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I) Biographical Information

Citizenship

Canadian (born in Montréal on May 30th, 1969)

Employment History

Concordia University, Montréal (Canada)

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (since 2019)
- Principal (Chair of the Department), Liberal Arts College, 2011-2017
- Associate Professor, Liberal Arts College, 2005-2019
- Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts College, 2000-2005

Wesleyan University (Fall 1999)

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government

Boston College (Spring 1999, Spring 2000)

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science

Academic Background

Boston College (Department of Political Science)

- **Ph.D.** in Political Theory, with specialty in classical political philosophy (1998)

McGill University

- **B.C.L.** (1992) and **L.L.B.** (1992).
 - *University Scholar*, graduate of the faculty of law in both civil and common law
 - Outstanding Editor of *McGill Law Journal* (Vol. 37)

Languages

French (native proficiency); **Ancient Greek** (advanced reading level); **German** (advanced reading and intermediate speaking level)

II) Research

Monographs

- *Xenophon the Socratic Prince: The Argument of the Anabasis of Cyrus* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), xviii + 337 pages. Published as part of the Series “Recovering Political Philosophy,” edited by Thomas L. Pangle and Timothy Burns. --- The book was translated into Chinese and published in 2020 as part of the series *Hermes (Classici et Commentarii)*. ISBN 978-7-5080-9995-8.
- (In Progress) *Strauss and Xenophon: On Philosophy and Law*. An interpretation of Strauss’s recovery of Xenophon’s political philosophy.

Books

- Co-editor (with Devin Stauffer, University of Texas at Austin). *Christopher Bruell: Essays of Five Decades on Philosophy and Philosophers*. Introduction by James Guest. Book under contract with State University of New York (SUNY) Press. Expected late 2025.
- *Xenophon: The Anabasis of Cyrus* (Cornell University Press, 2008). I contributed the introduction to this translation (from ancient Greek) of the *Anabasis* or *Expedition of Cyrus* by Wayne Ambler. The introduction is entitled “The Political Life and the Socratic Education” (pp. 1-35, 254-61).

Journal Articles and Chapters in Books

- “The Crisis of the West and Strauss on Xenophon: A Prologue to a Comprehensive Study.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* (Vol. 50, No. 1) Fall 2023, pp. 3-30 (lead article of the issue and of volume 50).
- “The True Socratic Education: Reflections on Dustin Sebell’s *Xenophon’s Socratic Education: Reason, Religion, and the Limits of Politics*.” Accepted for publication by *The Review of Politics*. Forthcoming 2025.
- “A Guide to the Study of Leo Strauss’s *On Tyranny*.” Contribution to *Brill’s Companion to Leo Strauss’ Writings on Classical Political Thought* (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2015) pp. 227-257.
- “The Injustice of Callicles and the Limits of Socrates’s Ability to Educate a Young Politician” *Ancient Philosophy* 25 (2005) pp. 25-48.
- “New Developments in Xenophon Studies” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* (Vol. 30, No. 2) Spring 2003, pp. 157-177.

- “The Rhetoric of Xenophon and the Treatment of Justice in the *Memorabilia*,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* (Vol. 29, No.1) Fall 2001, pp. 3-33.
- Translation (from French to English) of Franco Volpi’s “The Rehabilitation of Practical Philosophy and Neo-Aristotelianism,” in *Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*, eds., State University of New York: Albany, 1999, pp. 3-25.

Book Reviews

- Susan Meld Shell (editor). *The Strauss-Krüger Correspondence: Returning to Plato through Kant* (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). Reviewed in *The Review of Politics*. Vol. 82, No. 2 (Spring 2020), pp. 366-369.
- Dustin Sebell. *The Socratic Turn: Knowledge of Good and Evil in an Age of Science* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016). Reviewed in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 43, No. 2 (Winter 2017), pp. 333-340.
- Geoffrey Hawthorn. *Thucydides on Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014). Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 13, No. 3 (September 2015), pp. 839-840.
- Paul J. Rasmussen. *Excellence Unleashed: Machiavelli’s Critique of Xenophon and the Moral Foundation of Politics* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2009). Reviewed in *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*. Vol. 26, No. 2 (Fall 2009), pp. 399-402.
- Richard D. Mohr. *God and Forms in Plato* (Las Vegas: Parmenides Publishing, 2005). Reviewed in *Review of Metaphysics*. Vol. 61, No. 243 (March 2008), pp. 650-651.
- Devin Stauffer. *The Unity of Plato’s Gorgias* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Reviewed in *Review of Metaphysics*. Vol. 60, No. 240 (June 2007), pp. 884-886.
- Zdravko Planinc. *Plato through Homer: Poetry and Philosophy in the Cosmological Dialogues* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2003). Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 37, No.3 (Sept. 2004), pp. 775-777.

