

Sukaina Hirji

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Metaphysics

Education

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| 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

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| 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 |

Papers

“What’s Aristotelian about Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics?” — forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

“Acting Virtuously as an End in Aristotle’s Ethics” — forthcoming in *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*

“External Goods and the Complete Exercise of Virtue in Aristotle’s NE” (Revise & Resubmit)

“Not Always Worth the Effort: Difficulty and the Value of Achievement” (under review)

“Critiques of Eudaimonism in Sidgwick and Kant” (commissioned for Routledge volume titled *The Ethics of Sidgwick and Kant: Exploring the Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within*)

“Aristotle on Complete and Incomplete Actions” (manuscript)

“Eudaimonia as the Most Teleion End in NE 1.7” (manuscript)

“Against Modesty: Why the Megalopsuchos is a Moral Ideal” (in progress)

“Success Conditions on Acting Virtuously” (in progress)

Teaching

Virginia Tech, Department of Philosophy — Instructor

PHIL 4212 Graduate Seminar: Aristotelian Metaphysics — co-taught with Kelly Trogdon (Spring 2017)

PHIL 4016 Special Topics in Philosophy: Plato’s Republic (Spring 2017)

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 Talks, Presentations & Lectures

“TBD”

- Colloquium Talk for Diversity, Inclusion, and Climate Initiative, Boston University 4/2018

“Mixed Actions and External Goods in Aristotle’s Ethics”

- Colloquium Talk, Transylvania University, Kentucky 12/2017
- Colloquium Talk, University of Austin, Texas 9/2017
- NYU Workshop in Ancient Philosophy 5/2017

“Virtue, Actions and Ends in Aristotle’s Ethics”

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

“Aristotle on the Connection between Virtue and Happiness”

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

“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 Samuel Reis-Dennis, “Anger: Scary Good”
- Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC 09/2017
- 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 Eudemean 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
- Faculty Mentor & Panelist, Compass, Princeton University 2018
- Department Representative, CLAHS Diversity Committee 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
- Faculty Mentor & Panelist, Compass, UNC 2017
- Creator and Organizer, Compass: An Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop, 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

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| Organizer, Workshop on "For the Sake of" Relations in Aristotle, Blacksburg, VA | 04/2018 |
| 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
- John Cooper (Committee member) — Henry Putnam University Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — johncoop@princeton.edu
- Benjamin Morison (Committee member) — Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — bmorison@princeton.edu
- Michael Smith — McCosh Professor of Philosophy, Princeton — msmith@princeton.edu
- Jessica Moss — Professor, Department of Philosophy, NYU — jessica.moss@nyu.edu

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