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Curriculum Vitae

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POSITIONS

- Creighton University Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Dec. 8, 2020 to present
- Arizona State University Adjunct Faculty, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Sept. 2019 to May 2020; Jan. 2021 to present
- Creighton University Professor of Philosophy, July 2016 to December 2020
- Creighton University Professor of Philosophy and of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, March 2005 to June 2016
- Creighton University Associate Professor of Philosophy and of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, March 1997 to February 2005 (tenured March 1996)
- Creighton University Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 1990 to March 1997

EDUCATION

The University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) Sept. 1984 – May 1990

Ph.D. in philosophy received May 14, 1990

- University Teaching Fellowship Sept. 1984 – May 1990
- Dissertation: *Stoic strength: An examination of the ethics of Epictetus*
- Charles H. Kahn (in memoriam), (Supervisor) Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Professor Emeritus of Classical Studies, The University of Pennsylvania.
Other committee members:
 - John M. Cooper (in memoriam), Henry Putnam University Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University
 - Alexander Nehamas, Edmund N. Carpenter Professor in the Humanities, Professor of Philosophy, and Professor of Comparative Literature, Princeton University
 - R. Jay Wallace, Professor of Philosophy and Judy Chandler Webb Distinguished Chair for Innovative Teaching and Research, University of California, Berkeley

Earlham College (Richmond, Indiana) Sept. 1982 – June 1984

B.A. in philosophy received June 3, 1984

- Phi Beta Kappa (Delta Chapter of Indiana, May 25, 1984)
- Departmental Honors in Philosophy
- College Honors
- Georgia M. Watkins Scholarship in Greek & Latin

The College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio) Sept. 1980 – June 1982

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

- Creighton University “Iggy” Award (for outstanding freshman mentors, counselors, advocates, and role models) Feb. 2021
- Creighton University Dr. George F. Haddix President’s Faculty Research Fund: “Epictetus’s *Encheiridion*: A new English translation” (May 2017–Feb. 2018)
- Creighton University “Iggy” Award (for outstanding freshman mentors, counselors, advocates, and role models) Feb. 2015
- Creighton University Academic Affairs 2014 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship: “Epictetus on Tragedy, Homeric Unheroes, and Stoic Heroism”
- Creighton University Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society 2010 fall cycle grant: *Marcus Aurelius: A Guide for the Perplexed*
- Creighton University Graduate School 2010 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship: *Marcus Aurelius: A Guide for the Perplexed*
- Creighton University Academic Development and Technology Center eFellowship Fall 2009 to Spring 2010
- Creighton University Graduate School 2008 Research Initiative Grant: *Lessons in Liberation: Epictetus as Educator*
- Creighton University Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society 2008 spring cycle grant: “The Providential Tourist: Epictetus on Journeys”
- Creighton College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Program stipend as facilitator of the Diversity and the Environment Faculty Reading Group 2007–08
- Cardoner Program Vocation Fellowship Creighton Univ., summer 2005 to spring 2006
- Winner of the Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching for Tomorrow Award, Creighton University, Feb. 7, 2005
- Nominee for the Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching for Tomorrow Award, Creighton University, Jan. 30, 2002
- Creighton University Office of Institutional Research & Assessment 2002 summer assessment grant for the Philosophy Dept. Assessment Committee
- Visiting Scholar at the Department of Classics, University of California, Berkeley, Jan. 13 to Dec. 18, 1999
- Affiliated Scholar at The Ethics Center, University of South Florida (100 Fifth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL), Aug. 24 to Dec. 22, 1998
- Creighton University Graduate School 1998 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship: “Socrates and Stoic Heroism in Epictetus”
- Center for Hellenic Studies Summer Scholar, Washington, D.C., June 25 to Aug. 6, 1997
- William F. Kelley, S.J. Outstanding Service Achievement Award for the Waste Reduction Advisory Committee of Creighton University, Sept. 26, 1996

- US WEST Academic Development and Technology Fellowship, Creighton University summer 1995.
- National Endowment for the Humanities travel stipend to participate in: *Duty, Interest & Practical Reason: Aristotle, Kant & the Stoics*, organized by the Program in Classics, Philosophy & Ancient Science, University of Pittsburgh, March 18–20, 1994
- Creighton College of Arts & Sciences 1993 Summer Faculty Development Grant: *How to Write Philosophy Papers: A Manual*
- Creighton University Graduate School 1992 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship: “Epictetus’s Ethics of Stoic Love and Happiness as Freedom”

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- AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy and Ethics
 - AREAS OF COMPETENCE Ethics and Animals, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of the Person, History of Ethics, History of Modern Philosophy, Logic
 - LANGUAGES Reading knowledge: Classical Greek, Latin, German. Fluent: English.
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PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Marcus Aurelius: Philosopher-King*. London: Reaktion Books, © 2025, pp. 232. ISBN 978-1-83639-116-6 hb (Dec. 18, 2025); kindle ISBN 978-1836391524 (Oct. 13, 2025).
- *Epictetus’s Encheiridion: A New Translation and Guide to Stoic Ethics* (with Scott Aikin) London: Bloomsbury, © 2023, pp. xii+304. ISBN 978-1-3500-0950-9 hb; ISBN 978-1-3500-0951-6 pb, ePDF, eBook.*
- Adolf F. Bonhöffer, *The Ethics of the Stoic Epictetus: An English translation, Revised Edition*. William O. Stephens, translator. New York: Peter Lang, © 2021, pp. xliii+336 ISBN 978-1-4331-7613-5 ePub, ePDF, pb, hb.
- *Marcus Aurelius: A Guide for the Perplexed*.‡ London: Bloomsbury (Continuum), © 2012, pp. xiv+191. ISBN 978-1-4411-2561-3 hb; ISBN 978-1-4411-0810-4 pb.
- *Stoic Ethics: Epictetus and Happiness as Freedom*.* London: Bloomsbury (Continuum), Studies in Ancient Philosophy, © 2007, pp. xvii+178. ISBN 0-8264-9608-3 hb.
- *The Person: Readings in Human Nature*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson (Prentice Hall), © 2006, pp. xiv+415. ISBN 978-0-13-184811-5 pb.
- Adolf F. Bonhöffer, *The Ethics of the Stoic Epictetus: An English translation*† (with a biography of A.F.B. by Constantine Ritter), William O. Stephens, translator. New York: Peter Lang, © 1996, pp. xix+338. ISBN 0-8204-3027-7 hb; 2nd edition © 2000, ISBN 978-0-8204-5139-8 pb.

