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# THE GREGORY VLASTOS MEMORIAL LECTURE

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## *Epistemic Luck in Ancient and Contemporary Epistemology*

In this talk I argue that Plato and Aristotle did not take an anti-veritic luck condition to be target-setting for their accounts of epistêmê. Veritic luck "occurs when it is a matter of luck that one's [cognitive state] is true, given how one forms it" (Pritchard). Thus, I argue that Plato and Aristotle did not posit their specific conditions on epistêmê in order to exclude epistemic states that are true by luck from counting as epistêmê. This contrasts with today's epistemologists' investigations into knowledge, which are united, or so I shall argue, by taking an anti-veritic luck condition to be target-setting. Thus, I conclude that we should not take Plato and Aristotle's accounts of epistêmê to be accounts of knowledge, at least not as such.

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