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## DEGREES

B.A. Yale University, *summa cum laude* with Exceptional Distinction in History, the Arts, and Letters, Distinction in Philosophy, 1974.

Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin, 1979. Dissertation: *The Method of Parmenides*, supervised by Alexander P.D. Mourelatos.

## APPOINTMENTS

1991-current: Associate Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University  
1988-91: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University  
1979-88: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Boston University

## VISITOR

Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 1999  
Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, 2004-05  
Department of Philosophy, University of Szegéd, Fall 2010  
School of Liberal Arts, Renmin University of China, Spring 2011

## MONOGRAPHS

*Parmenides: Being, Bounds, and Logic*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1986.

*Parmenides and the History of Dialectic*. Las Vegas: Parmenides Publishing, 2007.

## ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

Foreword to Karl Popper, *The World of Parmenides: Essays on the Presocratic Enlightenment* (ed. Arne F. Petersen, Routledge Classics Series, forthcoming 2012).

“Parmenides, Heraclitus, Lao-Tzu, and the Unity of All Things,” *Organon* (Poland) 42 (2010) 25-30. Also available at <http://www.ihnpaw.waw.pl/redakcje/organon/42/index.html>

Review of Panagiotis Thanassas, *Parmenides, Cosmos, and Being. A Philosophical Interpretation*. (Marquette Studies in Philosophy 57; Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2007) in *Classical Review* 59(2009), 294-95.

“Existence and Essence in Parmenides,” in Néstor-Luis Cordero, ed., *Parmenides, Venerable and Awesome: Proceedings of the International Symposium* (Parmenides Publishing, forthcoming 2011).

Review of Daniel Graham, *Explaining the Cosmos: The Ionian Tradition of Scientific Philosophy* (Princeton University Press, 2006) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, online at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=8923>

Review of Arnold Hermann, *To Think Like God: Pythagoras and Parmenides: The Origins of Philosophy* (Las Vegas, Parmenides Publishing, 2004) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43(2005), 481-82.

“Parmenides and the History of Dialectic,” *Fealsúnacht* (Belfast) 2(2001), 1-21.

“From Parmenidean to Hegelian Monism” in Andreas Baechli and Klaus Petrus, *Monismus* (Festschrift Andreas Graeser) (Frankfurt/London: Ontos Verlag, 2003, pp. 57-62)(*Philosophical Analysis*, Volume 9).

Review of John A. Palmer, *Plato's Reception of Parmenides* (Oxford, 1999) in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66(2003), 247-49.

“Parmenides, Double-Negation, and Dialectic” in Victor Caston and Daniel W. Graham, eds., *Presocratic Philosophy: Essays in Honour of Alexander Mourelatos* (Hants: Ashgate Press, 2002), Chapter 7, pp. 95-99.

Review of Karl Popper, *The World of Parmenides: Essays on the Presocratic Enlightenment* (London: Routledge, 1998) in *Apeiron* 23(2000), 239-46.

“Parmenides and the Closure of the West,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 74(2000), 287-301.

Review of Robert G. Turnbull, *The Parmenides and Plato's Late Philosophy* in *Philosophy in Review* 19(1999), 73-75.

"Parmenides' Reference," *Classical Quarterly* (1990), 266-67.

"The Paradox of Socratic Ignorance (How to Know That You Don't Know)," *Philosophical Topics (Essays on Ancient Greek Philosophy)* 15(1987), 23-34.

"Parmenides and Ultimate Reality" *Ultimate Reality and Meaning* 7(1984), 220-31.

"Genesis and Motion in Parmenides: B8.12-13" *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 87(1983), 151-68.

#### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"Trinity and Tao," Colloquium in the Department of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, April 20, 2011.

"Trinity," Colloquium in the Department of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, April 6, 2011.

"Tao," Colloquium in the Department of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, March 30, 2011.

"Is There Appearance: the Problem of Parmenidean *Doxa*," Colloquium in the Philosophy department at Central European University, Budapest, October 26, 2010.

"Parmenides, Heraclitus, and the Unity of All Things," presented at the second international conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies, University of Edinburgh, August 2010.

Session Chair for Paper by Sarah Wear, "Syrianus' Interpretation of the One in Plato's *Parmenides*," 33<sup>rd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, The University of Texas at Austin, March 26, 2010.

Commentator on paper by Enrique Hülsz, "Heraclitus on the Sun," at the Quinto Taller de Filosofía Antigua/32<sup>nd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México/University of Texas at Austin, Mexico City, March 4, 2009.

