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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, St Anne's College

Student, MPhil in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature

- Faculty of Classics Supervisor: Matthew Robinson, Balliol College

October 2019-present

Oxford, United Kingdom

Brown University

A.B. Magna Cum Laude, Classics: Latin (with Honors), GPA 3.97

- Phi Beta Kappa, Elected February 2013 as a junior and Inducted March 2013
- Senior Honors Thesis: “*Mater, Cyrene Mater*. Rethinking Narrative in Virgil’s *Georgics* 4.325-558.” Director: Jeri Debrohun; Reader: Joseph Pucci
- Vassar College intensive Italian language program at the University of Siena, Siena, Italy, Summer 2011

September 2010-May 2014

Providence, Rhode Island

Honors & Awards

- 2014 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, one of thirteen in District 9 (Indiana-Kentucky-Virginia)
- Brown University Classics Department’s Lucius Lyon Latin Prize, May 2014
- Brown Wind Symphony Featured Clarinetist, playing “Concerto for Two Clarinets, Op. 91” by Franz Krommer, May 2014
- Brown University Band’s Irving Harris 1928 Award for Greatest Contribution to the Welfare of the Band, November 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- Steven G. Calabresi and Lena Barsky. “An Originalist Defense of *Plyler v. Doe*.” 2017 *BYU L. Rev.* 227 (2017). <https://digitalcommons.law.byu.edu/lawreview/vol2017/iss2/4/>.
- Lena Barsky. “On the Hidden Meanings of the *Laudes Italiae* of Virgil’s *Georgics* Book 2.” *Brown Classical Journal* 26 (Apr. 2014): 83-92.
- Lena Barsky. “Alcuin in the Bible.” *Brown Classical Journal* 25 (Apr. 2013): 143-152.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY & NONPROFIT WORK

Legal Momentum

Director of Program Management & Media

- Led the rebuilding of Legal Momentum’s website: work with web designer to create new website structure; rewrite extant text on every page of the website and/or generate new text for new pages to reflect Legal Momentum’s current work.
- Worked collaboratively with Development to write and submit grant applications for opportunities at the federal, foundation, private giving, and community-based organization levels.
- Coordinated all communications for Legal Momentum: write and send out biweekly e-mail newsletters to over 7,000 subscribers; write and circulate press releases as needed; write all content for Legal Momentum’s social media channels.
- Continued all duties undertaken while NJEP Program Manager & Program Associate (see below).

September 2018-July 2019

New York, New York

Legal Momentum’s National Judicial Education Program (NJEP)

Program Manager (July 2017-September 2018), Program Associate (May 2015-July 2017)

- Managed NJEP’s two Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women grants: provide technical assistance to other OVW grantees, write biannual progress reports, monitor grant finances, and communicate with grant managers.
- Researched, drafted, edited NJEP’s [Teen Dating Violence \(TDV\) Information and Resources Sheets](#) for judges, the courts, and multidisciplinary audiences. Topics included power dynamics present in TDV and unique needs of LGBTQ+ survivors.

May 2015-September 2018

New York, New York

National Committee for an Effective Congress (NCEC)

Researcher and Analyst—Election and Census Data, Redistricting

- Analyzed the 2010 congressional and legislative redistricting cycles in Florida, Texas, and Illinois to determine the effects of partisan gerrymandering and voter-ID laws; suggested solutions following Supreme Court case *Shelby County v. Holder* (2013).
- Prepared summaries of exit polling and voter turnout data in the [North Carolina](#) and [Virginia](#) 2014 senatorial elections to evaluate performance of Democratic candidates, track demographic trends, and predict Democratic success in the 2016 cycle.

June 2009-March 2015

Washington, D.C.

Brown University Sexual Assault Policy Task Force

Founder (www.tinyurl.com/lenabarskySAPTF)

- Developed strategy for working with Brown administration to effect changes in sexual assault policies.
- Drafted Task Force recommendations to update the Student Code of Conduct and to create educational programs.

