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Citizenship: Slovak Republic (E.U.)  
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### EMPLOYMENT

2020 – present      **Department of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside**  
*Associate Professor of Philosophy*  
 Affiliated Member: Tri-Campus (UCI-UCSD-UCR) Classics Graduate Program

2011 – 2020      **Department of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside**  
*Assistant Professor of Philosophy*

2006 – 2011      **Department of Philosophy, University of Florida, Gainesville**  
*Assistant Professor of Philosophy* (provisional status: 2006-2008)

### EDUCATION

2001 – 2008      **Princeton University**  
*Ph.D. in Philosophy*  
 Program in Classical Philosophy  
 Dissertation: *Aristotle on Decision and Actions from Lack of Control*  
 Advisors: John M. Cooper & Hendrik Lorenz

1996 – 2001      **Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Slovakia**  
*Mgr. (Master) cum laude, 2001*  
 Double Major: *Philosophy & Aesthetics*; Minor: *Classical Philology*  
 Slovak Republic Secondary Education Teaching Certificate for  
 Philosophy, Civic Education, Aesthetics, and History of Art

04 – 07/2000      **Institute of Philosophy, University of Hamburg, Germany**  
 undergraduate visiting student (*Philosophy*)

1998 – 1999      **Rutgers University**  
 undergraduate exchange student (*Philosophy & Classics*)

1997 – 2000      **Faculty of Management, Comenius University, Slovakia**  
*Mgr. (Master), Human Resource Management, 2000*

1994 – 1997      **Faculty of Management, Comenius University, Slovakia**  
*Bc. (Bachelor), Business Administration, 1997*

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

**Area of Specialization:** Ancient Philosophy  
**Areas of Teaching Competence:** Ethics and History of Ethics, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Action  
 & Free Will, Medieval Philosophy, Early Chinese Philosophy

**WORK IN PROGRESS****Book:**

*Aristotle's Characters* (under contract with OUP, for 2022)

**Articles:**

'Responsibility, Action, and Decision in the *Magna Moralia* and the *Eudemian Ethics*' commissioned for C. Bobonich, C. Gartner and M. Jimenez (eds.), *Aristotle's Other Ethics*, Oxford University Press.

The Ineffable One in Plotinus

**Review:**

Les philosophes face au vice, de Socrate à Augustin, edited by Christelle Veillard, Olivier Renaut, and Dimitri El Murr (for *Journal of Hellenic Studies*)

**PUBLICATIONS****Articles:**

- 2022 'Neither Virtue nor Vice: *Akratic* and *Enkratic* Values in and beyond the *Eudemian Ethics*' in G. di Basilio (ed.), *The Relationship Between Aristotle's Eudemian and Nicomachean Ethics* (Issues in Ancient Philosophy Series), Routledge. (forthcoming)
- 2021 'Hate and Happiness in Aristotle' in N. Birondo (ed.), *The Moral Psychology of Hate*, Rowman & Littlefield, 3-21.
- 2020 'Aristotle and the Origins of Evil', *Phronesis* 65(2), 179-223.
- 2019 'Aristotle on Virtue of Character and the Authority of Reason', *Phronesis* 64(1), 10-56.
- 2018 'Practical and Productive Thinking in Aristotle', *Phronesis* 63(2), 148-175.
- 2016 'What Aristotelian Decisions Cannot Be', *Ancient Philosophy* 36(1), 173-195.
- 2016 'The Politics of Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's *Republic*', in N. Thaler, and S. Weisser (eds.), *Strategies of Polemics*, Brill, 93-112.
- 2015 'Agency and Responsibility in Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*', *Phronesis* 60(2), 206-251.
- 2015 'Aristotle on Actions from Lack of Control', *Philosopher's Imprint* 15(8), 1-35.
- 2015 'Aristotle on Vice', *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23(3), 459-477.

**Reviews:**

- 2013 T. Angier: *Technē in Aristotle's Ethics*, in *Ancient Philosophy* 33(1), 213-217.
- 2012 P. Gottlieb, *The Virtue of Aristotle's Ethics*, in *Phoenix (Journal of the Classical Association of Canada)* 66.
- 2012 D. Konstan: *Before forgiveness: the origins of a moral idea*, in *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 132.
- 2011 H. May: *Aristotle's Ethics (Moral Development and Human Nature)*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (<https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/aristotle-s-ethics-moral-development-and-human-nature/>).

**Interview:**

- 2019 *O filozofii, jej dejinách a spôsobe ich skúmania* (On philosophy, its history, and history of philosophy as a discipline): *Ostium* 15:3 (<http://ostium.sk/language/sk/o-filozofii-jej-dejinach-a-sposobe-ich-skumania-rozhovor-pavla-labudu-s-jozefom-mullerom/>).

