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**Areas of Specialization:** Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

**Areas of Competence:** Asian Philosophy, Health Care Ethics, Existentialism,  
Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy

### **Education**

University of Kentucky | PhD in Philosophy (expected defense: August 2023)  
GPA: 4.0

University of Kentucky | MA in Philosophy (2020)  
GPA: 4.0

Duquesne University | BA *Summa Cum Laude* (2017)  
Philosophy and English Literary Studies  
GPA: 3.99

### **Publications**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

Sheeley, Kristian. "Philosophical Rhetoric as *Paideia* in Plato's *Phaedrus*." *Paideia and Performance*, ed. Heather Reid, Henry Curcio, and Mark Ralkowski. Parnassos Press, forthcoming (2023).

Sheeley, Kristian. "Moral Virtue as a Requisite for Illumination in the Platonic Tradition." *Religions* 12, no. 10: 838. (2021). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12100838>

Cimaksasky, Joseph, Kristian Sheeley, and Joseph R. Romano. "This Strange Creature: Plato and Conversion Experiences." *Religions* 12, no. 10: 847. (2021). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12100847>

#### **Book Reviews:**

*Reading Plato's Dialogues to Enhance Learning and Enquiry: Exploring Socrates' Use of Protreptic for Student Engagement* by Mason Marshall (Routledge, 2020), *Ancient Philosophy*, 42 (1): 303-307. (2022).

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Primary Instructor - University of Kentucky Philosophy Department**

Fall 2022: One section of PHI 245 "Philosophy of Religion," one section of PHI 130 "Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society."

Spring 2022: One section of PHI 317 "Existentialist Thought and Literature," one section of PHI 130 "Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society."

Fall 2021: One section of PHI 343 "Asian Philosophy," one section of PHI 100 "Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality."

Summer 2021: One section of PHI 315 "Philosophy and Science Fiction." (Online)

Spring 2021: Two sections of PHI 130 "Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society."

Fall 2020: Two sections of PHI 305 "Health Care Ethics" (Online)

Summer 2020: One section of PHI 305 "Health Care Ethics." (Online)

Spring 2020: Two sections of PHI 305 "Health Care Ethics."

### **Adjunct Professor - Transylvania University Philosophy Department**

May Term 2022: One section of PHIL 1024-01: "Introduction to Philosophy."

### **Teaching Assistant - University of Kentucky Philosophy Department**

Fall 2019: Recitation leader for two sections of PHI 120 "Introduction to Logic."

Spring 2019: TA Grader for PHI 305 "Health Care Ethics."

Fall 2018: Recitation leader for two sections of PHI 120 "Introduction to Logic."

## **Academic Presentations**

"Comparing Theories of the Self in Plotinus and Yogic Philosophy." 2023 International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Conference. Catania, Italy.

Comments on Robin Reames, "The Sophists and Antilogic." Ancient Philosophy Society 22nd Annual Meeting. Gonzaga University, April 2023.

"Philosophical Rhetoric as *Paideia* in Plato's *Phaedrus*." Seventh Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Hellenic Heritage of Sicily and Southern Italy with Special Emphasis on *Paideia*. Fonte Aretusa at Exedra Mediterranean Center in Siracusa, Italy, June 2022.

"The Complementary Accounts of Virtue in Plato's *Gorgias* and *Phaedrus*." Ancient Philosophy Society Graduate Student Dissertation Panel. Online, April 2022

Comments on Jack Bagby, "The Nature of Music in Peripatetic Phenomenological Musicology" Ancient Philosophy Society 21st Annual Meeting. Penn State University, April 2022.

“The Necessity of Moral Virtue for Spiritual Illumination in the Cappadocian Fathers.”  
The Reception of Plato from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages International  
Conference. University of Athens, Greece (online), May 2021.

Comments on Sabrina Little, “Aretaic Exemplars: Methods and Sequences.” Kentucky  
Philosophical Association 2019 Conference. Transylvania University, March 2019.

“The Necessity of Moral Virtue for Spiritual illumination in the Cappadocian Fathers.”  
Duquesne University 13th Annual Graduate Conference, “The Ascetic and the Ecstatic:  
The Limits of Pleasure.” February 2019.

“Moral Virtue and Philosophical Education in Plato’s *Theaetetus*.” Pennsylvania Circle of  
Ancient Philosophy Annual Conference. Pennsylvania State University, March 2018.

### **Awards and Honors**

University of Kentucky Philosophy Department’s Dissertation Fellowship (Spring 2023)  
University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences “Outstanding Teaching Assistant  
Award” for Courses Taught in the Philosophy Department (2021-2022 Academic Year)

University of Kentucky Philosophy Department’s “Ron Bruzina Fellowship Award”  
(2018-2019)

Duquesne University McAnulty College of Liberal Arts “General Excellence Award”  
(2018)

Duquesne University Philosophy Department “Excellence in Philosophy Award” (2018)

Duquesne University English Department “Leo Day O’Donnell Award for Excellence in  
English” (Spring 2018)

Duquesne University English Department’s Chivers Memorial Scholarship for Best  
Undergraduate Essay (2017)

### **Language Training**

Ancient Greek (Competency Exam Passed 2019)

### **References**

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