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### Curriculum vitae

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

Classical Philosophy, in particular Neoplatonism, Plato and Aristotle; the intellectual history of the fifth century BCE (Tragedy, Presocratics); Ancient Science and Cosmology; Ancient Greek Religion

#### EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, England, 1979–84

1984 Ph.D. (Cantab.) in Classics. Dissertation entitled: *John Philoponus' Criticism of Aristotle's Theory of Ether*. 2 Vols. Dissertation advisors: G.E.L. Owen and G.E.R. Lloyd; examiners: David Sedley and Richard Sorabji.

Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, 1976–79 and 1984–85

1985 Mag.Theol. (Marburg). Masters thesis entitled: *Ursprung, Inhalt und Funktion der Weisheit bei Jesus Sirach und in den Sentenzen des Menander*. Thesis advisor: Otto Kaiser.

#### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Classics, Princeton University, 2003 -

Associate Professor of Classics, Princeton University, 1996-2003

Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, 1995–96

Assistant Professor, Seminar für Klassische Philologie, Freie Universität Berlin, 1988–94

Visiting Lecturer, Dept of Classics & Dept of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, 1987–88

Research Fellow, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1984–87

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Visiting Fellowship, Institut for Advanced Studies, Princeton 2004

Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton 2001

Howard Fellowship, Brown University 2000

250th Anniversary Award for the Improvement of Teaching, Princeton University 1999

250th Anniversary Award for the Improvement of Teaching, Princeton University 1997

Junior Fellowship: Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington 1995–96

Research Grant: German Research Society (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG) 1994–96

Jebb Award, Cambridge University 1981

Scholarship: German National Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) 1978–84

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Book Projects:*

#### Monographs and Scholarly Translations

- (1) *Philoponus against Aristotle on the Eternity of the World*. London: Duckworth 1987, 182pp.
- (2) *John Philoponus' Criticism of Aristotle's Theory of Aether*. Peripatoi Vol. 16, Berlin, New York: DeGruyter 1988, 274pp.
- (3) *Simplicius against Philoponus on the Eternity of the World*. London: Duckworth 1991, pp. 95-135. (Co-authored with David Furley).
- (4) *Hyperesie und Epiphanie. Ein Versuch über die Bedeutung der Götter in den Dramen des Euripides*. Zetemata 109, Beck Verlag, München 2002, 231pp.

#### Modern Translations

- (5) G.C. Stead, *Philosophie und Theologie I: Die Zeit der Alten Kirche*. Theologische Wissenschaft Bd. 14,4. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer 1990, 168pp. (Translation into German)

#### Edited Volumes (published and in progress)

- (6) *Euripides and Tragic Theatre in the Late Fifth Century*. Co-edited with Martin Cropp, Kevin Lee, David Sansone, Eric Csapo and Donald Mastronarde. Illinois Classical Studies 24/25, Champaign, Il., 2000.
- (7) *A Companion to Aristotle's De caelo*. A collection of interpretative articles on Aristotle's cosmological treatise. Co-editor with Allan Bowen. In progress; to be published by Princeton University Press.
- (8) *Dionysos und die vordionysischen Kulte*. A posthumous edition of Vyacheslav Ivanov's manuscript on Dionysiac Religion. Co-editor with Michael Wachtel, Princeton. In progress.

### *Articles and Reviews*

- (1) Notice of G.S. Kirk, J.E. Raven und M. Schofield, *The Presocratic Philosophers*, 2. ed., Cambridge 1983. *The Journal of Theological Studies* 36 (1985), p. 555.
- (2) "Prolegomena to the study of Philoponus' contra Aristotelem." In: R.R.K. Sorabji, *Philoponus and the Rejection of Aristotelian Science*. London: Duckworth 1987, pp. 197-209.
- (3) Review of J. Barnes, *Early Greek Philosophy*. Penguin Classics 1987. *Teaching Philosophy* 12,2 (1989), pp. 202-204.
- (4) "Two systems in Aristotle?" Review of D. Graham, *Aristotle's Two Systems*, Oxford 1987. In: J. Annas (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* Vol. 7, Oxford: Clarendon 1989, pp. 193-202.
- (5) "Three Neoplatonic Introductions to Philosophy: Ammonius, David, and Elias." *Hermathena* cxlix (1991), pp. 33-51.
- (6) "John Philoponus." In: H. Burckhardt und B. Smith (edd.), *Handbook of Metaphysics and Ontology*. München: Philosophia 1991, pp. 411-413.
- (7) "Iamblichus." In: H. Burckhardt und B. Smith (edd.), *Handbook of Metaphysics and Ontology*. München: Philosophia 1991, pp. 373f.
- (8) "Simplicius und das Zitat: Zur Überlieferung des Anführungszeichens." In: Ch. Brockmann et al. (edd.), *Symbolae Berolinenses*. Amsterdam: Hakkert 1992, pp. 187-199.