### TALKS, COMMENTS, SEMINARS & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- November 6, 2021 'Voluntariness, action, and decision in the Magna Moralia', CNY Ancient Philosophy Fall Workshop, Syracuse University.
- January 9, 2021 'On the Problem of Practical Truth in Aristotle', Invited Symposium Talk, Eastern APA.
- February 6, 2020 "Aristotle on Practical Wisdom," Tübingen University
- December 9-10, 2019 "Aristotle on Practical Wisdom" & "Aristotle on Self-Control," University of Pittsburgh
- April 20, 2019 Comments on Tyler Haddow, "Habit, Familiarity, and Perceptiveness," Pacific APA, Vancouver
- March 25-27, 2018 "Aristotle on Practical Wisdom" & "Aristotle on Self-Control," Cornell University
- November 27-28, 2018 "Aristotle on Virtue of Character and Practical Wisdom," Universidade de São Paulo (cancelled due to illness, to be rescheduled)
- March 27-30, 2018 Comments on Corinne Gartner: "Aristotle on Friends and the Activity of Self-Observing," Aristotle *Symposium*, Pacific APA, San Diego
- December 15, 2017 "Aristotle on the Authority of Reason," NYU
- November 28, 2017 "Aristotle and the meaning of *to kalon*," UCR Faculty Colloquium
- September 29, 2017 "*Posterior Analytics* 2.11," Charles University, Prague (Czech Republic), South-East European Association for Ancient Philosophy workshop on Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*
- August 26, 2017 "Productive and Practical Thinking in Aristotle," Conference *Virtue, Skill and Practical Reason*, University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- May 21, 2017 Comments on Willie Costello: "Socrates and Plato against the immoralist: Responding to Callicles' critique," 10th West Coast Plato Workshop, UC Davis
- April 13, 2017: "How Is the 'Chiming Together' of the Rational and the Non-rational Part of the Soul Possible?" Symposium Paper, Pacific APA, Seattle
- December 5, 2016: Comments on Brennan McDavid: "Aristotle and the Uniqueness Thesis", Princeton Classical Philosophy Colloquium
- September 19, 2016: "On the 'Chiming Together' of the Rational and the Non-rational Part of the Soul in Aristotle", Catholic University, Ružomberok, Slovakia
- September 14, 2016: "Varieties of Injustice", Prague Workshop on *NE V.1-5*, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- September 12, 2016: "On the 'Chiming Together' of the Rational and the Non-rational Part of the Soul in Aristotle", Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
- July 22, 2016: "On the 'Chiming Together' of the Rational and the Non-rational Part of the Soul in Aristotle", Munich-Princeton-Renmin Conference on Ancient Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing China
- May 23, 2016: "Aristotle and the Origins of Evil", World Congress of Philosophy, Aristotle: 2400 years, Thessaloniki, Greece
- September 20, 2015: "*Magna Moralia's* Criticism of the Form of the Good" Berkeley-Munich Ancient Philosophy Conference, UC Berkeley.

- June 22, 2015: “Emotions and Decision,” IHP workshop *Aristotle on Emotions*, Emory University.
- April 4, 2015: “Aristotle on the Origins of Evil,” Symposium “*Is Aristotle’s appeal to human nature an ‘Archimedean point’ in his ethics?*” Pacific APA, Vancouver.
- February 28, 2015: “Decision, Pleasure, and Moral virtue,” Aristotle “Bash” Conference, UCLA.
- December 18, 2014: “The Necessary and The Fine,” Louvain Workshop on *EN IV.1 and 3*, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.
- November 7 & 14, 2014: “*De Anima* 3.3,” Ancient Philosophy Seminar, UC Berkeley.
- May 23, 2014: “Agency and Responsibility in Aristotle,” UC San Diego.
- April 14, 2014: “Aristotle and the Origins of Evil,” UCR Ancient Philosophy Conference.
- December 5, 2013: “Agency and Responsibility in Aristotle,” Colgate University.
- June 23, 2013: “Causes, Norms, and Responsibility in Aristotle,” Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
- March 9, 2012: “Aristotle on the role of *Phantasia* in Uncontrolled Behavior,” UC Irvine.
- May 14, 2010: “Aristotle’s Theory of Uncontrolled Action,” UC Davis.
- January 13, 2010: “Pleasure and Decision,” Harvard University.
- May 1, 2006: “Tug of War: Aristotle on *Akrasia*,” Workshop: Aristotle on Knowledge and *Akrasia*, University of Toronto, Canada.

