

Curriculum Vitae

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1. Current addresses

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2. Education

University of Virginia, 1958-62; B.A. (Philosophy), 1962; University of Rochester, 1962-66; Ph.D. (Philosophy), 1966; Harvard University, 1971-72 (Post-doc in Classics)

3. Academic honors and awards

duPont Regional Scholarship, University of Virginia, 1958-62
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia, 1962
National Defense Education Act Fellowship, University of Rochester, 1962-65
Dissertation Fellowship, University of Rochester, 1965-66
American Council of Learned Societies Study Fellowship, Harvard University, 1971-72
Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1974-75
Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, 1982-83
Omicron Delta Kappa, University of Maryland, 1987
Citations for Teaching Excellence, University of Maryland, 1970, 1986, 1994
Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, University of Maryland, 2003-04
Delmas Foundation Fellow, National Humanities Center, 2004-05
Senior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, 2003-08

4. Academic appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, 1966-67
Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, 1967-2007
Research Fellow, Departments of Philosophy and Classics, Harvard University, 1971-72
Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1974-75
Professor, Department of Classics, University of Maryland, 1980-83, 1990-95
Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2007-present

5. Courses taught

Introduction to Philosophy, Ethical Theory, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Nineteen-Century Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Religion, The Presocratics, Socrates, Plato,

Aristotle, Kant, The Greek Philosophers (GREK 402); 'Art, Ideas, and Power in 5th-century Athens', and 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas'.

6. Administrative positions (all at the University of Maryland)

Associate Chair, Department of Philosophy, 1977-79

Chair, Department of Classics, 1980-83

Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy, 1983-85

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, 1985-87

Acting Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, 1987-89

Assistant to the President, 1992-98

Assistant to the Provost, 1990-92, 1998-2000

Acting Director, School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, 2001-03

7. Other university service (University of Maryland)

Main author of the *Middle States Review Institutional Self-Study* (1985-86); *University Policy on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure* (1990); *Middle States Periodic Review Report* (1992-93), *Strategic Plan for the University of Maryland* (1996); and the *University Statement on Diversity* (1997). Chair, English Review Committee; Chair, Classics Review Committee; Chair, Spanish and Portuguese Review Committee; Chair, Strategic Plan Implementation; Chair, Senate Committee on Student Conduct; Chair, Graduate Research Board; Chair, Search Committee for the Director of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center; Chair, Review Committee for the Dean of Architecture; 'Advise 5' Adviser (eight years); Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Selection Committee.

8. Grant supported activities

NEH grant for 'Latin in a Social Context' (\$101, 251), proposal co-author (1981).

Canadian Federation for the Humanities (\$8000), publication subsidy for *Xenophanes of Colophon* (Toronto, 1992).

General Research Board: publication subvention for *Xenophanes of Colophon* (\$3500, 1991), semester research awards (spring 1979 and fall 2003), summer award (1969).

College of Arts and Humanities: publication subsidy for *The Greek Philosophers* (\$1000, 1998).

Distinguished Scholar-Teacher: research support award (\$5000, 2003).

9. Scholarly publications

(a) Books

1. *Xenophanes of Colophon- Fragments: Text and Translation with Notes and Commentary* (Volume IV in the *Phoenix Series on the Presocratics*, University of Toronto Press, 1992), 264 pp. Reviewed in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (1993), *Phronesis* (1993), *Classical Review* (1993), *American Journal of Philology* (1994), *Gnomon* (1994), *Greece and Rome* (1994), *Phoenix* (1995), and *Philosophia* (1992),

Xenophanes of Colophon-Fragments: Text and Translation with Notes and Commentary (University of Toronto Press, 2002), 2nd edition, 264 pp.

2. *The Greek Philosophers: Selected Greek Texts from the Presocratics, Plato, and Aristotle, with Introduction, Notes, and Commentary* (Bristol Classical Press/Duckworth, 1998), 154 pp. Reviewed in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (1999), *Classical Review* (1999), *JACT Newsletter* (1999), *Scholia* (1999), and the *Revue Belge de Philologie et d' Histoire* (2000).

3. J. H. Lesher, Debra Nails, and Frisbee C. C. Sheffield, eds, *Plato's Symposium: Issues in Interpretation and Reception* (Center for Hellenic Studies/Harvard University Press, 2006), 446 pp. Reviewed in *Choice* (2007).

