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### PUBLICATIONS

#### a) Books

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Comments on Kurt Pritzl, “Opinions as Appearances: *Endoxa* in Aristotle”, APA (Eastern Div.), Dec. 1992

“Sextus' *Against the Ethicists*: Scepticism, Relativism or Both?”, APA (Pacific Div.), Mar. 1993

“Nietzsche on the Sceptics and Nietzsche as Sceptic”, Paris, June 1996: Conference title - “Le défi sceptique: Variantes antiques, modernes et postmodernes”.

“What does Pyrrhonism have to do with Pyrrho?”, Helsinki, Aug. 1996: Conference title - “Ancient Scepticism and the Sceptical Tradition”.

(Conference Talks, Papers Presented, etc., continued)

Comments on Edward Blatnik, "On How to Approach the Pyrrhonist", APA (Eastern Div.), Dec. 1996

Comments on Joseph Huster, "Responding to Immoralism", APA (Pacific Div.), Mar. 1997

"What does Pyrrhonism have to do with Pyrrho?", Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Mar. 1997

"L'utilité des *technai*", Paris, Oct. 1997: Conference title - "La représentation théorique des sciences, des arts et des métiers dans la philosophie hellénistique et romaine"

"What does Pyrrhonism have to do with Pyrrho?", Chicago, Apr. 1998: Conference title - "Ancient Epistemologies"

"On the Pre-History of Pyrrhonism", Harvard U., Dec. 1998; presented as part of the 1998-1999 program of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. This visit also included seminars delivered to the Classics Dept. ("Pyrrho the Non-Sceptic") and to the Philosophy Dept. ("Pyrrho and Pyrrhonism: Differences and Similarities")

Comments on Harald Thorsrud, "Pyrrhonian and Academic Skeptics on the Purpose of Inquiry", APA (Eastern Div.), Dec. 1998

Presentation for symposium (with Lawrence Becker and Nancy Sherman) entitled "Classical Moral Philosophy: Contemporary Applications", Catholic U., Feb. 1999

"Nietzsche on the Sceptics and Nietzsche as Sceptic", School of Philosophy, Catholic U., Feb. 1999

"*Pyrrho, his Antecedents and his Legacy: Some Central Themes*", Dept. of Philosophy, U. of York (England), July 1999

"Is there a Sophistic Ethics?", Dept.s of Classics & Philosophy, U. of Leiden, Nov. 1999

"On the Pre-History of Pyrrhonism", Joint Research Institute in Philosophy, Universities of Leiden and Utrecht, Nov. 1999

"The Sophists as Social Scientists", Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Helsinki, Nov. 1999

"*Pyrrho, his Antecedents and his Legacy: Some Central Themes*", Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Helsinki, Nov. 1999

"Y a-t-il une éthique sophiste?", Centre d'études sur la philosophie hellénistique et romaine, U. of Paris, Nov. 1999

"Is there a Sophistic Ethics?", Dept. of Greek & Latin, University College London, Nov. 1999

"Is there a Sophistic Ethics?", Dept. of Classics, Pennsylvania State U., Nov. 2000

"Is there a Sophistic Ethics?", Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Virginia, Jan. 2001

Comments on Timothy O'Keefe, "The Cyrenaics on Pleasure, Happiness and Future-Concern", APA (Central Div.), May 2001

Comments on Martha Nussbaum, "Duties of Justice, Duties of Material Aid: Cicero's Problematic Legacy", Roberts Lecture, Dickinson College, Sep. 2001

"Rationality and Happiness in the Greek Sceptics", Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Utah, Nov. 2001

Panelist for invited Symposium, "The Global Role of U.S. Philosophy", APA (Pacific Div.), March 2002

Comments on Michael Papazian, "The 'Ontological' Argument of Diogenes of Babylon", APA (Central Div.), April 2002

"Le signe dans la tradition pyrrhonienne", Centre d'études sur la philosophie hellénistique et romaine, U. of Paris, May 2002

