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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

2003-present University of Chicago, Professor of Philosophy and in the Committee on Social Thought; Associate Professor of Philosophy 2007-2009; Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2003-2007

2000-2003 Yale University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Education

1995-2001 Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Classical Philosophy Program

1994-1995 Cambridge University, Clare College, M. Phil. in Classics

1989-1993 Princeton University, A.B. *summa cum laude* in Philosophy

Publications

Books:

2004 *Happy Lives and the Highest Good: An Essay on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*, Princeton University Press. (Paperback 2005).

2019 *Plato's Philebus: A Philosophical Discussion*, P. Dimas, R. Jones, and G. Lear (eds.), (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Articles:

2019 "Plato on Why Human Beauty is Good for the Soul" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 57.

2019 "Revelations of Reason: An Orientation to Reading Plato's *Philebus*" with S. Kelsey in Dimas, Jones, and Lear (eds.), *Plato's Philebus: A Philosophical Discussion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

2017 "Myrmecology as a Humanistic Discipline" *The Daily Ant*,
<https://dailyant.com/2017/08/11/philosophy-phriday-myrmecology-as-a-humanistic-discipline/>

- 2015 "Aristotle on Happiness and Long Life," *The Quest for the Good Life: Ancient Philosophers on Happiness*, edd. Rabbås, Emilsson, Fossheim, and Tuominen. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 "Approximation and Acting for an Ultimate End," *Theoria: Studies on the Status and Meaning of Contemplation in Aristotle's Ethics*, ed. Pierre Destrée and Marco Zingano, Peeters Publishers.
- 2013 "Plato's Poetics," *Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, eds. F. Sheffield and J. Warren, Routledge Publishing.
- 2013 "Aristotle," *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette, Wiley Blackwell Publishing. Updated 2020.
- 2012 "Beauty (to kalon)," *The Continuum Companion to Plato*, ed. Gerald Press, Continuum International Publishing Group.
- 2011 "Mimesis and Psychological Change in *Republic III*," *Plato and the Poets, Mnemosyne* supp. vol. 328, ed. Pierre Destrée and Fitz-Gregor Herrmann, 195-216.
- 2009 "Happiness, the Good, and the Structure of Ends," *Blackwell's Companion to Aristotle*, ed. G. Anagnostopoulos, Blackwell Publishing.
- 2006 "Permanent Beauty and Becoming Happy in Plato's *Symposium*," *Plato's Symposium: Issues in Interpretation and Reception*, ed. Jim Leshner, Debra Nails, and Frisbee Sheffield, Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies Press.
- 2006 "Aristotle on Moral Virtue and the Fine," *Blackwell's Companion to Aristotle's Ethics*, ed. R. Kraut.
- 2006 "Plato on Learning to Love Beauty," *Blackwell's Companion to Plato's Republic*, ed. G. Santas.
- 2006 "Happiness by Way of Wisdom," *Harvard Divinity School Bulletin*.

Reviews and Commentaries

- 2010 "Response to Kosman, 'Beauty and the Good: Situating *To Kalon*,'" *Beauty, Harmony, and the Good, Classical Philology* special issue 105:4, 357-62.
- 2007 "Eugene Garver, *Confronting Aristotle's Ethics*" *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2007.09.02.

- 2005 "Comments on Gavin Lawrence, "Snakes in Paradise: Problems in the Ideal Life'," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43 supp.
- 2003 "Lorraine Smith Pangle, *Aristotle and the Philosophy of Friendship*," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2003.10.12.

Forthcoming Publications

Articles:

"Rachana Kamtekar's *Plato's Moral Psychology*" Symposium article in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

Work in Progress

"*Eudaimonia* in the *Eudemian Ethics* and *Politics*," for *Aristotle's Other Ethics*, edd. C. Bobonich, M. Jimenez, and C. Gartner.