* Reviewed in:

- *Heroes in the Seaweed*, medium.com (Dec. 11, 2023), by Matt Sharpe
- *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2024.01.48, by Gerard Boter
- *The Stoic Gym*, 6, no. 6 (June 2024), by Chuck Chakrapani

‡ Reviewed in:

- Shepherd.com books on Marcus Aurelius recommended by Donald J. Robertson
- *Ancient Philosophy* 34 (2014): 458–462, by Andrew Fiala
- *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2013.12.26, by Rogier L. van der Wal
- Strategypage.com, Oct. 28, 2013, by A. A. Nofi

* Reviewed in:

- *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.08.08, by Eve A. Browning
- *Ancient Philosophy* 29, no. 2 (Fall 2009): 468–471, by Rory Goggins
- *The Classical Review* 59, no. 1 (2009): 79–80, by John Sellars
- *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* 2009.05.14, by Ricardo Salles

† Reviewed in:

- *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2001.08.41, by Scott M. Rubarth
- *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 120 (2000): 170–171, by Christopher Gill
- *Ancient Philosophy* 20, no. 2 (Fall 2000): 521–524, by Robert J. Rabel
- *Classical Review* 50, no. 1 (2000): 154–155, by George Boys-Stones
- *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 37, no. 4 (Oct. 1999): 671–673, by Eric Brown
- *Electronic Antiquity* 3, no. 7 (May 1997), by Brad Inwood

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Stoicism and Food Ethics,” *Symposion*: Special Issue: Stoicism and Contemporary Thought, edited by S. Aikin and W. O. Stephens, *Symposion* 9, no. 1 (2022): 105–124.
- “Introduction.” (with S. Aikin) *Symposion*, 9, no. 1, Special Issue on Stoicism and Contemporary Thought, S. Aikin and W. O. Stephens, eds. (May 2022): 7–10.
- “How Might a Stoic Eat in Accordance with Nature and ‘Environmental Facts?’” (with K. Whiting, E. Simpson, and L. Konstantakos) *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 33, no. 3 (July 14, 2020): 369–389. DOI 10.1007/s10806-020-09829-w.
- “Refugees, Stoicism, and Cosmic Citizenship,” *Pallas: Revue d’études antiques* 112 (2020): 289–307.

- “Public Health, Ethical Vegetarianism, and the Harms of the Animal Food Industry,” *Archives in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology* 2, no. 1 (July 2, 2019) [<https://irispublishers.com/abeb/fulltext/public-health-ethical-vegetarianism-and-the-harms-of-the-animal-food-industry.ID.000529.php>].
- “Refugees, Exiles, and Stoic Cosmopolitanism.” *Journal of Religion and Society*, Supplement 16 (2018): 73–91.
- “Epictetus on Fearing Death: Bugbear and Open Door Policy.” *Ancient Philosophy* 34, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 365–391.
- “Stoicism and the Philosophies of the Jedi and the Sith.” *The Stoic Philosopher* 9 (Jan./Feb./Mar. 2014).
- “The Mereology of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.” *History Research* 2, no. 2 (February 2012): 164–172.
- “The Ideal of the Stoic Sportsman.” (with R. M. Feezell) *The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 31, no. 2 (2004): 196–211.
- “If Friendship Hurts, an Epicurean Deserts: A Reply to Andrew Mitchell.” *Essays in Philosophy* 3, no. 1 (Jan. 2002).
- “Real Men Are Stoics: An interpretation of Tom Wolfe’s *A Man in Full*.” *The Stoic Voice Journal* 1, no. 3 (April 2000). ISSN 1529-2835.
- “Masks, Androids, and Primates: The Evolution of the Concept ‘Person’.” *Etica & Animali* 9, Special issue on Nonhuman Personhood (1998): 111–127.
- “Epictetus on How the Stoic Sage Loves.” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 14** (1996): 193–210.

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- “Straying and Spaying: What Do Cats Care About?” *Between the Species: An Online Journal for the Study of Philosophy and Animals* 11, no. 3 (Summer/Fall 1995): 111–113.
- “Five Arguments for Vegetarianism.” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 1, no. 4 (Winter 1994): 25–39.
- “Stoic Naturalism, Rationalism, and Ecology.” *Environmental Ethics* 16, no. 3 (Fall 1994): 275–286.
- “The Argument from Marginal Cases: Is Speciesism Defensible?” (with R. M. Feezell) *Contemporary Philosophy* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 7–16.
- “The Fate Debate: Stoic Responses to Contemporary Reflections.” *Contemporary Philosophy* 15, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 1–5.