- (9) "P.Berol. 21311: ein Fragment der Demosthenes-Rede gegen Leptines (XX 75-76 & 77-78)." *Archiv für Papyrusforschung* 40/2 (1994), pp. 111-13.
- (10) Chapter "Johannes Philoponos". In: Friedo Ricken (ed.), *Philosophen der Antike II*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer 1996, pp. 264-76.
- (11) Review of Martin Hose, *Studien zum Chor bei Euripides*, Teil 2. Stuttgart: Teubner 1991. *Gnomon* (1998), pp. 7-13.
- (12) Review of Clemens Scholten, *Antike Naturphilosophie und christliche Kosmologie*. Berlin: De Gruyter 1996. *Ancient Philosophy* 18 (1998), pp. 243-45.
- (13) "Ammonius". *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Vol.1. London: Routledge 1998, pp. 208-10.
- (14) "Philoponos". *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Vol. 7. London: Routledge 1998, pp. 371-78.
- (15) "Simplicius". *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Vol. 8. London: Routledge 1998, pp. 788-91.
- (16) "Impetus Theory and the Hermeneutic of Science in Simplicius and Philoponos," *Hyperboreus* 5 (1999), 107-124.
- (17) "Filosofia della Natura nella Tarda Antichità." *Enciclopedia Italiana*. Vol. I *La scienza antica*, Sezione F, No 37.
- (18) Introduction to the Myth and Religion Section. In: *Euripides and Tragic Theatre in the Late Fifth Century*, *Illinois Classical Studies* 24-25 (1999-2000), pp.177-181.
- (19) "Piety as Service, Epiphany as Reciprocity: Two Observations on the Religious Meaning of the Gods in Euripides", *Illinois Classical Studies* 24-25 (1999-2000), pp.235-256.
- (20) "Die Gerechtigkeit des Zeus in den Dramen des Euripides". In: J.Jeremias (ed.) *Gerechtigkeit und Leben im hellenistischen Zeitalter*. Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, 2001, pp. 1-20.
- (21) "Commentary on Patrica Curd: A New Empedocles". *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 17 (2001), 25-31.
- (22) "John Philoponos": Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Internet publication): <http://plato.stanford.edu>
- (23) "Elias": Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Internet publication): <http://plato.stanford.edu>
- (24) "David": Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Internet publication): <http://plato.stanford.edu>
- (26) PrÚw tÚ t°low: Neuplatonische Ethik zwischen Religion und Metaphysik. In: *Metaphysik und Religion*. Ed. by Th. Kobusch, M. Erler and I. Männlein-Robert, München und Leipzig 2002, 261-78.
- (27) "The Rise and Fall of the Socratic Notion of Piety." *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 18 (2003), 1-28.
- (28) "Aristotle on Qualitative Influence: On Generation and Corruption I 7" In: *Aristotle's On Generation and Corruption I*, *Proceedings of the Symposium Aristotelicum 1999*, Frans de Haas and Jaap Mansfeld (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2004, 219-242.
- (29) Lexikon article "Philoponos, Iohannes, III. Bedeutung und Wirkung". In: *Der Neue Pauly* hg. v. H. Cancik und H. Schneider, Bd. 9, (2000), 861f.
- (30) Lexikon article "Straton". In: *Der Neue Pauly* hg. v. H. Cancik und H. Schneider, Bd. 11, (2001), 1042f.

- (31) "Neoplatonic Philosophy of Nature in PSI XIV 1400: an Impression". *Studi e Testi per il Corpus dei Papiri Filosofici Greci e Latini* 11 (2003), 143-48.
- (32) "Philosophy in the Age of Justinian". In "The Age of Justinian", ed. by Michael Maas, Cambridge University Press, 2005, 316-40.
- (33) "Socrates and Euripides". *The Cambridge Companion to Socrates*, ed. by Sara Rappe and Rachana Kamtekar (in press).
- (34) Review of R. Jackson, K. Lycos, H. Tarrant, *Olympiodorus: Commentary on Plato's Gorgias*. (in press).

