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**AOS**

Ancient Philosophy

Ethical Theory and Applied Ethics

Social and Political Philosophy

**AOC**

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**

2012–pres. 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

 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*

 (htpp://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

[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 (forthcoming)

[2016] ‘Aristotle on Gender in *Politics* I’. *History of Political Thought* (forthcoming)

–––– ‘Eros in the *Symposium* and the *Republic*’. *Philosophical Inquiry* (forthcoming)

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 Laguage 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

## 2012 ‘The Cynical Thrasymachus’. *Philosophy Study* 2: 172–84

## 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

# Reviews

–––– Review of Susan Sauvé Meyer, *Plato,* Laws *1* *and 2:* Translated with an Introduction and Commentary. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015 (forthcoming in *Polis*)

–––– Review of James L. Kastely, *The Rhetoric of Plato’s Republic:Democracy and the Problem of Persuasion.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015 (forthcoming in *Ancient Philosophy*)

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

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**

 **100-Level**

 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*

 **300 and 400-Level**

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

 **400/600-Level**

Social and Political Philosophy

Aristotle

 Philosophy and Film

Philosophy of Law

**TEACHING AWARDS**

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**

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 an 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)

 Referee for *Ancient Philosophy* (3 acts)

Referee for *Polis* (2 acts)

Referee for *Theoria*

Referee for *American Political Science Review*

Referee for *Sophia*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2016–present Curriculum Committee Chairperson, 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 Univeristy

**MEMBERHSIPS**

Ancient Philosophy Society

American Philosophical Association

International Plato Society

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Classical Association of the Atlantic States

Northeastern Political Science Association

Greek Philosophical Association

**REFERENCES**

Christopher Bobonich

Professor of Philosophy

Professor of Classics, by courtesy

Stanford University

Malcolm Schofield

Professor of Ancient Philosophy

Cambridge University

Richard Kraut

Charles and Emma Morisson

Professor in the Humanities

Northsestern University

Gregory Nagy

Francis Jones Professor of Classical

Greek Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature

Harvard University

John J. Mulhern

Director of Professional Education,

Fels Institute of Government and

Adjunct Associate Professor of

Classical Studies and Governement

Administration

University of Pennsylvania

Gail Weiss

Professor of Philosophy and Human Sciences

Chair of Philosophy

George Washignton University

David de Grazia

Professor of Philosophy

Former Chair of Philosophy

George Washington University

Jon Mandle

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Chair of Philosophy

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