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Professor of Philosophy & Humanities
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, with Honors, 2006

Thomas More Fellow in the Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas

Dissertation: "Socrates in the Marketplace: The Justice of Moneymaking in Plato's *Republic*."

Comprehensive exams in ancient philosophy and history of philosophy

M.A. in Philosophy, 2002

Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas

M.A. in Liberal Arts, 2000

Graduate Institute, St. John's College-Annapolis

M.A. in Political Thought, 1998

Braniff Graduate School, University of Dallas

M.A. in Sociology, 1997

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

B.A. in Sociology, 1990

Vassar College

Junior Year Abroad, 1989

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient philosophy (Presocratics, Sophists, Plato, Aristotle)

Ancient Greek literature and culture

Social and political thought

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics

History of political economy

Aesthetics

TEACHING POSITIONS

Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, 2021-Present

College of Human Sciences and Humanities, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, 2010-2021

College of Human Sciences and Humanities, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, 2004-2010

College of Human Sciences and Humanities, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Instructor of Philosophy, 2001-2003

Department of Philosophy, University of Dallas

Teaching Assistant, 1990-1994

Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Visiting scholar, Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, 2018.

Visiting scholar-research specialist, Department of Philosophy, University of California-Irvine, 1994-1996.

Research Assistant, National Education Association Grant, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Protagoras: Ancients in Action. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016. (nominated for 2017 Crader Family Book Prize in American Values)

The Money of the Mind: Economic Thought in Plato's Republic. (Manuscript in progress)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Maintaining Authority While Weighing Competing Ethical Claims: Creon's Dilemma in Sophocles' *Antigone*." *Sage Business Cases: Ancient Leadership* (forthcoming Jan. 2022).

"The Wisdom of Ignorance." *Philosophy Now* 136 (2020): 10–11.

"Socrates' Critique of 21st Century Neuroscience." *Scientific American* (July 2019).

"Plato and Food." In *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, edited by Paul B. Thompson and David M. Kaplan. Dordrecht: Springer Reference, first publish 2014, second edition 2019. 1496–1502.

"Cheaters Win When They Make the Rules: Sophistic Ethics in Protagoras' Prometheus Myth." *Electra* 4 (2018): 153–174.

"A Stranger in a Strange Land: The Ancient Greek Encounter with Foreigners." *World and I* (2011).

"Wisdom through Ignorance: Meno Meets Socrates." *Omnibus* 61 (2011): 13–14.

"Enlightenment in the Shopping Mall." *Cultural Logic: An Electronic Journal of Theory and Culture* 18 (2011).

"Ousting Cephalus: The Role of the Foreigner in Athenian Politics and Plato's *Republic*." *Ancient World* 41, no. 1 (2010): 43–55.

- “Plato’s Supposed Defense of the Division of Labor: A Reexamination of the Role of Job Specialization in the *Republic*.” *History of Political Economy* 42, no. 4 (2010): 747–772.
- “How Much Is Too Much? Aristotle’s Response to Irrational Exuberance.” *Yale Economic Review* 6, no. 2 (2010): 47–49.
- “The Show Must Go On!” *Teaching in Higher Education* 15, no. 2 (2010): 223–224.
- “Fighting in the Marketplace: The Transition from Warriors into Traders in Homer’s *Iliad*.” *Omnibus* 58, no. 2 (2009): 18–20.
- “Philosophy in Fragments: Cultivating Philosophic Thinking with the Presocratics.” *Metaphilosophy* 40, no. 5 (Oct. 2009): 689–701.
- “The Double Arguments.” In *The Sophists: An Introduction*, edited by Patricia O’Grady. London: Bristol Classical Library, 2008: 147–153.
- “Thrasymachus.” In *The Sophists: An Introduction*, edited by Patricia O’Grady. London: Bristol Classical Library, 2008: 93–100.
- “Socrates on Trial: Strategies for Teaching Ancient Thought Dialectically.” *Classical World* 100, no. 3 (2007): 283–295.
- “Economics.” In *The Essentials of Philosophy and Ethics*, edited by Martin Cohen. London: Hodder Academic, 2006: 75–77.
- “Nature and Mythology.” In *The Essentials of Philosophy and Ethics*, edited by Martin Cohen. London: Hodder Academic, 2006: 216–218.
- “Reading Philosophy with Friends: Introducing Reading Groups into the Philosophy Classroom.” *Teaching Philosophy* 29, no. 3 (2006): 237–243.
- “Who Escapes Plato’s Cave?” *Philosophy Pathways* 107 (2005).
Translated into Italian by Gaia Baudino as “Chi Riesce a Scappare Dalla Caverna di Platone?” *Associazione Italiana Counseling Operatori Filosofici* 2008.
- “Socrates in the Marketplace.” *Philosophy for Business* 20 (2005).
- “Piraeus.” In *Meet the Philosophers of Ancient Greece*, edited by Patricia O’Grady. London: Ashgate Publishing, 2005: 295–296.
- “Unravelling the Shroud for Laertes and Weaving the Fabric of the City: Kingship and Politics in Homer’s *Odyssey*.” *Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought* 21 (2004): 26–42n.

