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### **Appointments**

2015-present: Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland

2007-2015: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland

2007-2008: Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University

2002-2007: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University  
Edwardsville

### **Education**

1995-2002: Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder

1989-1993: B.A. in Philosophy, minor in Mathematics, George Washington  
University

### **Articles**

“Plato: Tripartition,” *History of Philosophy of Mind, Volume 1: Philosophy of Mind in Antiquity*, ed. John Sisko, Routledge Press (forthcoming)

“Commentary on Santas” (“The Good of the City-State in the *Republic*”), *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 30 (2015), 65-71

“Why Spirit is the Natural Ally of Reason: Spirit, Reason, and the Fine in Plato’s *Republic*,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 44 (2013), 41-65

“The Ring of Gyges” (with Christopher Morris), *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Blackwell, 2013) [on-line, 3,000 words]

“Soul Division and Mimesis in *Republic X*,” *Plato and the Poets*, eds. Pierre Destrée and Fritz-Gregor Herrmann (Brill, 2011), 283-298

“The Tri-partite Theory of Motivation in Plato’s *Republic*,” *Philosophy Compass* 5 (11), (Blackwell, 2010), 880-892

“Commentary on Vallejo” (“The Ontology of False Pleasures in the *Philebus*”),  
*Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 24 (2009), 75-  
80

“Plato’s Defense of Justice in the *Republic*,” *Blackwell Guide to the Republic*, ed.  
Gerasimos Santas (Blackwell, 2006), 263-282

“Are There Two Theories of Goodness in Plato’s *Republic*?,” *Apeiron* 29 (2006), 219-  
229

“Reasoning with the Irrational: Moral Psychology in the *Protagoras*,” *Ancient  
Philosophy* 26 (2006), 243-258

### **Book reviews**

G.R.F. Ferrari, *The Cambridge Companion to Plato’s Republic*, Notre Dame  
*Philosophical Reviews*, 2009.07.05 [on-line, 4,700 words]

Naomi Reshotko, *Socratic Virtue: Making the Best of the Neither Good-Nor-Bad*,  
*Journal of Hellenic Studies* 128 (2008), 276-277

Roslyn Weiss, *The Socratic Paradox and its Enemies*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*,  
2007.09.26 [on-line, 2,725 words]

G.R.F. Ferrari, *City and Soul in Plato’s Republic*, *Ancient Philosophy*, 27 (2007), 174-  
179

Michael Kochin, *Gender and Rhetoric in Plato’s Political Thought*, *Ancient  
Philosophy* 24 (2004), 470-474

### **Works in progress**

*Justice, Friendship, and Happiness: the Argument of Plato’s Republic*

“Unity and the Happiness of the City: Plato’s Political Ideal” (revise and resubmit)

“Civic Friendship and Virtue in Plato’s *Republic*” (draft available)

“Civic Friendship and the Spirited Part of the Soul” (draft available)

## Presentations

“Civic Friendship and the Spirited Part of the Soul”

- Esteem and Self-esteem in Ancient, Modern, and Contemporary Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Klagenfurt, Austria, April 2019
- Philosophy Department, Wayne State University, April 2018
- University of California Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference, February 2018 (revised version)
- Plato’s Other Souls Conference, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Germany, July 2015

Comments on Freya Mobus: “Why do Itches Itch? Emotions and Appetites in the Socratic Dialogues”

- Central Meeting of the APA, February 2018

“The Statesman’s Art in the *Euthydemus*”

- *Charmides* and *Euthydemus* Workshop, Wake Forest University, November 2017

“Can We Do Injustice to Ourselves? *Nicomachean Ethics* V.11”

- Aristotle Workshop, Catholic University, October 2017

“Civic Friendship and Virtue”

- Philosophy Colloquium, University of Baltimore, April 2017 (revised version)
- Philosophy Colloquium, University of Denver, October 2015
- Philosophy Department works-in-progress series, University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2015
- Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Catholic University, February 2015

“Weakness of Will in the *Protagoras*”

- Plato’s Moral Psychology Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, February 2017

Comments on Richard Kraut: “Happiness and Virtue or Why Be An Altruist?”

