

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Princeton University	1977-1983	Ph.D. (Program in Classical Philosophy)
Carleton College	1972-1977	B.A. (summa cum laude)

Academic Appointments:

Rice University:

Professor of Classics, Dept. of European and Classical Studies (by Courtesy)
Fall 2019-

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2016-2019

Director, Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance,
2013-15

Professor of Classical Studies, 2003-2015

Professor of Philosophy, 2001-present

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1993-2001

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1988-93.

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1987-88.

Harvard University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and the Classics, 1983-1986.

Recent University Service

2019 Provost Review Committee

2018-19 Steering Committee, Technology, Culture, and Society Project.

2016-18 Advisory Board, Program in Politics, Law, and Social Thought.

2016: Engineering Dean Review Committee

2013- 2019: Faculty Advisory Committee to the Office of Faculty Development. (Chair,
2013-2016.)

2014-15: BioScience Research Collaborative Faculty Advisory Committee
2011- 2014: Rice University, Faculty Advisor to the President
2011-12: Senate Working Group on Research and Scholarship
2011: Operating Committee, Rice University Shell Center for Sustainability
2010-11: Senate Working Group on Appeals and Grievances
2010- 2016. Faculty sponsor, Owl Certamen. (An annual Latin competition for area secondary schools.)
Summer and Fall 2009: Chair, Faculty Rice-Baylor Merger Review Committee

Professional Service

2019- President, International Society for Socratic Studies
2015-present. Editorial Board, *Archai*.
2012- present. Editorial board, International Socratic Studies, Academia Verlag
2012-present. Editorial board, *Revue de Philosophie Ancienne*
2011-present. International Advisory Board, “Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies” research project, Oxford University.

Fellowships & Visiting positions:

Visiting Research Professor, University of Verona, April-May 2021 [cancelled due to covid]

Professeur invité, Philosophy Dept., University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, May 2006.

University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Rockefeller Fellow 1996-97.

Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., Junior Fellow 1994-95.

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, University of Konstanz, 1994.

Sponsor: Peter Stemmer.

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Free University of Berlin, 1986-87.

Sponsors: Ernst Tugendhat, Philosophy; Dieter Harlfinger, Classics.

Current Major Research Projects:

- (1) “Self and Others” in Classical Greek Philosophy”. For more than a century, a commonplace of scholarship has been that ancient Greek ethics was egoistic. That is, all or almost all ancient Greek moral philosophers held that the actions of any agent (or: any fully rational agent) have as their ultimate aim that agent’s own welfare or *eudaimonia*. I am working on a comprehensive study of this issue in Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. My thesis is that this commonplace is false: despite the appearances given by certain texts, the moral psychology of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle is not egoistic.

Publications:

Books:

1. *Bibliography of Editions, Translations, and Scholarly Commentary on Xenophon's Socratic Writings, 1600-present*. Pittsburgh: Mathesis Publications, 1988.
- (1) Editor, *Cambridge Companion to Socrates*. Cambridge University Press, 2010
- (2) Editor, with Gabriel Danzig and David Johnson, *Plato and Xenophon: Comparative Studies*. Brill: Leiden. 2018.

Articles:

- (1) “Egoism and Benevolence in the Phaedo”, *Plato's Phaedo, Selected Papers from the Eleventh Symposium Platonicum*, ed. Cornelli, Robinson, and Bravo, Academia Verlag, 2018, pp. 150-154.
- (2) “Aristotle on the Happiness of the City”, in E. Bermon, V. Laurant, J. Terrel (ed.), *Aristote et l'excellence politique*, Leuven : Peeters, 2017, 11-24.
- (3) “Alcinous on Methods of Analysis”, in C. Cerami, *Nature et Sagesse. Les rapports entre physique et métaphysique dans la tradition aristotélicienne*. Peeters, 2015, pp. 417-428.
- (4) “The Common Good”, in M. Deslauriers and P. Destree, *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*, Cambridge University Press, 2013, pp. 176-198.
- (5) “Xenophon's Socrates on *Sophia* and the Virtues”, *Socratica 2008: Studies in Socratic Literature*. Ed. L. Rossetti and A. Stavru, 2010, pp. 227-240.
- (6) “Remarques sur la Psychologie Morale de Xenophon”, pp. 11-28, *Xénophon et Socrate*, ed. M. Narcy, Paris: Vrin 2008.
- (7) “Is Plato's *Republic* a utopian work?” *Cambridge Companion to Plato's Republic*, ed. G. Ferrari, Cambridge UP. 2007, pp. 232-255.
- (8) “Tyranie et royauté selon le Socrate de Xénophon”, *Les Études Philosophiques*, May 2004, 177-192.
- (9) “Happiness, Rationality, and Egoism in Plato's Socrates” *Rationality and Happiness: from the Ancients to the Early Medievals*, ed. Jiyuan Yu, University of Rochester Press 2003, pp. 17-34.
- (10) “Some Central Elements of Socratic Political Theory”, *Polis* vol.18, 2001, pp. 27-40.
- (11) “Politics as a Vocation according to Aristotle”, *History of Political Thought*, summer 2001, pp. 221-241.
- (12) “The Happiness of the City and the Happiness of the Individual in Plato's *Republic*”, *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 2001, pp. 1-25.
- (13) “Justice et Légalité selon le Socrate de Xenophon”, in *Socrate et les Socratiques*, ed. Romeyer Dherby and Gourinat, Vrin 2001, pp.45-70. (French translation of [10] below.)

