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## Academic positions

Professor, Department of Philosophy, Seton Hall University, September 2004-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Seton Hall University, 1998-2004  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Seton Hall University, 1994-1998  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech, 1992-1994

## Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1991  
M.A., Government, Georgetown University, 1985  
B.A., Government & Politics, University of Maryland, 1983

## Scholarly Works

Books:

*Prodicus the Sophist: Texts, Translations, & Commentary* (Oxford UP, 2011)

[Aristotle], *Problems* (Loeb Classical Library – Harvard UP, 2011)

vol. 1: Introduction, Books I-XIX

vol. 2: Books XX-XXXVIII (+ [Arist.] *Rhet. to Alex.*, by D. Mirhady)

*Plato: Laws 10* (Clarendon Plato Series – Oxford UP, 2008; pbk. ed. 2011)

*Ayn Rand and Song of Russia: Communism and Anti-Communism in 1940s Hollywood*  
(Scarecrow Press, 2005)

*The Female in Aristotle's Biology: Reason or Rationalization* (U. of Chicago Press, 2004)

*Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Republic* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1997)

*Aristophanes' Assembly of Women* (Prometheus Books, 1997)

Edited collections/works:

*Essays on Ayn Rand's We the Living* (Lexington Books, 2004; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2012)

*Essays on Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged* (Lexington Books, 2009)

*Essays on Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead* (Lexington Books, 2007)

*Ayn Rand Answers: The Best of Her Q&A* (Penguin-New American Library, 2005)

*Essays on Ayn Rand's Anthem* (Lexington Books, 2005)

Ayn Rand, *The Art of Nonfiction: A Guide for Writers and Readers* (Penguin-Plume, 2001)

*Ayn Rand's Marginalia* (Second Renaissance Books, 1995)

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

"Aristotle's biology and his lost *Homeric Puzzles*," *Classical Quarterly* (forthcoming)

"Aristotle (on fever) in *Problemata* I," *Apeiron* 46 (2013)

"Rainbows and fragrant trees: A note on [Aristotle], *Problemata* 12.3.906a36-38,"  
*Rheinisches Museum für Philologie* 155.3/4 (2012)

"The title(s) of [Aristotle], *Problemata* 15," *Classical Quarterly* 62.1 (2012)

"'God or some human': On the source of law in Plato's *Laws*", *Ancient Philosophy* 31.2  
(2011)

"Prayer in Plato's *Laws*," *Apeiron* 41.1 (2008)

"Aristotle on prayer," *Rhizai* 4.2 (2007)

"Persuasion and compulsion in Plato, *Laws* 10," *Polis* 24.1 (2007)

"Plato, *Laws* 10.905e3: ENTEΛΕΧΩΣ or ENΔΕΛΕΧΩΣ," *Classical Quarterly* 56.1 (2006)

"The making of *Song of Russia*," *Film History* 16.4 (2004)

"M.G.M.'s Potemkin Church: Religion in *Song of Russia*," *American Communist History* 1.1  
(2002)

"Aristophanes' *Ecclesiazusae* and justice," *Iphitos* 1.2 (2000)

“King-bees and mother-wasps: a note on ideology and gender in Aristotle’s entomology,” *Phronesis* 44.2 (1999)

“Behavior unbecoming a woman: Aristotle’s *Poetics* 15 and Euripides’ *Melanippe the Wise*,” *Ancient Philosophy* 19.1 (1999)

“Part and whole in Aristotle’s political philosophy,” *Journal of Ethics* 1.4 (1997)

“Aristotle’s criticism of Plato’s communism of women and children,” *Apeiron* 29.3 (1996)

“Impiety and political unity: Aristotle, *Politics* 1262a25-32,” *Classical Philology* 91.1 (1996)

“The communism of property: a note on Aristotle, *Politics* 1263a8-15,” *Classical Quarterly* 15.2 (1995)

“Aristotle on the self-sufficiency of the city,” *History of Political Thought* 16.4 (1995)

“Aristotle on the extent of the communism of Plato’s *Republic*,” *Ancient Philosophy* 13.2 (1993)

“Aristotle on property,” *Review of Metaphysics* 46.4 (1993)

Essays in collections:

“A Philosophical Approach to Humor: Aristotle and Ayn Rand,” in A. Gotthelf, J. Lennox, & G. Salmieri eds., *Ayn Rand and Aristotle: Philosophical and Historical Studies* (University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming)