(Conference Talks, Papers Presented, etc., continued)

“Rationality and Happiness in the Greek Sceptics”, Oxford U. (Corpus Christi College), May 2002

Comments on Eric Brown, “Minding the Gap in Plato’s *Republic*” (Symposium Paper), APA (Pacific Div.), March 2003

“La double ‘schizophrénie’ d’*Adversus Mathematicos* I-VI, et son origine historique”, U. of Lille, March 2003: Conference title – “Sextus Empiricus et le Contre les professeurs”(keynote speaker)

“Le signe dans la tradition pyrrhonienne”, U. of Lille, April 2003

Response to 3 papers, Ancient Studies Colloquium, Johns Hopkins U., May 2003: Colloquium title – “Ancient Databases”

“The Double ‘Schizophrenia’ of *Adversus Mathematicos* 1-6, and its Historical Origins”, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Texas at Austin, July 2003

“What Kind of Self is a Greek Sceptic Entitled to?”, U. of Helsinki, August 2003: Conference Title – “The Self in Ancient Thought”

“The Sophists on Language and Thought”, Dept.s of Philosophy & Classics, U. of Toronto, Oct. 2003

Comments on Nicholas Smith, “Socrates on how Wrongdoing Damages the Soul”, International Socrates Symposium, Texas Christian University, April 2004

“Greek Scepticism and the Self”, Philosophy in Assos (Turkey), July 2004: Conference Title – Ancient Scepticism

“Socrates and the Sceptics”, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, February 2005: Conference Title – The Socratic Legacy

“Scepticism, Rationality and a Happy Life”, Facoltà di Filosofia, U. of Rome “La Sapienza”, March 2005

“Greek Scepticism and Indian Philosophy: Similarities, Influences or What?”, Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion, APA (Pacific Division), March 2005

“Sextus Empiricus and Religion”, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Iceland, November 2005

Panelist for “What Keeps Going Wrong with the APA?”, Special Session Arranged by the APA Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession and the Society of Philosophers in America, APA (Eastern Division), Dec. 2005

“Ancient Scepticism and (Ancient) Religion”, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of North Carolina-Wilmington, April 2006

“Le bon et le beau selon les Stoiciens”, Centre d’études sur la philosophie hellénistique et romaine, U. of Paris, June 2006

“The Stoics on Beauty and Goodness”, Institute of Classical Studies, U. of London, June 2006

Comments on Tony Roark, “On a Moment’s Notice: Aristotle on Perceiving Instants in Time”, APA (Pacific Division), April 2007

Invited participant, and Discussion Leader for 1 session, Mayweek Seminar, Faculty of Classics (ancient philos. section), U. of Cambridge, May 2007. Text – Diogenes Laertius book 9

“Can an ancient Greek sceptic be *eudaimôn* (or happy)? And what difference does the answer make to us?”, Philosophy in Assos (Turkey), July 2007: Conference Title – The Concept of Happiness in Ancient Philosophy and Contemporary Ethics

(Conference Talks, Papers Presented, etc., continued)

