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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy

Social and Political Philosophy

Ethical Theory

Gender in Antiquity

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Classics (Greek Language, History and Civilization)

Modern Philosophy

EDUCATION

1996 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Warwick

Dissertation: Virtue and Democracy in Plato's Late Dialogues

1993 M.A. in Continental Philosophy, University of Warwick

1989 B.A. in Philosophy, Education and Psychology, Aristotle University of
Thessaloniki, Greece, with a Major in Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019–pres. Senior Lecturer, University of Georgia

2012–2019 Lecturer (full-time), University of Georgia

2008–2012 Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University

2007–2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, George Washington University

- 2006–2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, University at Albany (SUNY)
- 2006–2010 Instructor, ‘Ethics of Health Care’, Excelsior College (online course)
- 2003–2006 Assistant Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University
- 1998–2002 Research Associate (with full-time Teaching Duties),
Department of Philosophy and Education, Aristotle University of
Thessaloniki
- 1998–99 Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, D.E.I. College of
Thessaloniki
- 1994–95 Assistant Lecturer, University of Warwick

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *The Household in Plato’s Political Philosophy* (in preparation)
- 2015 *Aristotle’s Politics: A Critical Guide*. Co-edited with Thornton Lockwood.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 2014 *Western Philosophy: The Journey* (Textbook) Kendall/Hunt, Dubuque, IA
Revised Printing. 1st Edition 2006
- 2003 *Plato, Apology and Crito*. Introduction, Translation and Commentary (in
Modern Greek). Zitros, Thessaloniki
- 2002 *Plato on Democracy*. Peter Lang, New York

Reviews of *Plato on Democracy*:

- Malcolm Schofield, *Plato 3*
(<http://www.ex.ac.uk/plato/plato3issue/schofield.htm>)
- Gerhard Bengesser, *Polylog Wien* (March 2003) (in German)
- Eric Brown, *The Classical Review* 54 (2004): 71–72
- Richard F. Stalley, *Polis* 21 (2004): 160–168
- Stefan Schorn, *Gymnasium* 112 (2005): 269–70 (in German)

Journal Articles/Book Chapters

- ‘Aristotle: Defining the Citizen’. *Oxford Handbook of Ancient Philosophy* (invitation accepted)
- [2022] ‘Perspectives on Leisure in Antiquity from the Archaic to the Christian Periods’. In Jerry Toner (ed.), *A Cultural History of Leisure*, Vol. 1: *Antiquity*. Bloomsbury (forthcoming)
- 2020 ‘Reproductive Deception and the Paradigmatic Character of Plato’s *Republic*’. *Akropolis* 4: 36–49
- 2019 ‘Aristotle’s Best City in the Context of his Concept of *Aretē*’. In Marion Bourbon, Valéry Laurant and Thornton Lockwood (eds.), *Aristote Politique VII: La constitution ‘selon nos vœux’*. Special Issue of *Polis* (vol. 36, issue 1): 139–52
- 2017 ‘Leisure in Classical Greek Philosophy’. In Karl Spracklen, Erin Sharpe, Brett Lashua and Spencer Swain (eds.), *A Handbook of Leisure Theory*. London: Palgrave Macmillan 229–47
- 2016 ‘Aristotle on Gender in *Politics* I’. *History of Political Thought* 37: 595–605
- 2015 ‘Aristotle and the Question of Citizenship’. In Thornton Lockwood and Thanassis Samaras (eds.), *Aristotle’s Politics: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 123–41
- 2015 ‘Metaphysics, Politics and Poetic Language in Anaximander’. In Georgios Xenis (ed.), *Literature, Scholarship, Philosophy and History: Classical Studies in Memory of Ioannis Taifacos*. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 327–39
- 2012 ‘Leisured Aristocrats or Warrior Farmers? Leisure in the *Laws*’. *Classical Philology* 107: 1–20
- 2010 ‘Family and the Question of Women in the *Laws*’. In Christopher Bobonich (ed.), *A Critical Guide to Plato’s Laws*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 172–96
- 2007 ‘Aristotle’s *Politics*: The City of Book Seven and the Question of Ideology’. *Classical Quarterly* 57: 77–89

