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**Curriculum Vitae**

Behrakis Professor in Hellenic Political Studies  
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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Behrakis Professor in Hellenic Political Studies, Boston College (2010- )  
Arthur M. Blank/National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching  
Professor, Emory University (2008-2010)  
Professor of Political Science, with affiliated appointments in Classics, Philosophy, and  
German Studies, Emory University (2006-2010)  
Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure, Emory University (2002-2006)  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Emory University (1999-2002)  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and the Humanities, Rhodes College  
Memphis, TN (1996-99)  
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Classics and Political Science, Emory  
University (1994-96)  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow (1992-  
94)

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Boston College (1992)  
M.A., Classics (Specialization: Greek Language and Literature), Boston College (1991)  
B.A. with "High Distinction" in Philosophy and Political Science, University of Toronto  
(1986)

**Languages**

Ancient Greek, Latin, French, Basic German

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

"On the *Acharnians*." *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. 45: 3 (Summer  
2019): 365-82.  
"How to Rule the World: An Introduction to Xenophon's *Education of Cyrus*." *American  
Political Science Review*. 109:1 (February 2015): 143-154.  
"Aristotle's Introduction to the Problem of Happiness: On Book I of the *Nicomachean  
Ethics*." *American Journal of Political Science* Vol. 52 No. 3 (July 2008): 677-  
687

- “Plato’s Critique of Hedonism in the *Philebus*.” *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 102 No.1 (February 2008): 141-151
- “An Introduction to Hesiod’s *Works and Days*.” *The Review of Politics* Vol. 68 No. 2 (Spring 2006): 177-205
- “Political Philosophy and Sophistry: An Introduction to Plato’s *Protagoras*.” *American Journal of Political Science* Vol.47 No. 4 (October 2003): 612-624
- “Socratic Political Philosophy and the Problem of Virtue.” *American Political Science Review* Vol. 93 No. 3 (September 2002): 525-533
- “On the Politics of Faith and Reason: The Enlightenment Project in Pierre Bayle and Montesquieu.” *Journal of Politics* Vol. 63 No. 1 (February 2001): 1-28
- “On the Decline of Contemporary Political Development Studies.” *The Review of Politics* Vol. 58 No. 2 (Spring 1996): 269-298
- “Aristotle’s Science of the Best Regime: A Controversy.” *American Political Science Review* Vol. 89 No. 1 (March 1995): 152-160
- “The ‘Realism’ of Classical Political Science.” *American Journal of Political Science* Vol. 38 No. 2 (May 1994): 381-402
- “Aristotle’s Science of the Best Regime.” *American Political Science Review* Vol. 88 No. 1 (March 1994): 143-155

### **Books**

- Against Demagogues: What Aristophanes Can Teach Us about the Perils of Populism and the Fate of Democracy*. New Translations of the *Acharnians* and *Knights*, with Interpretive Essays and Notes. Berkeley: University of California Press. 2020.
- Aristotle’s Art of Rhetoric*. A New Translation, with an Interpretive Essay, Notes, and Glossary. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2019. Paperback Spring 2021  
Forthcoming in Turkish translation (Kitap Yayinlari).
- Sophistry and Political Philosophy: Protagoras’ Challenge to Socrates*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016. Paperback 2019.  
Forthcoming in Mandarin translation, East China Normal University Press.
- Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics*. A New Translation, with an Interpretive Essay, Notes, and Glossary. With Susan D. Collins. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011. Paperback edition 2012
- Plato, “*Protagoras*” and “*Meno*.” Translations with Interpretive Essays and Notes. Ithaca: :Cornell University Press. 2004
- The Idea of Enlightenment: A Post-mortem Study*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 2001. Paperback edition 2011.
- Pierre Bayle, *Various Thoughts on the Occasion of a Comet*. Edited and translated, with Interpretive Essay. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 2000
- Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*. Co-editor, with Susan D. Collins, and contributor. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 1999
- Xenophon, *The Shorter Socratic Writings: Apology of Socrates to the Jury, Oeconomicus, and Symposium*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. 1996.  
Cornell/Agora Paperback edition, 2006. Editor and contributor.

## **Other**

- “On the Supremacy of Contemplation in Aristotle and Plato.” In *Mastery of Nature*. Ed. Svetozar Minkov and Bernhardt Trout. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2018.
- “On Xenophon’s *Agesilaus*” together with a new translation of the *Agesilaus*. In Xenophon, *The Shorter Writings*. Ed. Gregory McBrayer. Cornell University Press, 2018.
- “On Law and the Science of Politics in Plato’s *Statesman*.” In *Plato’s Statesman: Dialectic, Myth, and Politics*, ed. John Sallis. SUNY Press. 2016. Pp. 237-249.
- “Sophistry as a Way of Life.” In *Political Philosophy Cross-Examined*. Ed. Thomas L. Pangle and J. Harvey Lomax. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. 2013. Pp. 5-16.
- “Some Remarks on the Political Science of Maimonides and Farabi” by Leo Strauss. Edited and translated. In *Leo Strauss on Maimonides*. Ed. Kenneth Hart Green. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2013. Pp. 275-313.
- “Curzer, Howard J. *Aristotle & the Virtues*.” (Book review) *The Review of Metaphysics* 66:3 (2013): 570-572.
- “Stendhal and the Promise of Happiness: An Introduction to the *Charterhouse of Parma*.” In *Recovering Reason: Essays in Honor of Thomas L. Pangle*. Ed. Timothy Burns. Lexington Books. 2010.
- “Masters of Greek Thought: Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle.” 36-part lecture series for The Teaching Company, “The Great Courses,” 2008.
- Review of Sara Forsdyke, *Exile, Ostracism, and Democracy: The Politics of Expulsion in Ancient Greece*. *The Review of Politics* 68 No. 4 (2006): 687-689
- Review of Lowell S. Gustafson, ed., *Thucydides’ Theory of International Relations: A Lasting Possession*. *American Political Science Review* Vol. 95 No. 2 (June 2001): 465
- Review of Joseph Cropsey, *Plato’s World*. *Journal of Politics* Vol. 58 No. 2 (May 1996): 587-589