- “*Against the Physicists* on Gods (*M IX.13-194*)”, Symposium Hellenisticum, Delphi (Greece), August 2007: Conference Topic – Sextus Empiricus, *Against the Physicists*
- “Beauty and its Relation to Goodness in Stoicism”, Berkeley, CA, September 2007:  
Conference Title – Models of Mind (conference in honor of Tony Long)
- “Sextus Empiricus and Religion”, Dept. of Philosophy, Purdue University, February 2008
- “How Ethical can an Ancient Sceptic Be?”, Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington, DC Area Symposium in Ancient Philosophy), February 2008
- “Beauty and its Relation to Goodness in Stoicism”, Dept. of Classics, Northwestern University, May 2008
- “How Ethical Can an Ancient Sceptic Be?”, NYU La Pietra Conference (Florence, Italy), June 2008: Conference title – Skepticism: Ancient Modern and Contemporary
- “How Ethical Can an Ancient Sceptic Be?”, Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Buenos Aires, August 2008: Conference title – Ancient Pyrrhonism and its Influence on Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
- “Socratic Ignorance”, Towson University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (keynote speaker), April 2009
- “Les Stoïciens ont-ils inventé les droits de l’homme?”, Séminaire de philosophie ancienne (Univ. Paris 1/CNRS/Univ. Lille 3), Lille, France, May 2009: Topic of this meeting – *Philia & Dikê* in Hellenistic Philosophy
- “Socratic Ignorance”, Dept. of Philosophy, St. Michael’s College, Vermont, Sept. 2009
- “Sextus Empiricus and Religion”, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Vermont, Sept. 2009
- “Beauty and its Relation to Goodness in Stoicism”, Dept. of Philosophy, University at Buffalo-SUNY, December 2009
- “Did the Stoics Invent Human Rights?”, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: The Work of Julia Annas, U. of Arizona, February 2010
- “The Pyrrhonist’s Dilemma: What to Write if you Have Nothing to Say”, XIII Colóquio Nacional sobre Ceticismo, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, August 2010
- “The Pyrrhonist’s Dilemma: What to Write if you Have Nothing to Say”, Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie, triennial meeting, Würzburg, Germany, Oct. 2010
- “Can an ancient Greek sceptic be *eudaimôn* (or happy)? And what difference does the answer make to us?”, UC Irvine Scientia Workshop in the History of Philosophy, May 2011
- Comments on Don Baxter, “Assent in Sextus and Hume” (Symposium Paper), APA (Central Division), February 2012
- “Aenesidemus the Anti-Physicist”, International Symposium on Space in Hellenistic Philosophy, Anacapri, Italy, April 2012
- “On Pyrrhonism, Stances, and Believing What you Want”, Workshop on Ancient Scepticism, Voluntarism and Science, Notre Dame University, May 2012
- Session Leader, New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Oct. 2012: Text – Plato, *Protagoras*, up to 328d
- “The Pyrrhonist’s Dilemma: What to Write if you Have Nothing to Say”, Dept. of Classics, Rutgers University, Oct. 2012
- “A Sceptic Looks at Art (but not very closely): Sextus Empiricus on Music”, Curitiba, Brazil, May 2013: Conference Title – Neopyrrhonism Ancient and Contemporary

(Conference Talks, Papers Presented, etc., continued)

- “On the Possible Relations between Pyrrho and the Socratic Schools”, Soprabolzano, Italy, September 2013: Conference title – The Philosophical Relevance of the Minor Socratic Schools
- “Pyrrhonism in Diogenes Laertius”, Columbia University, October 2013: Conference Title – Pyrrho: Pyrrhonian Skepticism in Diogenes Laertius
- ”Living as a Sceptic”, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, September 2014: Conference Title – The Art of Living: Ancient Paradigms, Modern Perspectives
- “Spiritual Exercises and Care of the Self: Hadot’s Take on Ancient Greek Philosophy”: workshop on Spiritual Exercises, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins, December 2014
- Panelist in “Funding for Philosophy: APA Grants”, session organized by the APA Committee on Lectures, Publications and Research, APA (Eastern Division), December 2014
- “Living as a Sceptic”, Dept. of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara, March 2015
- “Socratic Ignorance”, Adventures in Antiquity Symposium, University of Texas-Arlington, April 2015
- “Can we be Ancient Sceptics?”, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil, June 2015
- “Living as a Sceptic”, Dept. of Philosophy, University of São Paulo, Brazil, June 2015
- “What’s so Special about *Ataraxia*?”, Philosophy in Assos (Turkey), July 2015: Conference Title – The Concept of *Ataraxia* in Stoicism, Epicureanism and Scepticism
- “Sextus Empiricus *Adversus Mathematicos* 1-6: Approaches, Themes, Problems”, University of Toronto, November 2015
- “Do the Ancients see Value in Humanity?”, Johns Hopkins University, April 2016: Conference Title – The Value of Humanity
- “Humor as Philosophical Subversion”, University of Oslo, June 2016: Conference Title – Laughter and Comedy in Ancient Philosophy
- “Do the Ancients see Value in Humanity?”, History of Philosophy Roundtable, UC San Diego, September 2016
- “Living as a Sceptic”, Dept. of Philosophy, UC San Diego, September 2016
- Comments on Lorenzo Corti, “Sextus and the One: *Adversus Mathematicos* IV.11-18”, Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, Columbia University, October 2016
- “Echoes of Sextus Empiricus in Nietzsche?”, UC Berkeley, March 2017: Conference Title – Epistemology after Sextus Empiricus
- “Metaphysics Γ: Aristotle’s Approach, his Targets, and his Relations with Skepticism and its Opponents”, Dept. of Philosophy, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, June 2017
- “Sextus Empiricus, *Against Those in the Disciplines*: Approaches, Themes, Problems”, Universidade Federal do ABC, São Paulo, Brazil, June 2017
- “Sextus Empiricus, *Against Those in the Disciplines*: Approaches, Themes, Problems”, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, June 2017
- “Skepticism as a Way of Life”, University of Baltimore, October 2017
- “Sextus Empiricus, *Against Those in the Disciplines*: Approaches, Themes, Problems”, APA Central Division (Invited Symposium Speaker), February 2018
- “Law and its Purpose in Early Greek Thought”, International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, University of Baltimore Law School, July 2018: Conference Title – The Nature and Purpose of Law