- Neo-Aristotelianism Conference, Notre Dame University, October 2016

“Unity and the Happiness of the City: Plato’s Political Ideal”

- Symposium: Rethinking Plato’s *Republic*, Pacific Meeting of the APA, April 2016

“Pleasure as Perceiving the Good”

- Author Meets Critic: *Aristotle on the Apparent Good: Perception, Phantasia, Thought, and Desire*, Jessica Moss, Central Meeting of the APA, March 2016

Comments on Michael Erler, “Argumentative Aporia and Dramatic Euporia”

- Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Toronto, March 2016

Comments on Eric Brown: “Animality and Contingency in Cicero’s Critique of Epicurean Ethics”

- Epicurus Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 2015

“Friendship and Justice in Plato’s *Republic*,”

- Plato’s Moral Psychology Seminar, Cornell University, April 2014
- Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, April 2014
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, October 2013
- Seminar Series in Political and Moral Thought, Johns Hopkins University, April 2013

Comments on Gerasimos Santas: “The Good of the City-State in Plato’s *Republic*”

- Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, October 2013

“Justice, External Goods, and Happiness in Plato’s *Republic*”

- NEH-sponsored Symposium on The Body and the Non-Rational in Ancient Greek Thought, Duquesne University, March 2013
- Plato’s Moral Psychology Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2012

“The Skeptic’s Search for Truth”

- Author Meets Critic: *The Demands of Reason: An Essay on Pyrrhonian Scepticism*, Casey Perin, Central Meeting of the APA, February 2013

Comments on Gabriel Richardson Lear: “Plato on the Power of Beautiful Speech”

- 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, November 2012

“Three Conceptions of Happiness”

- Philosophy Department, George Washington University, September 2012

Comments on Rusty Jones: “Felix Socrates?”

- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2012

“The Virtuous Person’s Motivation in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*”

- Author Meets Critic, *The Virtue of Aristotle’s Ethics*, by Paula Gottlieb, Eastern Meeting of the APA, December 2011

“Why Spirit is the Natural Ally of Reason”

- Graduate Student Colloquium Series, University of Maryland, November 2011

Comments on Gabriel Richardson Lear: “Pretending to be Wise in the *Gorgias*”

- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2011

Comments on Anna Greco: “Having One’s Own: Distributive Justice in the *Republic*”

- Central Meeting of the APA, February 2010

Comments on LeBar and Goldberg: “Eudaimonism and Interpretation”

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2010

Comments on Mary Louise Gill: “The Structure of Being”

- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2009

“Unity and the Good of the City in Plato’s *Republic*”

- Workshop on Mathematics and the Good, Franklin and Marshall College, November 2008
- Center for Hellenic Studies, April 2008
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2008

“The Spirited Part of the Soul and Integrity”

- Washington Area Symposium in Ancient Philosophy, April 2008
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2007

Comments on Alvaro Vallejo: “The Ontology of False Pleasures”

- Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, November 2007

“Soul Division in *Republic X*”

- Philosophy Department, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2007
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2006

Comments on Nick Smith: “Is the Prudential Paradox in the *Meno*”

- Pacific Meeting of the APA, March 2007

“Reasoning with the Irrational: Moral Psychology in the *Protagoras*”

- Central Meeting of the APA, March 2006
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, October 2005

“Plato’s Defense of Justice in the *Republic*”

- Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, November 2005
- Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, November 2004
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, October 2004

Comments on C. Howell: “Liberalism and the Internalization of Values”

- Pacific Meeting of the APA, March 2005

Comments on Donald Morrison: “Xenophon’s Moral Psychology”

- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2005

“Are There Two Theories of Goodness in Plato’s *Republic*?”

- Philosophy Department, University of Missouri at St. Louis, March 2004

“Are There Two Theories of Goodness in Plato’s *Republic*?” Author Meets Critics: *Goodness and Justice in Plato, Aristotle, and the Moderns*, by Gerasimos Santas

- Pacific Meeting of the APA, March 2003

“Mental Conflict and Weakness of the Will in the *Protagoras* and the *Republic*”

- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2003

“The Humean Theory of Motivation and Evaluative Desires”

- Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, December 2002

“Values of One’s Own: A Compatibilist Theory of Freedom” (with Chris Kelly)

- Philosophy Department, University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2001

“Unity and Development in Plato’s Psychology”

- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, October 2001

“The Role of Thumos in Plato’s Psychology”

- Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, December 2000
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, October 2000

Comments on S. Finn: “Civic Education and Human Passions in Hobbes”

- Rocky Mountain Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, April 2000

