

I. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

A. Present university unit:

School of Languages and Literatures

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II. EDUCATION

Ph. D. (Classical Philology), UNC Chapel Hill, 1996.

M.A. (Ancient Greek), UNC Chapel Hill, 1990.

B.A. St. John's College, Annapolis MD, 1988.

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic posts

Southern University Illinois Carbondale (Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, later Languages, Cultures & International Trade, later School of Languages and Linguistics).

Lecturer, 1998-1999; Assistant Professor, 1999-2005; Associate Professor, 2005-2022; Professor, 2022-

Acting Chair, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Fall 2009.

Chair, Languages, Cultures, and International Trade, 2021-2015.

Interim Director, School of Languages and Linguistics, Spring 2022.

Illinois State University, Department of Foreign Languages. Lecturer, 1997-1998).

Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ. Professor of Classical Studies, 1996-1997.

Other professional experience

Fellow, American School of Classical Studies, 1994-1994.

NEH Summer Seminar on Socrates, Summer 2014.

Fellow, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Winter 2020-2021.

IV. RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

A. Interests and specialties

Socratic literature

Xenophon

B. Current projects

"Xenophontic Humor" (for the *Bloomsbury Companion to Xenophon*)

"Authorial Emotion in the *Memorabilia*" (paper for International Socratic Studies Conferences, October 2025)

"Socrates' Jokes in the *Oeconomicus*" (paper for Xenophon Society meeting, 2026)

C. Grants applied for but not funded

American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, 2005.

ORDA Summer Research Grant, 2000.

D. Grants received

UWPA Juried Grant, 2000.

NEH Summer Stipend (2014, for Socrates seminar).

E. Honors and awards

Thomas Day Seymour Fellow, American School of Classical Studies, 1994-1995.

Edward Capps Fellow, American School of Classical Studies, 1995-1996.

Fellow, Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Fall 2020.

F. Papers and presentations at professional meetings

"The letters of Socrates." Workshop on the Socratic Letters, Penn State University. December 2024.

"Socrates' Performative Rhetoric." International Xenophon Society. Buenos Aires, November 2024.

"Corruption and the Trial of Socrates." International Socratic Studies North American Regional Meeting. Champaign, IL, October 2024.

"Xenophon on Tyranny." University of Bamberg, June 2023.

"Xenophon on the Trial of Socrates." American Philosophical Association, April 2023.

"Genre in the *Memorabilia*." Celtic Classical Conference, July 2022.

"Euthydemus the Good-Natured." International Society for Socratic Studies, July 2022.

"Xenophon on Socrates." American Philosophical Association, February 2022.

"Xenophon's Apolitical Socrates." Xenophon 2021 (virtual conference), July 2021.

"Socratic Courage." International Society for Socratic Studies (online)., May 2021.

"[Keynote Address.]" A Small (Virtual) Debate on Xenophon's Cyrus. Taller de Teoría y Filosofía Política. Buenos Aires, 2020.

"Xenophon's Account of Courage." Where Literature and Philosophy Meet: The Virtues in Xenophon's Writings (international conference). Bar Ilan University, Israel, 2019

"Critias in Xenophon's *Memorabilia*." Workshop on Critias of Athens. Penn State University, 2019.

"Comment on Louis-André Dorion, 'Dialogue and Virtue in Xenophon's *Memorabilia*.'" Princeton Classical Philosophy Colloquium, 2017.

"Assessing Translingual and Transcultural Competency." With Yasuko Taoka. Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, 2015.

"Xenophon's Intertextual Socrates." Plato & Xenophon Conference. Bar Ilan University, Israel, 2014.

"Commentary on Gabriel Danzig's *Apologizing for Socrates*." Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA, 2010.

"Strauss on Xenophon." Xenophon 2009 (international conference). University of Liverpool, 2009.

"'By Hera' in Xenophon." CAMWS (Classical Association of the Middle West and South) Annual Meeting, 2008.

"Aristippus at the Crossroads." Northeastern Political Science Association, 2008

"Comment on Dorion" American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2008.

"Leo Strauss, Xenophon, and Natural Law." Northeastern Political Science Association, 2007.

"The Other Symposium." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2007.

"Socrates' Advice for Critobulus: A Reading of Xenophon's *Oeconomicus*." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2004.

"Xenophon's Centaurs." APA (American Philological Association) Annual Meeting, 2004.

"Socrates and Theodote: *Memorabilia* 3.11." APA Annual Meeting, 2003.

"Xenophon's Socrates on Justice and the Law." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2002.

"Ischomachus the Model Husband?" APA Annual Meeting, 2002.

"Converting Alcibiades: Historical Irony in the *Alcibiades I*." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2000.

"Xenophon's Socrates on Writing." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 1999.

"Socratic Education and Socrates' Daimonion in the *Theages* and the *Theaetetus*." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 1997.

"God as Mirror for the Soul: Plato, *Alcibiades* 133c." APA Annual Meeting, 1995.