OTHER ARTICLES and ESSAYS

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- “Marcus Aurelius” in *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*, Layman Poupard/Gale-Cengage (forthcoming Feb. 2027).
- “Discourses 18A and 18B: On Food” in *Brill’s Companion to Musonius Rufus*, J. Sellars and L. Gloyn, eds. Brill, pp. 459–486 (forthcoming autumn 2026).
- “Discourse 21: On Cutting the Hair” in *Brill’s Companion to Musonius Rufus*, J. Sellars and L. Gloyn, eds. Brill, pp. 528–537 (forthcoming autumn 2026).
- “Epictetus” in *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*, vol. 259, E. Barger and H. Beach, eds., Farmington Hills: Gale, 2026: 1–152.
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- “Is Santa a Stoic?” *Practical Stoicism*, Dec. 24, 2023.
- “Daylight, Time, and Stoicism” *Practical Stoicism*, Nov. 8, 2023.
- “Frightful Lawn Care and Stoicism” *Practical Stoicism*, Oct. 31, 2023.
- “Dungeons, Dragons, and Stoicism” *Practical Stoicism*, June 17, 2023.
- “Midwest Stoicism, Agrarianism, and Environmental Virtue Ethics” in *Environmental Ethics in the Midwest: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, I. A. Smith and M. Ferkany, eds. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press (Dec. 1, 2022): 1–42.
- “Phobias, Terrorism, and Stoic Therapies to Arrest Fear” in *Stoicism Today: Selected Writings, Vol. 3*, L. Goldrick and G. B. Sadler, eds. Modern Stoicism, 2021: 225–236.
- “The Stoics and their Philosophical System” in the *Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*, K. Arenson, ed. New York: Routledge, 2020: 25–37.
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- “Can a Stoic Love?” in *Sex, Love, and Friendship. Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love: 1993-2003*, A. L. McEvoy, ed. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2011: 79–88.
- “Wise Woman vs. Manic Man: Diotima and Alcibiades in Plato’s *Symposium*” in *Sex, Love, and Friendship. Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love: 1993-2003*, A. L. McEvoy, ed. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2011: 177–180.
- “If Friendship Hurts, an Epicurean Deserts: A Reply to Andrew Mitchell” in *Sex, Love, and Friendship. Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love: 1993-2003*, A. L. McEvoy, ed. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2011: 345–348.
- “Separated Spouses and Equal Partners: Cicero, Ovid, and Marriage at a Distance” in *Sex, Love, and Friendship. Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love: 1993-2003*, A. L. McEvoy, ed. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2011: 449–452.
- “What’s Love Got to Do with It? Epicureanism and Friends with Benefits” in *College Sex – Philosophy for Everyone: Philosophers with Benefits*, M. Bruce and R. M. Stewart, eds. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010: 77–90.
- “The Providential Tourist: Epictetus on How a Stoic Travels.” *From Ancient Greek to Asian Philosophy: Proceedings of the Athens Institute for Education and Research First International Conference on Philosophy*, E. Hoppe and R. Weed, eds. Athens: ATINER, 2007: 127–140.
- “Amour et compassion selon Épictète” French translation by Elen Buzaré of “Epictetus on How the Stoic Sage Loves” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 14 (1996) at www.leportique.net/Fichiers/14_11_2006Amour_Epictete.pdf.
- “Masks, Androids, and Primates: The Evolution of the Concept ‘Person’” reprinted in *The Person: Readings in Human Nature*, W. O. Stephens, ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006: 397–408.
- “Marcus Aurelius” in *Meet the Philosophers of Ancient Greece*, P. O’Grady, ed. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005: 211–213.
- “Stoicism in the Stars: Yoda, the Emperor, and the Force” in *Star Wars and Philosophy*, K. Decker and J. Eberl, eds. Chicago: Open Court Publishing, 2005: 16–28.
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- “Five Arguments for Vegetarianism” [abridged] reprinted in *The Animal Ethics Reader* (1st edition), S. J. Armstrong and R. G. Botzler, eds. London and New York: Routledge, 2003: 201–208.
- “Five Arguments for Vegetarianism” reprinted in *Environmental Ethics: Concepts, Policy, and Theory*, J. DesJardins, ed. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield, 1999: 288–301.
- “Epictetus” in *The Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery*, 2 vols. J. P. Rodriguez, ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1997: 258.
- “Seneca” in *The Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery*, 2 vols. J. P. Rodriguez, ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1997: 573–574.

- “The Ethics of Environmental Mediation” (with J. B. Stephens and F. Dukes) in *Mediating Environmental Conflicts: Theory and Practice*, J. W. Blackburn and W. M. Bruce, eds. Westport, CT: Quorum Books, 1995: 167–184.
- “Stoic Love in Epictetus” in *Hellenistic Philosophy*, v. 2, K. J. Boudouris, ed. Studies in Greek Philosophy No. 12. Athens (1994): 216–224.

REVIEW ARTICLE

- “A Stoicism for Our Time?” a review of Lawrence C. Becker, *A New Stoicism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998. *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 6, no. 3 (Winter 2000): 438–446.