(b) Articles in scholarly journals

1. 'Gn«siw and spistÆmh in Socrates' Dream in the *Theaetetus*,' *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, Vol. 84 (1969), 72-78.

2. 'Danto on Knowledge as a Relation,' *Analysis*, Vol. 3 (1970), 132-34.

3. 'Aristotle on Form, Substance, and Universals: A Dilemma,' *Phronesis*, Vol. 16 (1971), 169-78.

4. 'Lehrer's Sceptical Hypothesis,' *Philosophical Forum*, Vol. 4 (1972), 299-302.

5. 'The Meaning of NoËw in the *Posterior Analytics*,' *Phronesis*, Vol.18 (1973), 44-68.

6. 'Hume's Analysis of "Cause" and the "Two-Definitions" Dispute,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol.2 (1973), 387-392.

7. 'Theistic Ethics and the *Euthyphro*,' *Apeiron*, Vol. 9 (1975), 24-30.

8. 'Genetic Explanations of Religious Belief,' *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 25 (1975), 317-328.

9. 'The Meaning of NoËw in the *Posterior Analytics*,' *Archiv für Begriffsgeschichte*, Vol. 29 (1975), 104-105 (abridged version of the 1973 article in *Phronesis*).

10. 'On the Role of Guesswork in Science,' *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, Vol. 9 (1978), 19-33.

11. 'Xenophanes' Scepticism,' *Phronesis*, Vol. 23 (1978), 1-21.

12. 'Perceiving and Knowing in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*,' *Phronesis*, Vol. 26 (1981), 2-24.

13. 'An Interdisciplinary Course on Classical Athens,' *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 5 (1982), 203-210.

14. 'Heraclitus' Epistemological Vocabulary,' *Hermes*, Vol. 111 (1983), 155-170.

15. 'Parmenides' Critique of Thinking: the $\text{polêdhriw } \text{qlegxow}$ of Fr. 7,' *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, Vol.2 (1983), 1-30.
16. 'Socrates' Disavowal of Knowledge,' *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 25 (1987), 275-288.
17. 'Xenophanes on Inquiry and Discovery: An Alternative to the "Hymn to Progress" Reading of Fr. 18,' *Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 11 (1991), 229-48.
18. 'The Emergence of Philosophical Interest in Cognition,' *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 12 (1994), 1-34.
19. 'The Significance of $\text{kata } \text{pântÉ } \text{ê<s>th}$ in Parmenides Fr. 1.3,' *Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 14 (1994), 1-20.
20. 'Mind's Knowledge and Powers of Control in Anaxagoras DK B12,' *Phronesis* , Vol. 40 (1995), 125-42.
21. 'On Aristotelian êpistêmh as "Understanding"', *Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 21 (2001), 45-55.
22. 'A Course on the Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium*', *Classical Journal*, Vol. 100 (2004), 75-85.
23. 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium*', *Ordia Prima*, Vol. 3 (2004), 89-105.

(c) Articles or chapters in collections, encyclopedias, or handbooks

24. 'Xenophanes' Scepticism' in *Essays in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, eds Anton and Preus (SUNY Press, 1983), reprinted with revisions from *Phronesis* (1978).
25. 'Classics and Philosophy: A View of Life in the Interval between Two Professions,' in *Classics: A Discipline in Crisis*, eds Culham and Edmunds (U.P.A., 1988), 231-241.
26. 'Presocratic Epistemology' in *A Companion to Epistemology*, eds J. Dancy and E. Sosa (Blackwells Publishing, 1993), 359-61.
27. 'Xenophanes' Scepticism' in Terence Irwin, ed., *Classical Philosophy: Collected Papers, Vol. I: Philosophy before Socrates* (Garland: New York and London, 1995); reprinted with revisions from *Phronesis* (1978).
28. 'Classical Theories of Knowledge' in *The Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy*, eds A. Laks, P. Mitsis, and D. Zeyl (Greenwood Press, 1997), 289-96.
29. 'Xenophanes of Colophon' in *The Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy* (as above), 570-73.
30. 'Socrates' Disavowal of Knowledge' in *Essays on Socrates*, ed. W. J. Prior (Routledge, 1997), reprinted with revisions from the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 25 (1987).