"Modality and Predication in Parmenides' Fragment 8 and in Subsequent Dialectic" presented January 10, 2009 at "Non Solo Gli Eleati" conference in Elea/Velia, sponsored by the Fondazione Alario and the International Association for Presocratic Studies.

"Author" in "Author Meets Readers" session on *Parmenides and the History of Dialectic* sponsored by the Texas A&M Philosophy department, November 14, 2008. The

“Readers” were Alexander P.D. Mourelatos, Philosophy, the University of Texas at Austin; and Theodore George, Philosophy, Texas A&M.

“Is there Appearance? The Problem of Parmenidean *Doxa*,” paper presented at the inaugural conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies, Brigham Young University, June 23-27, 2008.

Commentator on paper by Steven Strange, “Plotinus on the Objects of Sense Perception,” at the 31<sup>st</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, held at Texas A&M, April 3-5, 2008.

“Existence and Essence in Parmenides,” paper given at an international conference, “Parménides, venerable y terrible,” held at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Buenos Aires), Centro de Estudios de Filosofía Antigua, October 30-November 2, 2007.

“Parmenidean Dialectic and Logic,” Departmental Colloquium, Texas A&M Philosophy Department, February 8, 2007.

“Representation and Louis Mackey’s Silence” presented October 1, 2005, at the Louis Mackey Memorial Conference, Department of Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin.

“Prometheus Unbound: The Greek Invention of Reason,” October, 2004, in ASH (Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities) Colloquium at Clare Hall, University of Cambridge.

Commentator on paper by Alexander Mourelatos entitled “Democritus on the Distinction Between Types and Tokens,” 26<sup>th</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Texas A&M University, March 29, 2003.

Commentator on paper by Kam-Sing Leung entitled “A Virtue Ethical Defense of the Existence of External Reasons for Actions,” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, October 26, 2002.

Chaired ancient philosophy session at Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 25, 2002.

Commentator on paper by Kevin Durand entitled “Variations on a Theme: The Art of Rhetoric and Self-Knowledge in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” Midsouth Conference, Memphis, February 2000.

Commentator on paper by Brenda Larsen entitled “The Philosopher as Neo-Narcissist,” Northwest Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, November 2000.

Commentator on paper by Charles Kahn, Southwest Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference, Spring 1998.

Commentator on paper by William Prior, Arizona Ancient Philosophy Conference, Spring 1997.

Commentator on paper by Kirk Sanders, Southwest Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference (held at Texas A&M), Spring 1996.

“The Presocratic Antecedents of Aristotle’s Active Intellect” read at the SUNY-Binghamton meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, October 1995.

“The Metaphysics of Syntax in Some Ancient Philosophies” read at the Southwest Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference in Boulder, Colorado, Spring 1995.

#### GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Student-Led Award for Teaching Excellence (SLATE), Texas A&M, March 2009.

*Parmenides and the History of Dialectic: Three Essays* named as a Finalist in the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award competition (Philosophy category), 2007.

Elected Life Member, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, October 2005.

Wells Fargo Honors Advisor Award, 2002-03 (for best undergraduate advisor of the year).

Philosophy/Center for Humanities Research Fellow at Texas A&M, 2000-01.

Texas A&M Association of Former Students Distinguished Teaching Award, 1995.

Fulbright Fellowship (to Christ’s College, Cambridge, 1983-84). Dining rights at Christ’s.

NEH Summer Stipend, 1984. Declined.

Danforth Fellowship (1975-79).

#### SERVICE

Undergraduate Program Director (2005-10)

Associate Undergraduate Program Director (2011-)

Chair, Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (2005-10)

Member, Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (2011-)

Advisor, *The Idea* (departmental undergraduate journal) (2011-)

Advisor, *Aletheia* (departmental undergraduate journal) (2008-10)

Member, Student Relations Committee (2011-)

Departmental Undergraduate Advisor (1996-2005)  
Member, University Fulbright Committee (2006-07)  
Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities Proposal Reviewer, Texas A&M  
(2008)  
Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the Vice-President for Student Affairs (2003-  
04)  
Past Member, University Committee on Alumni Distinguished Teaching Awards  
Past Member, University Classics Committee  
Past Chair, College of Liberal Arts Academic Standards Committee  
Past Member, College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Instruction Committee  
Past Chair, Departmental Curriculum Committee  
Past Chair, Departmental Student Relations Committee  
Past Advisor, Outdoor Recreation Club  
Past Advisor, Philosophy Club  
Past Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau, Iota Chapter (Philosophy Honor Society)