"Plato on the Role of Reason in Perceiving the *Kalon*"

"Plato on the Pleasure of Perceiving the *Kalon*"

"*Thauma* and *Erōs*: Philosophical Passion in Plato's *Symposium*"

"Plato on Appearances of Forms and the Form of the Beautiful"

"Plato on the Role of Reason in Perceiving the *Kalon*"

"Plato on Being and Pretending"

"Mimesis and Play in Plato's *Laws*"

"Aristotelian Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal"

Awards, Honors, Fellowships

- 2014-2015 Franke Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2013-2016 Teagle Foundation Grant, "Core Curricula in the Research University: Challenges and Prospects" (joint project with faculty from Columbia, Yale, and the University of Chicago)
- 2010-2012 ARETE Initiative: The New Science of the Virtues, grant for project, "The Virtue of Self-Control," Co-investigators: Angela Duckworth (Penn,

Psychology); Steven Durlauf (Economics, University of Wisconsin); James Heckman (Economics, University of Chicago)

- 2009-2010 Center for Advanced Studies (Oslo, Norway), Fellow. Project: Ancient Greek and Roman Theories of the Good Life.
- 2003 Yale University Morse Fellowship (declined).
- 2002-2003 Junior Faculty Fellow, Yale University Whitney Humanities Center
- 1999-2000 Mrs. Giles Whiting Honoring Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton University.
- 1999-2000 Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values
- 1993 Phi Beta Kappa

University and Professional Service

Professional Service

- 2020-2021 Member, Program Committee, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association
- 2015- Founding Member, Plato Dialogue Project
- 2014-2015 Member, Nominating Committee, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association
- 2009-2014 Member, Romanell Lecturer Selection Committee, Phi Beta Kappa Society
- 2009-2010 Member, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2009-2010 Member, Nominating Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2003- Member, Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

University Service

- 2019- Chair, Faculty Board of Parrhesia Program for Public Speaking
- 2018-19 Spokesperson, Committee of the Council of the University Senate
- 2017-2020 Member, Council of the University Senate

- 2015-2018 Chair, Philosophy Department
- 2018- Member, Faculty Board of Parrhesia Program for Public Speaking
- 2018 Member, Humanities Collegiate Dean Search Committee
- 2017-18 Member, Provost's K-12 Education Benefit Working Group
- 2016- Vice President, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter (University of Chicago's chapter)
- 2016- Member, PATHS (Professional Advancement and Training for Humanities Scholars) Faculty Board
- 2016 Member, Humanities Dean Search Committee
- 2015-2017 Member, Chicago Center for Teaching Faculty Board
- 2013-2017 Member, MAPH (Masters of Arts Program in the Humanities) Faculty Board
- 2013-2014 Member, Committee of the Council of the University Senate
- 2012-2015 Member, Council of the University Senate
- 2009-2012 Member, Council on Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2009-2010 Chair, Benefits Committee, University of Chicago
- 2006-2009 Member, Benefits Committee, University of Chicago
- 2008-2012 Faculty Coordinator, Humanities Core Course, Human Being and Citizen
- 2007-2010 Member, College Council, University of Chicago
- 2003-2015 Faculty Coordinator, Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop
- Many Philosophy Departmental Committees (e.g., placement (chair), ancient philosophy search (chair), graduate admissions, ethics search, graduate program)

Invited Talks and Conferences

2020

[Cancelled] "Beauty," Aspen Ideas Festival, June 27-29, 2020.

[Rescheduled TBD] "Plato on the Splendor of Virtue" conference on Ancient Greek Beauty, Yale University Humanities Center, April 18-19, 2020.

[Cancelled] "Sean Kelsey Reads Aristotle's *De Anima*" Symposium on the Soul, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago, May 29, 2020.

[Cancelled] "Appearances of Forms and the Form of the Beautiful," University of Toronto, Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, March 20-22, 2020.

"Plato on the Role of Reason in Perceiving the *Kalon*," Stanford University, Conference on Ancient Moral Psychology, February 21-23, 2020.

2019

"Plato on Appearances of Forms and the Form of the Beautiful," University of Missouri, Kline Workshop, October 18-19, 2019.

