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**Education**

Princeton University (expected) 2026  
A.B. in Classics with minors in Hellenic Studies and Medieval Studies GPA 3.82

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**Independent research**

Thesis: “*Spes* through the Psalms in Augustine,” advised by Daniela Mairhofer

- Close reading of *Enarrationes in Psalmos* analyzing hope in Late Antiquity

Junior papers: “*Pietas* in Late Antiquity: a reading of Vergil and Augustine,” advised by Brent Shaw

- Comparative reading of *Aeneid* and *Confessions*, focusing on women’s role in family
  - “Translation and mistranslation of John 2:4,” advised by Harriet Flower
  - Understanding Koine vocatives and mother/son relations in the Ancient Mediterranean
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**Languages**

Proficient: Latin, Ancient Greek, Spanish; Elementary: Hebrew, German

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**Professional Work**

Latin Tutor, Department of Classics Princeton, 2025

- instruct peers in the introductory grammar sequence

Independent research internship at Stift Klosterneuburg Vienna, 2025

- studied paleography among 1,250+ manuscripts *in situ*
- received instruction on watermarks, bookbinding, infrared dating, and digitalization
- transcribed unrecorded Medieval Marian hymn (Kl. c. 216)

Image Digitalization Specialist with Visual Resources Princeton, 2024

- worked for two semesters digitalizing photo negatives of Byzantine manuscripts
  - contributed to the Princeton and Mount Athos Legacy Project
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**Academic Experience**

The Witherspoon Institute Princeton, 2023-5

- weekly philosophy seminars led by Dr. RJ Snell
- topics: identity, hope, metaphysics, the disenchanted world, fairy stories, burnout society

The Human Values Forum, Department of Philosophy Princeton, 2024-5

- weekly dinners with visiting professors to discuss current ethical issues in an academic setting
- topics: sexual violence, the examined life, history of warfare, propaganda, the ego, war crimes

“Faith, Reason & Contemplation” Thomistic Institute intellectual retreat Washington DC, 2025

- weekend conference with Dr. Zena Hitz & Fr. James Brent OP on Aquinas and rationality

“Athens and Jerusalem” James Madison Program Convivium Oxford, 2024

- weeklong seminar led by Dr. Shilo Brooks on Western civilization for Undergraduate Fellows
- texts: *Genesis*, *Job*, *Antigone*, *Euthyphro*, *Plato’s Apology*

Modern Hebrew with Biblical Track Language School Middlebury VT, 2024

- 7-week long immersive language program
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## Leadership roles

Princeton University Honor Committee	Chair 2025, Clerk 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● touchpoint for administration, faculty, and students regarding all in-class examinations</li><li>● head of 18-student committee, including scheduling all investigations and hearings</li><li>● determining whether there is sufficient evidence and communicating rationale to involved parties</li></ul>	
Aquinas Institute Catholic Ministry	Co-President 2025, Service Chair 2023-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● member of the <i>Schola Cantorum</i>, singing in weekly liturgy</li><li>● leader of small-group Bible study for three years and soup kitchen service for two years</li><li>● head of 16-person ministry team and lead the 250+ students involved in the campus community</li></ul>	
Princeton Pro-Life	President 2023-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● restructured leadership and kickstarted fundraising</li><li>● started monthly dinner discussion and faculty-student receptions each semester</li><li>● founded ‘Caring for Kids,’ a service group for babysitting for local teenage mothers</li></ul>	
Anscombe Society	Vice President 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● served on the board to promote the Love &amp; Fidelity Network Fall Conference</li></ul>	

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## Recognition and Awards

Publication, <i>The Nassau Literary Review</i> “Classicist, Lover of Existence”	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● creative nonfiction piece published in a competitive undergraduate publication</li></ul>	
James P. Dohoney Scholarship	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● countywide award granted for the ideals of “fairness, kindness, and decency”</li></ul>	
DAR Good Citizens Award County Recipient	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● chosen by peers for “dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism,” and then among county</li></ul>	

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