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APPOINTMENTS **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013-Present

New York University
Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Department, 2014-Present

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Program in Classical Philosophy: Ph.D. (2013)
Dissertation: *Opinion, Knowledge, and Understanding in Plato's Meno and Republic*
Advisors: Benjamin Morison (primary), Hendrik Lorenz (secondary)
Oxford University: B.Phil. (2007)
Thesis: *The Beliefs of a Skeptic: Dogma in Sextus Empiricus*
Advisor: Benjamin Morison
Cornell University: B.A. (2005), *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy
Thesis: *Psuchê and Noûs in Aristotle*
Advisors: Amber Carpenter, Christopher Taylor

INTERESTS

AOS: Ancient Philosophy
AOC: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- [Forthcoming] "The Birth of Belief," in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (with Jessica Moss; both authors contributed equally to all parts of the project).
- [2016] "Understanding *Epistêmê* in Plato's *Republic*," in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 51, 41-85.
- [2015] "Explanation in the Epistemology of the *Meno*," in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 48, 1-36.
- [2013] "Skepticism, Belief, and the Criterion of Truth," in *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, vol. 46 (3), 327-344.

REVIEWS

- [2014] Gail Fine, *The Possibility of Inquiry: Meno's Paradox from Socrates to Sextus* for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

The Origin of the Concept of Knowledge (Précis available on website)
Supported by an NEH Fellowship for AY 2017-18

PAPERS (ABSTRACTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE)

"Plato's Ideal Epistemology," committed to *Ancient Philosophy For Now*, edited by Stephen Hetherington and Nicholas Smith (a volume that aims to bring ancient and contemporary epistemology into dialogue)

“Towards the Forms”
 “Does Meno’s Slave Recollect? A Puzzle in Plato’s *Meno*”
 “Is Plato an Innatist?” (with David Bronstein)
 “Misnomers in Plato’s *Cratylus*”
 “Aristotle on the Distinction Between Weak and Impetuous *Akrasia*”

HONORS AND AWARDS	National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2017-18
	\$50,400 for <i>The Origin of the Concept of Knowledge</i>	
	Summer Faculty Fellowship	2014, 2015
	\$6,000 for Summer Research, UMBC	
	Mrs. Giles Whiting Honoric Fellowship	2011-2012
	Competitive dissertation research award in the humanities	
	Overseas Research Student Award Scheme	2005-2007

PRESENTATIONS**AS MAIN SPEAKER** (†= INVITED)**Title TBD**

Johns Hopkins University†	11.2018
Virginia Tech University†	04.2018
Columbia University†	03.2018
Eastern APA Invited Symposium†	01.2018
Cornell University†	11.2017

Plato’s Ideal Epistemology

NYU Ancient and Modern Epistemology Workshop†	09.2017
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Skepticism and Ideal Epistemology in Plato’s *Republic*

9th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop†	05.2017
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Towards the Forms

Union College†	01.2017
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Plato’s Value Problem

New Perspectives on Plato’s Philosophy Universidade Federal do ABC, Sao Paulo, Brazil	06.2016
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***Nicomachean Ethics* VI.13**

<i>Phronêsis and Deliberation in Aristotle</i> , NYU†	03.2016
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The Birth of Belief

<i>Working Group in Ancient Philosophy</i> , Yale University†	10.2015
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Understanding *Epistêmê* in Plato’s *Republic*

<i>Workshop in Ancient Philosophy</i> , NYU†	05.2015
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Matters of Opinion vs. Matters of Fact in Plato’s *Republic*

<i>Knowledge, Belief, and Logos in Plato</i> † Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	05.2015
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Skepticism, Belief, and the Criterion of Truth

<i>Graduate Seminar on Skepticism run by Susan Sauvé Meyer</i> † University of Pennsylvania	04.2015
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Taking Likenesses to be Originals in Plato’s *Republic*

<i>Workshop in Ancient Philosophy</i> , Catholic University of America†	02.2015
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Plato and Aristotle on the Objects of Opinion and Understanding

<i>32nd Annual Meeting of SAGP</i> , Fordham University	10.2014
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Knowledge and Understanding in Plato’s *Republic*

<i>CNY Humanities Corridor Workshop: Plato and the Stoics</i> † Colgate University	05.2014
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Explanation in the Epistemology of the *Meno*

<i>34th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop</i> , Wash U, St. Louis	03.2011
<i>Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy</i> , Princeton University	02.2011

AS COMMENTER (†= invited)**Rachel Barney: “The Skeptic’s Inquiry: Sextus, Socrates, and Apelles”***Classical Philosophy Colloquium*, Princeton University†

12.2015

Caleb Cohoe: “Aristotle on The Truth of Perception and Understanding”*APA Eastern Division Meeting*†

12.2014

Glenn Lesses: “Socrates the Stoic: Agency and Rational Erôs in the Symposium”*Lexington Workshop in Ancient Philosophy*†

University of Kentucky and Transylvania University

03.2014

TEACHING**UMBC**

PHIL 371: Contemporary Epistemology	F 16
PHIL 481: Ancient Epistemology	S 16
PHIL 452: Advanced Topics in Ethics (Aristotelian Ethics)	S 15
PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy	F 14, 15
PHIL 100H: Honors Introduction to Philosophy	S 14, 15, 16
PHIL 481: Ancient Philosophy, Plato’s <i>Republic</i>	S 14
PHIL 321: History of Philosophy: Ancient	F 13, 14, 15, 16

SERVICE**UMBC**

DEPARTMENTAL

Search Committee member, Ethics	2014-15
Workload Policy Committee	2014
Major Curriculum Committee	2014
Library Liaison for Philosophy Dept.	2013-Pres.
Adviser to appx. 20 undergraduate Philosophy majors	2013-Pres.

COLLEGE OF ARTS HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Faculty Working Group on Public/Applied Humanities	2016-17
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Profession

REFEREE

Apeiron, Ancient Philosophy, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Journal of Philosophical Research, Oxford University Press, Res Philosophica

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish

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