III) Invited Lectures

- “The Theological-Political Problem: Xenophon’s *Oeconomicus* and Strauss’s 1946 “Shipwreck.” Online lecture-webinar in international symposium entitled *Future Themes in Leo Strauss Studies*. 26 April 2024. Hosted by the Leo Strauss Foundation. [Vidéos Bing](#).
- “Why Xenophon Today?” Guest lecture organized by the *McGill Classics Student Association*. 4 February 2021. Held online.
- “Money or Love? An Introduction to Xenophon and his dialogue the *Oeconomicus*.” St. John’s College, Santa Fe (New Mexico), 18 November 2016.
- “*Les deux vies de Socrate: réflexions sur la philosophie et la science*.” Université Laval, Québec City. Faculté de Philosophie (*Certificat sur les oeuvres marquantes de la culture occidentale*), 26 Février 2016 (delivered in French).
- “How to Begin to Study Leo Strauss’s On Tyranny.” Boston College, Department of Political Science, 17 October 2014.
- “Xenophon as Socratic Prince,” Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation (Munich) June 2011.
- “Socratic Education and the Political Life: An Introduction to Xenophon’s *Anabasis*,” Bradley Series, Institute for the Study of Religion and Politics, Boston College. February 2005.

IV) Conference Presentations

- Participant in roundtable discussion of Ariel Helfer’s *Plato’s Letters: The Political Challenges of the Philosophic Life* (Cornell University Press, 2023). Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association* (MPSA), Chicago, 4 April, 2024.
- Discussant on panel entitled *Knowledge and Politics in Platonic Philosophy*. Annual Meeting of the *Northeastern Political Science Association*, 13 November, 2021. Held online
- Discussant on panel entitled *Plato: Philosopher, Statesman, Rhetorician, and Poet*. Annual Meeting of the *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Montréal, 9 November, 2018.
- Discussant on panel entitled *Philosophy in the Polis*. Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association* (MPSA), Chicago, 5-8 April, 2018.
- “Roundtable: Strauss on Philosophy, Religion, and Morality.” Annual meeting of the

- American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Philadelphia, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2016.
- “An Introduction to Leo Strauss’s *On Tyranny*” Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Chicago, 3-6 April, 2014.
 - “Why does a Philosopher Masquerade as a Soldier? The Case of Xenophon.” Annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Seattle, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2011.
 - “Justice and (Hellenic) Law in Xenophon’s *Anabasis*.” Annual meeting of the *Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)*, Boston, 11-13 November 2010.
 - “Xenophon and Noble Conduct: Book 4 of the *Anabasis of Cyrus*.” Annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Toronto, 2-6 September 2009.
 - “Piety and Prudence in the *Anabasis* of Xenophon.” Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Chicago, 2-5 April 2009.
 - “Piety in the Leadership of Xenophon.” Annual meeting of the *Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)*, Boston, 13-15 November 2008.
 - “Roundtable: on Returning to Greece: Xenophon’s *Anabasis* and Eric Buzzetti’s New Interpretation.” Annual meeting of the *Southwest Political Science Association (SWPA)*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2007.
 - “Xenophon as Teacher of Political Realism.” Annual meeting of the *Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)*, Boston, 9-11 November 2006.
 - “Leaving Socrates to Befriend Cyrus: Was Xenophon Politically Ambitious?” Annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Washington, 1-4 September 2005.
 - “A Socratic in Action: Xenophon’s Leadership in the *Anabasis*.” Annual meeting of the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)*, New Orleans, January 2005.
 - “The Injustice of Callicles and the Limits of Socrates’s Ability to Educate a Young Politician.” Annual meeting of the *Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC)*, Irving, Texas, April 2004.
 - “Considérations sur l’histoire, l’éducation et la lecture des texte philosophiques” presented (in French) at the annual meeting of the *Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC)*, Montreal, April 2002.
 - “Socrates’s Refutation of Callicles’s Hedonism.” Annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, San Francisco, August 2001.

V) Funding

- **Chair Research Funding**, Research Expenses. \$1518.00 (fiscal year 2015).
- **Chair Research Funding**, Research Expenses. \$3800.00 (2013-2014).
- **Chair Research Funding**, Research Expenses. \$3400.00 (2011-2012).
- **Sabbatical Funding**, Conference/Travel Expenses. \$4000.00 (2017-2018)
\$2000.00 (winter 2011)
\$4000.00 (2006-2007).
- **FQRSC (former FCAR)**. Programme Établissement de Nouveaux Chercheurs (volet individuel). Spring 2002. A three-year award (2002-2005) with annual funding of \$5,662.00. Total amount: \$16,986.00. Project: *Justice and Rhetoric in Plato's Gorgias*.
- **Bridge Funding**. Concordia University. Fall 2002. Up to \$ 6,000.00 for 2002-2003. (The funding was declined.)
- **FRDP**. Concordia University, Fall 2000. Project: *Justice, Rhetoric and Political Enlightenment in Plato*. Phase II: (2001-2002) \$3,095.00
(2000-2001) \$6,475.00
Phase I: (2000-2001) \$4,510.00

VI) Teaching

I taught the core curriculum at the Liberal Arts College between 2000 and 2018. This curriculum included a large number of key texts in the history of political philosophy, from Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Ethics*, and Machiavelli's *Prince* to Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, Marx's *Capital* and Nietzsche's *Genealogy of Morals* (to mention only a few). Since 2019, I teach Political Theory in the Department of Political Science.