REVIEWS

- *Living with Justice: A Philosophical Study of Porphyry’s On Abstinence*. By Miira Tuominen. Verlag Karl Alber, 2025 (*Ancient Philosophy*, 46, 2026: forthcoming)
- *The Oxford Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*. Edited by J. Klein and N. Powers. Oxford University Press, 2025 (*Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, forthcoming)
- *Learning to Live Naturally: Stoic Ethics and its Modern Significance*. By Christopher Gill. Oxford University Press, 2022. *Ancient Philosophy*, 45, no. 2, Fall 2025: 611–616.
- *How to Care about Animals: An Ancient Guide to Creatures Great and Small*; selected, translated, and introduced by M. D. Usher. Princeton University Press, 2023. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2024.11.15.
- *The Invention of Duty: Stoicism as Deontology*. By Jack Visnjic. Brill, 2021. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 60, no. 4, October 2022: 690–692.
- *The Stoic Theory of Beauty*. By Aistė Čelkytė. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2021.07.44.
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- Introduction. Stoicism as Liberation Philosophy
- Ch. 1. Musonius Rufus, Epictetus, Flavius Arrianus, and Stoic Pedagogy
- Ch. 2. What is Up to Us vs. What is Not: Freedom, Self-Respect, and Stoic Happiness
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- "Chapter 6: Achieving Stoic *apatheia*" by W. O. Stephens and Matthew Sharpe, in *A Companion to Living from Philosophy*, edited by Lydia Amir (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming)
- *The Philosophical Hulk: Rage, Reason, and Responsibility from Myth to Modernity*, edited by W. O. Stephens (approx. 100,000-word multiauthor volume)
- "Rage vs. Reason: Is a credible Stoic stronger than the Incredible Hulk?" Ch. 7 in: *The Philosophical Hulk*
- Toxic Masculinity, Stoic Reception, and a Modern Heracles in Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full* (paper under review)
- "The Grammar of Stoic 'Indifferents': Aristo's Alphabet Argument and Situationism" (paper)
- "Cynics and Freegans: *autarkeia* then and now" (germinal paper)
- "Do Stoics Commit the Fallacies of Composition and Division?" (germinal paper)
- "On a Supposed Duty to Eat Happy Animals" (paper)
- "Death, Godlovitch, and the Wisdom of the Stoics" (paper)

LECTURES and CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Democracy, Education, and Environmental Cosmopolitanism” presented at Democracy and Tyranny (<https://streamyard.com/d63utups9f7u>), a virtual conference of Plato’s Academy Centre, 26 July 2025.
- Comments on Anna Marmodoro, “She Did It! But She is Innocent. Helen of Troy, according to the sophist Gorgias” at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 19, 2025.
- “The Grammar of Stoic ‘Indifferents’: Aristo’s Alphabet Argument and Situation Ethics” presented at the Hellenistic Philosophy Society at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 16, 2025.
- “The Grammar of Stoic Indifferents: The Alphabet Argument of Aristo of Chios” presented at the second Royal Holloway Stoicism Workshop: Ethics in the Early Stoa, University of London, England (online), April 30, 2021.
- Comments on Josh Mund, “Non-Conscious Entities Do Not Have Individual Well-Being” presented at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (online), Feb. 24, 2021.
- “Stoicism and Food” presented at the Vanderbilt University Philosophy Department Colloquium (online), Feb. 5, 2021.
- “Religion, Politics, and Carnism” presented by co-author Alyssa M. Ellerbusch at the Religion and the New Politics Symposium, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society, Creighton Univ., Omaha, Neb., Feb. 14, 2020.
- “Epictetus’s Zoo: Animal Examples in Stoic Teaching” presented at the workshop Zoophthoria: The Exploitation and Destruction of Animals, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy, Sept. 5, 2019.
- “The Evils of Oysters and the Virtues of Vegetables: The Roman Stoics on Food” presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research 14th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece, May 27, 2019.
- “The Diet of a Stoic Knight: Musonius Rufus on Food Ethics” presented at the first Royal Holloway Stoicism Workshop: Musonius Rufus, University of London, England, April 12, 2019.
- “The Evils of Oysters and the Virtues of Vegetables: The Roman Stoics on Food” presented to ΦΣΤ (International Philosophy Honors Society) and ΗΣΦ (National Classics Honors Society) at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. Nov. 2, 2018.
- “A Stoic Approach to Travel and Tourism” an invited lecture presented at Stoicon, Royal Holloway, University of London, England, Sept. 29, 2018.
- “Dissociative Identities, Integrity of Mind, and the Olympics of the Soul: Interpreting *Enchiridion* 29” presented at the invited symposium on Epictetus at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 28, 2018.
- “Stoicism: The Olympics of the Mind” presented at the Phi Beta Kappa Omaha Association Founders’ Day banquet, Omaha, Neb. March 18, 2018.

- “Angels, Animals, and Authenticity in the *Blade Runner* Universe” presented on a panel on *Blade Runner* (1982) and *Blade Runner: 2049* (2017), co-sponsored by the Beta Chapter of Nebraska Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Honors Program, Creighton University, Oct. 24, 2017.
- “Phobias, Terrorism, and Stoic Fearlessness” an invited plenary session talk at Stoicon, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Oct. 14, 2017.
- “Cosmologies: Stoic, Christian, Secular” presented at the Religion & Secularism Symposium, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society, Creighton Univ., Omaha, Neb., Oct. 6, 2017.
- “Refugees, Stoicism, and Cosmic Citizenship” presented at the conference on Political Refugees in the Ancient Greek World at the Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l’homme, Université Aix-Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 16, 2017.
- “Terrorism, Phobias, and Stoic Therapies for Arresting Fear” presented at the Instytut Filozofii, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warsaw, Poland, June 6, 2017.
- “Refugees, Exile, and Stoic Cosmopolitanism” presented at the Instytut Filozofii, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warsaw, Poland, June 5, 2017.
- “Refugees and Stoic Cosmopolitanism” presented at the Religion in Global Context Symposium, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society, Creighton Univ., Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 2017.
- “Integrity” address presented at the National Society of Collegiate Scholars New Member Induction Ceremony, Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30, 2016.
- “Epictetus on Tragedy, Homeric Unheroes, and Stoic Heroism” presented at the Instytut Filozofii, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warsaw, Poland, May 19, 2016.
- “A Stoic Understanding of Responsibility, Self-Respect, and Happiness” presented at the Instytut Filozofii, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warsaw, Poland, May 17, 2016.
- “Epictetus on Fearing Death” presented to The Emersonian Society of Elon University, Burlington, North Carolina, March 12, 2015.
- “What Makes a Stoic Happy?” presented at the conference on Happiness and the Virtues at Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 11, 2014.
- “A Stoic Understanding of Responsibility, Self-Respect, and Happiness” presented at the Vanderbilt University Philosophy Department Colloquium, Nashville, Tennessee, March 28, 2014.
- “Epictetus on Death as a Bugbear and Immortality as a Curse” presented at the 66th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa, Oct. 18, 2012.
- “Bugbear and Open Door Policy: Epictetus on Why Stoics Don’t Fear Death” presented at the Purdue University Philosophy Department Colloquium, West Lafayette, Indiana, Oct. 11, 2012.
- “Epictetus on Stoic Heroism” presented at the 37th Annual European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska–Omaha, Oct. 5, 2012.

