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1979-84 University Assistant Lecturer in Ancient Philosophy, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge.

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1984 Philosopher in Residence, Department of Philosophy, University of Western Australia.

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**Publications:**

**Books:**

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2) *Language, thought and falsehood in ancient Greek philosophy*, (Routledge: London, 1991), pp. xi + 222.

3) *Plato: Alcibiades* (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2001), pp. xi + 254.

4) *Plato: Protagoras* (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2008), pp. xiii + 207. Greek translation (Ινστιτούτο του Βιβλίου – Α. Καρδαμίτσα: Athens 2010), pp. xvi + 327.

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6) 'Catholic and apostolic', *Scottish Journal of Theology*, vol. 38, no. 4 (1985), pp. 515-528.

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8) 'Ethics in Plato's *Republic*', in Godfrey Vesey (ed.), *Philosophers ancient and modern*, (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1986), pp. 19-32.

9) 'A note on Zeno B3', in Jan Srzednicki (ed.), *Initiatives in logic*, (Martinus Nijhoff: Dordrecht, 1987), pp. 81-83.

10) 'Stoicism and token-reflexivity', in Jonathan Barnes and Mario Mignucci (eds.) *Matter and metaphysics*, (Bibliopolis: Naples, 1988), pp. 375-396.

11) 'Can physics be exact?', originally in *Cahiers du séminaire d'épistémologie et d'histoire des sciences*, Numéro 20, "La Physique" d'Aristote; and now in François De Gandt and Pierre Souffrin (eds.) *La Physique d'Aristote et les conditions d'une science de la nature*, (J. Vrin: Paris, 1991), pp. 73-83.

12) 'The principle of harmony', *Analysis*, vol. 49, no. 1 (1989), pp. 21-22.

13) 'Dialetheism and trivialization', *Mind*, vol. 98, no. 390 (1989), pp. 259-263.

14) 'Ease and difficulty: a modal logic with deontic applications', *Theoria*, vol. 56, part 1-2 (1990), pp. 42-61.

15) 'Pure second-order logic', *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, vol. 33, no. 2 (Spring 1992), pp. 220-224.

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17) 'The charms of Jacques Derrida', *Cambridge Review*, vol. 113, no. 2318 (October 1992), pp. 103-05.

18) 'Anglo-Saxon platitudes', *Cambridge Review*, vol. 114, no. 2321, (June 1993), pp. 89-90.

19) 'Why do mirrors reverse left/right and not up/down?', *Philosophy*, vol. 69, no. 268 (April 1994) pp. 205-10.

20) 'Emendatio in Platonis *Alcibiadem Priorem* 128e10', *Eos*, vol. 80, no. 2 (1992 - officially, but in fact 1994).

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30) 'Mirrors in James 1:22-25 and Plato, *Alcibiades* 132c-133c', *Tyndale Bulletin*, vol. 50 (1999) 237-40.

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