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Areas of Specialization

Ancient philosophy, medieval Armenian theology, philosophical logic

Areas of Interest and Competence

Medieval philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of law

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Virginia, 1995
M.St. Classical Armenian, Oxford University, 1995
M.A. Philosophy, University of Virginia, 1991
B.A. German and Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, 1987

Employment

Professor of Philosophy, Berry College, 2010-Present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Berry College, 2004-2010
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Berry College, 1998-2004
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College, 1997-1998
Visiting Instructor of Philosophy, University of Virginia, 1996-1997
Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy, St. Peter's College, 1995-1996

Administrative Positions

Acting Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Berry College, August 2014-January 2015
Chair, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Berry College, August 2013- February 2014
Chair, Berry College General Education Review Task Force, August 2009- May 2013
Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Berry College, August 2004-December 2010
Interim Director, Berry College Honors Program, Fall 2005
Director, Berry College Honors Program, August 2001-May 2004
Assistant Director, Berry College Honors Program, August 2000- May 2001

Publications

Books

Step'anos Siwnets'i: Commentary on the four evangelists. New York: SIS Publications, 2014

Light from Light: An introduction to the history and theology of the Armenian Church. New York: SIS Publications, 2006

Commentary on Genesis by Eghishe. Erevan: Magaghat Publishing, 2004

Refereed Journal Articles

“The commentary on Job of Step'anos of Siwnik' and its sources” in *Le Muséon*, 130(3-4) 2017: 343-363

“Peter Augustine Lawler and the Catholic Vision of Higher Education” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 47(1) 2017: 12-13

“Neoplatonic discourses on suicide and the question of Christian philosophy professors at Alexandria” in *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, 135 2015: 95-109.

“Chrysippus confronts the liar: the case for Stoic cassationism” in *History and Philosophy of Logic*, 33(3) 2012: 197-214

“The ontological argument of Diogenes of Babylon” in *Phronesis*, 52(2) 2007: 188-209

“Origen as a source for Step'anos Siwnets'i's commentary on the Gospels” in *Le Muséon*, 117(3-4) 2004: 507-525

“Chrysippus and the destruction of propositions: a defence of the standard interpretation” in *History and Philosophy of Logic* 22(1) 2001: 1-12

“The authorship of a sixth century Armenian commentary on the *Prior Analytics*” in *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*, 10 2000: 55-62

“Stoic ontology and the reality of time” in *Ancient Philosophy*, 19(1) 1999: 105-119.

Book Chapters and Non-Refereed Articles

“The Lessons of Narek: Confession and Mercy” in *The Treasury*, 4(3) 2018, forthcoming

“Gods and fossils: inference and scientific method in Xenophanes' cosmology” in D. Tanasi and H. Reid, *Philosopher kings and tragic heroes: Essays on images and ideas from western Greece*, Parnassos Press, 2016: 61-78

“The authorship of an Armenian commentary on the *Prior Analytics*” in Jonathan Barnes and Valentina Calzolari ed., *La diffusion de la pensée et des oeuvres néoplatoniciennes dans la tradition arménienne et syriaque*, Brill 2009: 105-118

“Democracy and Philosophy as a Way of Life” in Peter Augustine Lawler and Elizabeth Kaufer Busch ed., *Democracy Reconsidered*, Lexington Books 2009: 79-86

“Philosophy and the Age of Genocide” in Richard Hovanissian ed., *The Armenian Genocide: Cultural and Ethical Legacies*, Transaction Press 2007: 19-26

“Faces of God in Medieval Monasticism and Theology: Anselm of Canterbury and Gregory of Narek” in *Outreach* 2004:31-35

“The Theology of Sin and Redemption in the Narek” in James Russell ed., *Hask: Yearbook of Armenian Studies*, Catholicosate of the Armenian Apostolic Church 2006: 149-154

“Aristotle” in Lawrence Baines and Daniel McBrayer ed. *How to Get a Life*, Humanics, 2004: 164-175

Book Reviews

Review of Karl Shuve, *The Songs of Songs and the Fashioning of Identity in Early Latin Christianity* in *Ancient Jew Review*, April 2018.

Review of P.A. Meijer, *Stoic Theology: Proof for the Existence of the Cosmic God and of the Traditional Gods* in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 47(3) 2009: 467-468

Review of Ricardo Salles *The Stoics on Determinism and Compatibilism* in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45(3) 2004: 488-490

Review of Jeffrey Barnouw *Propositional Perception: Phantasia, Predication and Sign in Plato, Aristotle and the Stoics* in *Ancient Philosophy*, 24(2) 2004: 235-238

Review of Susanne Bobzien *Determinism and Freedom in Stoic Philosophy* in *Ancient Philosophy*, 20(2) 2000: 227-231

Review of Constantine Zuckerman *A Repertory of Published Armenian Translations of Classical Texts* in *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies* 8 1995: 175-177

Encyclopedia Entries

“David” and “The catechism of St. Gregory” in *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, Oxford University Press, 2018