- “Is It Lonely at the Top? The Memories of a Stoic Emperor” a Faculty Friday talk presented at Creighton University, Feb. 3, 2012.
- “Bugbear and Open Door Policy: Epictetus on Death” presented to the Department of Classics & Religious Studies and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Nov. 15, 2011.
- “The Late Stoics on Habit” presented at the 36th Annual European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska–Omaha, Oct. 7, 2011.
- “Death, Beauty, and *Logos*: The *Memoranda* of Rome’s Philosopher-King” presented at the 37th Conference on Value Inquiry at Creighton University, April 15, 2011.
- “How to Eat Ethically” presented as the Second Annual Ethics Lecture at the University of Evansville, Nov. 15, 2010, Evansville, Indiana.
- “Death, Beauty, and *Logos*: The *Memoranda* of Rome’s Philosopher-King” presented to the Western Civilization Program of Providence College, Providence, RI, Nov. 1, 2010.
- “The Mereology of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus” presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference, March 5, 2010, Omaha, Neb.
- “Bugbear and Open Door Policy: Epictetus on Death” presented at the Iowa Philosophical Society 65th Annual Meeting, Cornell College, Oct. 18, 2008, Mount Vernon, Iowa.
- “Bugbear and Open Door Policy: Epictetus on Death” presented at the University of Nebraska–Omaha Philosophy Program Colloquium, April 4, 2008.
- “Bugbear and Open Door Policy: Epictetus on Death” presented at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Philosophy Department Colloquium, Dec. 1, 2006.
- “The Providential Tourist or Epictetus on How a Stoic Travels” presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research International Conference on Philosophy, Vilia, Greece, June 2, 2006.
- “Epictetus on Death: The Bogeyman Only Frightens Children” presented at the Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop, at the University of Chicago, Nov. 30, 2005.
- “Kantian Animals and the Virtues of Eudaimonism” a commentary on H. Fieldhouse, “Animals as Subjects in Kant’s Kingdom of Ends,” presented to the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 29, 2005.
- “Too Manly by Half? Stoicism in Tom Wolfe’s *A Man in Full*” (with G. Bakewell) presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 11, 2004.
- “Beastly Virtues: Animal *Exempla* in Seneca and Epictetus” presented on the panel on Roman Virtues, Vices and Cultural History at the American Philological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 5, 2004.
- “To Cheer without Fear: The Stoic Sportsman” presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 14, 2003.
- Commentary on Sabine Grebe, “The Transformation of the Husband/Wife Relationship during Exile: Letters from Cicero and Ovid” presented to the Society for the Philosophy

of Sex and Love, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 25, 2002.

- Commentary on A. J. Mitchell, "Friendship Amongst the Self-Sufficient: Epicurus" presented to the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 22, 2000.
- "Real Men Are Stoics: An interpretation of Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full*" presented to Phi Sigma Tau (International Honor Society in Philosophy) at Creighton Univ. March 28, 2000.
- "The Manliness of Stoicism in Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full*" presented to the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, at the conference on Time, History, and Social Change, Estes Park Center, Colorado, Aug. 13, 1999.
- "Epictetus's Use of Animal Examples" presented to the UCB Department of Classics graduate seminar on Epictetus led by A. A. Long, Irving Stone Professor of Literature and Professor of Classics, at the University of California, Berkeley, March 31, 1999.
- "Stoic Happiness?" presented at The Ethics Center of the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, Dec. 2, 1998 (abstract published in Fall 1998 Newsletter).
- "Epictetus on Death and Suicide, or Why Halloween Doesn't Frighten Stoics" presented at the University of South Florida Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Tampa, FL, Oct. 30, 1998.
- "Masks, Androids, and Primates: The Evolution of the Concept 'Person'" presented to the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals with commentary by Kent Baldner, Western Michigan University, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 7, 1998.
- "Environmentalism and Vegetarianism" delivered at Earth Day Omaha, Heartland of America Park, Omaha, Neb. April 26, 1998.
- "Epictetus on the Irrationality of Fearing Death and Reasons for Suicide" presented at the Iowa State Univ. Philosophy Department Colloquium, Ames, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1998.
- "Epictetus on the Irrationality of Fearing Death and Reasons for Suicide" presented at the Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, Oct. 26, 1997.
- Commentary on Laura Duhan Kaplan "Love's Longing Fulfilled: Metaphysical Comfort and Plato's *Symposium*" presented to the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, April 24, 1997.
- "Animal Virtues and Human Vices: Epictetus's Philosophical Zoology" presented at the Northern Illinois Univ. Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, DeKalb, IL, April 11, 1997.
- "Socrates, Aristotle, Epicurus, and Epictetus on the Rationality of Fearing Death" presented at the Purdue Univ. Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, West Lafayette, IN, March 6, 1997.