“Ayn Rand as Aristotelian: Literary Esthetics,” in A. Gotthelf, J. Lennox, & G. Salmieri eds., *Ayn Rand and Aristotle: Philosophical and Historical Studies* (University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming)

“The Sacred in Ayn Rand’s *We the Living*,” in *Essays on Ayn Rand’s We the Living*, edited by Robert Mayhew, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Lexington Books, 2012)

“On *Problemata* XXIX 13: Peripatetic legal justice and the case of jury ties,” in *Studi sui Problemata Physica Aristotelici*, edited by B. Centrone (Naples: Bibliopolis, 2011)

“The theology of the *Laws*,” in *Plato’s Laws: A Critical Guide*, edited by Christopher Bobonich (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

“Rulers and Ruled,” in *A Companion to Aristotle*, edited by Georgios Anagnostopoulos (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009)

“Humor in *The Fountainhead*,” in *Essays on Ayn Rand’s The Fountainhead*, edited by Robert Mayhew (Lexington Books, 2007)

“*Anthem*: ’38 & ’46,” in *Essays on Ayn Rand’s Anthem*,” edited by Robert Mayhew (Lexington Books, 2005)

“Kira Argounova Laughed: Humor and Joy in *We the Living*,” in *Essays on Ayn Rand’s We the Living*, edited by Robert Mayhew (Lexington Books, 2004)

“*We the Living*: ’36 & ’59,” in *Essays on Ayn Rand’s We the Living*, edited by Robert Mayhew (Lexington Books, 2004)

“Commentary on Lisi” [on Aristotle on law], in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. XVI, J. Cleary and G. Gurtler, eds. (Leiden: Brill, 2000)

“Aristotle on what the political scientist needs to know” (Nicholas D. Smith, co-author), in *Aristotle’s Political Philosophy: Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Greek Philosophy*, K. Boudouris, ed. (Athens: Kardamiska, 1995)

Work in progress:

*Book-length projects:*

Theophrastus, *On Winds* (text, translation, & commentary)

*The Aristotelian Problemata: Philosophical and Scientific Investigations* (editor)

Aristotle’s lost *Homeric Puzzles* (translation & commentary)

An edition of Ayn Rand’s unpublished play *The Unconquered* (submitted for publication)

Ayn Rand Society Philosophical Studies, vol. 4, on political philosophy and allied fields (University of Pittsburgh Press), co-editor with Gregory Salmieri

*Essays:*

“*Problemata* 26 and Theophrastus’ *De ventis*” (for *Problemata*-collection, see above)

“Clearchus on the face in the Moon” (for a volume on Clearchus of Soli edited by David Mirhady, to be published in *Rutgers University Studies in Classical Humanities*)

“A note on [Aristotle] *Problemata* 26.61: Spider webs as weather signs” (submitted for publication)

“Περὶ ἰάμβων: A note on *Riccardianus* 46 and the lost second book of Aristotle’s *Poetics*” (submitted for publication)

Recent book reviews:

*Aristotelianism in the First Century BCE: Xenarchus of Seleucia*, by A. Falcon (Cambridge University Press, 2012). In *Classical World* (forthcoming).

*Theophrastus of Eresus, Commentary volume 6.1: Sources on Ethics*, by W. Fortenbaugh, with contribution on the Arabic material by D. Gutas (Leiden: Brill, 2011). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.12.52.

*Philodemus On Poems, Books 3-4, with fragments of Aristotle On Poets*, by R. Janko (Oxford University Press, 2011). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.07.10.

*Heraclides of Pontus: Texts and Translation*, E. Schütrumpf, ed., P. Stork, J. van Ophuijsen, S. Prince, trans., and *Heraclides of Pontus: Discussion*, W.W. Fortenbaugh, E. Pender, eds. Rutgers University Studies in Classical Humanities, vols. XIV-XV (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2008 & 2009). In *Ancient Philosophy* 30 (2010).

*Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right*, by J. Burns (Oxford University Press, 2009). In *The Objective Standard* Winter 2009/10.

*The Hippocratic Treatise On Glands*, by E. M. Craik (Leiden: Brill, 2009). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.11.04.

*Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, Book VII: Symposium Aristotelicum*, C. Natali, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2009). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.08.58.

