

**CARA REI CUMMINGS**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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

2022-2023 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

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Why Privation Is a Form in a Qualified Sense for Aristotle.” Forthcoming in *Apeiron*.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Jul 2024 “Gorgias the Alethic Nihilist.” 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.

### **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:

Summer 2024	Humanities Collaboratory (Co-Taught)
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:

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:

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

**OTHER TEACHING**

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

**SERVICE**

To the Profession:

2023-2024	Series Editor, Everyday Lifestyle Blog, APA Judge, APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, Cincinnati, OH Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, University of Baltimore
2022-2023	Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, Notre Dame of Maryland

To the University:

2023-2024    Managing Editor, *Macksey Journal*, JHU  
                  Planning Committee, Macksey Undergraduate Research Symposium, JHU  
                  Advisor, *Prometheus Undergraduate Journal* and Philosophy Club, JHU

2022-2023    Managing Editor, *Macksey Journal*, JHU  
                  Planning Committee, Macksey Undergraduate Research Symposium, JHU  
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**LANGUAGES**

Attic Greek

**REFERENCES**

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