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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, 1994-2013; Professor Emeritus, 2013-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

Santa Clara University Brutacao Award for Teaching Excellence, September, 2009

**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*, *Dialogue*, *Faith and 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); reprinted by Routledge in 2013

*Virtue and Knowledge: An Introduction to Ancient Greek Ethics* (London and New York: Routledge, Chapman and Hall, inc., 1991); reprinted by Routledge in 2016.

*Ancient Philosophy: A Beginner’s Guide* (London: Oneworld Publications, 2016)

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 ofPlato’s *Apology*,” *Polis* 18 (2001), 41-57

“Protagoras’ Great Speech and Plato’s 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* (Lexington Books, 2007), 49-67

“Developmentalism,” “Intellectualism,” and “Socrates (Historical),” In Gerald Press, ed., *The Continuum Companion to Plato* (London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2012), 184-186, 28-30, and 288-9

“Socratic Metaphysics,” in John Bussanich and Nicholas Smith, eds., *The Bloomsbury Companion to Socrates* (London, Bloomsbury Academic, 2013), 68-93

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

**Publications (continued):**

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*, byGabriela Roxana Carone, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. October 18, 2006 (an electronic journal)

Review of *Socratic Virtue*, by Naomi Reshotko, *Classical Review* 58 (2008), 68-70

Review of *Bitter Knowledge: Learning Socratic Lessons of Disillusion and Renewal*,by Thomas D. Eisele, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* April 10, 2011 (an electronic journal)

Review of *The Oxford Handbook to Plato*, Gail Fine, ed., *Ancient Philosophy* 31 (2011), 213-217

Review of *Plato at the Googleplex: Why Philosophy Won’t Go Away*, By Rebecca Goldstein, *Ancient Philosophy* (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