- “Epictetus on Animalitarianism” presented to the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals with commentary by Alan Schwerin, Monmouth Univ., at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Dec. 28, 1996.
- “Socrates: Epictetus’s Stoic Hero” presented to the Australasian Society for Ancient Philosophy at its conference at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand, Aug. 31, 1996.
- “Four Ancient Perspectives on Everyday Death” presented to the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, at the conference on Philosophy and Everyday Life, Estes Park Center, CO, Aug. 12, 1996.
- Commentary on Clifton B. Perry “Students, Teachers, and Carnal Knowledge,” the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Santa Fe, NM, Oct. 27, 1995.
- “Five Arguments for Vegetarianism,” presented to the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals with commentary by Brian A. Luke, Univ. of Dayton, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 28, 1995.
- “Can a Stoic Love?” presented to the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love with commentary by Martha C. Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Professor of Law and Ethics, University of Chicago Law School, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, Apr. 27, 1995.
- “Environmental Ethics,” a talk at the Environmental Justice Workshop sponsored by the Nebraska State Recycling Association, Creighton Univ., Omaha, Apr. 26, 1995.
- Commentary on Lilly-Marlene Russow, “What Do Animals Care About?” presented to the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 30, 1995.
- Commentary on John Ferguson Heil, “Why is Aristotle’s Brave Man So Frightened? The Paradox of Courage in the *Eudemian Ethics*” presented at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, Dec. 28, 1994.
- “Five Arguments for Vegetarianism” presented to the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, with commentary by Peter Singer, Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, University Center for Human Values, Princeton Univ., at the conference on Philosophy and Cultural Diversity, Estes Park Center, CO, Aug. 16, 1994.
- “The Argument from Marginal Cases: Why Speciesism is Indefensible” Willard Environmental Ethics Symposium, The University of Nebraska at Omaha, Apr. 15, 1993.
- “Was Socrates a Stoic?” presented at the Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Oct. 16, 1992.
- “The Fate Debate: Stoic Responses to Contemporary Reflections,” presented at the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn Univ., Topeka, KS, Oct. 9, 1992.
- “Stoic Love,” presented at the International Association for Greek Philosophy Fourth International Conference, on Hellenistic Philosophy, Aug. 28, 1992, Rhodes, Greece.
- “Nietzsche’s Eternal Recurrence,” presented to the Nebraska Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, National Honor Society in Philosophy, Creighton Univ., Oct. 10, 1990.

OFFICES

- Editorial Board member of Brill Publishers' Philosophy as a Way of Life: Texts and Studies series, Nov. 2019 to present. Series editors: Michael Chase, Eli Kramer, Matthew Sharpe.
- President of the Beta Chapter of Nebraska (Creighton University) Phi Beta Kappa Society, Sept. 2016 to Sept. 2019.
- Historian of the Beta Chapter of Nebraska (Creighton University) Phi Beta Kappa Society, Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2016.
- Chair of the Members-in-Course Committee of the Beta Chapter of Nebraska (Creighton University) Phi Beta Kappa Society, Oct. 2013 to Sept. 2016.
- Academic Fellow of the College of Stoic Philosophers of the New Stoa, July 2008 to present.
- Chair of the Committee for Defense of the Professional Rights of Philosophers, American Philosophical Association, July 2008 to June 2011.
- Member of the Committee for Defense of the Professional Rights of Philosophers, American Philosophical Association, Nov. 2002 to June 2008.
- President of the Creighton University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Oct. 2004 to May 2009.
- Vice President of the Creighton University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Oct. 2003 to Sept. 2004.
- Secretary-Treasurer of the Creighton University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Oct. 2002 to Sept. 2003.
- Nebraska State Coordinator for The Humane Society of the United States (July 1998 to February 2005).
- Referee for the following journals:
 - *Acta Analytica*
 - *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*
 - *Ancient Philosophy*
 - *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*
 - *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*
 - *Athens Journal of Philosophy*
 - *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
 - *Eirene: Studia Graeca et Latina*
 - *Environmental Ethics*
 - *Environmental Values*
 - *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*
 - *Escritos* (Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana)
 - *Ethics and the Environment*

- *Harvard Theological Review*
- *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
- *Illinois Classical Studies*
- *The Journal of Philosophical Research*
- *The Journal of Politics*
- *The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*
- *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany)
- *Philosophical Papers*
- *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*
- *Revue de Théorie et Culture Existentialistes et Phénoménologiques*
- *Social Theory & Practice*
- *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*
-
- Reviewer for Routledge. *Animals in Greek and Roman Thought: A Sourcebook*, by Stephen T. Newmyer (London and New York, 2011, first edition) (March 2025).
- Reviewer for the Southwestern Philosophical Society (Aug. 2022).
- Referee for Palgrave Macmillan. Manuscript evaluated *Socially Stoic: Social Theory encounters Stoic Philosophy*, by Will Johncock (May and Sept. 2019).
- Referee for Routledge. Proposal evaluated *The Stoics* (for the Routledge Philosophers series), by Jacob Klein and Nathan M. Powers (May 2019).
- Editorial Review Board member of *Quest*, the Creighton University journal for undergraduate research, April 2015 to May 2019.
- Editorial Review Board member of the journal *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*: ISSN 1077-1999, Spring 1997 to present.
- Referee for Vernon Press. Manuscript evaluated *Does Happiness Write Blank Pages? On Stoicism and Artistic Creativity*, by Piotr Stankiewicz (Oct. 2018).
- Referee for Hackett Publishing. Manuscript evaluated *Seneca: Selected Dialogues and Consolations*, trans. with intro. and notes by P. J. Anderson (March 2015):
- A detailed report on the English translations of *On Providence* and *On the Resolute Nature of the Wise Man*, Oct. 2012.
- A detailed report on the Introduction, Further Reading, and Glossary, Jan. 2014.
- Referee for Wadsworth/Cengage Learning. Manuscript evaluated:
- Steven M. Cahn, *Reason and Religions*, Aug. 2011.
- Referee for Wadsworth Publishing/Thomson Learning. Manuscripts evaluated:
- Robert M. Johnson, *Fundamentals of Reasoning: A Logic Book* revisions for 5th edition, May 2005.
- *Do the Right Thing: Readings in Applied Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Jan. 2000.
- Referee for Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group). Manuscripts evaluated:
- James Rocha, proposal for a book *Hook Up Morality*, Feb. 2016.
- Andrew Chignell, Terence Cuneo, and Matthew C. Halteman's working manuscript of *Philosophy Comes to Dinner: Essays on the Ethics of Eating*, Dec. 2014.