Available online at

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayFulltext?type=1&fid=7856232&jid=CAQ&volumeId=57&issueId=01&aid=7856231&bodyId=&membershipNumber=&societyETOCSession=>

- 2007 'Is Ancient Democracy "Quasi-Liberal?"' Co-authored with Kevin Olbrys. *Revue Internationale des droits de l'antiquité* 14: 111–141
- 2007 'Who Believes in Socrates' Innocence? The Religious Charges Against Socrates and the Intended Audience of Plato's Apology'. *Polis* 24: 328–38
- 2006 'Protagoras and Slavery'. *History of Political Thought* 27: 1–9
- 2004 'Socrates and Morality: Commentary on T. Penner'. In V. Karasmanis (ed.), *Socrates: 2400 Years since his Death*, European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Delphi: 153–56
- 2003 'The Best City in Aristotle's *Politics*'. *Philosophical Inquiry* 25: 151–64
- 2000 'Socrates' Reaction to the Political Aspect of his Trial'. *Isopoliteia* 4 (in Modern Greek): 163–74
- 1999 'The Philosophical Relationship between the *Republic* and the *Laws*'. *Defkalion* 17 (in Modern Greek): 23–49
- 1996 'When Did Plato Abandon the Hope that Ideal Rulers Might Appear Among Human Beings?' *History of Political Thought* 17: 109–13
- 1996 'Unity and Difference in Plato's Political Thought'. *Journal of Liberal Arts* 2: 65–85
- 1993 'Unhappy Consciousness and Tragic Consciousness in Hegel'. *Philologos* 72 (in Modern Greek): 112–29

Book Reviews

- 2018 Review of V.V. Haraldsen, O. Petterson, O.E. Wiese Tvedt (edd.), *Readings of Plato's Apology: Defending the Philosophical Life*. Lanham: Lexington, 2018 *Classical Review* 68: 1–3
- 2108 Review of Susan Sauvé Meyer, *Plato, Laws 1 and 2: Translated with an Introduction and Commentary*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015 *Polis* 35: 268–72.

- 2011 ‘Was Demetrius Phalereus an Oligarch after all? Myth and Reality’. Review of Lara O’ Sullivan, *The Regime of Demetrius of Phalerum in Athens, 317–307 BCE: A Philosopher in Politics*. Leiden: Brill, 2009. *Polis* 28: 173–80
- 2000 Review of Kosmas Psychopaidis, *The Philosopher, the Politician and the Tyrant*. Athens: Polis 1999. *Defkalion* 18 (in Modern Greek): 307–25
- 1999 Review of Chloe Balla, *Platonic Persuasion*. Athens: Polis 1997. *Hellenika* 49 (in Modern Greek): 379–83

Translations

- 2001 Martha Nussbaum, ‘[Review of] Gregory Vlastos, *Platonic Studies*’. *Defkalion* 19: 123–147 (into Modern Greek)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- September 2021 ‘The Household in Plato’s Political Philosophy’ Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting Panel (online)
- December 2020 ‘Sexuality, Equality and Liberty in Plato’. Online Session of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
- December 2020 Commentary on John Mulhern, ‘The Household in the Political Thought of Plato’s *Laws*’. Online Session of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
- November 2019 ‘The Metaphysics of Legitimacy: the Relationship Between Ontology, Epistemology and Political Theory in Plato’s Major Political Works’
- November 2019 Commentary on Mark D. Fisher, ‘A Necessary Lie? Popular Leadership and Thucydides’ Mytilene Debate’. Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA
- November 2019 Commentary on Daniel Schillinger, ‘“Thucydides, an Athenian”’: Thucydidean Reflections on Patriotism and Democracy. Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA

March 2019 'Plato on Love in the *Symposium* and the *Republic*'. Forty-second annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis TN

April 2018 Commentary on K. Scarlett Kingsley, 'Meteorology in the Peloponnesian War: Thucydides on Wind and Fire'. Conference *Philosophy Beyond Philosophers*, Atlanta, GA

September 2017 'Aristotle's Best City in the Context of his Concept of *Aretē*'. Conference *Politiques d' Aristote III*, Bordeaux, France (invited)

March 2017 "*Klēroi Komspoi*: Deception and Reproductive Practices in Plato's *Republic*'. Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford, CA (invited)

