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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania	
Ph.D. in Philosophy.	In Progress
Co-Advisors: Jennifer M. Morton and Daniel Wodak.	
Graduate Certificate in Public Philosophy.	In Progress
Georgia State University	
M.A. in Philosophy, <i>with Distinction</i> .	Aug 2025
Thesis: “A Defense of Allyship as a Political Commitment.”	
Committee: Christie Hartley (Chair), S.M. Love, and Andrew I. Cohen.	
University of Athens	
B.A. in History and Philosophy of Science, <i>Valedictorian</i> .	Oct 2022
Thesis: “Philosophy in the Public Turmoil.”	
Committee: Vasso Kindi (Chair) and Stelios Virvidakis.	

AREAS

Social Philosophy; Ethics; Feminist and LGBTQ Philosophy.
Standpoint Epistemology; Social Ontology; Social Philosophy of Language.

HONORS

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.	2025–2030
Jonathan Lax Scholarship, Bread & Roses Community.	2026–2027
Graduate Scholarship, Gerondelis Foundation.	2026–2027
Persistence Scholarship, Point Foundation.	2026–2027
Leboy-Davies Fellowship, GSWS/FQT, University of Pennsylvania.	2026
George W. Bacon Fellowship (x2), University of Pennsylvania.	2025, 2026
Ralf F. Munster Fellowship for Excellence in Research, Georgia State University.	2025
Onassis Foundation Scholarship, Alexander S. Onassis Foundation.	2024–2025

GRANTS

President & Provost International Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania.	2026
SASGov Travel Conference Grant, University of Pennsylvania.	2026
Summer Research Award, Philosophy Department, University of Pennsylvania.	2026
Graduate Student Travel Award, American Philosophical Association.	2026
SAS Dean's Travel Award (x2), University of Pennsylvania.	2025, 2026
WOGAP 25th Anniversary Conference Travel Award, MIT.	2025
FemPhilAZ Travel Award, University of Arizona.	2025
Ralf F. Munster Travel Award, Georgia State University.	2024
JBB Center for Ethics Travel Award, Georgia State University.	2024

PRESENTATIONS

“The Oppressive Force of Intimate Secrets”	
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT.*	Nov 2026
Penn Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.*	Sep 2026
MANCEPT Workshop on Intimate (In)Justices.	Sep 2026
Penn Normative Philosophy Group.*	Mar 2026
“A Defense of Allyship as a Political Commitment”	
APA Eastern Division Meeting.	Jan 2026
Penn Normative Philosophy Group.*	Oct 2025
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XVIII.	Aug 2025
WOGAP 25th Anniversary Conference, MIT.	Jun 2025
Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference.	Feb 2025
“Genderqueers, Activists, and Other Critical Gender Kinds”	
APA Central Division Meeting.	Feb 2025
“Should Oppression Come With A Job Description?”	
Graduate Philosophy Workshop, University of Athens.*	May 2024
“Philosophy in the Public Turmoil”	
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Public Philosophy Network.	Mar 2024
MSU Graduate Philosophy Conference.	Mar 2024
Georgia Philosophical Society Conference.	Oct 2023
“Philosophy as a Profession and as a Duty”	
Philosophy Across Disciplines Conference, Newcastle University.	Jun 2021
4th Panhellenic Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.	Apr 2021

TEACHING

At University of Pennsylvania:

Assistant in Instruction

The Social Contract (x2).

F26; Spr27

For Daniel Wodak. 4 recitation sections, 65 students.

At Georgia State University:

Instructor of Record

Critical Thinking (x3).

S24; F24; Spr25

7 sections, 277 students.

Assistant in Instruction

Critical Thinking.

F23

For Carter Delegal and Alan Hettinger. 4 sections, 160 students.

SERVICE

Administrative Service

International Co-Director, **Minorities and Philosophy**.

2026–2027

International Organizer, Minorities and Philosophy.

2025–2026

Board Member, **Board of Officers**, American Philosophical Association.