July 2013-June 2014

Providence, Rhode Island

- Brown Political Review, Brown University Political Theory Project** **September 2012-May 2014**
 Column Manager and Featured Web Columnist Providence, Rhode Island
- Pitched/wrote over [40 columns](#) (such as “[Holy Schnikes, Reproductive Health!](#)”) on BPROnline’s “The Courts” blog. As the Supreme Court reporter with constitutional law expertise, strove to make oft-complex Supreme Court cases accessible to all.
 - Edited articles by other “The Courts” columnists and managed “The Courts” content (oversaw pitches from other writers).
- National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP)** **June 2013-August 2013**
 Research and Operations Intern Washington, D.C.
- Drafted educational materials distributed to victim advocates and law enforcement officers nationwide explaining provisions of the 2013 Violence Against Women Act that directly affected immigrants and American Indians/Alaskan Natives.

TEACHING & ACADEMIC RESEARCH

- Political Theory Project, Brown University Department of Political Science** **June 2012-December 2013**
 Research Assistant to Professor Steven G. Calabresi Providence, Rhode Island
- Researched and co-wrote a 102-page law review article analyzing from a constitutional historical perspective the 1982 immigration law case *Plyler v. Doe*, which granted noncitizen children the right to a public school education.
 - Guest-taught the lecture on impeachment for Professor Calabresi’s “Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers” undergraduate course at Brown University in October 2012; received favorable reviews from undergraduate students.
- Brown University Department of Classics** **Fall Semesters 2012 and 2013**
 Teaching Assistant for “The American Presidency & the Western Tradition” and “The Idea of Self” Providence, Rhode Island
- Brown University Department of Classics** **September 2012-May 2014**
 Member of the Editorial Board for the *Brown Classical Journal* Providence, Rhode Island
- Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute** **January 2009-August 2009**
 Faculty, “Activities” Class, LatinSummer 2009 Williamsburg, Virginia
- Create and plan an original, two-week English language curriculum for third- through fifth-grade students focused on Roman Republican culture. Lessons included units on: gladiator matches, life in Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius, Roman mythology and religious practices, and a child-friendly translation/production of Plautus’ *Aulularia*.

LEADERSHIP

- St Anne’s College Middle Common Room Committee** **January 2020-present**
 LGBTQ Representative Oxford, United Kingdom
- Faculty of Classics Graduate Forum** **December 2019-present**
 “Language & Literature Taught Program” Representative Oxford, United Kingdom
- Metropolitan Music Community’s Grand Street Community Band (GSCB)** **January 2017-June 2019**
 Personnel Manager, Grand Street Community Band Brooklyn, New York
- Wrote “The Weekender,” the Metropolitan Music Community’s weekly newsletter, which provides information about rehearsals, upcoming performances, and community events, for all MMC three ensembles.
 - Oversaw all communications between GSCB’s Artistic Director and the band’s 110 members, via emails and in-person announcements at weekly rehearsals.
- Meiklejohn Advising Program, Brown University Dean of the College** **September 2011-May 2014**
 Meiklejohn Peer Advisor Providence, Rhode Island
- Advised a total of 13 first-year students over three years on their transition to college life and academic plans.
- Brown-RISD Hillel** **February 2013-May 2013**
 Member, Student Search Committee for a New University and Hillel Rabbi Providence, Rhode Island
- Brown University Band (Clarinet)** **September 2010-May 2014**
 Head Scriptwriter (2010-2014), President (2012), Corresponding Secretary (2011) Providence, Rhode Island
- Head Scriptwriter: wrote comedy “scripts” weekly with band members to use in performances at sporting events.
 - President: convened and ran weekly meetings between executive board and faculty supervisor; solicited major gift donations with Brown Office of Advancement to fund two overnight trips; communicated with University administration.
 - Corresponding Secretary: planned all travel for 60 person ensemble on three overnight trips and two day trips, including booking block hotel rooms. Coordinated all communications between other universities’ bands.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Languages: Latin (reading proficiency), Italian (conversational & reading proficiency).
- Computer: CiviCRM, Drupal, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office, WestLaw, Lexis Nexis, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.
- Music: Bb clarinet in the Brown Wind Symphony and Brown Band from 2010-2014; private Bb clarinet lessons with Karen Heninger through the Brown Applied Music Program from 2010-2014. Bb clarinet in Brooklyn's Grand Street Community Band (one of three Metropolitan Music Community ensembles) from 2015-2019. Bb clarinet in the Oxford University Wind Orchestra (audition-only) from October 2019-present.
- Hobbies: swing dance, yoga, running, reading Jane Austen, Neil Gaiman, Hilary Mantel, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Madeline Miller, Richard Siken.