Specific courses taught include: **POLI 814** (*Special Topics in Political Theory*), **POLI 804** (*Advanced Seminar in Political Theory*), **POLI 490** (*Portraits of Classical Ambition*), **POLI 490** (*Just City, Ambitious Ruler*), **POLI 490** (*Ruler or Philosopher?*) **POLI 426** (*Nietzsche*), **POLI 425** (*Foundations of Liberalism*), **POLI 416** (*Ancient Political Texts*), **POLI 373** (*Late Modern Political Philosophy*), **POLI 306** (*Classical Political Thought*), **POLI 206** (*Introduction to Western Political Theory*), **LBCL 291** (*Structure and Dynamics of Western Civilization I*), **LBCL 292** (*Modes of Literary Expression and Interpretation I*), **LBCL 391** (*Structure and Dynamics of Western Civilization II*) and **LBCL 490** (*The Twentieth Century: Forms, Themes, Critiques*), **LBCL 201** (*Western Thought and History from Antiquity to the Renaissance*), **LBCL 298** (*Love and Politics*), **LBCL 394** (*History of Science: From Antiquity to the Renaissance*), **LBCL 494** (*Plato and the Socratic Education*), **LBCL 494** (*Reading Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*) and **LBCL 498** (*On Science and the Enlightenment of the City: An Exploration of Plato's View of Knowledge*).

VII) Service

External (Academic)

- **External Referee.** Since joining Concordia, I have reviewed papers and manuscripts for the *American Political Science Review* (APSR), the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (CPSA), *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, *The Political Science Quarterly*, *The Review of Politics*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Mouseion: Journal of the Classical Association of Canada*, the *American Journal of Political Science* (AJPS) and Cornell University Press.

Internal (Administrative)

- **Awards Committee, Faculty of Arts and Science.** 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- **Department Personnel Committee (DPC), Political Science,** 2022-2023, 2023-2024
- **Graduate Admission Committee, Political Science,** 2021-2022
- **Research Committee, Department of Political Science.** 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- **Principal (Chair of the Department), Liberal Arts College.** 2011-2017
- **Interim Principal, Liberal Arts College.** June 2008-2009
- **Vice-Principal, Liberal Arts College.** June 2009- May 2010
- **Faculty Council Member, Faculty of Arts and Science.** 2011-2017
- **Chair of Liberal Arts College, Self-Appraisal Committee.** 2014-2015
- **Liberal Arts College, Hiring Committee.** I was involved in five successful tenure-track searches at LAC.
- **Chair, PhD defense, Department of Religions and Cultures.** PhD candidate Michelle Bakker. 16 August 2016.
- **Examining Committee, PhD defense, Department of Political Science.** PhD candidate Eli Friedland. 26 April 2018.
- **Advisory Chair Search Committee (Sociology and Anthropology).** January 2016. Committee chaired by John Capobianco.
- **Advisory Chair Search Committee (Études françaises).** January 2015. Committee chaired by Jason Camlot.
- **Advisory Chair Search Committee (Communications).** January 2012. Committee chaired by Grant Brown.
- **Advisory Chair Search Committee (History).** April 2004. Committee chaired by Joanne Locke.
- **Liberal Arts College, Chair of Self-Appraisal Committee.** 2014-2015
- **Liberal Arts College, Self-Appraisal Committee.** 2002-2003
- **Liberal Arts College, Curriculum Committee**

VIII) Honors and Awards

- ***Carl Friedrich von Siemens Scholar in Residence. Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation (Munich), winter 2026 (forthcoming).*** (Details about the Foundation, including information about former recipients of the fellowship, can be found at: <https://www.carl-friedrich-von-siemens-stiftung.de/>).
- ***Carl Friedrich von Siemens Scholar in Residence. Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation (Munich), academic year 2019-2020.***
- **Postdoctoral Fellowship, John M. Olin Center for Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of Democracy, University of Chicago, 2000-2001** (declined to take up tenure-track position at Concordia).
- **Postdoctoral Fellowship, Political Science, Boston College, spring 2000.**
- **Postdoctoral Fellowship, John M. Olin Foundation, Spring 1999.**
- **Doctoral Fellowship, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 1997-98, 96-97, 94-95.**
- **Doctoral Fellowship, Political Science, Boston College, 1995-96.**
- **Summer Dissertation Development Fellowship, Boston College, 1996.**
- **Doctoral Fellowship, H.B. Earhart Foundation, 1993-94.**
- **University Scholar, McGill University, 1992.**
- **I. Ballon Memorial Medal, outstanding editor of the *McGill Law Journal*, 1992.**
- **H.E. Fiegelson Obligations Prize, McGill University, 1989.**
- **James McGill Entrance Award, McGill University, 1988.**