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Teaching Awards**

- Inaugural Emory Williams Lecture, The Voluntary Core, Emory University. September 2012.
- Ross Lence Master Teacher Residency. University of Houston. April 12-14, 2012.
- Arthur M. Blank/National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Chair, Emory University, 2008-2010
- Center for Teaching and Curriculum Award, “Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences,” Emory University, 2003-2004
- Crystal Apple Award of the Student Government Association, “Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching: Lecture Class,” Emory University, 2002-2003
- Elected Honorary Member, Phi Beta Kappa, Emory University Chapter, Spring 2003
- Recognized for Excellence in Teaching by Inductees of Phi Beta Kappa, Emory University, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2009

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Other Awards**

Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Grant  
(GAANN) \$600,000 over three years

Thomas W. Smith Grant to support the graduate program and the John Marshall Project  
at Boston College, 2015-2018

Thomas W. Smith Grant to support the graduate program at Boston College (with Nasser  
Behnegar), 2012-15

Earhart Foundation Summer Research Grants, 1995, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2014

Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Summer Course Development Grant, Emory  
University, 2004, 2008

John M. Olin Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2000-2001

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Faculty Study Grant to study German  
in Munich, Germany June 2001

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Classics and Political Science, Emory  
University, 1994-96

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow, 1992-  
94

### **Doctoral Dissertations Supervised**

Brenna Strauss, Kazutaka Kondo, Daniel Burns, Allison D'Orazio Levy, Dustin Sebell,  
Christopher Lauriello, Matthew Berry, Adam Thomas, Thomas Cleveland, Brendan  
Bucy, John Hungerford

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Politics* (2009-2013)

Member of the Editorial Board of *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*  
(2008-present)

Organizer of the Political Theory panels, Southern Political Science Association, Annual  
Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2005

Peer reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political  
Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Review of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*,  
*Polis*, *Interpretation*, Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press,  
SUNY Press, Cornell University Press, Columbia University Press, Rowman &  
Littlefield

### **Department of Political Science (Boston College)**

Placement Director (2010-21)

Member, Undergraduate Committee (2015-16)

Member, Graduate Committee (2010-12)

Member, Coordinating Committee, Self-Study (2011-12)

Member, Sub-committee on Assessment Outcomes (2011)

### **University Service (Boston College)**

Elected Member, Core Curriculum Committee (2015-18)

Elected Member, Graduate Educational Policy Committee (2012-15)

### **University Service (Emory University)**

Chair, Admissions and Scholarships Committee, 2006-2009  
Member, Dean's Scholarship Selection Committee, 2007, 2008  
Member, Emory Scholars Selection Committee, 2005, 2006  
Member, Admissions and Scholarships Committee, 2001-2004  
Mentor, Office of Multicultural Programs, 2002-04

### **Department of Political Science (Emory University)**

Director of Undergraduate Studies and Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee,  
Department of Political Science, 2001-2010  
Member, International Studies Major Sub-committee, September 2001-2010  
Departmental Liaison to Emory College Honor Council, Spring 2003-2010  
Chair, ad hoc committee to recommend changes to the Political Science and International  
Studies major requirements, Spring 2006  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), January 2000-May  
2001

### **Invited Lectures and Seminars**

"Political Philosophy and the Problem of Chance." American University. November 3,  
2017.  
"On Law and the Science of Politics in Plato's *Statesman*." Conference on Plato's  
*Statesman*, Boston College. November 21, 2014.  
"Religion and Politics in Classical Political Science." Carl Friedrich von Siemens  
Foundation. Munich, Germany. July 11, 2012.  
"Aristotle and Others on the Problem of Chance." Concourse Program. MIT. April 20,  
2012.  
"Sophistry as a Way of Life: How To Make It Work for You." Political Theory  
Colloquium. Harvard University. April 19, 2012.  
"Political Philosophy and the Problem of Whales: On the Theme of *Moby Dick*."  
Seminar. The Liberal Arts College, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.  
February 5, 2010  
"How to Get Lucky: An Introduction to the Problem of Chance." Public Lecture. The  
Liberal Arts College, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. February 4, 2010  
"Religion in Modernity: On the Philosophical Foundations of Modern Secularism."  
LeFrak Forum Symposium on Religion in Modernity, Michigan State University,  
April 17-19, 2009  
"Aristotle's Inquiry into Happiness in the *Nicomachean Ethics*." Bradley Lecture,  
Boston College, November 7, 2008  
Three Seminars on Plato's *Meno*. National Endowment for the Humanities Summer  
Seminar, "Socratic Questions," June 5-8, 2006, Villanova University  
"Comments on Allan Arkush" and "Comments on Nicholas Wolterstorff." Toleration  
and Truth: The Impact of Liberal Society on Religion. Conference at Emory  
University Law School. March 30, 2006  
"Comedy and War: Aristophanes' *Acharnians*." Two lectures and two seminars, the  
University of Houston, September 22-24, 2003

- “On the Utility of Classical Political Philosophy Today.” Harvard University,  
Department of Government, February 14, 2003
- “An Introduction to Plato’s *Protagoras*.” Boston College, Institute for the Study of  
Religion and Politics, November 9, 2001
- “Protagoras and the Problem of Relativism in Plato.” The Committee on Social Thought,  
University of Chicago, January 26, 2000