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Personal Data:

Born May 16, 1946, Rutland, Vermont; married (1971), four adult children

Education:

Michigan State University, 1964-8; B.A. in classics (with high honor), June, 1968
Cornell University, 1968-69; graduate study in classics
The University of Texas at Austin, 1971-5; Ph.D. in philosophy, August, 1975
The Institute for Research in the Humanities, the University of Wisconsin, Madison;
post-doctoral fellowship, 1978-9

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, department of philosophy, the University of Colorado, 1975-82;
Associate Professor, 1982-87
Visiting Assistant Professor, department of philosophy, the University of Virginia, fall,
1981
Visiting Assistant Professor, department of philosophy, UCLA, winter and spring, 1982
Visiting Associate Professor, department of philosophy, Santa Clara University, 1986-7;
Associate Professor, 1987-94; Professor, 1994-present

Administrative Experience:

Director of University Honors Program, 1989-92
Department Chair, 1997-2000
Director of Residential Learning Communities, 1999-2002

Areas of Specialization:

Ancient philosophy, virtue ethics

Areas of Competence:

Modern philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology

Honors and Awards:

Honorary National Honor Society Scholarship, 1964
Michigan State University National Merit Scholarship, 1964-8
Honorary Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1968
Member of Phi Beta Kappa, 1968-present
NDEA Title IV Fellowship, Cornell University, 1968-9
University Fellowship, the University of Texas at Austin, 1971-4
University of Colorado Summer Research Initiation Fellowship, July-August, 1978
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, the Institute for Research in the Humanities, the University of Wisconsin, 1978-9
Faculty Mentor for Jacob Van Ek Award winners John Sternberg (1978), Scot Peterson (1981), and Ellen Lindseth (1986)
University of Colorado Graduate Committee on Arts & Humanities Faculty Book Award, 1986
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Participant, 1988: The Philosophy of Socrates (Gregory Vlastos, Director)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1989
Virtue and Knowledge: An Introduction to Ancient Greek Ethics was listed by *Choice* as an Outstanding Academic Book of 1991 in May, 1992
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Participant, 1992: *Virtues and their Vicissitudes* (Amelie Rorty, director)
Santa Clara University Brutacao Award for Excellence in Curriculum Innovation, 1995 (shared with William Greenwalt and Helen Moritz)
Santa Clara University President's Special Recognition Award, September, 2002
Visiting Fellowship, Clare Hall, Cambridge, September, 2003-June, 2004; life membership, 2004-
John Drahmann Award for Excellence in Advising, College of Arts & Sciences, September, 2006

National Service:

Panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities on numerous occasions
Member of the editorial board of *Ancient Philosophy*, 1980-present
Referee for various academic presses, including Princeton University Press, State University of New York Press, and American Philosophical Society
And journals, including *Ancient Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Philosophical Research Archives*, and *Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association*

Publications

I. Books

Unity and Development in Plato's Metaphysics (La Salle, Illinois: Open Court Publishing Company, and Beckenham, Kent: Croom Helm Ltd., 1985)

Virtue and Knowledge: An Introduction to Ancient Greek Ethics (London and New York: Routledge, Chapman and Hall, inc., 1991)

II. Edited Volumes

Logos, vol. 9: *Manufactured Motherhood: The Ethics of the New Reproductive Techniques* (Santa Clara, CA: Santa Clara Department of Philosophy, 1988)

Logos, vol. 10: *Reason and Moral Judgment* (Santa Clara, CA: Santa Clara Department of Philosophy, 1989)

Logos, vol. 11: *Personal Identity* (Santa Clara, CA: Santa Clara Department of Philosophy, 1990)

Socrates: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers (4 volumes. London and New York: Routledge, 1996)

III. Articles:

"Zeno's First Argument Concerning Plurality," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 60 (1978), 247-256

"Parmenides 132c-133a and the Development of Plato's Thought," *Phronesis* 24 (1979), 230-240

"Plato's Analysis of Being and Not-Being in the *Sophist*," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 18 (1980), 199-211

"Relations between Forms and 'Pauline Predication' in *Euthyphro* 11e4-12d4," *Ancient Philosophy* 1 (1980), 61-67

"Abortion and the Good Samaritan," *Logos* 3 (1982), 79-90

"The Two-Worlds Argument and the Development of Plato's Metaphysics," *The University of Dayton Review* 16 (1982), 35-43