- Andrew Chignell, Terence Cuneo, and Matthew C. Halteman's proposal for a book *Philosophy Comes to Dinner: Essays on the Ethics of Eating*, Sept. 2010.
- Elisa Aaltola's proposal for a book *Introduction to Animal Ethics*, July 2009.
- Amy Coplan's proposal for a book on Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* in the *Philosophers on Film* series, Jan. 2008.
- Referee for Broadview Press. Manuscripts evaluated:
- Philip Rose's proposal for a book *Environmental Philosophy: A Comprehensive Groundwork*, Feb. 2010.
- Doug Al-Maini's proposal for an edition with translation *The Discourses of Musonius Rufus*, June 2009.
- Referee for Oxford University Press. Manuscripts evaluated:
- L. Gruen, D. Jamieson, & C. Schlottmann's proposal for 2nd edition of *Reflecting on Nature*, July 2009.
- William Irvine, *The Joyful Stoics*, Apr. 2006.
- Referee for Baylor University Press. Manuscript evaluated:
- Andrew Linzey & Tom Regan's manuscript *Other Nations: Animals and Modern Literature*, July 2008).
- Referee for Acumen Publishing. Manuscript evaluated:
- John Sellars, *Stoicism*, Aug. 2005.
- Referee for McGraw-Hill Higher Education. Manuscript evaluated:
- *Basically Logic*, Dec. 2002.
- Referee for Macmillan Publishing and St Martin's Press.
- Referee for the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World conferences.
- Referee for the second annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Jan. 8–11, 2004.
- Referee for the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Oct. 26–28, 1995.
- Local Arrangements Chair of the 1994 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (keynote speaker: the late James Rachels, Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama at Birmingham) Creighton University, Oct. 20–22, 1994.

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- University Athletic Board, Aug. 2016 to Aug. 2019.
- Faculty Grievance Committee, Aug. 2013 to Aug. 2016.
- Faculty Associate of The Rabbi Myer and Dorothy Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society, Spring 2007 to Fall 2020.
- Chair, Department of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, July 2003 to Sept. 2006.
- College of Arts and Sciences Identity and Academic Planning Committee, May 2004 to May 2005.
- College of Arts and Sciences Budget Committee, May 2003 to May 2004.

- University Committee on Benefits, Aug. 2003 to May 2004.
- Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Committee, Aug. 2002 to July 2003.
- Faculty Moderator for the Creighton University Chess Club, Jan. 2001 to May 2019.
- Pre-Law Advising Committee, Aug. 1992 to Dec. 2020.
- Faculty and Academic Councils, Aug. 2001 to July 2003.
- Webmaster for the Department of Philosophy, 1998 to 2009.
- Webmaster for the Department of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, 1998 to 2003, 2006 to 2007, 2008 to 2009, Jan. to July 2012.
- Chair, Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, Aug. 1997 to July 2000.
- Co-founder, Waste Reduction Advisory Committee, Aug. 1994 to July 1998.
- Committee on Academic Policy, Dismissals and Appeals, Aug. 1997 to July 2000.
- University Committee on Student Discipline, Aug. 1994 to July 1997.
- Faculty Development Committee, Aug. 1993 to July 1996.
- Nebraska Easter Seal Society fund-raising event participant, June 17–18, 1995.
- Faculty Advisor for the Nebraska Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, National Honor Society in Philosophy, Aug. 1991 to July 1995.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS, PRESENTATIONS, and STORIES

- [“Why ‘Meditations’ Needs a New Name—According to William O. Stephens”](#) (33:30) *The Daily Stoic* podcast interview with Ryan Holiday (25 April 2026).
- “The Stoics: Interview with William O. Stephens, author of *Marcus Aurelius: Philosopher-King*” (01:06:24) *Mischke* podcast (ep. 104) (22 April 2026).
- “Marcus Aurelius: Philosopher-King (with William O. Stephens)” (1:06:00) [The History of Literature podcast](#) (15 March 2026).
- “Marcus Aurelius with William O. Stephens” (49:00) [History with Jackson podcast](#) (7 Feb. 2026).
- [“Indiana’s Fernando Mendoza deleted every app but LinkedIn — and it might explain everything”](#) by Rustin Dodd, *The Athletic (Peak)*, 19 Jan. 2026, reports my comments on Mendoza’s Stoic philosophy of football.
- [“Marcus Aurelius: The Philosopher Emperor”](#) (1:09:00) *The Ancients*, a *History Hit Podcast* (Episode 595) hosted by Tristan Hughes, 19 Oct. 2025.
- [Reason in Society panel](#) hosted by Brittany Polat (with Aldo Dinucci and Jacob Klein) for Stoicon 2025: Engaged Citizenship, 18 Oct. 2025.
- [“Marcus Aurelius: Philosopher-King”](#) (11:57) an episode of *Conversations with Modern Stoicism*, 11 Oct. 2025.
- [“William O. Stephens — Marcus Aurelius: Philosopher-King”](#) (55:00) *The Avid Reader Show*, Wellington Square Bookshop, hosted by Sam Hankin, 2 Oct. 2025.

