

CARA REI CUMMINGS

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2023-Present Lecturer, Morgan State University Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

2022-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins University Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University

Dissertation: "Aristotle's *Akratēs*: Healing Morally Bad Character"

Committee Members: Richard Bett (advisor), Hilary Bok, Howard Curzer, Lucy Allais, and Karen ní Mheallaigh

2014 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Florida

2012 B.A. in Philosophy, University of Central Florida

AREAS of SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Ethics

AREAS of COMPETENCE

Bioethics, Introductory Logic, Epistemology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Jul 2024 "Epistemic Contextualism & Gorgias's *Encomium of Helen*." International Association for Presocratic Studies. Federal University of Minas Gerais.

Apr 2024 "When to Bite Your Tongue: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach to Truthfulness." The Modern Reception of Ancient Greek Texts. University of South Florida.

Feb 2024 "When to Bite Your Tongue: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach to Truthfulness." Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Cincinnati, OH.

Sep 2023 "The Uncanny Valley of Horror: Defending Most Horror Films." Aesthetic Education and Screen Stories. University of Rijeka.

Apr 2023 "When to Bite Your Tongue: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach to Truthfulness." Long Island Philosophical Society. Saint John's University.

- Mar 2023 “Aristotle on Melancholia: The Discovery of Bipolar Depression.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Louisville, Kentucky.
- Feb 2023 “An Aristotelian Defense of Violent Video Games.” Video Games and Ethics Conference. Florida Atlantic University.
- Feb 2023 “The Uncanny Valley of Horror: Defending Most Horror Films.” Florida Philosophical Association. New College of Florida.
- Nov 2022 “Aristotle on Melancholia: The Discovery of Bipolar Depression.” Fuge of Melancholy. Pedagogical University of Krakow (Online).
- Nov 2022 “The Uncanny Valley of Horror: Defending Most Horror Films.” Illinois Philosophical Association. Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
- Apr 2022 “Healing *Akrasia* and Vice.” Long Island Philosophical Society. Molloy College.
- Oct 2020 “The Contemptuous Attitude of Aristotle’s *Megalopsuchos*.” Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (Online).
- Mar 2020 “The Proper Scope of *Akrasia*.” North Carolina Philosophical Society. University of North Carolina, Asheville. (Awarded Best Graduate Student Essay)
- Oct 2019 “The *Akratēs* and the Drunk.” Minnesota Philosophical Society. Anoka-Ramsey Community College.
- Mar 2019 “The Contemptuous Attitude of Aristotle’s *Megalopsuchos*.” Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy. Villanova University.

AWARDS

- Jan 2024 PowerLIVE Faculty/Staff Award. Morgan State University.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Jul 2023 Selected Participant. The Honesty Project Summer Seminar. Wake Forest University. Fully Funded 2-week seminar courtesy of the Templeton Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor at Morgan State University:

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| Fall 2024 | Philosophy of Video Games, Ethics & Values x3 |
| Spring 2024 | Constitutional Thought, Introduction to Critical Thinking x3 |
| Fall 2023 | Introduction to Critical Thinking x2, Ethics & Values x2 |
| Spring 2023 | Introduction to Critical Thinking x3 |
| Fall 2022 | Ethics & Values |

Primary Instructor at Johns Hopkins University:

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| Summer 2024 | Humanities Collaboratory (Lead Instructor) |
| Spring 2024 | Prometheus Editorial Workshop |
| Fall 2023 | Prometheus Workshop |
| Summer 2023 | Humanities Collaboratory (Co-Taught) |
| Spring 2023 | Prometheus Editorial Workshop |
| Summer 2022 | Humanities Collaboratory (Co-Taught) |
| Spring 2022 | Prometheus Editorial Workshop |
| Fall 2020 | Plato's Myths (Awarded a Dean's Teaching Fellowship) |
| Summer 2020 | What Is Knowledge? |
| Winter 2020 | The Trial of Socrates (Co-Taught) |
| Winter 2019 | Temptation and Desiring the Bad |
| Spring 2017 | Prometheus Editorial Workshop |

Primary Instructor at Towson University:

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| Spring 2023 | Introduction to Philosophy |
| Spring 2022 | Introduction to Ethics x3 |
| Fall 2021 | Introduction to Philosophy |
| Spring 2021 | Ancient Greek Philosophy, Independent Study: Plato's <i>Republic</i> |
| Fall 2020 | Race, Class, and Gender |
| Summer 2020 | Introduction to Ethics |
| Spring 2020 | Ancient Greek Philosophy; Race, Class, and Gender |
| Fall 2019 | Ancient Greek Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy |

Primary Instructor at University of Florida:

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| Summer 2015 | Introduction to Logic |
| Summer 2014 | Introduction to Logic, Introduction to Philosophy |

OTHER TEACHING

Aug 2021-Present Logic/Critical Thinking Tutor, Varsity Tutors

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-2024 Managing Editor, *Macksey Journal*, JHU
Planning Committee, Macksey Undergraduate Research Symposium, JHU
Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, University of Baltimore
Advisor, *Prometheus Undergraduate Journal* and Philosophy Club, JHU

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Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, Notre Dame of Maryland
Advisor, *Prometheus Undergraduate Journal* and Philosophy Club, JHU

LANGUAGES

Attic Greek

REFERENCES

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