"Hesiod's Chaos." CAMWS Annual Meeting, 1994.

"Hesiod's Tartarus." APA Annual Meeting, 1992.

"The Speech of Socles (Herodotus 5.92) and Herodotus' Story-telling Method." CAMWS Southern Section, 1992.

V. PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORK

A. Books

Debating Cyrus: Leadership in Xenophon's Cyropaedia. Forthcoming from DeGruyter (co-edited with Gabriel Danzig and Rodrigo Illarraga).

Xenophon's Virtues. DeGruyter, 2024 (co-edited with Gabriel Danzig and David Konstan).

Xenophon's Socratic Works. Routledge, 2021.

Plato and Xenophon: Comparative Studies. Brill, 2018 (co-edited volume, with Gabriel Danzig and Donald Morrison).

Socrates and Athens. Cambridge, 2011 (translations, introduction, notes).

Socrates and Alcibiades: Four Texts. Focus, 2003 (translations, introduction, notes).

Latin Laughs: A Production of Plautus' Poenulus. Bolchazy-Carducci, 1997. (videotape and book with text, translation, commentary, and student exercises; with others).

B. Articles in professional journals

"A Classicist's Comments" Forthcoming in the *Journal of Politics* (as part of a Symposium on Dustin Sebell's *Xenophon's Socratic Education: Reason, Religion, and the Limits of Politics*).

"Aristippus at the Crossroads: The Politics of Pleasure in Xenophon's *Memorabilia*." *Polis* 26.2 (2009) 204-222.

"Xenophon's Socrates at his Most Socratic (*Mem. 4.2.*)." *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 29 (2005) 39-73.

"Xenophon's Socrates on Justice and the Law." *Ancient Philosophy* 23 (2003) 255-281.

"Persians as Centaurs." *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 135 (2005) 177-207.

"Xenophon's Socrates on Justice and the Law." *Ancient Philosophy* 23 (2003) 255-281.

"Herodotus' Storytelling Speeches." *Classical Journal* 97 (2001) 1-26.

"Hesiod's Descriptions of Tartarus." *Phoenix* 53 (1999) 8-28.

"God as the True Self: Plato's *Alcibiades I*." *Ancient Philosophy* 19 (1999) 1-19.

D. Chapters in professional books

"Socrates' Performative Rhetoric." Forthcoming in selected papers from the International Xenophon Society meeting in fall 2024.

"Good-natured Euthydemus." Forthcoming in Francesca Pentasugglio and Chloe Balla, eds. *Rethinking Socrates and the Socratics: Selected Papers from Socratica V*. DeGruyter.

"Fiction and History in the *Cyropaedia* and *Memorabilia*." Forthcoming in Emily Baragwanath and Melina Tamiolaki, eds. *Xenophon and Genre*. Oxford.

"The Case of the Missing Socrates: Socrates' Absence from Contemporary Socratic Studies." Forthcoming in Dustin Gish and Christopher Farrell, eds. *Brill's Companion to the Reception of Xenophon*. Brill.

"Courage in Xenophon." 75-109 in G. Danzig, D. Johnson, and D. Konstan, eds. *Xenophon's Virtues*. De Gruyter, 2024.

"Women in Xenophon's Socratic Works." 135-150 in Sara Brill and Catherine McKeen, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Routledge, 2024.

"History and the *Oeconomicus*." 189-210 in Claudia Mársico, ed. *Xenophon the Philosopher: Argumentation and Ethics*. Peter Lang, 2023.

"Xenophon's Ethics." 412-431 in David Wolfsdorf, ed. *Early Greek Ethics*. Oxford, 2020.

"Xenophon's Socrates." 150-170 in Christopher Moore, ed. *The Brill Companion to the Reception of Socrates*. Brill, 2019.

"Xenophon's Intertextual Socrates." 71-98 in Danzig, Johnson, and Morrison, eds. 2018. *Plato and Xenophon: Comparative Studies*. Brill, 2018.

"Introduction to This Volume." 31-52 in Danzig, Johnson, and Morrison, eds. 2018. *Plato and Xenophon: Comparative Studies*. Brill, 2018.

"From Generals to Gluttons: *Memorabilia* Book 3." 481-499 Alessandro Stavru and Christopher Moore, eds. *Socrates and the Socratic Dialogue*. Brill, 2018.

"Xenophon's *Apology* and *Memorabilia*." 119-131 in Michael A. Flower, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Xenophon*. Cambridge, 2017.

"The Rational Religion of Xenophon's Socrates." 176-198 in Arum Park, ed. *Resemblance, Reality, and Tradition in Greek Thought: Essays in Honor of Peter M. Smith*. Routledge, 2017.

"Strauss on Xenophon." 123-159 in Fiona Hobden and Christopher Tuplin, eds. *Xenophon: Ethical Principles and Historical Enquiry*. Brill, 2012.

