

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. in Classics (Ancient Philosophy) University of Cambridge, 1999

MPhil. in Classics (Ancient Philosophy) University of Cambridge, 1996

B.A. Hons. Classics, Clare College, Cambridge 1992 - 1995; (M.A. 1999)

Current Positions

2017-present	Professor of Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge
2001-present	Fellow and sometime Director of Studies in Philosophy and Classics, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
previously:	
2022-2024	Chair of the Faculty Board, Faculty of Classics
2012-2017	Reader in Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge
2005-2012	University Senior Lecturer in Classics, University of Cambridge
2003-2005	University Lecturer in Classics, University of Cambridge
2001-2003	University Assistant Lecturer in Classics, University of Cambridge
1999-2002	Director of Studies in Classics, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
1999- 2001	Henry Lumley Research Fellow, Magdalene College, Cambridge

Publications

Books

1. Forthcoming: *Political Unity in Plato and Aristotle*, Oxford University Press
2. 2025: *Cicero's Tusculan Disputations*, Cambridge University Press (joint editor with Charles Brittain)
3. 2021: *Regret. A Study in Ancient Moral Psychology*, Oxford University Press

4. 2020: *Body and Soul in Hellenistic Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press (joint editor with Brad Inwood)
5. 2018: *Authors and Authorities in Ancient Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press (joint editor with Jenny Bryan and Robert Wardy)
6. 2014a: *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, Routledge (joint editor with Frisbee Sheffield)
7. 2014b: *The Pleasures of Reason in Plato, Aristotle, and the Hellenistic Hedonists*, Cambridge University Press
8. 2009: *The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism*, Cambridge University Press (editor)
9. 2007: *Presocratics*, Acumen Press (now Routledge) and University of California Press; Italian translation by Guido Bonino, *I Presocratici*, Einaudi, 2009
10. 2004: *Facing death: Epicurus and his Critics*, Oxford University Press (Paperback edition, 2006)
11. 2002: *Epicurus and Democritean Ethics: An Archaeology of Ataraxia*, Cambridge Classical Studies, Cambridge University Press (Paperback edition, 2006)

Articles in Journals and Chapters in Collected Volumes

Forthcoming (versions available on request):

- a. "Leontius, Odysseus, and self-reproach" in *Phronesis*
- b. "Sidgwick and the Grotes on Plato's *Republic*: a dialogue" in *The Cambridge Classical Journal*
- b. "The Cynics and nature" in P. Destrée and A. Kachuck (eds.) *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Cynicism*
- c. "Epicurean political philosophy" in C. Atack (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Political Thought*, Oxford University Press

In progress (completed drafts available on request)

- a. "You knew he was mortal"
- b. "Owning and sharing in Seneca *De Beneficiis* 7"

2025

- a. "Epicureans on freedom and responsibility" in J. Klein and N. Powers (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*, Oxford University Press: 144–62
- b. "Introducing the *Tusculans*" in C. Brittain and J. Warren (eds.) *Cicero's Tusculan Disputations*, Cambridge University Press: 1–11
- c. "Pain, shame, and manliness in Cicero *Tusculan Disputations* 2" in C. Brittain and J. Warren (eds.) *Cicero's Tusculan Disputations*, Cambridge University Press: 79–101

2024

"Early learning in Plato *Republic* VII" in G. Betegh and V. Tsouna (eds.) *Conceptualising Concepts in Greek Philosophy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 56–73

2023

- a. "Death" in M. Garani, D. Konstan, G. Reydamas-Schils (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Philosophy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 429–41
- b. "Forms of agreement in Plato's *Crito*" in *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 123: 26–50

2022

- a. "Socrates, Justice" in Sellers, M., Kirste, S. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. Springer, Dordrecht. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0_938-1
- b. "Memory, anticipation, pleasure" in M. Hampson and F. Leigh (eds.) *Psychology and Value in Plato, Aristotle, and Hellenistic Philosophy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 141–69
- c. "Cato's *integritas*" in *Philosophie antique* 22: 9–37

2021

"Socrates and the symmetry argument" in A. G. Long (ed.) *Immortality in Ancient Philosophy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 143–60

2020

- a. "Epicureans on hidden beliefs" in F. Leigh (ed.) *Self-Knowledge in Ancient Philosophy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 171–86
- b. "Philonides (2), Epicurean philosopher" in *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199381135.013.5010>