31. 'Presocratic Contributions to the Theory of Knowledge' (1998) on the web site for Marc Cohen's Course in Ancient Philosophy (<http://faculty.washington.edu/smcohen/320/Lesher.html>).
32. 'Xenophanes of Colophon' in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. E. Craig (London and New York, 1998), Vol. 9, 807-10.
33. 'Early Interest in Knowledge' in *The Cambridge Companion to Early Greek Philosophy*, ed. A.A. Long (Cambridge U.P., 1999), 225-49.
34. 'Xenophanes of Colophon' in *The Concise Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (London and New York, 2000), 938.
35. 'Parmenidean *Elenchos*' in G.A. Scott, ed., *Does Socrates Have a Method?* (Penn State University Press, 2002), 19-35.
36. 'Xenophanes of Colophon' in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html>)
37. 'The Flourishing of Ancient Philosophy in America: Some Causes and Concerns' in L. Rossetti and J. Thorp, eds, *Greek Philosophy in the New Millennium* (Akademia Verlag, 2004), 89-98.
38. 'Sobre forma, substância e universais em Aristóteles: um dilema' in Marco Zingano, *Sobre a Metafísica de Aristóteles: Textos Seleccionados* (Sao Paulo, 2005, 235-246 (Portuguese translation of the 1971 *Phronesis* article).
39. 'Introduction' in Lesher, Nails, and Sheffield, eds, *Plato's Symposium: Issues in Interpretation and Reception* (Hellenic Studies Series/Harvard University Press, 2006), 1-6.
40. 'Some Notable Afterimages of Plato's *Symposium*' in *Plato's Symposium: Issues in Interpretation and Reception* (as above), 313-340.
41. 'Later Views of the Socrates of Plato's *Symposium*' in M. Trapp, ed., *Socrates in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century* (Ashgate/Centre for Hellenic Studies, 2007), 59-76.
42. 'Archaic Knowledge' in William Wians, ed. *Logos and Mythos* (SUNY Press, forthcoming in 2007).
43. 'The Humanizing of Knowledge' in P. Curd and D. Graham, eds, *The Oxford Guide to Presocratic Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2007).
44. 'Xenophanes of Colophon' in G. Oppy and N. Trakasis, eds, *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming in 2007).
45. 'A Systematic Xenophanes?' in *Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy* (CUA Press, forthcoming in 2008).

(d) Reviews

46. J. Lear, *Aristotle: the Desire to Understand, Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 12 (1989), 79-82.
47. C. Huffman, *Philolaus: Pythagorean and Presocratic, Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 15 (1995), 581-90.
48. Malcolm Wilson, *Aristotle's Theory of the Unity of Science, Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 39 (2001), 290-92.
49. Roslyn Weiss, *Virtue in the Cave: Moral Inquiry in Plato's Meno, Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 22 (2002), 418-22.
50. Chiara Robbiano, *Becoming Being: on Parmenides' transformative philosophy, Journal of Hellenic Studies* (forthcoming in 2008).

(e) Work in progress

51. 'Aristotle's Two Views of the Path to Knowledge'
52. 'Saf ∞ neia in Plato's Divided Line: Clarity, Truth, Precision, or Knowledge?'
53. 'The Concept of Saf ∞ neia in Early Greek Philosophy'
54. 'The Romantic Version of Plato's *Symposium*: Anselm Feuerbach's *Das Gastmahl*'

10. Papers presented or scheduled for presentation

- 2008 'Saf ∞ neia in Plato's Divided Line: Clarity, Truth, Precision, or Knowledge?', Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (February, 2008)
- 2007 'A Systematic Xenophanes?', School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America (September, 2007)
- 2007 'Aristotle on the Path to Knowledge: Theory and Practice', Department of Philosophy, George Mason University (March, 2007)
- 2005 'The Humanizing of Knowledge among the Presocratics', Departments of Philosophy and Ancient Studies, University of Maryland Baltimore County (November, 2005)
- 2005 'Some Notable Afterimages of Plato's *Symposium*', Conference on Plato's *Symposium*, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C. (August, 2005)

