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 1992-1998 Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, Department of
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 1991-1992 Visiting Assistant Professor of Greek and Latin, University of
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Awards and Grants:

2008-2009 Sweetland Writing Center Senior Fellowship
 2007-2008 Michigan Humanities Award for project, Cross examining happiness.
 Socrates in the City of Sages
 LSA University of Michigan
 2004-2005 Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship for the study of Arabic
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- 2001-2002 Rackham Summer Interdisciplinary Seminar II. Faculty Fellow
- 1999-2000 Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies. Princeton, New Jersey. Member. Winter, 2000
- 1997-1996 Harvard University, Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies
- 1994-1995 University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School, Faculty Research Partnership
- 1993-1994 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend

Publications-Books

1. *Reading Neoplatonism*. Cambridge University Press. 2000.
2. (Ed., with Rachana Kamtekar) *Companion to Socrates*. Backwell Press. 2006.
3. *Socrates: A Guide for the Perplexed*. Continuum Press. 2009.
4. Translation of Damascius' *Doubts and Solutions Concerning First Principles* for American Academy of Religion Texts and Translations Series, Oxford University Press. Sept. 2010

In progress

5. The Ethics of Wisdom in Plato's Socratic dialogues.

Publications-Articles in Print

1. "Socrates and Self-Knowledge," in *Apeiron* vol. 28, no. 1. 1995.
2. "Metaphor in the *Enneads*," in *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 1995.
3. "Subjectivity and Self-Knowledge in the *Enneads*" in Lloyd Gerson, ed. *Cambridge Companion to Plotinus*. Cambridge. 1996.
4. "Self-Perception in Plotinus and the Later Neoplatonic Tradition," in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. LXXI, no. 3.
5. "Damascius' Sceptical Affiliations," in *Ancient World*, Spring 1998
6. "Scepticism in the 6th Century C.E.: Damascius' Doubts and Solutions Concerning First Principles," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. July 1998.

7. "Speaking at Cross Purposes. Loquacity and Veracity in the Greco-Roman Tradition." A review article of Wardy, R. *The Birth of Rhetoric*. Routledge. In *Apeiron*. June 1999.
8. "Father of the Dogs? Cynic Elements in Plato's *Euthydemus*," *Classical Philology* 95 (2000): 281-302
9. "The New Math: on adding and subtracting pagan elements in Christian education," Too, ed. *A New History of Ancient Education*. Brill. 2001.
10. "Explanation and Nature in *Enneads* VI.7.1-15". In *Neoplatonism and Nature*. Wagner, ed. SUNY 2001. 75-104.
11. "The Vanishing Point," in *Helios* vol. 31.1-2 2004
12. "Philosophy in the Roman Empire" for Potter, ed. *Blackwell Companion to the Roman Empire*. Blackwell Press. 2005.
13. "Plato and Later Religious Traditions," in *Blackwell Companion to Plato*, H. Benson, ed. 2006.
14. Reprint of Book Chapter: *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*, Vol. 81 Jelena Krstovic, project Editor. Thomson Gale, pp. 330-343. 'Language and Theurgy in Proclus' *Platonic Theology*."
15. 'Self-knowledge from Socrates to Suhrawardi.' University of Laval. Proceedings of the International Society of Neoplatonic Studies. 2007.
16. "Cross examining happiness" for *Ancient Models of Mind: Studies in Human and Divine Rationality*. CUP 2010 (proof stage)
17. Damascius' Commentary on the Parmenides for Dillon and Turner, edd. SBL Parmenides Seminar publication 2010. Vol. II Brill. (proof stage)
18. Damascius' exegesis of *Philebus* 27, on the nature of the Mixed for Academica Verlag, *Plato's Philebus*. 2010
- 19 The transmigration of Socrates in *Greek Religion: Philosophy and Salvation*. Vishwa Adluri, ed. Walter De Gruyter. 2010. (proof stage)

Submitted:

[20] Paradigm and Paradox: the role of the prudential principle in Plato's Socratic dialogues to Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy May 2010