Editorial Work

- Guest editor, *Philosophy for Business* 84 (2018).
Guest editor, *Philosophy for Business* 82 (2017).

Invited Book Reviews

- “Review of Zina Giannopoulou’s *Plato’s Theaetetus as a Second Apology*.” *Ancient Philosophy* 37, no. 1 (2017): 217–221.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “A City Fit for Business: Economic Themes in the *Republic’s* Healthy City,” Modern Economics and the Ancient World: Were the Ancients Rational Actors? University of Rostock, Germany, July 29, 2021.
- “Fighting in the Marketplace: Warriors into Traders in Homer’s *Iliad*,” An International Symposium: Homer of Smyrna and His Times, Izmir, Turkey, July 8-9, 2021.
- “One Man, Two Jobs: The Justice of Money-making in Plato’s *Republic*,” Specialized Labor in Antiquity, Princeton University, New Jersey, May 2021.
- “The Socratic Approach to Critical Thinking.” Critical Thinking Seminar, University of Houston-Clear Lake, March 2018.
- “Protagoras’ Secret Teaching.” Liberal Arts Lecture Series, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Feb. 2017.
- “Philosophy’s Biggest Problems” Interview on JRR Talking Podcast, Feb. 2017.
- “Protagoras’ Secret Teaching.” Invited lecture, Legacy and Future of the Liberal Arts, University of Dallas, Oct. 2016.
- “Achieving Psychic and Social Harmony with Plato’s Psychology.” Invited lecture, Jung Center of Houston, Nov. 2009.
- “Socratic Psychotherapy: The Ancient Roots of the Talking Cure.” Invited lecture, Jung Center of Houston, July 2009.
- “Socrates on Trial: The Sophistic Approach for Cultivating Critical Thinking.” Invited presentation as winner of TLEC Innovative Teaching Competition, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Jan. 2009.
- “Using Reading Groups in the Philosophy Classroom.” Invited presentation as winner of TLEC Innovative Teaching Competition, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Feb. 2008.
- “Revisiting the Question of the City and Man.” Invited keynote speaker, Plato Colloquium, Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas, Feb. 2007.
- “Reading Philosophy with Friends.” TLEC Colloquium on scholarship of teaching and learning, University Of Houston-Clear Lake, Sept. 2006.
- “Teaching Socrates’ Trial Dialectically.” Paper presented at the Faculty Colloquium, University of Houston-Clear Lake, October 2005.
- “Descartes’ Mathematical Theology.” Invited lecture, Seminar on the Baroque World, University of Dallas, Feb. 2003.
- “Your Money or Your Life: The Sin of Avarice in Dante’s *Divine Comedy*.” Institute of Philosophic Studies Dante Colloquium, University of Dallas, April 1999.
- “Character Types and the Credit Exchange: A Theoretical Analysis in the Sociology of Money.” Master’s thesis presented to the Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Aug. 1997.
- “The Perception of Self in an Imaginary Economy.” annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association, University of Nevada, March 1996.

THESES DIRECTED

Bradshaw, Kevin. "Poetry, Myth, and Political Genesis: Plato's Radical Critique of Religion in the *Euthyphro*, *Republic*, and *Laws* Book 10." University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2017.

Rhodes, Christopher. "Don't Stop Believing: An Examination of Trust in Plato's *Theaetetus*." University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2015.