February 2016 'Aristotle on Gender in *Politics I*'. Thirty-ninth annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis TN

February 2016 Commentary on Natalia Michna, 'The Conflict: Woman or Mother? A Philosophical Approach to the Contemporary Crisis of Feminine Identity'. Thirty-ninth annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis TN

April 2015 'The Public and the Private in Aristotle's Theory of Gender'. Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY

October 2014 'Moral Psychology, Leadership and the Role of History in Late Plato'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

February 2014 'Aristotle and the Question of Citizenship'. Aristotle's *Politics*: Critical Appraisals. Boulder, CO

December 2013 'Polity versus Democracy in Aristotle's *Politics*'. APA Eastern Division Meeting Regular Program, Baltimore, MD

November 2013 'Hobbes and the Origins of Modern Political Philosophy'. Philosophy Club, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

October 2013 'Anaximander's Cosmic Justice and the *Apeiron*'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

March 2013 'Aristotle and the Question of Citizenship'. Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford, CA (invited)

October 2012 'Who Are Aristotle's Many?' Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

November 2011 'Is Democracy Aristotle's Best Constitution?' Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

October 2011 'The Concept of "Polity" in Aristotle's *Politics*'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

October 2011 'History in Plato's *Laws*'. Classical Association of the Atlantic States Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (invited)

October 2010 'Did Plato Die a Political Moderate?' Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

October 2009 'The Question of Feminism in Plato's Late Philosophy'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

November 2008 'The Concept of the "Mixed Constitution" in Plato's Late Political Philosophy'. Fortieth Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA

October 2008 'The Question of the Athenian Constitution in Plato's Late Political Philosophy'. International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, New York, NY

April 2008 'The Household and the Question of Women in Aristotle's *Politics*'. Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Providence RI (invited)

February 2008 'The Household in Plato's *Laws*'. Washington Area Symposium in Ancient Philosophy, Catholic University, Washington DC (invited)

January 2008 'The Social Structure of Plato's *Laws* and Its Implications for Plato's Political Philosophy'. George Washington University Philosophy Department, Washington DC

November 2007 'Democratic Athens and the Question of Rights' (with Kevin Olbrys). Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

October 2007 'The Question of Justice in *Republic One*'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York NY

October 2006 'Socratic Religion, Platonic Audience: The Case of Plato's *Apology*'. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New NY

March 2006 Participant in One Day Research Workshop on 'Virtue Ethics'. Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University Law School, Arlington, VA (invited)

March 2006 'Monotheism and Polytheism in Plato'. George Washington University Philosophy Department, Washington DC

November 2005 ‘The Origins of Greek Democracy and the Question of Justice’.
Towson University Annual Fall Philosophy Colloquium, Towson MD
(invited)

October 2005 ‘Early Greek Conceptions of Justice’. Society for Ancient Greek
Philosophy Annual Conference, New York

October 2004 ‘Aristotle’s *Politics*: The City of Book Seven and the Question of
Ideology’. Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference

February 2004 ‘Who Believes in Socrates’ Innocence? The Religious Charges
Against Socrates and the Intended Audience of Plato’s *Apology*’.
Symposium *The Theory and Practice of the Good Life in Ancient Greece*,
Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC

February 2004 ‘How Utopian is the Utopian Aristotle?’ Philosophy Department
of George Washington University, Washington DC

1999–2002 Papers on Different Aspects of Plato’s *Symposium* (in Modern
Greek). Delivered Annually at the Department of Architecture,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece (invited)

December 2001 ‘Mixed Constitution and Ancestral Constitution in Plato’s Late
Philosophy’ (in Modern Greek). Greek Philosophical Association, Special
Meeting, Athens, Greece (invited)

February 2001 ‘Mixed Constitution and Ancestral Constitution in the *Laws*’.
Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

January 2001 ‘The Democratic Socrates’. Program for Hellenic Studies,
Princeton, NJ

May 2000 ‘The Trial of Socrates’. Open Seminar of the Humanities, Law School,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece (invited)

April 2000 ‘Time in Plato’s *Timaeus*’ (in Modern Greek). Department of Physics,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

May 1996 ‘Plato’s Late Philosophy’. Open Seminar of the Humanities, Law
School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece (invited)

