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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

2021-present Chair, The John U. Nef Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago

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:*

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

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

*Articles:*

2022 "Beauty," in G. Preus and M. Duque (eds), *Bloomsbury Handbook to Plato*.

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).
- 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*

- 2021 "Comments on Rachana Kamtekar, *Plato's Moral Psychology*" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 103 (1): 221-227.

- 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.

### Podcasts and Popular Writing

- 2021 *Ancient Greece Declassified*, hosted by Vanya (Jack) Visnjic (episode about Plato's *Republic* VI), <https://www.greecepodcast.com/plato-republic-the-good-gabriel-lear/>
- 2020 *Five Questions*, hosted by Kieran Setiya, <https://anchor.fm/kieran-setiya/episodes/Gabriel-Richardson-Lear-egga8r/a-a2lhhq2>
- 2017 "Myrmecology as a Humanistic Discipline" *The Daily Ant*, <https://dailyant.com/2017/08/11/philosophy-phriday-myrmecology-as-a-humanistic-discipline/>

### Forthcoming Publications

#### Articles:

"Forms and Appearances: The Epistemological Implications of Plato's Ontology" *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*.

"*Phaedrus* 227a-230e: Beginning in Wonder" in *Plato's Phaedrus: A Philosophical Discussion*, Oxford.

### 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*"

"Mimesis as a Way of Life in *Republic* 10"

"The Sound of Frankness: Style (Lexis) and Character in Aristotle's *Rhetoric*" *Cambridge Critical Guide to Aristotle's Rhetoric*, ed. P. Destree.

*“Thauma and Erōs: Philosophical Passion in Plato’s Symposium”*

*“Plato on Being and Pretending”*

*“Mimesis and Play in Plato’s Laws”*

*“Aristotelian Practical Wisdom as a Leisurely Ideal”*

### **Awards, Honors, Fellowships**

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| 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 Honorific 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*

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| 2021-     | Member, Advisory Board, <i>Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy</i>                   |
| 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*

2022-2023	Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee to Search for a New Dean of the College
2021-	Chair, The John U. Nef Committee on Social Thought
2021-	President, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter (University of Chicago)
2020-2023	Franke Institute for the Humanities, Faculty Board Member
2019-2020	Chair, Faculty Board of Parrhesia Program for Public Speaking (Member since 2018)
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, 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)
2016-18	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

2003-2021 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**

#### Upcoming

“Mimesis as a Way of Life,” Conference in Honor of Stephen Halliwell, St. Andrew’s, Scotland, May 3, 2023.

“Comments on Sarah Broadie, *Plato’s Sunlike Good*,” Eastern APA, January 2023.

#### 2022

“Beginning in Wonder: *Phaedrus* 227a-230e,” Plato Dialogue Project workshop, Athens, Greece, September 22-24, 2022.

“Comments on Shannon Sandridge, ‘Growing in Goodness: A Pedagogy for the Virtues,’” Diversity Institute session, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 26, 2022.

"Mimesis as a Way of Life in *Republic* 10," "Oxymorons" (Oxford-Yale-Munich via Zoom), February 4, 2022.

### 2021

"Plato on the Pleasures of Perceiving the *Kalon*," Memorial Conference in Honor of Sarah Broadie (St. Andrew's University via Zoom), November 4-5, 2021.

"Plato on the Pleasures of Perceiving the *Kalon*," Committee on Social Thought Colloquium, February 22, 2021.

"Forms and Appearances: The Epistemological Dimensions of Plato's Metaphysics," Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 8, 2021.

### 2020

"Forms and Appearances: The Epistemological Dimensions of Plato's Metaphysics," Philosophy Department Colloquium, Yale University, September 14, 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, 56<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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" 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*" 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 46<sup>th</sup> 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*" 16<sup>th</sup> 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" 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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