Watkins, Dru. "Images, Madness, and the Gods: Plato's Critique of Poetry, Use of Literary Tropes, and Treatment of Poetic Inspiration as Divine Madness." University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2014.

Garcia-Franco, Rebecca. "The Formulation of Desire Embodied in the Nuptial Symbols in Titian's *Bacchus and Ariadne*." University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2014.

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek: Read with proficiency

Hebrew: Read with proficiency

Intensive Hebrew Ulpan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel— 1989

German: Speak, read, and write with basic competence

German Immersion Program, Middlebury College, Summer 2000, 2001

Awarded honors as distinguished student for both years of study by Bundesrepublik Deutschland

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Philosophy for Business*, 2017-2021

Advisory Board, International Society for Philosophers, 2015-2021

Journal Reviewer for *Ancient Philosophy*, *Diametros*, *European Journal of Economic Thought*, *Classical Philology*, *Polis*, 2012-2021

Manuscript Reviewer for Springer Academic, 2019

Teaching Evaluation Policy Committee, University of Houston Clear-Lake, 2021-2022.

Mentoring Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2011-2015, 2020-2022

Post Tenure Review Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2020-2022

Committee Member, Transforming Lives Job Search, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2021-2022.

Chair of Promotion and Tenure Committee for Se Hyoung Yi, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2020

HSH Suite Representative, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008-2021

Grade Appeal Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2006-2007, 2018-2021

Director of Humanities, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2012-2019

Chair of Promotion and Tenure Committee for Beth Merfish, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2019

Chair of Promotion and Tenure Committee for Sarah Costello, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2018
 Third Year Review Committee for Se Hyoung Yi, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2018
 Third Year Review Committee for Beth Merfish, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2017
 Third Year Review Committee for Sarah Costello, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2016
 Chair of the Art History Search Committee, University of Houston, Clear Lake 2014
 Promotion and Tenure Committee for Michael Clody, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2014
 Faculty Development Leave Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008, 2010, 2012
 Promotion and Tenure Committee for Shreerexha Subramanian, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2012
 Library Assessment Team for SACS Reaccreditation, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2010
 Scholarship Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2010
 Academic Honesty Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2005-2009
 Political Science Search Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008
 Dean of Studies Early Detection Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008
 Steering Committee, Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center, University of Houston-Clear Lake,
 2006-2007
 Book Store Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2006-2008
 Religious Studies Committee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2005-2008

AWARDS

University Faculty Fellow, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2017-2018
 Alumni Association Outstanding Professor, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2017
 Distinguished Faculty Member, National Society for Leadership and Success, 2017
 President's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2017
 Nomination of *Protagoras: Ancients in Action* for Crader Family Book Prize, Southeast Missouri
 University, 2017
 Jerry G. Gaff Faculty Award For Excellence In General And Liberal Education, Association for General
 and Liberal Studies, 2009
 TLEC Innovative Teaching Award for "Socrates on Trial: The Sophistic Approach for Cultivating Critical
 Thinking," University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008
 Honorable mention, TLEC Innovative Teaching Award for "Using Reading Groups in the Philosophy
 Classroom," University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2007
 Departmental Dissertation Honors, University of Dallas, March 2006
 University Service Award for collaboration between a faculty member and student services, University of
 Houston-Clear Lake, 2005
 Thomas More Fellow, University of Dallas, 1998-2003
 Heller-Bowen Fellowship, University of Dallas, 2002-2004
 Outstanding Achievement in the Study of the German Language and Literature, General Consul of
 Germany, 2000 & 2001
 Marcus Hampton Fellowship, Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas, 1999-2002
 Buhner Fellowship, Braniff Graduate School, University of Dallas, 1999-2000

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Politics, University of Dallas, 1997-1998

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of California at Irvine, 1994-1996

Delta Tau Kappa Social Science Honor Society, 1990

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Philosophical Association

International Plato Society

International Society for Philosophers

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South

REFERENCES

Joshua Parens, Professor and Dean of Braniff Graduate School, University of Dallas, Irving, TX,
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Robert E. Wood, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy,
University of Dallas, Irving, TX, rwood@udallas.edu.

Eva Brann, Addison E. Mullikin Tutor, St. John's College, Annapolis, MD.

Ermanno Bencivenga, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy & Humanities, Department of Philosophy,
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