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Courses

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophical Problems

History of Ancient Philosophy
History of Modern Philosophy
Introduction to Political Philosophy
Ethics: Theory and Applications
Ethics in Business and the Professions
Plato, *Protagoras*
Aristotle, *Politics*
Plato, *Phaedo*
Texts of the Sophists
Plato, *The Apology of Socrates* and *Crito*

Upper Division Courses

Ancient Philosophy
Social and Political Philosophy
The Age of System-Building: Spinoza to Hegel and Beyond
Topics in Value Theory: The Development of Plato's Ethical and Political
Philosophy
Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Science and Nature
Existentialism
Ethical Theory
Ethics of Healthcare (online course)
Philosophy and Film
Aristotle
Philosophy and Film
Philosophy of Law
Plato
Theory of Knowledge
Biomedical Ethics

Seminars

History of Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2020 Recognition from Career Center for Greatly Contributing to the Career Development and Success of University of Georgia Students
- 2020 Thank A Teacher Award, University of Georgia
- 2018 Diploma from Career Center for Greatly Contributing to the Career Development of University of Georgia Students
- 2016 Thank A Teacher Award, University of Georgia
- 2015 Diploma from Career Center for Greatly Contributing to the Career Development of University of Georgia Students
- 2014 Diploma from Career Center for Greatly Contributing to the Career Development of University of Georgia Students
- 2012 Morton A. Bender Award for Outstanding Teaching, George Washington University

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2003–04 Senior Research Associate, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University
- 2004 Academic Advisor to the Program ‘Spirit of Antiquity’, Greek Consulate, Boston
- 2002–03 Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University
- 2001 Fellow, Program for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
- 1997–98 Visiting Research Scholar, University of Warwick
- 1991–95 Fellow for Studies Abroad, Greek State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.)
- 1988–89 Award, Greek State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.)

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- January 2021 Evaluator, European Science Foundation
- February 2015 Chairperson, Colloquium ‘Plato in Athens’, Athens GA

November 2011 Session Chairperson, 'Aristotle on Civil Society and Policy'.
Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association,
Philadelphia, PA

October 2011 Session Chair, 'Time, Motion, and Matter in Aristotle', Society for
Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, New York, NY

2006–2007 Coordinator, Reading Group on the Presocratics

November 2005 Session Chairperson 'Problems of Aristotle's Politics'. Thirty-
Seventh Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association,
Philadelphia, PA

March 2005 Session Chairperson 'The Form of the Good and the Other Forms'.
Leventis Foundation Conference on 'The Good and the Idea of the Good in
Plato's *Republic*', University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

2000–2002 Organizing Committee Member and Judge for Nationwide Debate
Contest, European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Athens, Greece

External Reviewer of Book Manuscripts for Cambridge University Press (2 acts)

External Reviewer of Book Manuscript for Palgrave Macmillan (2 acts)

External Reviewer of Book Proposal for Cambridge University Press

Evaluator for European Science Foundation

Referee for *Ancient Philosophy* (3 assignments)

Referee for *Polis* (3 assignments)

Referee for *Theoria*

Referee for *American Political Science Review*

Referee for *Sophia*

Referee for *Apeiron*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2017–present Undergraduate Coordinator, Philosophy Department, University of
Georgia

2019–2020 Awards Committee Member, Philosophy Department, University
of Georgia

2019–2020 Awards Committee Chair, Philosophy Department, University of
Georgia

2018–2019 Awards Committee Chair, Philosophy Department, University of
Georgia

- 2017–2018 Curriculum Committee Member, Philosophy Department,
University of Georgia
- 2016–2017 Curriculum Committee Chair, Philosophy Department, University
of Georgia
- 2012–2016 Curriculum Committee Member, Philosophy Department,
University of Georgia
- 2009–2012 Faculty Member Responsible for the Promotion of the Philosophy
Major, George Washington University
- 2008–2012 Coordinator for the Teaching of ‘Introduction to Philosophy’,
George Washington University
- 2007–2008 Committee Member for Selection of Speaker for Thacher Lecture,
George Washington University
- 2007–2012 Advisor to Philosophy Majors, George Washington University

MEMBERSHIPS

Ancient Philosophy Society
American Philosophical Association
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Classical Association of the Atlantic States
Northeastern Political Science Association
Greek Philosophical Association