- 2004 'The Presocratic Response to the Archaic View of Knowledge', Department of Classics, Duke University (December, 2004)
- 2004 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium*', Department of Classics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (November, 2004)
- 2004 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium*', Department of Classics, University of North Carolina, Greensboro (November, 2004)
- 2003 'The Presocratic Response to the Archaic View of Knowledge', meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (Fordham University, November, 2003).
- 2003 'Thinking like Greeks: the legacy of ancient philosophy for modern thought', Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture, University of Maryland (October, 2003).
- 2002 'Later Views of the Socrates of the *Symposium*', King's College London (July, 2002).
- 2002 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas', Department of Philosophy, Washington and Lee University (March, 2002).
- 2001 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas', Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, Mary Washington College (October, 2001)
- 2001 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas', Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, University of Maryland (April, 2001)
- 2001 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas', Departments of Classics and Philosophy, College of Charleston (March, 2001).
- 2000 'The Afterlife of Plato's *Symposium* in Western Art and Ideas', SAGP Meetings, University of Binghamton (October, 2000).
- 2000 'Knowledge, Understanding, and Expertise in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*', Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland (March, 2000).
- 1999 'Philosophical Approaches to Plato's *Symposium*', George Washington University (November, 1999).
- 1999 'Women in Ancient Greek Philosophy', Trinity College (Washington, D.C., April, 1999).
- 1998 'Presocratic Contributions to Epistemology', University of Rochester (September, 1998).
- 1994 'Mind's Knowledge and Powers of Control in Anaxagoras DK B12', Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C. (October, 1994).

- 1994 'The Emergence of Philosophical Interest in Cognition,' SAGP Meetings, Binghamton University
- 1992 'Reflective Knowledge in Presocratic Philosophy,' Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Princeton University
- 1991 'Did Xenophanes Believe in Progress?' SAGP Meetings, Barnard College
- 1991 'Alternative Views of Xenophanes' Fr. 34', University of Pennsylvania
- 1990 'Did Xenophanes Believe in Progress?' George Washington University
- 1989 'Perceiving and Knowing in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*', University of Maryland
- 1987 'Xenophanes' Scepticism', SAGP Meeting, Eastern Division APA Meetings
- 1986 'Socrates' Disavowal of Knowledge', Johns Hopkins University/UMBC/ University of Maryland Tri-Colloquium (Catonsville, Maryland)
- 1986 'Socrates' Disavowal of Knowledge', Southern Association for Ancient Philosophy (Cambridge, England)
- 1986 'Socrates' Refutation of Protagorean Relativism', Washington Philosophy Club
- 1982 'The Meaning of *Elenchos* in Parmenides Fr. 7', Center for Hellenic Studies
- 1979 'Genetic Explanations of Religious Belief', Franklin and Marshall College
- 1977 'On the Role of Guesswork in Science', University of Maryland
- 1975 'Knowing and Perceiving in the *Theaetetus*: Comments on Frede', Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Princeton University
- 1973 'Conceptions of Knowledge in Plato's *Theaetetus*', American University
- 1972 'Aristotle on Form, Substance, and Universals: A Dilemma', Summer Institute in Ancient Philosophy, Bennington College
- 1971 'Aristotle on Form, Substance, and Universals: A Dilemma', SAGP Meeting at the Eastern Division APA Meetings, New York, N.Y.
- 1967 'Conceptions of Knowledge in Plato's *Theaetetus*', University of Maryland

11. Other professional activities

ACA Workshop on teaching ancient philosophy, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D. C. (June, 2007)

Main organizer of the conference on Plato's *Symposium*, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D. C. (August, 2005)

'Lucretius and His Predecessors', AP Latin class, Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (December, 2004)

Lectures on Socrates and Plato to the residents of Leisure World, Silver Spring, Maryland (2003-04)

On-campus lectures: 'Women in Ancient Philosophy', *Phi Eta Sigma* Lecture, Department of Classics (Spring 2003); 'Socratic Ethics', Student Honor Board (Fall 2004); 'Can Leadership Be Taught? Plato's Scheme', *Civicus* (Spring 2006)

Member, Editorial board for *Ancient Philosophy*

Member, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Journal referee for *American Journal of Philology*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Classical Philology*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *Phronesis*, and *Political Theory*

Manuscript review for Acumen Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, SUNY Press, University of Toronto Press, and Yale University Press

12. Certification statement

This *curriculum vitae* is accurate and up to date.