- “Democracy, Education, and Environmental Cosmopolitanism” (23:50) talk at the virtual conference [Democracy and Tyranny: A Deep Look into Democracy’s Future](#) [from 1:19:33 to 1:43:24], *Plato’s Academy Centre*, 26 July 2025.
- “Models of Vice and Virtue? Animals in Stoic Philosophy” (30:01) an episode of *Conversations with Modern Stoicism* hosted by Phil Yanov, 17 May 2025.
- “Stoicon-X Melbourne 2024 conversation with William O. Stephens” (52:48) hosted by Judith Stove, 26 Oct. 2024.
- “William O. Stephens, Scott Aikin, and Matthew Sharpe: The *Enchiridion* of Epictetus” (1:23:00) on *The Walled Garden*, 15 April 2024 (<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-walled-garden/id1278694631?i=1000650021160>).
- “An Hour with A. A. Long” (1:07:00) conversation with A. A. Long co-hosted with Tanner Campbell on the *Practical Stoicism* podcast, 22 March 2024 (<https://open.spotify.com/episode/51O655UyuNiaHwaLxbPBqY?si=ntwhXwqBRguyExB7CoZz2w&nd=1&dlsi=45b963a6ba2d470a>).
- “William Stephens on the Six Core Themes of Stoicism” (50:38) conversation with Caleb Ontiveros on *StoaMeditation.com*, 5 Jan. 2024 (<https://stoameditation.com/blog/william-stephens-on-the-6-core-themes-of-stoicism-episode-110/>).
- “Stoicism and Emotions: The Good and the Bad” (1:25:17) panel discussion with Matthew Sharpe, WOS, and Judith Stove on the *Walled Garden*, 1 Dec. 2023 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO-DDaNUGSQ>).
- “William O. Stephens on Musonius Rufus, Food, and Fashion” (58:26) conversation with Caleb Ontiveros on *StoaMeditation.com*, 10 Nov. 2023 (<https://stoameditation.com/blog/william-o-stephens-on-musonius-rufus-food-and-fashion-episode-94/>).
- “If You Ought, You Kant” (1:04:34) conversation with Tanner Campbell on the *Practical Stoicism* podcast, 3 Nov. 2023 (<https://www.podplay.com/podcasts/practical-stoicism-901320/episodes/if-you-ought-you-kant-209447350>).
- “Unveiling the Love of Wisdom: A Journey through Ancient Philosophy and Stoic Ethics, An interview with William O. Stephens” on *Plato’s Academy Centre*, 9 June 2023 (https://platosacademycentre.substack.com/p/unveiling-the-love-of-wisdom-a-journey?r=7tfp0&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web).
- “[The Meaning of ‘Resilience’](#)” (28:50 – [YouTube](#)) presented at *Philosophy and Resilience: Choose not to be harmed*, a virtual conference of *Plato’s Academy Centre*, 20 May 2023 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3En3rbNzWY>).
- [Marcus Aurelius Anniversary Symposium 2023](#) (1:42:11) Donald Robertson, John Sellars, and WOS discuss Marcus’s life, philosophy, and practical relevance today, 26 April 2023 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAZ2aC-yL-0>).
- “[William O. Stephens on Epictetus and Marcus Aurelius](#)” (1:05:23) interview with Donald Robertson of *Plato’s Academy Centre*, 25 April 2023

(<https://platosacademycentre.substack.com/p/william-o-stephens-on-epictetus-and#details>).

- “[William Stephens on Epictetus’s Handbook](#)” (51:38) conversation with Caleb Ontiveros on StoaMeditation.com, 17 March 2023 (<https://stoameditation.com/blog/william-stephens-on-epictetuss-handbook/>).
- “[Sports, Virtue & Stoicism](#)” with Nick Davis (1:15:49) The Walled Garden conversation with Simon Drew, 12 Jan. 2023 (<https://thewalledgarden.com/sports-virtue-and-stoicism>).
- “[Eight Topics in which Traditional Stoicism Informs Contemporary Life and Philosophical Thought](#)” (1:08:50 to 1:18:04 – The Walled Garden, [YouTube](#)) Stoicon-X Midwest, 12 Nov. 2022.
- “[Rediscovering Unity in the Midst of Fragmentation](#)” (1:42:58) The Walled Garden interview on Stoic theology and cosmology with Simon Drew, 7 Oct. 2022.
- “What Did the Stoics Think: Marcus Aurelius with William Stephens” (51:25 – [YouTube](#)) The Magna Aurea Podcast interview with Halston Williams, 22 June 2021.
- “An in-depth conversation about Stoicism with William O. Stephens” (53:35 – [iTunes](#), [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [YouTube](#)) The Archetypal Mosaic with Mikhail Tank, 17 March 2021.
- “A Look at Stoicism” Magna Aurea podcast interview with Halston Williams, 9 March 2021: <https://www.magnapodcast.com>.
- “William Stephens on Marcus Aurelius, philosopher” a Stoa Nova conversation with Rob Colter and Dr. Massimo Pigliucci, K.D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York, 25 Oct. 2020: <https://vimeo.com/471977829>.
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- WOS's lecture on ancient Greek philosophers' concepts of infinity in the "Professors' Notes" section of the Mannheim Steamroller Fresh Aire 8 DVD by Chip Davis (American Gramophone 2001); WOS also provided research on the subject.
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- Directed Independent Study (◇ PHL 495 Spring 2007 on Classical Greek Philosophy)
- Directed Independent Readings (◇ PHL 493 Fall 2002 on Plato's *Timaeus* & *Phaedo*, Epicureanism, *The Simpsons* and *Philosophy*)
- Directed Independent Study (◇ PHL 495 Spring 2001 on Porphyry and Plotinus)
- Directed Independent Study (◇ PHL 495-B Spring 2010 on issues in Stoicism)
- Senior Capstone Seminar (CNE/GRK/LAT 498)

MEMBERSHIPS

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- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Phi Sigma Tau (National Honor Society in Philosophy)
- Eta Sigma Phi (National Honor Society in Classics)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars (inducted as a Distinguished Honorary Member, October 30, 2016)

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