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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

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,

## ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

‘What’s so wrong with the Two-Worlds?’

‘The First Function Argument.’

‘Greek Ethics and the problem of instant death’

Publications:

‘The Judge and the Philosopher: two normative standpoints in Plato’

(forthcoming in Special Issue of *Polis*)

## REVIEWS

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

Review of Conan Wolfson (ed.) *Early Greek Ethics* for the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* (forthcoming 2022)

## 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 Coast 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 \(Georgia\)](#)

## COMMENTING:

Commented on Thomas Johansen's (Oslo) paper '*The Cosmos as a model of Self At the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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

Stanford Graduate-Faculty Representative (2021-22)

Member of American Philosophical Association 2018-2022

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

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

*Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern* (EPAM) workshop coordinator 2022-2023

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

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.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Primary Instructor:**

Plato's Penology (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