2019

a. "Truth, beauty, purity, and pleasure: *Philebus* 50e–53c" in P. Dimas, R. E. Jones and G. R. Lear (eds.) *Plato's Philebus: A Philosophical Discussion*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 184–201

b. "*Protagoras* and *Gorgias*" in G. Fine (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Plato* (2nd edition), Oxford, Oxford University Press: 141–59

c. "Epicurus on the false belief that sense-impressions conflict" in *Philosophie antique* 19: 7–28

2018

a. "Demetrius of Laconia and Epicurus *On the Telos* (Us. 68)" in J. Bryan, R. Wardy and J. Warren (eds.) *Authors and Authorities in Ancient Philosophy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 202–21

b. "Damascius on Aristotle and Theophrastus on Plato on false pleasure" in *Revue de Philosophie ancienne* 36: 105–29

2017

"Plato" in S. Golob and J. Timmermann (eds.) *The Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 28–41

2016

"Epicurean pleasure in Cicero's *De Finibus*" in J. Annas and G. Betegh (eds.) *Cicero's De Finibus. Philosophical Perspectives*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 41–76

2015

a. "Precursors of Pyrrhonism: DL 9.67–73" in K. Vogt (ed.) *Pyrrhonian Skepticism in Diogenes Laertius* (SAPERE 25), Mohr-Siebeck, Göttingen: 105–122

b. "Coming-to-be and passing-away" in K. Algra and K. Ierodiakonou (eds.) *Sextus Empiricus and Ancient Physics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 365–402

c. "The bloom of youth" in *Apeiron* 48: 327–45

2014

a. "Introduction" in F. Sheffield and J. Warren (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, London: xxvii–xxx

b. "Hellenistic philosophy: places, institutions, character" in F. Sheffield and J. Warren (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, London (English version of 2011d): 393–8

- c. "Cyrenaics" in F. C. C. Sheffield and J. Warren (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, London: 409–22
- d. "The Symmetry Problem" in Stephen Luper (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Life and Death*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 165–80
- e. "Epicurus and the unity of the virtues" in B. Collette-Dučić and S. Delcomminette (eds.) *Unité et origine des vertus dans la philosophie de l'Antiquité*, Brussels, Ousia/Vrin: 213–36

2013

- a. "Gods and men in Xenophanes" in V. Harte and M. Lane (eds.) *Politeia in Greek and Roman Philosophy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 294–312
- b. "Plutarch's *Adversus Colotem* and the Cyrenaics: 1120C-1121E", *Aitia* 3, URL : <http://aitia.revues.org/706> ; DOI : 10.4000/aitia.706
- c. "The harm of death in Cicero's first *Tusculan Disputation*" in J. Stacey Taylor (ed.) *The Metaphysics and Ethics of Death*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 44–70
- d. "Comparing lives in Plato *Laws V*" in *Phronesis* 58: 319–56
- e. "Epicureans and Cyrenaics on pleasure as a pathos" in S. Marchand and F. Verde (eds.) *Epicurisme et scepticisme*, Rome: La Sapienza: 127–45

2012

- a. "Foreword" to W. K. C. Guthrie, *The Greek Philosophers*, Routledge: vii–xiii
- b. "Plato and marshmallows" in *Omnibus* 64: 13-14

2011

- a. "Socrates and the patients: *Republic IX 583c–585a*" in *Phronesis* 56: 113–37
- b. "Pleasure, Plutarch's *Non Posse*, and Plato's *Republic*" in *Classical Quarterly* 61: 278–93
- c. "What god didn't know: Sextus Empiricus *AM 9.162–166*" in D. Machuca (ed.) *New Essays on Ancient Pyrrhonism*. Brill: 41–68.
- d. "La filosofia ellenistica: luoghi, modi e caratteristiche" in U. Eco and R. Fedriga (eds.) *La Grande Storia: L'Antichità, vol. 5 Grecia: La filosofia*, Enciclopedia, Milan: 464-81
- e. "Epicureismo" in U. Eco and R. Fedriga (eds.) *La Grande Storia: L'Antichità, vol. 5 Grecia: La filosofia*, Enciclopedia, Milan: 482-97

2010

- "Plato on the pleasures and pains of knowing" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 39: 1–32

2009

- a. "Aristotle on Speusippus on Eudoxus on pleasure" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 36: 249–81
- b. "Introduction" " " in J. Warren (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism*, Cambridge University Press: 1–8
- c. "Removing fear" in J. Warren (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism*, Cambridge University Press: 234–48