Reviews

1. Review of Judith Swanson, *The Public and the Private in Aristotle's Politics*. Cornell. 1992. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* . Spring 1993.
2. Review of *Alcinous. The Handbook of Platonism*. Translated and with an Introduction and Commentary by John Dillon. Oxford and New York. Clarendon Press and Oxford University Press. 1994. *Ancient Philosophy* 18 (1998).
3. Review of McPherran, M. 1996. *The Religion of Socrates*. Penn State Press, for *Classical Philology*. Fall 1999.
4. Review of Lernould, A., *Physique et Theologie*. Septentrion. 2001. *BMCR*. April 2002.
5. Review of Damascius, *Commentary on the Parmenides*, vol. 4. Les Belles Lettres. 2003. *Ancient Philosophy*.
6. Review of Chiradonna R., *Sostanza, Movimento, Analogia*. Bibliopolis. 2002, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. 6/2004
7. Review of *Philosophy in Late Antiquity* by Andrew Smith. London and New York: Routledge. 2004 for *Aestimatio*
8. Review of Dominic O'Meara *Platonopolis*. Oxford University Press. 2003 for *Philosophical Review*. Vol. 115 No. 4, 2006
9. Review of Matthew Linck, *The Ideas of Socrates*. Continuum 2006 *PIR reviews*. March 2008.
10. Review of Naomi Reshotko, *Socratic Virtue*. CUP 2006. *CW*
11. Review of Proclus, *Commentary on the Timaeus*, translated by Dirk Baltzly. *NDPR*. February 2008.
12. Review of A. A. Long, *From Epicurus to Epictetus*. Oxford 2006. *CR* 58.2 2008.
14. Review of Roslyn Weiss, *The Socratic Paradox and its Enemies*. Chicago. 2006. *PIR reviews*. April 2009.

Selected Papers :

1. Desire for the Good. On developing good will. Models of Mind Berkeley Sept. 2007
2. Psychic Complexity International Plato Society Dublin July 2007
3. 'Traditions of Self-knowledge from Socrates to Suhrawardi,' International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Quebec City. June 2006.
4. "Practice of the Elenchus," for Arizona Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, Tuscon, Arizona. February, 2004.
5. "Much Ado About Nothing: Lacan and the history of Platonism," Emory University Conference Platonisms Ancient and Modern. November 2003
6. "Socrates' Dreams," for Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religion," University of Michigan, March 2004.
7. "Cross Examining Happiness," USC March 3 2003
8. Reply to Cynthia Freeland, "Timaeus and Icons," Princeton Philosophy Colloquium. December 2002
9. "Wrathful deities?" for International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Meeting. New Orleans. June, 2003
10. Reply to George Rudebusch, "Lysis" Arizona Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy Febuary 2003.
11. "Damascius' Commentary on the *Parmenides*" for Plato's Ancient Readers Conference. University of New Castle Australia, July 15, 2002.
12. "The Last Pagan Professor," Contexts for Classics Translation Seminar. Dec. 5 2001. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
13. Chair of Panel on the Aristotelian Commentators, American Philosophical Association, East Coast Division. Dec. 28 2001.
14. Hellenistic Ethics and Plato's Socrates. Marquette University. October 10, 2001
15. Discourse Ethics in the Elenchus. International Greek Society for Philosophy. August 20 2001. Rhodes, Greece
16. The Practice of the Elenchus. Hellenistic Ethics in Plato's Socratic Dialogues. Nov. 11 2000. Rutgers University, Department of Classics.

17. "Ficino's Dialectic. Replies to the Hellenistic Schools in the *Platonic Theology*," for International Congress for Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan. May 6 2000.
18. "Damascius' Problems with Intellect and Soul," for Ancient Philosophy Colloquium. Princeton University. Department of Philosophy. April 23 1999.
19. "Writing the Body Electric," for Body/Bildung. University of Michigan. October 1998.
20. "Father of the Dogs? Proto-cynic Ethics in Plato's *Euthydemus*," for Harvard University. January 1998.
21. "Tracking the Cynics in Plato's *Euthydemus* ," for International Plato Society, Toronto. August 1998.
22. "Pythagorean Hermeneutics in Neoplatonism." American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, 1997.
23. "Damascius and the Theological Tradition in Neoplatonism," Classical Institute, London England. June 1997.
24. "Discursive Strategies in Neoplatonic Texts." Program in Liberal Studies. Notre Dame University. April 3 1997.
25. Mark McPherran's *The Religion of Socrates*, SAGP Review Panel. Oct. 1996. Binghamton, New York.
26. "Damascius' Scepticism," American Philological Association, December 1995
27. "Metamorphoses of a Myth: Orphic Texts, Platonic Contexts" American Academy of Religion, November, 1995.
28. "Dogmatic Doubt: Damascius' Scepticism," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1994.
29. "Reconfiguring the Subject of Plato's *Symposium*: Reflections of an Orphic Cosmogony at 189 and ff," CAMWS, Atlanta, April 1994.
30. "*Introduction to Attic Greek*," (D. Mastronarde, University of California Press). Panel on Greek textbooks, CAMWS, Atlanta, April 1994.
31. "Socrates and Self-Knowledge," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, Oct. 1993
32. "Metaphor in Plotinus," American Philological Association, New Orleans, 1992

33. "Subjectivity and Incorrigeability: Plotinus on Knowing the Self and Knowing the World," American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, 1992.
34. "Plotinus and the Visual Imagination" Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy. Baruch College, New York, 1991.

Membership in Learned Societies:

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