                                                    | July 2026  |
| “Using Forms as Models in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”                               |            |
| ● Midwest Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Notre Dame                              | April 2025 |
| ● Institute for Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, London               | Feb. 2025  |
| ● Department Colloquium, Marquette University                                     | Jan. 2025  |
| ◇ IPS-Asia, Nagoya University, Japan                                              | Sept. 2024 |
| “Attention and Moral Responsibility: Analysis of <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> III.5” |            |
| ● Workshop on Aristotle on Vice, Virtue and the Voluntary, NYU                    | Nov. 2024  |
| “The Work of Wisdom in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”                                  |            |
| ● Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop, U. of Chicago                      | April 2024 |
| ● Department Colloquium, Rice University                                          | April 2024 |
| ● Workshop on Plato on the Virtues, Pennsylvania State University                 | March 2024 |
| “Plato and Mengzi on Wisdom”                                                      |            |
| ● Seeds of Virtues in Ancient Greece and China, ECCD, Delphi                      | July 2023  |
| “Wisdom and Precision in Aristotle’s <i>NE</i> ”                                  |            |
| ● Department Colloquium, Wellesley College                                        | April 2023 |
| ● Department Colloquium, Seattle University                                       | Feb. 2023  |
| ● Department Colloquium, Boston College                                           | Jan. 2023  |
| “The Unity of Wisdom ( <i>Sophia</i> ) in Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> ”        |            |
| ● Seminar on Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> Γ, Princeton University               | Dec. 2023  |
| “Commentary on Parmenides B8”                                                     |            |
| ● New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, NYU                                  | March 2023 |

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| “Wisdom in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”                                             |  |            |
| ◊ WiAP Conference, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin                                |  | Nov. 2022  |
| • PIKSI Boston Faculty Talk, MIT, Boston, MA                                     |  | July 2022  |
| “Translation and Commentary on Plato’s <i>Charmides</i> , 167b10–169c2”          |  |            |
| • Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City                                          |  | May 2022   |
| “The Unity of Justice and Virtue in Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> ”      |  |            |
| • The Proctor Workshop in Philosophy, Wellesley College                          |  | Sept. 2022 |
| • Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress Workshop, NYU                             |  | March 2022 |
| • Idaho Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Pocatello, Idaho                         |  | May 2019   |
| “ <i>Sophia</i> and <i>Epistēmē</i> in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> ”                 |  |            |
| • University of Michigan Ancient Philosophy Working Group                        |  | Dec. 2019  |
| • Princeton-Penn Conference in Ancient Philosophy                                |  | Dec. 2019  |
| “Aristotle’s <i>De Caelo</i> 280b1–281a2: Translation and Commentary”            |  |            |
| • Workshop on <i>De Caelo</i> , University of the Aegean, Syros, Greece          |  | July 2019  |
| “Aristotle’s <i>Categories</i> 6: Translation and Commentary”                    |  |            |
| • Workshop on the <i>Categories</i> , Princeton University, Princeton, NJ        |  | Jan. 2019  |
| “Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> VI.12: Translation and Commentary”        |  |            |
| • Workshop on the <i>NE</i> , Naxos, Greece                                      |  | June 2018  |
| “Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> Λ.4–5: Translation and Commentary”               |  |            |
| • Workshop on <i>Met. Λ</i> , Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil       |  | Jan. 2018  |
| “Aristotle’s <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> Book II.8: Translation and Commentary”       |  |            |
| • Workshop on the <i>EE</i> , Princeton University, Princeton, NJ                |  | Jan. 2017  |
| “Self-love in Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> and <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> ” |  |            |
| • Ruhlman Conference, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA                           |  | April 2016 |

## Teaching

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Northwestern University, Assistant Professor                                 |  |                      |
| PHIL 420 Wisdom in Plato and Aristotle                                       |  | Winter 2025          |
| PHIL 101 Plato on Self-Knowledge and Self-Cultivation                        |  | Fall 2024            |
| PHIL 201 History of Ancient Philosophy                                       |  | Fall 2023, Fall 2024 |
| PHIL 420 Political Expertise in Plato’s <i>Republic</i> and <i>Statesman</i> |  | Fall 2023            |
| University of Houston, Assistant Professor                                   |  |                      |
| PHIL 1305 Introduction to Ethics                                             |  | Spring 2022          |
| PHIL 6383 Graduate Seminar on Sextus Empiricus                               |  | Spring 2022          |
| PHIL 3383 History of Ancient Philosophy                                      |  | Fall 2021            |
| University of Pennsylvania, Lead Instructor                                  |  |                      |
| PHI 003-601 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy                               |  | Spring 2020          |
| Princeton University, Preceptor                                              |  |                      |
| PHI 205 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Hendrik Lorenz)                  |  | Spring 2018          |
| Teaching Workshops, Participant                                              |  |                      |
| NEWLAMP, African and Africana Social and Political Philosophy                |  | July 2022            |
| Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, Philips Andover                   |  | July 2015            |

## Graduate Student Advising

Amelia Perkins, Northwestern (committee member)  
Hande Akyar, Northwestern (committee member)  
Gabriel Sánchez Ainsa, Northwestern (pre-dissertation advisor)  
Paulina Ezquerro, University of Houston

## Service

### At Michigan

PHI. Graduate Placement and Professionalization Committee W 2026  
CLA. Executive Committee for Language and Literature Program 2025-26

### At Northwestern

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Advisory Committee Member 2024  
Mellon Mays Regional Conference Panelist Oct. 2024  
Undergraduate Assessment Committee 2024  
Colloquium Committee 2023-25

### At Houston

Mellon Scholars Panel on Research Methods April 2023  
Graduate Admissions Committee 2022-23  
Scholarship in the Humanities Seminar Series, Speaker Spring 2022  
Faculty Mentor for M.A. Students 2021

### At Princeton

UCHV Values and Public Life Certificate Program, Mentor 2020-21  
Graduate Student Climate Committee 2019-21  
Classical Philosophy Representative 2018-20  
Resident Graduate Student at Princeton University, Butler College 2017-19  
Admitted Students Visit Week Committee 2016-17

### To the Profession

PIKSI-Boston, MIT/UMass Boston/Harvard, Board member 2021-  
Applying to Graduate School Panel, Wellesley College 2017, 2021, 2023  
Compass Workshop, Princeton University 2016-18, 2021  
Faculty Speaker 2021  
Applications Reader 2016-18  
Graduate Mentor 2016-17  
Co-Director (with Alejandro Naranjo Sandoval) 2017  
Director 2016  
Women of Color in Academia Panel, Wellesley College 2019  
MAP Princeton, Committee Member 2016-21

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