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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy Stanford University, 2019-Present

Dissertation: *Varieties of Normativity in Plato*. Advisor: Christopher Bobonich.
Committee: Josiah Ober, Alan Code, Nadeem Hussein, Christopher Bobonich.

B.A., Classics, University of Oxford, 2014-2018.

Thesis: *The Free Sage: Stoic arguments against Slavery*. Advisor(s): Dominic Scott,
Karen Margrethe Nielsen, Simon Shogry.

ACADEMIC PRIZES AND AWARDS

Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellowship, 2024–2025, George Mason
University

Stanford Humanities Center's Dissertation Prize Fellowship, 2024-25, Stanford
University

G.J. Pigott Scholars Program Award 2022-2023, Stanford University

Centennial Teaching Excellence Award 2022, Stanford University

Derow Prize in Classics 2018, Wadham College Oxford.

Classics Scholarship, 2017-2018 Wadham College Oxford

REVIEWS

[Review of Jessica Moss' *Plato's Epistemology: being and seeming* for the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* \(2021\)](#)

[Review of Conan Wolfsdorf \(ed.\) *Early Greek Ethics* for the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* \(2023\)](#)

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

‘*What’s so wrong with the Two-Worlds?*’ with comments from Thomas Slabon (Stanford) Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop at Stanford University, 2021.

‘*A Reconsideration of Plato’s Function Argument*’ with comments from Jan Szaif (UC Davis) West Cost Plato Workshop 2022 at Stanford University.

‘*The First Function Argument*’ Central APA 2023 Poster presentation.

‘*In Search of Constraints in the Republic*’ at the 2024 Stanford Conference on Ancient and Contemporary Metaethics with comments from Allison Piñeros Glasscock (Georgia)

‘*Why Plato abandons the function argument: an explanation by way of conceptual ethics*’ at the 2024 Berlin Workshop on Ancient and Modern Metaethics at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin with comments from Singha Behrens (Bielefeld)

COMMENTING:

Commented on Thomas Johansen’s (Oslo) paper ‘*The Cosmos as a model of Self At the 3rd Annual Metaphysics Conference, Stanford University, 2020*’

Commented on Whitney Schwab’s (Maryland) Paper ‘*Epistemic Luck in Plato’s and Aristotle’s Conceptions of Epistêmê*’ at the 4th annual Metaphysics and Epistemology Conference Stanford University, 2022

Commented on Voula Tsouna’s (UC Santa Barbara) paper ‘*The method of multiple explanations revisited*’ at the Knowledge and Value in Ancient Philosophy Conference, Stanford University, 2022

Commented on Antony Hatzistavrou’s (Hull) paper ‘*Different types of multitude and the role of dialectic in Politics III.11*’ at the EPAM Workshop at Stanford, June 2022.

Commented on Patricio Fernandez’s (UC Santa Barbara) paper ‘*Levels of Expertise*’ at EPAM workshop at Stanford, October 2022.

Commented on Allison Piñeros Glasscock's (Georgia) paper '*An Impoverishment Objection: The Good of Others and Stoic Self-Sufficiency*' at EPAM workshop at Stanford, October 2022.

Commented on Zena Hitz's (St John's, Annapolis) paper '*Incomplete virtues in Aristotle's Politics*' at the EPAM Workshop Stanford, January 2023.

Commented on Terence Irwin's (Oxford/Stanford) paper 'Desire and the Priority of Reason' at the *Stanford Metaphysics and Value conference*, February 2023.

Commented on Amanda Greene and Jonathan Yudelman's (UCSB and Boston College) paper 'Laws Tragic Dance: The Conflict over Claims to Rule in Plato's Laws' at EPAM workshop at Stanford, May 2023.

Commented on Brad Inwood' (Yale) paper 'Socrates and the Laws of Athens' at the *Stanford Conference on Ancient Law and the Philosophy of Law.*, May 2023.

Commented on Catherine McKeen's (Bennington College) paper '*Laws and Political Expertise in Plato's Statesman*' at the West Coast Plato Workshop, June 2023.

Commented on Mason Marshall's (Pepperdine) paper '*Feasibility in Plato's Republic*' at the EPAM Workshop Stanford, November 2023

Commented on Zachary Brants's (UCSD) paper '*A Version of Aversion Aristotle Would Not Be Averse To*' at Pacific APA 2024

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President of Stanford Philosophy Graduate Student Society (2020-21)

Stanford Graduate-Faculty Representative (2021-22)

Member of American Philosophical Association 2018-2024

Coordinated the *3rd Annual Metaphysics Conference, Stanford University 2020.*

Organized the *Ancient Knowledge and Value Conference, Stanford University 2022.*

Coordinator for the *Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern (EPAM) 2022-2023*

Organized the *Ancient Metaphysics, and Value conference, Stanford University 2023*

Created and organized the *Stanford-Berkeley Ancient Philosophy Reading group 2022-*

Chair of Colloquium on the paper *'Degrees of Dys/Utopia in Plato's Republic and Margaret Atwood's Handmaid's Tale'* organized by Patrick R. Frierson at Pacific APA San Francisco 2023.

Mentor for Stanford Directed Reading Program 2023

Organized the *Stanford Ancient Law and Philosophy of Law* conference, Stanford University 2023.

Co-ordinated pair of workshops on Ancient and Contemporary Metaethics with Christopher Bobonich (Stanford) and David Plunkett (Dartmouth) taking place at Stanford (February 2024) and Berlin (June 2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Primary Instructor:

Plato and Punishment (2024)

Teaching Assistant:

PHIL 100: Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (TA) 2020, 2021

PHIL 2: Introduction to Moral Theory (TA) 2021

PHIL 102: Introduction to Modern Philosophy (TA) (2023)

PHIL 107: Plato's Late Epistemology and Metaphysics (2024)

Discussion Leader:

Greeks and the Beyond at the Stanford Summer Humanities Institute (2023, 2024)