*Aristotle, On the Life-Bearing Spirit (De spiritu)*, by A.P. Bos and R. Ferwerda (Leiden: Brill, 2008). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.04.80.

*Aristotle on Memory and Recollection*, by D. Bloch (Leiden: Brill, 2007). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2008.08.19.

*Plato, Ion or: On the Iliad*, by A. Rijksbaron (Leiden: Brill, 2007). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2008.07.46.

*Ayn Rand's Normative Ethics: The Virtuous Egoist*, by T. Smith (Cambridge University Press, 2006). In *Philosophical Books* 49 (January 2008).

*Pseudo-Aristoteles (Pseudo-Alexander), Supplementa Problematorum*, edited by S. Kapetanaki and R. Sharples (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2006). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2007.09.64.

*Theophrastus of Eresus: On Weather Signs*, edited by D. Sider and C. W. Brunschön (Leiden: Brill, 2007). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2007.09.40.

Select papers:

“Clearchus on the face in the Moon” (invited paper, *Clearchus of Soli, the School of Aristotle, and the Near East*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, July 16-17, 2013)

“*Problemata* XXVI and Peripatetic anemology,” presented at the workshop “The Place of the *Problemata* in Aristotelian Natural Science,” University of Pittsburgh (May 2012).

“God or some human’: On the source of law in Plato’s *Laws*,” presented at the Conference on Objectivity in the Law, University of Texas, Austin (April 2008)

“Aristotle, ideology, and the number of teeth in women,” presented at a colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, November 2002.

“Aristotle and Apollo on women as containers: the *Generation of Animals* and Aeschylus’ *Eumenides* 658-61,” presented at the 415<sup>th</sup> meeting of the B [i.e., Philosophy] Club of the Classics Faculty, Cambridge University, February 2000.

“Aristotle and the Renaissance,” two lectures presented at the Lyceum International Conference (Milan, Italy, September 1999).

“Justice in Aristophanes’ *Ecclesiazusae*,” presented at an international symposium on the topic “Justice: Ancient and Modern,” Olympia, Greece (July 1997).

“Aristotle on civic friendship,” presented at a meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, in conjunction with the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago, April 1996).

“Aristotle on (Plato’s *Republic* and) the unity of the polis,” presented at the ‘Philosophical Issues in Aristotle’s *Politics*’ conference (The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, November 1993).

**Service to the Profession:**

Referee (books): Cambridge UP, Duckworth, SUNY Press, Parmenides Publishing

Referee (journals): *Ancient Philosophy*, *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, *Classical Quarterly*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Phronesis: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, *Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought*, *Rhizai: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, *Russian Review*

Steering Committee: *The Ayn Rand Society* (serving regularly since 1993)

Editorial board, *Ayn Rand Society Philosophical Studies* (University of Pittsburgh Press)

Board Member, *Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship* (since 2010)

## Grants, Fellowships, Awards

### *External:*

Ayn Rand Institute Research Grant, 2013-2014

Purpose: To support sabbatical leave, and thereby a number of writing projects

Loeb Classical Library Foundation Grant, Summer 2009

Purpose: To support work on Loeb edition of the Aristotelian *Problemata*

The Galkin Foundation donation, June 2008

Purpose: To support research generally

Ayn Rand Institute Research Grant, 2006-2007

Purpose: To support sabbatical leave, and thereby a number of writing projects

Charles Sures Memorial Fund Grant, Ayn Rand Institute, 2001-2002

Purpose: To support work on *Ayn Rand and Song of Russia: Communism and Anti-communism in 1940s Hollywood*

Visiting Scholar, *Social Philosophy and Policy Center*, Bowling Green State University, May-July 1994

Purpose: To work on the book *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Republic*

Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship grants (2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012)

Purpose: To support publication costs of Ayn Rand essay collections

### *Internal:*

University Research Council Summer Stipend, Summer 2008

Purpose: To support work on Loeb edition of the Aristotelian *Problemata*

Researcher of the Year, College of Arts and Sciences, 2005

University Research Council Summer Stipend, Summer 2002

Purpose: To support work on a translation, with commentary, of Plato's *Laws* 10

University Research Council Summer Stipend, Summer 1997

Purpose: To support work on a book on Aristotle's views on the female

University Research Council Summer Stipend, Summer 1995

Purpose: To support work on a translation of Aristophanes' *Ecclesiazusae*