2025–2026

Chair, **APA Graduate Student Council**.

2025–2026

Co-Organizer, **MAP Chapter**, University of Pennsylvania.

2025–2027

Project Lead, APA Graduate Advising Project.

2024–2026

Council Member, APA Graduate Student Council.

2024–2026

Graduate Liaison, APA **Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession**.

2024–2025

President, MAP Chapter, Georgia State University.

2024–2025

Advisor, **Youth Advisory Committee**, Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

2022–2023

Organization of Conferences, Sessions, and Talks

Co-Organizer, MAP–Penn Conference: “Social Movements and Solidarity,”

Apr 2027

Keynote speakers TBD, University of Pennsylvania.

Co-Organizer, Book Symposium: “Structural Injustice in Philosophy –

Mar 2027

An Initiative of Minorities and Philosophy International” with Milana Kostic, Alison Jaggar, Jorge Lizaraburu, and Savannah Pearlman, APA Pacific Division Meeting.

Co-Organizer, Book Launch Event for “Structural Injustice in Philosophy

Mar 2027

– An Initiative of Minorities and Philosophy International” with Kelly Louise Rexzy Agra, Ting-an Lin, Rowan Bell, Alex Thinius, and David Haywood, Minorities and Philosophy International (online).

Lead Organizer, MAP–Penn Conference: “Gendered and Queer Lives: Critical Dialogues in Troubled Times,” Keynote speakers: Robin Dembroff and Ding, University of Pennsylvania.	Apr 2026
Organizer, Panel: “Public Philosophy in the Classroom” with Rachel Robison-Greene (Chair), Maggie Mattinson, Ian Olasov, Kyle Robertson, APA Pacific Division Meeting.	Apr 2025
Co-Organizer, Talk: “From Grad Student to Academic” with Emily Tilton, Career Talk Lunch Series, Georgia State University.	Oct 2024
Youth Advisory Committee Member, SNF Nostos Conference on Mental Health, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Keynote speaker: President Barack Obama.	Jun 2023
Youth Advisory Committee Member, SNF Nostos Conference on Health, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Keynote speaker: Renzo Piano.	Jun 2022
Lead Organizer, 4th Panhellenic Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote speakers: Anastasia Berg, Agnes Callard, and Justin Weinberg (for the “Philosophers as Public Intellectuals” Panel) and Luciano Floridi (for the “Age of Design” keynote speech), University of Athens.	Apr 2021
Co-Organizer, 6th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, Main Speakers: Michela Massimi, Daniela Rodica Jalobeanu, University of Athens.	Dec 2020

Miscellaneous

Wellness Committee, University of Pennsylvania.	2026–2027
Hospitality Committee for Visiting Students, University of Pennsylvania.	2025–2027
Philosophy Department Library Committee, University of Pennsylvania.	2025–2026
Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, GSU.	2024
Co-Editor, <i>Liber Amicorum</i> in Honor of Professor Emeritus Stelios Virvidakis.	2024

OUTREACH

Panelist, “Orientation Day,” Minorities and Philosophy International.	Sep 2026
Panelist, APA Webinar: “Applying for Graduate Programs in Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association.	Nov 2024
Panelist, “Grad Life at Georgia State University,” Graduate School Orientation, Georgia State University.	Aug 2024
Panelist, “Generation Social,” Stavros Niarchos Foundation Dialogues, Athens, Greece.	Jun 2022
Invited Speaker, “LGBTQ Community and the Access to Health Services,” Stavros Niarchos Foundation Dialogues, Athens, Greece.	Jun 2022
TEDx Speaker, “Music is about taking a stand – not just the stage,” TEDxPanteionUniversity, Athens, Greece.	Apr 2019

AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association.	since 2023
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society.	since 2024
Association for Political Theory.	since 2025
International Society for Moral Psychology.	since 2026
Society for Applied Philosophy.	since 2026
Society for LGBTQ Philosophy.	since 2026

LANGUAGES

English.	fluent
Modern Greek.	native

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