(Conference Talks, Papers Presented, etc., continued)

“Dogma and Dialectic”, workshop for *The Oxford Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*, Colgate University, August 2018

“Can we be Ancient Sceptics?” Maimonides Lecture on Scepticism, Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, Hamburg University, Germany, November 2018

“Le scepticisme est-il naturel? Perspectives antiques et modernes”, Lyon, France, March 2019: Conference Title – Anthropologie sceptique et modernité

“The Modes in Sextus: Theory and Practice”, Sorbonne, Paris, March 2019

“Humor as Philosophical Subversion”, Dept.s of Philosophy and Classics, University at Buffalo-SUNY, April 2019

“Thinking without Commitment: Two Models”, University of Liverpool, June 2019: Conference Title – Thinking: Scenes from its Philosophical History

“Nature and Norms”, workshop for *The Cambridge Companion to the Sophists*, Princeton University Classics Dept., December 2019

Session Leader, New York Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, May 2020 (virtual meeting): Text – Gorgias, *On What Is Not*

“Attitudes towards Common Sense in Ancient Greek Philosophy”, Oxford University Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, October 2020 (virtual meeting)

Session Leader, Anonymus Iamblichus Reading Group (international Zoom reading group organized by Rachel Barney (U. of Toronto)), July 2021: Text – Anon. Iambl. Fr.3.3-6

Comments on Lianghai Zhou, “The Stoics on Nonrational Impulsive Representation”, APA Central Division, February 2022

Comments on Grant Dowling, “A Weaker Argument is Sufficient for them to Achieve their Purpose”, Stanford University, Ethics & Politics Ancient & Modern series, November 2022 (virtual meeting)

Response to Plínio Junqueira Smith, *Sextus Empiricus’ Neo-Pyrrhonism: Skepticism as a Rationally Ordered Experience*; Philosopher Meets Critics series, University of Cologne, Germany, December 2022 (virtual meeting)

“Skepticism and Resilience”, Plato’s Academy Centre, May 2023: Conference Title – Philosophy and Resilience: Choose not to be Harmed (virtual meeting)

Session Leader, workshop for *Public Philosophy in Classical Greece: 470-370 BCE*, Princeton University Classics Dept., December 2023; Topic – “Nature”

“Studying Indian Philosophy at a Research University: Opportunities and Obstacles”, Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion, APA Central Division, February 2024

“Sextus Empiricus, Philosopher-Doctor: One Vocation or Two?”, Hellenistic Philosophy Society, APA Pacific Division, March 2024