"Aristotle on the Virtues of Living in Community," UChicago Graham School Basic Program Lecture, May 9, 2019.

"Plato on Forms and Appearances," Brown University, April 6, 2019.

"Aristotle on the Relation Between Justice and Friendship," UChicago Emeriti Gomer Lecture, February 13, 2019.

"Comments on Rachana Kamtekar's *Plato's Moral Psychology*, Author Meets Critics Session, Eastern APA, January 9, 2019.

2018

"Plato on Human Beauty and the Look of Love," University of Alabama, November 16, 2018.

Aims of Education Address, University of Chicago, September 27, 2018.

"Plato on the Pleasure of Perceiving the *Kalon*," NYU Aesthetics Reborn Working Group, June 2-3, 2018.

"Plato on the Pleasure of Perceiving the *Kalon*," Yale University Ancient Philosophy Workshop, May 2, 2018.

"Dominic Scott's *Forms of Argument*," Author Meets Critics, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, February 23, 2018.

"Plato on Forms and Appearances," Western Michigan University Philosophy Colloquium, January 12, 2018.

2017

"Response," Music in Ancient Greek Tragedy and Performance conference, October 27, 2017.

"*Thauma* and *Erōs*: Philosophical Passion in Plato's *Symposium*" Ancient Philosophy Society, 56th Annual SPEG Conference. Memphis, TN, October, 19, 2017.

Symposium Aristotelicum on *Eudemian Ethics* II, participant. Athens, July 24-28, 2017.

"Aristotle on the Sense of Smell: *De Sensu* 5," Presenter and regular participant in Yale *De Sensu* Workshop, June 12-16, 2017.

"Plato on Human Beauty and the Look of Love," Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Philosophy "Second Saturdays" Workshop, May 13, 2017.

"Plato on Forms and Appearances," UCLA Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Mar 18-21.

2016

"Plato on Human Beauty and the Look of Love," Princeton Annual Classical Philosophy Colloquium, December 2-4, 2016.

"Plato on Human Beauty and the Look of Love," College of DuPage, Nov. 1, 2016.

"Plato on the Invention of Aesthetic Pleasure," University of Chicago Franke Humanities Center, "Every Wednesday Lunch" Series, October 5, 2016.

"Plato on Forms and Appearances" *Platonic Forms*, Notre Dame Rome Center, June 3, 2016.

"Plato on the Form of Philosophical Wonder" *The Arts of Thought: A conference in honor of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Committee on Social Thought*, May 6, 2016.

"Comments on Andrei Cimpian, 'Beliefs about Brilliance Undermine the Careers of Women and Minorities'" Women's Leadership Council, University of Chicago, May 5, 2016.

2015

“Plato on Beauty, Appearance, and the Splendor of Virtue” *Revolutions in the Concept of Form* conference, sponsored by the Neubauer Idealism Project, October 29, 2015.

Plato Dialogue Project Conference on the *Philebus*, participant, Spetses, Greece, August 31-September 4, 2015.

“Plato on Human Beauty and the Good of Love” Univ of Wisconsin-Madison, May 1, 2015.

“Plato on Human Beauty and the Good of Love” Chicago Area Graduate Philosophy Conference, UIC, April 25-26, 2015.

“Plato on Human Beauty and the Good of Love” 3rd UC Riverside Ancient Philosophy Conference, April 10-11, 2015.

“Plato on Beauty, Appearance, and the Splendor of Virtue” Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Philosophy, March 14, 2015.

2014

“*Thauma* and *Erōs*: Philosophical Passion in Plato’s *Symposium*” Columbia University, Classics Department, Sept. 30, 2014.

