

CARA REI CUMMINGS

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2022-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, KSAS Society of Fellows, 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 (especially Aristotle), Ethics

AREAS of COMPETENCE

Bioethics, Introductory Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Sep 2023 “The Uncanny Valley of Horror.” Aesthetic Education and Screen Stories. University of Rijeka.

Apr 2023 “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.” 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.” 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.

COMMENTS

- Nov 2022 Grant Sterling: “Coercion, Free Will, and Two Kinds of Moral Responsibility.” Illinois Philosophical Association. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- “An Aristotelian Defense of Ultra-Violent Video Games” Under Review
- “A Neo-Aristotelian Approach to Truthfulness” Under Review
- “The Uncanny Valley of Horror” Under Review
- “Aristotle on Melancholia: The Discovery of Bipolar Depression” Under Review
- “The Disharmonious Person in Aristotle” Under Review
- “The Contemptuous Attitude of Aristotle’s *Megalopsuchos*” Under Review
- “In What Sense Privations are Forms for Aristotle” Under Review
- “Gorgias: The First Sophist?” Draft in Progress
- “Why be Aristotelian: Shopping Around for an Ancient Ethical Theory” Draft in Progress

OTHER TALKS

- Jul 2023 Invited Panelist. “What You Can Do with a Ph.D.” Leadership Alliance National Symposium. Hartford, Connecticut.
- Apr 2023 “The Uncanny Valley of Horror.” Department Colloquium. Morgan State University.
- Mar 2023 “A Neo-Aristotelian Approach to Truthfulness.” Hammond Society. Johns Hopkins University.
- Oct 2022 “The Uncanny Valley of Horror.” Prometheus Undergraduate Club. Johns Hopkins University.
- Oct 2022 “Aristotle on Melancholia: The Discovery of Bipolar Depression.” Hammond Society. Johns Hopkins University.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Jul 2023 Selected Participant. The Honesty Project Summer Seminar. Wake Forest University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor at Morgan State University:

- Spring 2024 Medieval Philosophy, 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-Jan 2023	Logic/Critical Thinking Tutor, Varsity Tutors
Nov 2015-Dec 2016	Study Consultant, Johns Hopkins University Office of Academic Advising

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-2024	Managing Editor, <i>Macksey Journal</i> , JHU Advisor, <i>Prometheus Undergraduate Journal</i> and Philosophy Club, JHU
2022-2023	Managing Editor, <i>Macksey Journal</i> , JHU Planning Committee, Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium, JHU Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, NDMU Advisor, <i>Prometheus Undergraduate Journal</i> and Philosophy Club, JHU
2021-2022	Judge, Northeastern Regional Ethics Bowl, NDMU Advisor, <i>Prometheus Undergraduate Journal</i> and Philosophy Club, JHU
2019-2020	Student/Faculty Liaison, JHU
2018-2019	Hammond Society Colloquium Coordinator, JHU Conference Planning Committee Member & Referee, JHU Advisor, <i>Prometheus Undergraduate Journal</i> and Philosophy Club, JHU
2017-2018	Student/Faculty Liaison, JHU Advisor, <i>Prometheus Undergraduate Journal</i> and Philosophy Club, JHU

- 2016-2017 President, Hammond Society, JHU
Conference Planning Committee Member & Referee, JHU
Advisor, *Prometheus Undergraduate Journal* and Philosophy Club, JHU
- 2015-2016 Department Representative, Graduate Representation Organization, JHU
Advisor, *Prometheus Undergraduate Journal* and Philosophy Club, JHU
- 2014-2015 Incoming Teaching Assistant Facilitator, UF
Referee, Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, UF
Referee, Florida Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, UF
- 2013-2014 President, Graduate Student Philosophical Society, UF
Coordinator/Referee, Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, UF
- 2012-2013 Vice-President, Graduate Student Philosophical Society, UF
Coordinator, FSU/UF Conference, UF
Referee, Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, UF

LANGUAGES

Attic Greek

REFERENCES

Richard Bett (Professor at Johns Hopkins University)
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