F. Book reviews:

Denyer, Nicholas, ed. *Plato and Xenophon: Apologies of Socrates*. *Exemplaria Classica* 26 (2022) 267-270.

Sebell, Dustin. *Xenophon's Socratic Education: Reason, Religion, and the Limits of Politics*. *Classical Review* 72 (2022) 56-59.

McGrayer, Gregory, ed. *Xenophon: The Shorter Socratic Writings*. *Polis* 37 (2020) 216-220.

Thomas L. Pangle. *The Socratic Way of Life: Xenophon's Memorabilia*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. [2018.07.03](#).

Louis-André Dorion. *L'Autre Socrate: Études sur les écrits socratiques de Xénophon*. *Classical Review* 2014 (64) 384-386.

M. Johnson and H. Tarrant, eds. *Alcibiades and the Socratic Lover-Educator*. *Classical Review* 2013 (63.1) 58-60.

Vivienne J. Gray. *Xenophon's Mirror of Princes: Reading the Reflections*. *Classical Philology* 108 (2013) 82-86.

Donald M. Morrison, ed. 2011. *The Cambridge Companion to Socrates*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2011.07.13](#).

Vivienne J. Gray, ed. *Xenophon*. *Oxford Readings in Classical Studies*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2010.08.37](#).

Michel Narcy and Alonso Tordesillas, eds. *Xénophon et Socrate*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2009.03.20](#).

Michael Trapp, ed. *Socrates from Antiquity to the Enlightenment*. *Classical Review* 2008 (58) 369-371.

David Wolfsdorf, *Trials of Reason: Plato and the Crafting of Philosophy*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2008.07.23](#)

Silvia Montiglio, *Wandering in Ancient Greek Culture*. *Classical Journal* 102 (2007) 381-383.

Adrian Rademaker, *Sophrosyne and the Rhetoric of Self-Restraint: Polysemy & Persuasive Use of An Ancient Greek Value Term*. *Ancient Philosophy* 26 (2006) 401-404.

D. Gribble, *Alcibiades and Athens*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 1999.11.12.

C. Gill, *Personality in Greek Epic, Tragedy, and Philosophy*. *American Journal of Philology* 119 (1998) 119-22.

VI. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

A. Teaching interests and specialties

Greek and Latin.

Greek and Roman civilization.

Ancient philosophy.

"Reacting to the past" role-playing pedagogy.

B. Teaching and training grants

CoLA Pedagogy Grant, 2023.

Core Curriculum Distance Learning Grant, 2000-2001.

C. Teaching awards and honors

Students' Undergraduate Teaching Award, UNC Chapel Hill, 1993.

D. Current graduate faculty status: Graduate Faculty.

E. Master's and Ph.D. committees

Six PhD committees (five in philosophy, complete or under way; one never completed Ph.D. in anthropology).

Two MA committees (one MFA, one current in History)

VII. UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

A. Department committees

World Language Day, 2002-2004, 2016-2020.

Policy Committee, 2000-2001, 2006-2020.

Chair, Ad hoc committee to select dept. chair, 2008-2009.

Ad hoc Operating Paper Committee, 2004-2005; 2023-

Selections, Elections, Publications, 1999-2001, 2004-2005, 2023-

B. College and university committees and councils

President, SIUC Faculty Association, 2017-2020.

Chair, Faculty Senate Undergraduate Education and Policy Committee, 2012-2013.

Faculty Senate, 2011-2013.

CoLA Budget and Advisory Council, 2000-2002, 2006-2008.

Chair, Faculty Association Departmental Representatives Council, 2011-2012.

Faculty Association Departmental Representatives Council, 1999-2001, 2010-2012.

College of Liberal Arts Council, 1999-2000.

C. Other

Section Head, Classics, 2006-2011; 2017-

Department Parliamentarian, 2000-2012.

Departmental Webmaster, 2004-2010.

Editor of department newsletter, 2000-2001.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

A. Professional associations

American Philological Association/Society for Classical Studies (APA/SCS), 1992-

American Philosophical Association, 2023-
Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), 1992-
International Society for Socratic Studies, 2018-
International Society for Xenophon Studies, 2019-

B. Offices held and honors awarded

Executive Committee, International Society for Xenophon Studies, 2019-2024
Associate/Contributing Editor, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2009-2015.
Editorial Board, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2007-2009.

D. Evaluations of Manuscripts

Articles reviewed for journals

American Political Science Review, 2015.
Ancient Philosophy, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2012, 2017, 2020.
Classical Philology, 2020, 2021.
Classical World, 2002.
Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies 2016, 2021.
Mnemosyne, 2022.
New Voices in Classical Reception Studies, 2017.
Preternature, 2013.
The Journal of Politics, 2019.
Transactions of the American Philological Association, 2002, 2003.

Book manuscripts reviewed for publishers

Cambridge University Press, 2013.
Oxford University Press, 2019.
SUNY Press, 2021.

Grant review for agency

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2009, 2010.