### **Fellowships, Prizes, and Awards**

Elevate Fellow, Teaching and Learning Center, University of Maryland, 2017

Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, 2007-2008

Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2008

Faculty Development Award, Southern Illinois University, Fall 2006

Summer Research Fellowship, Southern Illinois University, 2003

Emerson Humanities Fellowship, University of Colorado, Fall 2001

Jentzsch Essay Prize for “Values of One’s Own: a Compatibilist Theory of Freedom” (with Chris Kelly), University of Colorado, 2000-2001

### **Teaching**

Graduate:

Plato's *Republic*  
Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Plato's Ethics and Politics  
Justice, Friendship, and Happiness in Plato  
Aristotle's Moral Psychology  
Korsgaard and Plato on Self-Constitution (independent study)

Undergraduate:

Ancient Philosophy  
Philosophy of Plato  
Philosophy of Aristotle  
Plato, Politics, and Persuasion  
Love and Morality in Plato and Aristotle  
Ancient Greek Philosophy and Tragedy  
Justice and Happiness: Plato's *Republic* (honors course)  
Plato's *Symposium* (independent study)  
Aristotle's *Politics* (independent study)  
Philosophy of Happiness  
Ethical Theory  
Applied Ethics  
Philosophy of Art  
Philosophy and Literature  
Philosophy and Film  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Logic

**Graduate advising – dissertation committees**

Brian Reese, "Self-Control in Plato's Moral Psychology," 2017- present, (University of Pennsylvania)

Brock Rough, "Are Videogames Art?" 2016

Christopher Binnett, "A Better Place to Be: Republicanism," 2016 (Political Science)

John Holliday, "The Value of Fiction," 2015

Leland Saunders, "The Disunity of Moral Judgment: An Essay in Moral Psychology," 2011

Gregory McBrayer, "Aristotle's Treatment of the Socratic Paradoxes in the

*Nicomachean Ethics*,” 2009 (Political Science Department)

Michael Russo, “Action, Perception, and the Living Body: Aristotle on the Physiological Foundations of Moral Psychology, 2009 (advisor)

### **Undergraduate Advising – honors thesis committees**

Anna-Bella Sicilia, “Dishonest Actions and Honest Characters,” Spring 2017

Connor Acle, “Moral Uncertainty,” 2015

Anton Medvedev, “Dying, Death, Dead: A materialist analysis of death,” 2011

Aaron Wertman, “Collective Action,” 2011

Julia Janczur, “Plato on Imitation in the *Republic*,” 2011 (advisor)

Russell Yavner, “The Aristotelian Notion of the Survival of the Intellect,” 2010

Jonathan Tippens, “Agent Centered Prerogatives,” 2009

Azeem Gopalani, “The First City in Plato’s *Republic*,” 2009 (advisor)

### **Professional Service:**

Program Organizer, Eastern Meeting of the APA, 2017-present

Reviewer for Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant Applications, 2013 and 2014

Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, 2010

Reviewer for journals: *Ancient Philosophy*, *Apeiron*, *Archiv für Geschichte Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Classical Philology*, *Ergo*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

Reviewer for presses: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, Rowman and Littlefield Press

### **Service to Philosophy Department, University of Maryland**



Director of Undergraduate Studies (fall 2016-present)  
Chair's Advisory Committee (fall 2016-present)  
APT committee (2017)  
Search Committee, Political Philosophy (2015-16, 2016-17)  
Colloquium organizer (2014-2016)  
Graduate admissions committee (2013-2014, 2015-16)  
Undergraduate affairs committee (2013-2014)  
Graduate affairs committee (2011-12)  
Graduate fellowships committee (spring 2011)  
Merit committee (spring 2013)  
Search committee, Open (2010-11)  
Search committee, Formal Epistemology (2009-2010)  
Ad hoc committee on graduate curriculum (spring 2009)  
Department news officer (fall 2008)

**Service to College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland**

Research in Arts and Humanities Committee (2017-present)  
Graduate Fellowships committee (2017-present)  
Review of Director of Honors Humanities Living Learning Program (2017)  
Internal Review Committee, Department of American Studies (2017)  
Internal Review Committee, Department of Art History and Archaeology (2017)  
Search Committee, Chair of English Department (2015-16)  
Collegiate Council (2013-15)

**Service to the University of Maryland**

Bannekar Key Scholarship Committee (2017)

Student Honor Code Hearings Board (2010-2011)