#### OTHER PARTICIPATION AT INVITATION-ONLY CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS

Workshop for contributors to Ueberwegs Grundriss Antike, Neubearbeitung Band 5: Kaiserzeit und Spätantike, Klassisch-Philologisches Seminar, U. of Zürich, March 2005

Virtue Ethics workshop, Institute of Humane Studies (George Mason U.), March 2006

13<sup>th</sup> Symposium Hellenisticum, Pont-à-Mousson, France, July 2013: Conference Title – Dialectic and Rhetoric



## WORK IN PROGRESS

Relativity in Early Pyrrhonism”, for *Truth and Relativism in Ancient Philosophy*, ed. Tamer Nawar and Matthew Duncombe

“Sextus Empiricus, Philosopher-Doctor: One Vocation or Two?”, for *Skepticism and Medicine*, ed. Otávio Bueno and Luciana Garbayo (Springer)

“Skepticism in Rome”, for *Early Christian Centers*, vol.2: Rome, ed. Jan Rüggemeier and Sabine Feist (Mohr Siebeck)

Translations of selected texts of Xenophon for *Public Philosophy of Classical Greece, 470-370 BCE: A New Sourcebook*, ed. Christopher Moore and Mirjam Kotwick (Cambridge)

A paper on differences between Pyrrhonism and the skeptical Academy, for a Companion to Cicero’s *Academica*, ed. Francesco Verde (De Gruyter)

A paper on the neo-Pyrrhonism of Oswaldo Porchat, for a volume on Porchat’s philosophy, ed. Plínio Smith (Springer)

Translation, with Commentary, of Sextus Empiricus’ *Outlines of Pyrrhonism* (contract with Princeton University Press)

## OUTREACH

“Inside the APA: Eastern Division Secretary-Treasurer Retrospective”, invited post on Blog of the APA, March 2016: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2016/03/10/inside-the-apa-eastern-secretary-treasurer-retrospective/>

“Statement from the Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University”, APA blog, January 2018: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/01/19/statement-from-chair-of-the-department-of-philosophy-at-johns-hopkins-university/>

Interview with *The Quietus* on the heavy metal band Pyrrhon and its connections (if any) with ancient Pyrrhonism, July 2020: <https://thequietus.com/articles/28620-pyrrhon-interview>

Letter to the Editor, *The Washington Post*, January 23, 2021

“Minds Wide Open”, Princeton University Press website, April 2021: <https://press.princeton.edu/ideas/minds-wide-open>

Interviews on *How to Keep an Open Mind* with: a) UK Royal College of Psychiatrists, <http://rajpersaud.libsyn.com/how-to-keep-an-open-mind> (now a podcast for their eLearning Hub, Continued Professional Development); b) *Classical Wisdom Speaks*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ygx0bX52wqw> ; c) Sahar Joakim Public Philosophy Interviews, <https://youtu.be/1cqyS2IWmAc> (Spring 2021)

Interview about my work with Plato’s Academy Centre, December 2022:

[https://platosacademycentre.substack.com/p/richard-bett?r=1s4xzv&utm\\_campaign=post&utm\\_medium=web](https://platosacademycentre.substack.com/p/richard-bett?r=1s4xzv&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web)

Interview, Theory of Change Podcast with Matthew Sheffield, on skepticism and its limits, June 2023: [Theory of Change #077: Richard Bett on how to be a skeptic - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7777777777)

Appearance in “Meet the APA” series, APA blog, July 2023:

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2023/07/24/meet-the-apa-richard-bett/>

## COURSES TAUGHT

### a) Johns Hopkins University (Spring 1991-present)

Introductory: Greek Philosophy, Greek Conceptions of Human Nature and Society (freshman seminar), Good and Bad in Ancient Greece (freshman seminar), Highlights of Ancient Greek Philosophy (freshman seminar), Socrates in Context (freshman seminar), Great Books (team-taught, interdisciplinary: including as lead faculty member)