- (14) "On the alleged historical reliability of Plato's *Apology*", *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2000, pp. 235-265. Reprinted in: *Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito: Critical Essays*, ed. R. Kamtekar, Rowman and Littlefield 2005, pp. 97-126.
- (15) "Aristotle's Definition of Citizenship: A Problem and Some Solutions", *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, April 1999, pp. 143-166.
- (16) "Philoponus and Simplicius on Tekmeriodic Proof", *Method and Order in Renaissance Philosophy of Nature. The Aristotle Commentary Tradition*, ed. Eckhardt Kessler, Ashgate 1998, pp. 1-22.
- (17) "Substance as Cause: Z 17", in *Aristoteles: Metaphysik. Die Substanzbücher (Z, H, Y)*, ed. Christof Rapp, Akademie-Verlag, Berlin (1996), 193-208.
- (18) "Xenophon's Socrates on the Just and the Lawful" *Ancient Philosophy* 15 (1995) pp. 329-347,
- (19) "Xenophon's Socrates as Teacher", in *The Socratic Movement*, ed. Paul Vander Waerdt, Cornell University Press, 1994, 181-208. Reprinted in: *Xenophon*, ed. V. Gray, Oxford Univ. Press, 2010, pp. 195-227.
- (20) "The Place of Unity in Aristotle's Metaphysical Project", *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. IX 1993, pp. 131-156.
- (21) "Aristotle's Theory of Degrees of Being", *Symbolae Berolinenses*, ed. C. Brockmann, Hakkert, 1993, p. 95-115.
- (22) "Le Statut Catégoriel des Différences dans L' 'Organon' ", *Revue philosophique*, 1993, pp. 147-178.
- (23) "The Taxonomical Interpretation of Aristotle's Categories: A Criticism", *Essays in Ancient Greek Philosophy V*, SUNY Press 1992, 19-46
- (24) "The Ancient Sceptic's way of life", *Metaphilosophy*, Vol. 21, 1990 pp. 204-222. A slightly revised republication of (20) below.
- (25) "Some Remarks on Definition in Metaphysics Z", in *Biologie, Logique, et Métaphysique chez Aristote*, Éditions du CNRS, Paris 1990, pp. 131-144.
- (26) "'Aristotle and Alexander of Aphrodesias' by Ulocrino", in: *Aristotle Transformed: the ancient commentators and their influence*, ed. by Richard Sorabji, Duckworth 1990, pp. 481-484.
- (27) "On Professor Vlastos' Xenophon", *Ancient Philosophy* 7, 1988, pp. 9-21. Reprinted in *Socrates: Critical Assessments*, ed. Wm. Prior, Routledge 1996, vol. 1, 119-135.
- (28) "The Evidence for Degrees of Being in Aristotle", *Classical Quarterly* 37, 1987, pp. 382-402.
- (29) "Ho philanthropos: the ancient sceptic's way of life and its ethical consequences", *Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, 1986.
- (30) "Chôristos in Aristotle", *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, vol. 89, 1985, pp. 89-105.
- (31) "Separation in Aristotle's Metaphysics", *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 3, 1985, pp. 125-157.

Short Items: Replies, Dictionary Entries, Review :

- (1) "Toward a New Approach to the Socratic Question", in *Socratica III*, ed. F. de Luise and A. Stavru, Academia Verlag 2013, 409-10.
- (2) "Socrates", in *Blackwell Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, ed. P. Pellegrin and M.L. Gill, 2006, pp. 101-118.
- (3) Review of Julia Annas, *Platonic Ethics, Old and New*, *Ethics*, April 2001, 617-19.
- (4) "Xenophon" in the *Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy*, 1997. 573-575.
- (5) "Xénophon" in *Le Savoir Grec*, ed. G. Lloyd and J. Brunschwig, Flammarion, 1996, 843-849. English translation: *Greek Thought: A Guide to Classical Knowledge*. Harvard 2000.
- (6) "Xenophon" in the *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. R. Audi, Cambridge 1995, p. 862.
- (7) "Herding and weaving (comments on Clark and Dixsaut) *Symposium Platonicum 3, Rereading the Statesman*, ed. C. Rowe, 1995, pp. 274-275.
- (8) "Commentary on Gill", *Proceedings of the Boston Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy IV*, 1988, pp. 206-212.
- (9) "Foreword" and "Bibliography" to a reprinting of P. Hallie and S. Etheridge, *Scepticism, Man and God: Selections from the Major Writings of Sextus Empiricus*, Hackett Publishing Corp., Indianapolis, 1985.
- (10) "Separation: A Reply to Fine", *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 3, 1985, pp. 167-173.