2008

- a. "Philosophy as a preparation for death in Plato's *Phaedo*" *Omnibus* 55
- b. "On defending Socrates" in *Think* 17/18: 99–101

2007

- a. "Anaxagoras on perception, pleasure and pain" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 33: 19-54
- b. "Diogenes Laërtius, biographer of philosophy" for J. König and T. J. G. Whitmarsh (eds.) *Ordering knowledge in the Roman empire*, Cambridge University Press: 133-149
- c. "Lucretius and Greek philosophy" in S. Gillespie and P. Hardie (eds.) *The Cambridge Companion to Lucretius*, Cambridge University Press: 19–32
- d. "L'éthique" in A. Gigandet and P.-M. Morel (eds.) *Lire Épicure et les épicuriens*, PUF: 117-43

2006

- a. "Psychic disharmony: Epicurus and Philoponus on Plato's *Phaedo*" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 30: 235-59
- b. Bibliographical note to P. De Lacey, "The Epicurean school" in D. Borchert (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2nd edition) Macmillan Reference , Detroit
- c. "Epicureans and the present past" in *Phronesis* 51: 362-87
- d. "Cynicism", "Diotima", "Divisibility", "Emotion", "Epicureanism", "Epicurus", "Ethics", "Fear", "Free will", "Herakleitos", "Immortality", "Kosmos", "Xenophanes" – entries in L. Foxhall, D. Mattingley, and G. Shipley (eds.) *The Cambridge Dictionary of Classical Civilisation*, Cambridge University Press
- e. "Democritus on social and psychological harm" in P.-M. Morel and A. Brancacci (eds.) *Democritus: Science, the Arts, and the Care of the Soul* , E. J. Brill: 87-104

2004

- a. "Ancient atomists on the plurality of worlds" in *Classical Quarterly* 54: 354-65
- b. "Socrates and Colotes" in V. Karasmanis (ed.) *Socrates, 2400 years since his death (International Symposium Proceedings, Athens-Delphi 13-21 July 2001)* Delphi: 419-27

2003

- c. "Sextus Empiricus and the tripartition of time" in *Phronesis* 48: 313-43

2002

- a. "Democritus, the Epicureans, death, and dying" in *Classical Quarterly* 52: 193-206
- b. "Socratic scepticism in Plutarch's *adversus Colotem*" in *Elenchos* 23: 333-56
- c. "Lucretius the Epicurean poet" in *Omnibus* 44: 24-5

2001

- a. "Lucretian palingenesis recycled" in *Classical Quarterly* 51: 499-508
- b. "Socratic suicide" in *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 121: 91-106
- c. "Epicurus' dying wishes" in *Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society* 47: 23-46
- d. "Lucretius, Symmetry arguments, and fearing death" in *Phronesis* 46: 466-91
- e. "Epicurus and the pleasures of the future" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 21: 135-79

2000

- a. "Diogenes Epikourios: keep taking the tablets" in *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 120: 144-8
- b. "Epicurean Immortality" in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 18: 231-61
- c. "Aristocles' refutations of Pyrrhonism (Eus. PE 14.18.1-10)" in *Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society* 46: 140-64

Editing

Series Editor for Ancient Philosophy in the 'Elements' series, Cambridge University Press:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/what-we-publish/elements/elements-in-ancient-philosophy>

Associate Editor: *Dialogoi: Ancient Philosophy Today* (<https://eupublishing.com/loi/anph>)

Member of the editorial boards of:

Aitia. Regards sur la culture hellénistique au XXIème siècle (e-journal, ENS Lyon)

Philosophie antique (<https://journals.openedition.org/philosant/>)

Syzetesis (<http://www.syzetesis.it/rivista.html>)

Methexis (<https://brill.com/view/journals/met/met-overview.xml>)

Studies in Ancient Moral and Political Philosophy (book series, Academia Verlag)

2001–9: Joint editor, *The Cambridge Classical Journal*

Keynote and Named Lectures

2024: “Odysseus, Leontius, and self-reproach”, inaugural T. H. Irwin Lecture in the History of Moral Psychology, Cornell University

2022: ‘Aristotle on political persistence’ – 14th J. L. Ackrill Memorial Lecture, Brasenose College, Oxford

2019: ‘Aristotle on regret’ – Collis Lecture, Transylvania University, KY

2017: ‘Agreement and consensus in Plato’s *Crito*’ – Columbia University Annual Lecture in Ancient Philosophy

Administration and Committee service

currently:

Corpus Christi College, member of: Governing Body, Fellowship Committee, IT Committee

Member of organising committees of the Symposium Hellenisticum and the Southern Association for Ancient Philosophy

Member of AHRC Peer Review College

previously:

Jan 2022–December 2024: Faculty of Classics: Chair of Faculty Board (also Chair of Degree Committee; Resource, Personnel, and Planning Committee; Education Committee;

Fundraising Strategy Committee; Library and Archives Committee; Health, Safety and Security Committee; IT Committee). Research Committee; Postgraduate Studies Committee; Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

Also: Council of the School of Arts and Humanities; School of Arts and Humanities Resource Planning Group

Before 2022: Faculty of Classics: Academic Secretary for Graduate Affairs; Secretary to the Degree Committee; Chair of Graduate Studies Committee; Chair of Graduate Studies Fund Committee; Post-doctoral research Adviser; Secretary of the Classical Languages Committee, Website co-ordinator, Language Teaching Officer and Part 1A Working Parties, Newsletter editor, Chair of Part IB examiners. Member of: Access and Outreach Committee, Teaching Committee, Research Planning Committee, Secretary of B Caucus, Education Committee, Finance Committee; Student and Staff Joint Committee, IT committee.

Faculty of Philosophy: Faculty Board

Faculty of History: Committee for MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History

School of Arts and Humanities: AHRC DTP Studentship Selection Board (Moderator for panels B and C), AHRC Research Training Support Grant Committee, Graduate Education Committee, Elector to Jebb Studentships and Scholarships.

Corpus Christi College: College Tutor; Postgraduate Admissions Tutor (Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities); member of: Executive Body, Staff Committee, Fellowship Committee, Research Fellowships Committee, Education Committee; Acting Dean of College (Easter Term 2003), Acting Tutor (Michaelmas Term 2003), Committee of Investigation for appointment of new Master (2006 and 2007), Appointments Committee for Senior Tutorship (2007) and CTO in History (2009), Website editor, IT committee

Service to the Profession

I have served as an External Examiner and assessor for research degrees for King's College, London; University College, London; University of St Andrews; University of Gröningen; University of Ghana; l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris.

I have provided evaluations for senior promotions and appointments for the University of Oxford, the University of California (UCSB and UCLA); Temple University; the University of Pittsburgh; Yale University; Charles University, Prague; Texas Tech University; and King's College, London.

I have evaluated research project proposals for the AHRC, the Canada Council for the Arts, the National Science Centre of Poland, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Fund for Scientific Research (FRS–FNRS) in Belgium, and the Research Council of Norway. I have written an evaluation for a nominee to the Holberg Prize.

I have been a member of the Council of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies.

Refereeing

I have reviewed book proposals and book typescripts for: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Acumen Press, Polity Press, E. J. Brill, Bloomsbury Press.

I have reviewed submissions to: *The Classical Quarterly*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *The Cambridge Classical Journal*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, *Electronic Antiquity*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *The Journal of Roman Studies*, *Greece & Rome*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Phoenix*, *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, *Acta Classica*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*, *Greek and Roman Musical Studies*, *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, *Polis*, *Mind*, *Mnemosyne*, *Philologus*, *Philosophie antique*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Arethusa*.

Media

Interview for *The Eureka Years* episode on 'Greek philosophy in the 6th century BC' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 28.1.06)

Participant in *In Our Time* episode on 'Heraclitus' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 8.12.11):

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b017x3p4>

Interview for 'The history of philosophy with no gaps' on Epicureanism (posted 18.12.11):

<http://www.historyofphilosophy.net/warren-epicurus>

Participant in *In Our Time* episode on 'Epicureanism' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 7.2.13):

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01qf083>

Interview for *Sunday Feature*, 'Faith without God' (BBC Radio 3, first broadcast 9.2.14 and 16.2.14)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03th7ff>; <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03vd58s>

Participant in *In Our Time* episode on 'Zeno's paradoxes' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 22.9.16)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07vs3v1>

Participant in *In Our Time* episode on 'Plato's Republic' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 29.6.17)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08vwn6h>

Participant in *Talking History* episode on Epicureanism (Newstalk radio, Ireland, first broadcast 12.9.21)

<https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-talking-history/epicurus-a-life>

Participant in *In Our Time* episode on 'Socrates in prison' (BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 23.1.25)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00274xs>

Interviewee for <https://fivebooks.com/> on Epicureanism:

<https://fivebooks.com/best-books/epicureans-james-warren/>