### OTHER TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- March 14, 2011: “Why Do We Value Art? And Should We?” Harn Museum of Art, University of Florida, Gainesville

### ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

UCR Ancient Philosophy Conference: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019.  
(the programs are available at <https://www.jozefmuller.org/ucr-conference.html>)

### TEACHING & SUPERVISION

#### PhD Committee Service:

Current:	C. Palombo	<i>Agamben on Nudity</i> (committee member)
2021	T. de Liège	<i>The Role of Production in Human Flourishing</i> (co-chair with Luca Ferrero)
2012:	C.S. Sevier:	<i>Thomas Aquinas On the Nature and Experience of Beauty</i> (committee member)

#### Graduate Courses:

##### University of California, Riverside:

Spring 2022	PHIL 282: Irrational Behavior: From Homer to Plato
Spring 2021:	PHIL 282: Plotinus on Free Will
Spring 2020:	PHIL 282: Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
Spring 2019:	PHIL 282: Aristotle’s <i>Posterior Analytics</i>
Spring 2018:	PHIL 282: Plato’s <i>Protagoras</i> and <i>Gorgias</i>
Spring 2017:	PHIL 282: Aristotle on Agency

Spring 2015:	PHIL 282: <i>Plato's Republic</i>
Spring 2014:	PHIL 281: <i>Aristotle's De Anima</i>
Spring 2013:	PHIL 282/CLAS 220: <i>Ancient Theories of Emotions</i> ( <i>Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Plotinus, and Augustine</i> ) (The seminar was offered as part of the Tri-Campus Classics Graduate Program housed at UC Irvine)
Spring 2012:	PHIL 282: <i>Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics</i>

**Graduate and Faculty Reading Groups:**

Winter 2014 (with Mark Wrathall):  
Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Θ 1-3 and Heidegger's Commentary on *Met.* Θ 1-3

**Selected Undergraduate Courses:**University of California, Riverside

## Introductory:

PHIL 030e:	<i>Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy (Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle)</i>
PHIL 030f:	<i>Introduction to Hellenistic Philosophy (Stoics, Epicureans, Skeptics)</i>

## Advanced:

PHIL 100:	<i>Sophomore-Junior Seminar (includes readings in both contemporary and history philosophy, including non-western philosophy):</i> <i>Fall 2021: Plato and Aristotle on Akrasia</i> <i>Spring 2019: Human Nature in Greek, Indian, and Chinese Philosophy</i> <i>Winter 2015: Friendship</i> <i>Winter 2014: Free Will</i> <i>Winter 2012: Pleasure</i>
PHIL 120e:	<i>Ancient Greek Philosophy</i> <i>Plato: Theaetetus, Philebus, &amp; Timaeus</i> <i>Plato: Protagoras &amp; Gorgias</i> <i>Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics</i> <i>Plato: Republic</i> <i>Aristotle: De Anima</i>
PHIL 122e	<i>Topics in History of Philosophy</i> <i>Hellenistic Ethics (Cicero's De Finibus)</i>
PHIL 169e:	<i>Ethics (Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals)</i>

University of Florida:

PHH 3100:	<i>Ancient Greek Philosophy</i>
PHP 4930:	<i>Love and Friendship</i>
PHI 3930:	Special Topics: <i>Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art</i> <i>Aristotle: Physics</i>
PHI 4662:	<i>Ethical Theory</i>
PHH 4141:	<i>Plato: Parmenides &amp; Sophist</i> <i>Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics</i>

**Supervised Honors Theses:**

Spring 2011:	Van Tu:	<i>Aesthetic Contextualism: An Explanation and Defense</i>
Spring 2010:	Corbin Page:	<i>The Necessity of Flourishing: An Aristotelian Response to Kant's Critique of Eudaimonism</i>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Peer Review:

- Philosophy: *Ancient Philosophy, Apeiron, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Dialogue, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Inquiry, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Explorations, Res Philosophica, Review of Metaphysics, Sophia, The Southern Journal of Philosophy, Organon F (Slovak Rep.), Filozofia (Slovak Rep.)*
- Classics: *Polis, Classical Review, Eirene (Czech Rep.), Listy Filologické (Czech Rep.)*

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

### University of California, Riverside

- Graduate Admissions Committee (2012-13, 2021-present)
- Placement Committee (2011-present)
- Lecturer in Philosophy Search Committee (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2020-21)
- Library Committee (2016-2018)
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy Search Committee (2013-14)

### University of Florida:

- Graduate Admission Committee (2007-11)
- *Ad Hoc* Peer-review Committee (2010-11)
- Ethics Search Committee (2009-10)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### University of California, Riverside

Student Services Fee Advisory Committee (2011-2012)

### University of Florida:

Center of Humanities and Public Sphere, Advisory Board (2009-2011)

## LANGUAGES

Slovak (native), Czech (native level competency), English (fully fluent proficiency), German (fluent/professional working proficiency), French (basic/reading proficiency), Italian (reading proficiency), Classical Greek and Latin (professional reading competence)

## REFERENCES

Rachel Barney (University of Toronto), Jessica Moss (NYU), Rachana Kamtekar (Cornell University), Klaus Corcilius (University of Tübingen), Hendrik Lorenz (Princeton).