Intermediate: Hellenistic Philosophy, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Plato and his Predecessors, Aristotle's *Ethics* (team-taught), Ancient Greek Ethics (seminar for philosophy majors)

Graduate: Ancient Scepticism, Plato, Free Will (portion of jointly taught seminar for entering students), The Sophistic Era, Early Greek Ethical and Political Thought, Stoic Ethics, Reading the Presocratics in Greek (Classics Dept.), History of Scepticism (team-taught)

### b) U.T. Arlington (Fall 1986-Fall 1990)

Introductory: Contemporary Moral Problems, Philosophical Writers, Critical Thinking

Honors: The Greeks (team-taught, interdisciplinary)

Advanced Undergraduate: Ancient Philosophy (Thales to Aristotle), Hellenistic & Roman Philosophy, Ethics, Nietzsche & his Influences

Graduate (Humanities): Plato, History of Ethics, Greek Philosophy & Literature

### c) U.C. Berkeley (as Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 1986)

Introductory: Moral and Political Philosophy

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Affiliate faculty member, Singleton Center for the Study of Pre-Modern Europe, 2008-  
Editorial/Advisory Board member, *Apeiron*, 2000-; *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, 2010-; *Cogent OA*, 2014-18; *Sképsis* 2016-; *Open Philosophy* (De Gruyter), 2017-; *Politeia – International Interdisciplinary Philosophical Review*, 2019-

Associate Editor, *Encyclopedia of Skepticism in the Jewish Tradition* (Brill), 2021-

External evaluator for faculty promotions and appointments, 1995, 2001, 2003, 2005 (2), 2006, 2007 (3), 2008 (3), 2009, 2011 (2), 2012, 2013, 2014 (3), 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024

Manuscript evaluator, Penn State Press (2006), Cambridge University Press (2003, 2011), Oxford University Press (1997, 2006, 2007), Johns Hopkins University Press (1996), Ardsley House Publishers (1993), Princeton University Press (2014, 2017)

Proposal evaluator, Cambridge University Press (2003, 2013), Acumen Publishing (2004, twice; 2007), Blackwell Publishing (2007), Oxford University Press (2007, 2010, 2019 (twice), 2020, 2021 (twice)), Routledge (2020)

Consultant on a proposal for a new journal, Routledge (2009), Brill (2010)

Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (1999, 2000, 2006, 2010 (twice), 2013, 2019), *Polity* (1998), *Manuscripta* (1997, 1998), *Ancient Philosophy* (1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005 (twice), 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016), *Apeiron* (1995, 1997, 2000, 2001 (3 times), 2003, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2014 (twice), 2016 (twice), 2019, 2021, 2022 (twice), 2023), *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* (1994), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (1990-4 (4 times), 2002, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2021, 2022), *Nous* (2002), *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2002), *Hume Studies* (2003, 2005, 2007, 2008), *Phoenix* (2003), *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2008, 2012 (twice), 2021), *Classical Journal* (2008), *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* (2009 (twice), 2023), *Classical Philology* (2009), *Classical Quarterly* (2009, 2016, 2022), *European Journal of Philosophy* (2011 (twice), 2021 (twice)), *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (2011, 2012, 2016, 2017 (twice), 2019, 2021, 2023 (twice)), *Philosophical Quarterly* (2012, 2013), *Journal of Hellenic Studies* (2013), *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* (2015 (twice), 2019), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2015, 2016, 2017, 2021), *Cogent OA* (2015, 2016), *Philosophy East and West* (2015), *Mnemosyne* (2018, 2022), *Synthese* (2018, 2021, 2022), *Phronesis* (2021, 2023 (twice)), *Dialogoi: Ancient Philosophy Today* (2021), *Review of Metaphysics* (2021, 2022), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2022), *Analysis* (2022), *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2022), *Philosophia* (2023), *Nietzsche-Studien* (2023), *Philosophies* (2023)

