

# Sukaina Hirji

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

## Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Metaphysics

## Education

PhD, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University	09/2016
M.A., Queen's University (Philosophy)	2010
B.A. (Honors), The University of Alberta (Political Science)	2006

## Awards & Fellowships

Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech	2017
Laurance S. Rockefeller UCHV Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University (Competitive Fellowship awarded to students working on issues concerning human values)	2015-16
McGraw Teagle Teaching Seminar (Selected participant)	2014-15
Stanley J. Seeger Travel Award, Program in Hellenic Studies	2012, 2013, 2014
University Fellowship, Princeton University	2011-2016
Merit Grant, UCHV	2011

## Teaching

*Virginia Tech, Department of Philosophy — Instructor*

PHIL 2115 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2017)  
PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Fall 2017)  
PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Spring 2017)  
PHIL 3314 Ethical Theory: Philosophy of Well-Being (Spring 2017)

*Rutgers University, Department of Philosophy — Instructor*

PHI 01:730:401 Plato: The Republic (Spring 2015)

*Albert C. Wagner Correctional Facility — Instructor*

PHI205 Philosophy of Inequality (Spring 2015, with Ella Haselswerdt, Orlando Reade, & Daniel Wodak)

PHI102 Philosophy & the Good Life (Spring 2013, with Ella Haselswerdt, Josh O'Rourke, & Daniel Wodak)

*Garden State Correctional Facility — Instructor*

ENG203 Reason and Passion in the Ancient World (Fall 2013, with Ella Haselswerdt, Tom Miller, & Simon Shogry)

*Princeton University — Assistant in Instruction*

PHI305 Plato's *Republic* ("Plato in Berlin" Seminar, Summer 2014, for Benjamin Morison)

PHI 205 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2014, for Hendrik Lorenz)

PHI202 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Fall 2012, for Michael Smith)

*Queen's University — Assistant in Instruction*

PHIL153 State and Citizen (Fall 2009, for Christine Sypnowich)

PHIL256 Existentialism (Spring 2009, for Adele Mercier)

## Invited Presentations &amp; Lectures

"Mixed Actions and External Goods in Aristotle's Ethics"

- NYU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 5/2017
- Colloquium Talk, University of Austin, Texas 9/2017

"Virtue, Actions and Ends in Aristotle's Ethics"

- Graduate Seminar, UNC 2/2017
- Colloquium Talk, University of Arizona 2/2017

"Aristotle on the Connection between Virtue and Happiness"

- The Center for Comparative Philosophy & Global Asia Initiative; Duke University 11/2016
- Symposium on the Philosophy of Well-Being, Positive Psychology Center; University of Pennsylvania 12/2016

"Aristotelian Perfectionism"

- Costa Rica Interdisciplinary Workshop on Well-being 6/2016

"Eudaimonia as the Most Teleion of Ends in NE 1.7"

- Tahoe Ancient Philosophy Workshop 5/2016

"Aristotle on Complete and Incomplete Actions"

- Workshop on Aristotle's Metaphysics, NYU 12/2015
- Ancient Philosophy Workshop; Humboldt University Berlin 12/2014

- “Virtue and Happiness: A Genuinely Aristotelian Alternative”
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder 8/2015
  - Philosophy Dissertation Seminar, Princeton University 4/2015
- “Inequality in Education” (with Daniel Wodak)
- UCHV Human Values Forum, Princeton University 4/2015
- “Was Aristotle a Virtue Ethicist?”
- Value and Virtue in Ethics and Epistemology; New York University 5/2014
  - Philosophy Dissertation Seminar, Princeton University 10/2014
- “Knowledge and Understanding in Republic V”
- Guest lecture, PHIL98hf (taught by Marc Gasser), Harvard University 11/2013
- “The Critique of Medicine in ‘On Ancient Medicine’”
- 3rd APSN Graduate Conference, Humboldt-University Berlin 6/2013
  - Ancient Medicine: A Mini-Symposium, University of Pennsylvania 4/2013
- “Is an Aristotelian Virtue Ethics Still Credible?”
- 13th Annual University of Toronto Graduate Conference 6/2013
- “Demonstration and Causation in *Posterior Analytics* A 4”
- University of Cambridge; First Principles, Cause and Explanation in Ancient Philosophy 4/2013
- “Internalism and Universal Reasons”
- 2nd Annual Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference 8/2012

### *Comments*

- On Alastair Norcross’ “On Wanton Self-Assurance: I Promised Myself that I would Write this Paper”
- Problem Promises Workshop; UCHV, Princeton University 3/2015
- On Corinne Gartner’s “Friendship of Character or Virtue? Aristotle on Character Requirements of Primary Philia in the Eudemian Ethics”
- The 37th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop; Temple and Penn University 4/2014
- On Ana Laura Edelhoff’s “Essence before Modality: Aristotle’s Criticism of Ontological Priority in Plato”
- 3rd APSN Graduate Conference, Humboldt-University Berlin 6/2013
- On Andreas Leonhard Menges’ “Hot and Cold Blame”
- Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Philosophy Conference, Humboldt University Berlin 8/2012

## Professional Service

### *Departmental & University Service*

- Steering Committee, Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy 2017-2018
- MAP faculty advisor, Virginia Tech 2017-2018
- Graduate Committee, Philosophy Department, Virginia Tech 2017
- Co-organizer, Graduate Student Pro-seminar, Virginia Tech 2017

Reviewer at large, Eastern APA	2017
Reviewer at large, VSPC	2017
Creator and Organizer, COMPASS: An Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop for Women and Gender Minorities, Princeton University	2015-16
MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Representative (with Daniel Wodak & Yena Lee), Princeton University	2014-16
Organizer, Philosophy Reading Group for Female Undergraduates, Princeton University	2014-16
Resident Graduate Student, Mathey College, Princeton University	2014-16
Co-organizer (with Michaela McSweeney), Princeton Paper Tigers (Interdepartmental talk series), Princeton University	2013-14
Graduate Representative (with Josh O'Rourke), Princeton University	2012-13

### *Workshops & Conferences*

Commentator, VSPC (Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference), Vancouver, BC	8/2017
Chair, BSPC (Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference), Bellingham, WA	7/2015
Panelist, Princeton Workshop on Feminist Theory and Practice in Academia, Princeton University	3/2015
Organizer MCI Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA	12/2014
Co-organizer (with Noelle Lopez) CRNAP Teaching Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Delhi, NY	9/2014
Co-organizer (with Marc Gasser) Workshop on Aristotle's <i>Poetics</i> , Delhi, NY	6/2014
Co-organizer, Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, Princeton University	4/2012
Co-organizer, Princeton Classical Philosophy Graduate Conference, Princeton University	3/2012

### *Languages*

Ancient Greek, Latin, French (fluent), German (reading)

### References

- Hendrik Lorenz (Primary advisor) — Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — [hlorenz@princeton.edu](mailto:hlorenz@princeton.edu)
- John Cooper (Committee member) — Henry Putnam University Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — [johncoop@princeton.edu](mailto:johncoop@princeton.edu)
- Benjamin Morison (Committee member) — Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — [bmorison@princeton.edu](mailto:bmorison@princeton.edu)
- Michael Smith — McCosh Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — [msmith@princeton.edu](mailto:msmith@princeton.edu)
- Jessica Moss — Professor, Department of Philosophy, NYU — [jessica.moss@nyu.edu](mailto:jessica.moss@nyu.edu)

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