“Aristotle on Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal,” Notre Dame Workshop on Aristotle on Workers, Slaves, and the Disenfranchised, May 3-4

“Plato on Self-Sufficiency and the Look of Love,” keynote for Loyola Graduate Student Conference, April 11-12

“Aristotle on Happiness and Long Life” keynote University of Kentucky Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, March 21-22

“*Nicomachean Ethics* III.6: The Role of Paradigms in Defining Courage,” Workshop on Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* III.6-12, Ave Maria University, Feb 28-March 1

2013

“Philosophical Myth and Visual Metaphor in Plato,” University of Chicago, Image and Myth: A Conference to Celebrate Luca Giuliani’s Image and Myth, Dec. 5

“*Thauma and Erōs*: Philosophical Passion in Plato’s *Symposium*” International Plato Society, Pisa, July 15-20

“Comments on David Ebrey, ‘The Difference between Teaching and Habituation in Plato and Aristotle’” Northwestern University Conference on Moral Education, Ancient and Contemporary, June 8

“Aristotle on Happiness, Tragedy, and the Complete Life,” Brown University, Ethical Inquiry Series, April 13

“Plato on Pretending to Live Well,” Brown University, Ethical Inquiry Series, April 12

“Plato on the Moral Significance of Beauty,” Oxford University Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Feb. 21

“Plato on the Moral Significance of Beauty” University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 15

“The *Kalon* in Plato’s *Philebus*” 2nd Saturdays Workshop, Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

“Philosophical Wonder and the Provocation of the Past,” University of Notre Dame, History of Philosophy Workshop, Jan. 25

2012

“Plato with Reference to H. Schafels’ ‘Faust and Margaret’” Smart Museum, University of Chicago, Beauty, Symmetry, Pattern: An object-based, arts-science workshop, Nov. 28

“Plato on the Power of Beautiful Speech” Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 46th Annual Colloquium in Philosophy, Nov. 2-4

“Why is True Speech Beautiful?” University of Chicago Humanities Day, Oct. 20

“Aristotle on the Relation between Virtue and Contemplation” Loyola University, Oct. 4

“How Ancient Philosophy Changes the Soul” Symposium in Honor of John Cooper’s *Pursuits of Wisdom*, Princeton University, Sept. 21

“Plato on the Craft of Deliberation” University of Chicago Technē Workshop, March 30-31

“Plato on Self-Sufficiency and the Look of Love” Pittsburgh Lovefest, University of Pittsburgh, March 17

2011

“Plato on the Power of Beautiful Speech” Princeton Classical Philosophy Colloquium, December 2-3

“Comments on Sarah Broadie, ‘In the steps of Bernard Williams: Looking at ancient Greek ethics’” University of Chicago, Conference on Ethics and the Place of Philosophy: The Legacy of Bernard Williams, Oct. 28-29

“Truthfulness and Masking in Plato and Epictetus” Workshop on Hypocrisy and Dissimulation in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, University of Chicago, May 5-6

“Pretending to Be Wise in Plato’s *Gorgias*” 16th Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Feb. 18-19

“Aristotle on *Eudaimonia*: Human Flourishing and the Blessed Life” University of Chicago Midwest Faculty Seminar, Jan. 27

2010

“Plato’s Aesthetics” Literature and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, Nov. 23

“Comments on David Charles, ‘Aristotle on Practical Knowledge’” Conference on Representation, Emotion, and Cognition, Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Philosophy, Oct. 1-2

“Plato on Pretending” 2nd Saturdays Workshop, Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, May 8

“Aristotelian Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal” Norwegian Academy in Rome, Oslo Happiness Project final conference, June 3-4

2009

“Aristotelian Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal” Symposium on Aristotle on Practical Reasoning, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 27

“Platonic Love, Christian Love” Symposium on *Deus Caritas Est*, Lumen Christi Institute, May 1

“Aristotelian Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal” Fordham University Wisdom Workshop, April 17

“Aristotle on the Unity of a Flourishing Life” Reed College, March 6

“Plato on Pretending” Yale University, Jan. 30

“Aristotle on the Unity of a Flourishing Life” Wheaton College, Jan. 27

2008

“Aristotle on the Unity of a Flourishing Life” MacLean Center for Medical Ethics, University of Chicago, Oct. 29