"The Concept of *Paradeigma* in Plato's Theory of Forms," *Apeiron* 17 (1983), 33-42; abstract in *Archiv für Begriffsgeschichte* 28 (1984), 326-7

"*Timaeus* 48e-52d and the Third Man Argument," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Supplementary Volume IX (1983), 123-47

"Compassion: A Critique of Moral Rationalism," *Philosophy & Theology*, 2 (1987), 173-191; also in Rodney Taylor and Jean Watson, eds., *They Shall Not Hurt: Human Suffering and Human Caring* (Boulder: Colorado Associated University Press, 1989), 33-51

"Can Virtue be Taught?" *Laetaberis: The Journal of the California Classical Association*, N.S. 8 (1990-91), 1-16

Publications (continued):

- “Thomson on the Moral Specification of Rights,” co-authored with William A. Parent, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 56 (1996), 837-845
- “Why Did Plato Write Socratic Dialogues?” in Mark McPherran, ed., *Wisdom, Ignorance and Virtue: New Essays in Socratic Studies* (*Apeiron* 30, no. 4, 1997), 109-23
- “Plato and the ‘Socratic Fallacy’,” *Phronesis* 43 (1998), 97-113
- “Eudaimonism and Virtue,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 35, 3 (2001), 325-342
- “The Historicity of Plato’s *Apology*,” *Polis* 18 (2001), 41-57
- “Protagoras’ Defense of Athenian Democracy,” in Victor Caston and Daniel Graham, eds., *Presocratic Philosophy: Essays in honour of Alexander Mourelatos* (Burlington, Vermont: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002), 313-326
- “Socrates Metaphysician,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 27 (2004), 1-14
- “The Socratic Problem,” in Hugh Benson, ed., *A Blackwell Companion to Plato*, (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006), 25-34
- “The Portrait of Socrates in Plato’s *Symposium*,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 31 (2006), 137-166
- “Moral Philosophy and Moral Cultivation,” in Brad Wilburn, ed., *Moral Cultivation*

IV. Review Essay:

- “We Aren’t Here to do the Decent Thing”: *Saving Private Ryan* and the Morality of War,” *Parameters* 30, No. 3 (Autumn, 2000), 138-45

V. Reviews

- Book Note on *Commentary on Parmenides*, by John McGinley, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 17 (1979), 369
- Book Note on *Plato*, by J. B. Skemp, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 17 (1979), 460
- Review of *Platonica*, by Alice Faye Riginos, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 18 (1980), 80-1
- Review of *Plato’s Theory of Understanding*, by Jon Moline, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 67 (1985), 97-102
- Review of *Plato’s Late Ontology: A Riddle Resolved*, by Kenneth Sayre, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 68 (1986), 292-6
- Review of *The Platonic Cosmology*, by Richard D. Mohr, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 25 (1987), 579-80
- Review of *Image and Reality in Plato’s Metaphysics*, by Richard Patterson, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 70 (1988), 105-8
- Review Article, “I. F. Stone’s Socrates,” review of *The Trial of Socrates*, by I. F. Stone, *Laetaberis*, New Series 7 (1989), 62-71
- Review of *Platonic Writings, Platonic Readings*, ed. by Charles L. Griswold, Jr., *Teaching Philosophy* 13 (1990), 173-5

Review of *Ancient Concepts of Philosophy*, by William Jordan, *Teaching Philosophy* 18 (1995), 78-80

Review Article, "A New Apology," review of Plato's *Apology*, by Michael C. Stokes, *Apeiron* 31 (1998), 399-406

Review of *The Virtues of Authenticity*, by Alexander Nehamas, *Ancient Philosophy* 21 (2001), 182-188

Review of *The Dialectic of Essence*, by Allan Silverman, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 42 (2004), 97-98

Review of *Plato's Cosmology and its Ethical Dimensions*, by Gabriela Roxana Carone, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. October 18, 2006 (an electronic journal)

Review of *Socratic Virtue*, by Naomi Reshotko, *Classical Review* (forthcoming)

VI. Invited Papers for the American Philosophical Association

Plato's *Theaetetus*, invited for the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March, 1988

"Socrates after Vlastos." invited for the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, December, 2002