### *Other Publications*

- (35) CLIP (Classical Language Instruction Program). [www.princeton.edu/~clip](http://www.princeton.edu/~clip)  
(A program to help students learn the pronunciation of Greek and Latin with the help of a computer).
- (36) The Inscriptions of Princeton University: [tigernet.princeton.edu/Education/epigraphy.asp](http://tigernet.princeton.edu/Education/epigraphy.asp)

### *Articles in progress*

"Aristotle's ninth and tenth aporia in *Metaphysics B*". (for *Proceedings of the Symposium Aristotelicum 2002*)

Articles on Aristotle's Theology for the Companion to Aristotle's *De caelo* (see "Books" no. 7 above).

Article on Anaximander, 'first' author of philosophical prose.

Various philosophical articles for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Several book Reviews

### INVITED LECTURES

*Katharsis, Berlin*

*Anaximander, philosopher and poet?*

Cornell-Harvard-Lille Colloquium (CorHaLi), Paris, May 2005

*The Origin of the Impetus Theory Revisited,*

Rice University, Houston, April 2005

*Philosophy in the Age of Justinian*

Université de Montreal, March 2005

*Socrates and Euripides*

Université de Montreal, March 2005

Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena, June 2004;

Rutgers University, November 2004

*Philosophie im Zeitalter Justinians*

Universität Hamburg, October 2003,

Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena, June 2004

*Commentary on Anthony Grafton on Martin Crusius and Constanze Güthenke on Johannes Müller*

Colloquium The Limits of German Hellenism, Princeton, May 2003

*Philosophical melos in Euripides?*

Cornell-Harvard-Lille (CorHaLi) colloquium, Princeton, June 2002

*Aristotle's ninth and tenth aporia in Metaphysics B*

Symposium Aristotelicum, Lille, August 2002

*The Rise and Fall of the Socratic Notion of Piety*

Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Brown University, October 2001

*PrÚw tÚ t°low: Neuplatonische Ethik zwischen Religion und Metaphysics*

International Conference on Neoplatonism, Würzburg (Germany), March 2001

*Comment on Patricia Curd "A New Empedocles"*

Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Merrimack College, November 2000

*In the Labyrinth of Reason: Philoponus "Commentary" on Aristotle's De caelo*

CNRS Paris, June 2000

*The Rise and Fall of the Socratic Notion of Piety*

Talk at Graduate Student Conference "Ideas in Motion", Pittsburgh, February 2000

*The Justice of Zeus in Euripidean Drama*

Colloquium "Gerechtigkeit und Leben", Marburg (Germany), December 1999

*Aristotle on Physical Influence*

Symposium Aristotelicum, Utrecht (Holland), August 1999

*Aristotle, De Caelo II 1-3*

Workshop on Aristotle's De Caelo, Princeton University, June 1999

*Aristotle, De Caelo, Book I, Chapter 1*

Craven Seminar, University of Cambridge, May 1998

*Porphyry and The Grades of Virtues*

Catholic University of America, February 1998

*Politics of the Soul: How should we read Plato's Republic?*

Princeton University, PAW Seminar, October 1997

*Human and Divine Character in some Euripidean Tragedies*

Columbia University, January 1997

*On the Reflexivity of Human and Divine Character in Euripides*

Conference on Reason and Religion in the 5th century, University of Texas at Austin, September 1996.

*Porphyry's Neoplatonic Ethics*

Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference, Princeton University, December 1995

*Philoponus and the Demise of Aristotle's Universe: Science and Religion in Late Antiquity*

Princeton University, April 1995

*The Blinding of Polymestor: Euripides, Hecuba 952ff.*

Princeton University, April 1995

*The structure of the World Soul in Plato's Timaeus*

Lawrence Seminar, University of Cambridge, June 1993

*Early democracy in 5th century Athens and the development of the Piraeus*

University of Texas at Austin, March 1992

*Hermeneutics of Science in Simplicius and Philoponus*

University of Cambridge, January 1992;

University of Texas at Austin, March 1992;

Neoplatonic Conference, Maynooth, Ireland, July 1995

*Ammonius, David und Elias: Three Neoplatonic Introductions to Philosophy*

Freie Universität Berlin, March 1990

*Two systems in Aristotle?*

University of Texas at Austin, March 1988

*Greek and Hebrew Wisdom Literature*

University of Texas at Austin, December 1987