International referee, Academy of Finland Research Council for Culture and Society, 2001, 2009 (Panel Chair)

External reviewer, Academy of Finland Programme for Centres of Excellence in Research, 2004, 2006

Peer Reviewer, European Research Council, 2009-2013

International referee, Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2010

Expert evaluator, Aix-Marseille University Excellence Initiative, 2014

Research Proposal Reviewer, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, 2016

Reviewer of postdoctoral research proposal, DAAD, 2022

Selection Panelist, ACLS Fellowship Program, 2007, 2008, 2009

Invited participant, JHU Center for Talented Youth and Squire Family Foundation Philosophy Curriculum Conference, 2008

Evaluator of application for Killam Research Fellowship, 1993

APA Colloquium Chair, 1988 (Pacific Div.), 1999 (Central Div.), 2001 (Pacific Div.), 2004 (Pacific Div.), 2006 (Central Div.), 2022 (Eastern Div., multiple sessions, in-person and virtual), 2024 (Pacific Div.)

APA Symposium Chair, 2000 (Pacific Div.), 2022 (Eastern Div.), 2024 (Central Div.)

APA Dewey Lecture Chair, 2020 (Central Div., Richard Kraut), 2021 (Central Div., Robin Smith)

Johns Hopkins Dissertations, 1992-present: Primary adviser for 8 Ph.D. dissertations (all completed); secondary adviser for 15 Ph.D. dissertations (all completed); 3<sup>rd</sup> inside member for 8 Philosophy Ph.D. Oral Defense Committees; outside member of 22 Ph.D. Oral Defense Committees (Pol. Sci., N. E. Studies, Hist. of Art, Humanities Center, Classics, Modern Languages and Literatures, History, English – 6 times as Committee Chair)

Dissertations at other universities: Outside adviser for 3 Ph.D. dissertations, all completed (U. of Texas, 2003, 2015; UC Santa Barbara, 2018); preliminary examiner and outside “opponent” for 1 Ph.D. dissertation (U. of Helsinki, 2007-8); external examiner for 2 Ph.D. dissertations (University of Sydney, 2008; Oxford University, 2020)

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

### a) Johns Hopkins University

Chair, Philosophy Dept., 2013-19; Acting Chair, 2009-10

Homewood Academic Council, 2011-13, 2020-24; member of Council Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2011-13 (Chair, Spring and Fall 2012); Secretary of the Council, Spring 2013, Spring 2023, Fall 2023; Nominating Committee 2013, 2021; member of Administration and Bylaws Committee, 2020-24 (Chair, 2023-4); Recorder of minutes, Fall 2020; member of review committee for Chemistry Dept., Fall 2022; chair of review committee for Mind/Brain Institute, Fall 2023

Academic Council review of Political Science Dept., 2015-16: non-Council member of internal review committee

Bryan-Naiman Committee on Tenure and Promotions Procedures, 2011-13

Chair, KSAS Committee on “What Counts as a Course”, 2014

School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Teaching Fellowship Committee, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

School of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2006-8

Undergraduate Academic Ethics Board, 2001-4

Governance Board, Interdisciplinary Humanistic Studies Ph.D. Program, 2017-

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellows Program Final Selection Committee, 2014; also member of departmental selection committee, 2014, 2015, 2016

Homewood Schools *ad hoc* appointment/promotion committees, 2001-2, 2002-3, 2007-8 (Chair), 2009 (Chair), 2011, 2014-15, 2017-18 (Chair)

Committee on Interdisciplinary Major in Science, Medicine and Humanities, 2013-15

Arts and Humanities Initiative working group, 2012

Advisory Board, Great Books course, 2009-

Arts & Sciences Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, 1992-4, 1995-6

Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy Dept., 2003-13 (Acting DGS, 2017-18)

Placement Coordinator, Philosophy Dept., 2003-9, 2012-13

Chair, Philosophy Graduate Admissions Committee, 1991-4, 1995-9, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014-16, 2018; also served on the Committee Spring 1991, 2000-2002, 2006, 2008, 2009

