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Areas of Interest	AOS: Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy AOC: Metaphysics, Medieval Arabic and Hebrew Philosophy, Philosophy of Friendship, Metaethics	
Employment	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Assistant Professor of Philosophy	July 2024–present
	New York University Bersoff Faculty Fellow	September 2022–June 2024
Education	Princeton University PhD in Philosophy Dissertation: Essentialism in Late Plato and Aristotle's <i>Categories</i> Committee: Hendrik Lorenz (advisor), Benjamin Morison, Melissa Lane, Marko Malink	August 2022
	University of Oxford MSt. in Ancient Philosophy	July 2015
	University of Chicago B.A., Philosophy (Major), Fundamentals: Issues and Texts (Major) Mathematics (Minor) <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	June 2014
Publications	(1) 2023. "Essentialism in the <i>Categories</i> ," <i>Phronesis</i> , 68(3), 326–369. [journal] [preprint] (2) 2024. "Can You Deny the PNC? <i>Metaphysics</i> Γ.3, 1005b11–34," (w/ Ian J. Campbell) <i>Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy</i> , 63, 89–134. [journal] [preprint] (3) 2025. "Higher-Order Predicates in the <i>Categories</i> ," <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> , 63(1), 1–26. [journal] [preprint] (4) forthcoming. "The Visitor's Guide to Apparent Contradictions: Metaphysical Explanation in <i>Sophist</i> 255e11–256e4," <i>Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy</i> . [preprint]	
Presentations	[17] "Aristotle's Argument for Essentialism" Ancient Philosophy Oberseminar, Tübingen Philosophy Department Colloquium, UW Madison Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago Invited Symposium, Eastern APA Philosophy Department Colloquium, Harvard University	
	[16] "The Existential Reading of <i>Republic</i> V" Classics Department Colloquium, Harvard University	
		December 2025 November 2025 October 2025 January 2025 January 2025
		February 2025

- 2nd Annual UNAM Ancient Metaphysics Workshop, Mexico City June 2024
Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress, New York University March 2023
- [15] “The Incoherence of Alcibiades”
Department Colloquium, UT Austin February 2024
- [14] “*Charmides* 164d4–167c8: Translation and Commentary”
New York Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy January 2024
- [13] “Can You Believe a Contradiction?”
Invited Talk, LMU Munich (w/ Ian Campbell) July 2023
- [12] “Higher-Order Predicates in the *Categories*”
Department Colloquium, Yale University February 2023
Department Colloquium, University of Michigan January 2023
Department Colloquium, Providence College January 2023
Categories in Ancient Philosophy Conference, LMU, Munich, Germany July 2022
- [11] “Meaning and Metaphysical Explanation in Plato’s *Sophist*”
Symposium Platonicum, University of Georgia July 2022
Rackham Conference, University of Michigan May 2022
Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress, New York University April 2021
- [10] “Aristotle’s *Politics*, III.15, 1285b33 - 1286b40: Translation and Commentary”
Classical Philosophy Workshop, University of the Aegean, Syros, Greece June 2022
- [9] “Aristotle’s *Politics*, III.3-4, 1276a6-1277a12: Translation and Commentary”
Classical Philosophy Workshop, University of the Aegean, Syros, Greece June 2022
- [8] “Demystifying Platonic Essentialism”
Princeton University December 2019
- [7] “Essential Connections in Aristotle’s *Categories*”
Idaho Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Idaho State University June 2019
Philosophy Society, Princeton University May 2018
- [6] “How to be an X-Firster”
Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference, HU, Berlin, Germany July 2018
Philosophy Society, Princeton University May 2018
- [5] “Comments on Howton”
Virginia Tech Workshop in Ancient Greek Philosophy, Virginia Tech April 2018
- [4] “Social Grue: Antirealism about the Social”
Virginia Tech Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech November 2017
- [3] “The Nature of Decision: *Eudemian Ethics*, II.10 1225b17 - 1226a17”
Princeton-São Paulo Classical Philosophy Workshop, Princeton February 2017
- [2] “By Law and By Nature: Aristotle’s *Politics* I.6”
Classical Philosophy Workshop, University of the Aegean, Syros, Greece July 2016

[1] “Are Negative Facts a Problem for Grounding Theorists?”

Ockham Society, University of Oxford

January 2016

Teaching

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

- Classical Arabic Philosophy (Phil 395) Winter 2026
- Plato’s *Republic* (Phil 391) Fall 2025
- Plato’s *Republic* (Phil 391) Winter 2025
- Topics in Philosophy: Friendship (Phil 298) Winter 2025
- Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Book Gamma (Graduate Seminar) Fall 2024

New York University New York, NY

- Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Book Gamma (Graduate Seminar) Spring 2024
(Co-taught with Prof. Marko Malink)

- Medieval Arabic and Hebrew Philosophy Fall 2023
- Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Fall 2022

Federal Correctional Institute Fort Dix, NJ

- Race and Racism Spring 2020
(Co-taught with Adele Watkins and Alejandro Naranjo Sandoval)
via Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative

Princeton University Paris, France

- Plato in Paris Summer 2019
(Co-taught with Prof. Benjamin Morison)

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

- Introduction to Ancient Philosophy Spring 2019
(Co-taught with Daniel Krantz Binder)

Advising

Graduate Students

Adam Waggoner, PhD, 2025 (Dissertation Committee Member)

Undergraduate Students

Zhizhuo (Jerry) Zhang, Senior Thesis, 2026 (Second Reader)

Languages

Reading: Greek, Latin, French, Hebrew

Spoken: English (native), French (competent), Hebrew (competent)

Awards

- Center for Hellenic Studies Fellowship (Harvard University) Spring 2027
- Loeb Classical Library Fellowship (Harvard University) AY 2026–27
- Humanities Collaboratory Incubator Grant (University of Michigan) 2024
- Postdoctoral Travel Grant (NYU) 2024
- P. E. More Scholarship for Classical Philosophy (Princeton University) 2018–20
- University Fellowship (Princeton University) 2015–18
- Stanley J. Seager Fellowship (Princeton Center for Hellenic Studies) 2016–19, 2022
- CPhil Research Grant (Princeton University) 2016
- CRNAP Research Grant (Princeton University) Winter 2015–16
- Wendell Herbeck Scholarship (The Queens’ College, Oxford) 2014–15
- Dunn Philosophy Research Grant (University of Chicago) 2014
- Departmental Honors (University of Chicago) 2014
- Phi Beta Kappa* (University of Chicago) 2014

**Professional
Service**

Referee: *Mind*, *Phronesis* (x3), *Apeiron*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, and *Ergo*

Open Plato Project [\[Website\]](#)

Digital humanities project producing a translation and commentary for *Alcibiades I*
Co-Founder and Board Member 2020–present

University of Michigan Philosophy Department

Graduate Admissions Committee 2024–2025
GSI Evaluation Committee Fall 2025
Graduate Studies Committee Winter 2026

Compass Undergraduate Workshop Princeton University

Undergraduate workshop aimed at promoting diversity in philosophy
Organizing Committee 2017-19
Graduate Student Mentor 2017-19

Mathey College Princeton University

Mentorship and community-building for undergraduate students
Resident Graduate Student 2016-18

Philosophy Department Princeton University

Climate Committee 2019-21
Classical Philosophy Committee 2019-20
Social Committee 2015-2016

Last Updated

October 2026