“Comments on Aryeh Kosman, ‘Beauty and the Good: Situating *To Kalon*’” Conference on Beauty, Harmony, and the Good, Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Philosophy, Oct. 3-4

2007

“Plato on Acting and Being Your Self,” Conference on Le Soi/The Self, University of Chicago (with the Université Paris-Sorbonne), Jan. 25-27

“Aristotle on Theory and Practice” Philosophisches Seminar der Universität Basel, May 22

“Aristotle on the Grand End of Wise Deliberation” Oxford University, Seminar of Aristotle’s Ethics (David Charles), May 9

“Aristotle on the Grand End of Wise Deliberation” Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 27

“Aristotle on Theory and Practice” Symposium on Contemplation and Ethical Virtue, APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 3-8

2006

“Plato on the Ethics and Aesthetics of Doing One Thing” Poetry and Poetics Workshop, University of Chicago, Nov. 13

“Plato on the Ethics and Aesthetics of Doing One Thing” New York University, Sept. 19

“Plato on Mimesis and Play,” Université Catholique de Louvain, Conference on Plato and the Poets, May 3-5

“Plato on Learning to Love Beauty” Univ. North Carolina Chapel Hill, April 19

“Aristotle on the Grand End of Wise Deliberation,” Emory University, Keynote Address to 29th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, April 21

“Aristotle on the Grand End of Wise Deliberation,” University of Pittsburgh, Mar 31

“Permanent Beauty and Becoming Happy in Plato’s *Symposium*” University of Chicago Divinity School, Conference on Aesthetics and the Moral Life, March 4

2005

“Plato on the Beauty of Character and of Art” Rhetoric and Poetics Workshop, University of Chicago, Dec. 1

“Permanent Beauty and Becoming Happy in Plato’s *Symposium*” Center for Hellenic Studies, Conference on Plato’s *Symposium*, Aug. 17-19

Symposium Aristotelicum: *Nicomachean Ethics* VII, University of Venice, Ca’ Foscari, July 11-16

“Comments on Dominic Scott ‘The Tyrant and Eros’” University of Toronto Conference on Plato and the Divided Self, April 15-17

2004

“Comments on Gavin Lawrence, ‘Snakes in Paradise: Problems in the Ideal Life’” University of Memphis, Spindel Conference on Ancient Greek Ethics and Political Philosophy, Oct. 7-9

“Aristotle on Happiness, Tragedy, and Complete Time,” Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop, Sept. 29

“Aristotle on Happiness, Tragedy, and Complete Time,” University of Helsinki, Finland, Conference on Philosophical Reflections on Literature, August 5-7

“Plato on the Role of Beauty in Moral Education,” Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, May 12

“Comments on Jessica Gosnell, ‘Pleasure as a Formal Cause’” APA Central Division Meeting, April 23

“Comments on Paul Woodruff, ‘Who is Creon?: Character in Aristotle’s *Poetics*’” Conference on Aristotle: Ethics, Politics, Aesthetics, Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Philosophy, April 17

2003

“The Complete Life of Happiness” APA Central Division Meeting, April 25
Liberty Fund Colloquium: Law and Liberty in the Writings of John Locke, Tucson, Arizona, April 3-6

“Aristotle on Acting for the Sake of an End,” University of Notre Dame, Jan. 24

“Aristotle on Acting for the Sake of an End,” University of Chicago, Jan. 20

“Aristotle on Acting for the Sake of an End,” Northwestern University, Jan. 10

2002

Liberty Fund Colloquium: Liberalism, Perfectionism, and Politics, Annapolis, Maryland, May 16-19

2000

“Response to Julia Annas and Gavin Lawrence” Symposium on The Legacy of Greek Ethics, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 29

“Choosing Moral Virtue for the Sake of Happiness” Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Feb. 18; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 4; Barnard College, Feb. 1; Yale University, Jan. 28; University of Notre Dame, Jan. 21; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Jan. 18

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