Philosophy Department Miller Appointment Search Committee, 2018-20

Chair, Ancient Philosophy Replacement Search Committee, 1994

Philosophy of Mind Replacement Search Committee, 1998

Ethics Replacement Search Committee, 1999

Senior Ethics Search Committee, 2002-3, 2008-9

Peterson Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2005, 2008, 2010

History of Modern Philosophy Search Committee, 2007-8

History of Philosophy Postdoc Search Committee, 2022-3

Chair, Committee to Revise Philosophy Ph.D. Program, 2002-3  
Philosophy Dept. liaison to *ad hoc* appointment/promotion committee, 2010, 2016-17  
Faculty advisor, *Prometheus* (undergraduate philosophy journal), 2001-3, 2006  
Thalheimer Selection Committee, Philosophy Dept., 1994, 1996  
Miller Prize Selection Committee, Philosophy Dept., 1997, 2002, 2005, 2012-19  
Philosophy Dept. Administrator Search Committee, 2021, 2022  
Board of Directors, Sachs Fellowship Fund, 2002-19  
Philosophy Dept. Library Liaison, 2010-19  
Department Liaison, Philosophy/Classics/Art History Librarian search, 1998  
Organizer of Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Spring 1993, 1997-8  
Recorder of minutes for Philosophy Dept. meetings, 1991-4, 1995-6  
Senior Latinist Search Committee, Classics Dept., 2014  
Junior Hellenist Search Committee, Classics Dept., 2014-15

b) American Philosophical Association

Vice-Chair, APA Board of Officers, 2013-  
Chair, APA Committee on Divisional Coordination, 2014-  
APA Board Committee on Public Statements, 2018-  
Chair, APA ad hoc Committee on voting rights, 2019  
APA Board Steering Committee for Strategic Planning, 2019  
Secretary-Treasurer, APA Eastern Division, 2003-13  
Assistant to the Chair of the Board, APA, Nov.-Dec. 1999  
Acting Executive Director, APA, Jan. 2000-June 2001  
Board member, National Humanities Alliance, Jan.-May 2000  
Chair, APA Executive Director Search Committee, 2002; Member, APA Executive Director Search Committee, 2005-6, 2011-12  
Chair, Committee for Revision of APA Constitution and Bylaws, 2002  
Chair, APA Committee on Standardization, 2004  
Chair, APA Eastern Division Executive Committee sub-Committee on Investments, 2005-6, 2010  
APA Eastern Division Executive Committee sub-Committee on Program Improvement, 2004  
APA Board of Officers Transition Committee, 2005  
APA Board of Officers Committee on Revision of APA Constitution and Bylaws, 2005-6  
APA Board of Officers Committee on Committee Budgets, 2006  
Committee on Reappointment of APA Executive Director, 2010  
APA Board of Officers Task Force on Governance and Structure, 2011-12  
Advisory Committee to Chair of APA Board of Officers 2011-13  
Sub-committee on APA National Office IT issues, 2011-12  
Secretary-Treasurer Replacement Search Committee, 2012  
APA Board of Officers Task Force on Succession and Crisis Planning, 2013-14  
APA Finance and Coordination Committee, 2012-14  
Search Committee for APA National Office Finance Manager, Spring 2013

c) U. of Texas, Arlington

Philosophy Dept. Student Advisor, 1987-90  
Philosophy Dept. Representative on Faculty Senate, 1987-90  
Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Research and Development, 1987-90  
Faculty Senate Nominating Committee, 1989  
Philosophy Dept. Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1989-90  
Recorder of minutes for Philosophy Dept. meetings, 1987-90

#### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

Dean's Award for Service, Johns Hopkins, 2017  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Research, Johns Hopkins, 2014  
Fellowship, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC, 1994-1995  
Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 1976-80

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS: American Philosophical Association  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy  
North American Nietzsche Society  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
American Association of University Professors  
Hellenistic Philosophy Society