Updated versions of “Holy See of Echmiadzin” and “Holy See of Cilicia” in J. Gordon Melton ed., *Melton’s Encyclopedia of American Religions*, Gale 2009

“Holy See of Echmiadzin” and “Holy See of Cilicia” in J. Gordon Melton ed., *Encyclopedia of World Religions*, Garland Publishing 2002

Forty entries on Armenian Christianity in George Kurian ed., *Christianity A to Z*, Thomas Nelson 2001

Lectures and Presentations

“Gods and fossils: inference and scientific method in Xenophanes’ cosmology” Philosopher-Kings and Tragic Heroes: Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Hellenic Heritage of Southern Italy, Siracusa, Italy, May 22, 2015

“Sex and logic: A reply to Peter Kreeft” Liberal and Higher Education conference, Berry College, April 6, 2013

“The Bubble Five Years Later” Popular Culture, Real Culture, and Politics conference, Berry College, December 1, 2012

“Eznik on Evil” Invited lecture delivered at the Datev Theological Institute, St. Mary’s of Providence Convent, Elverson, PA, July 6, 2011

“A Brief History of the Infinite” Inaugural professorial lecture, Berry College, September 21, 2010

“Live and Believe” Address at the Darlington School, Rome, GA, September 16, 2009

“Leadership in the Armenian Church.” Invited Lecture, LinkedIn program, Armenian Apostolic Church of American, at the Holy Virgin Mary Spiritual Vineyard, Charlton, Massachusetts, September 9, 2010

With Ron Taylor, Charles Lane, Eric McDowell, Kevin Hoke, and Daniel Robb, “The Moore Method at Berry College” A group presentation at the 14th annual R.L. Moore Conference, Austin, TX, July 18, 2009

“Step‘anos Siwnets‘i and Biblical Interpretation” Two invited lectures given at the Datev Theological Institute, St. Mary’s of Providence Convent, Elverson, PA, July 3, 2009

“The Enduring Legacy of the Armenian Genocide” Invited lecture at the Alaskan Council of World Affairs, Anchorage, October 17, 2008

“David’s Prolegomena and the Question of Christian Neoplatonism” Presentation at the Conférence Générale de l’Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes, Université de Paris-Sorbonne, September 10, 2008

“To Enrich and Be Enriched” Address to graduates, Hovnanian Armenian School, New Milford, NJ, June 22, 2008

“Science between Right and Left: A Response to Yuval Levin” Comments at the Eleventh Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture and Community, Berry College, March 27, 2008

“The Epiphany in East and West” Lecture at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Rome, GA, January 6, 2008

“In Praise of the Bubble” Carden Award address, Opening Convocation, Berry College, August 28, 2007

“Sources of Step‘anos Siwnets‘i’s Commentary on the Gospels” Short communication at the Fifteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 9, 2007

“Nationalism, Culture, and the Limits of Democracy” Presentation at the Tenth Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture and Community, Berry College, April 19, 2007

“Sloth and Diligence” Invited lecture given at St. Illuminator’s Armenian Apostolic Cathedral, New York, March 14, 2007

“Armenian Christianity and the Commentaries on Aristotle of David the Invincible” Invited lecture as part of the series Philosophy in Armenia, St. Nersess Seminary, New Rochelle, NY, November 20, 2006

“Plato and the God of Reason” Presentation at the Berry-Kennesaw conference on Plato, Tocqueville, and Casablanca, Berry College, November 9, 2006

“Comments on Mark R. Warren’s ‘Here Comes the Rain Again: Is Aristotle’s Teleology Global?’” 29th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Emory University, April 22, 2006.

“Liberal Education, the Clash of Civilizations, and the Legacy of Socrates” Presentation for a roundtable discussion of liberal and civic education, Ninth Annual Berry-Oglethorpe Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture and Community, Oglethorpe University, March 2, 2006

“A Medieval Armenian Commentary on Aristotle’s *De Interpretatione*” 10th General Conference, Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes, Universidad del País Vasco, Spain, September 7-11, 2005

“Genocide and the Philosophy of History” UCLA International Conference Series in Armenian Studies: After Nine Decades: The Enduring Legacy of the Armenian Genocide, UCLA, Los Angeles, April 2, 2005

“Remarks on John Seery” Eighth Annual Berry-Oglethorpe Conference on Politics, Society, and Religion, Berry College, March 31, 2005

“David the Invincible in Armenia and Islamic Philosophy: A Reply to Sen Arevshatyan.” Invited response at the International Conference on La diffusion de la pensée et des oeuvres néoplatoniciennes dans la tradition arménienne et gréco-syriaque, University of Geneva, Switzerland, February 2004

“The Theology of Sin and Redemption in St. Gregory of Narek’s Book of Lamentations” Invited paper at the International Conference on the Millenium of St. Gregory of Narek, Harvard University, October 2003

“Stoics, Cynics and Christians: Three Roman Ways of Life” Invited paper at Kennesaw State University, October 2003

“The Ontological Argument of Diogenes of Babylon” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, Chicago, April 2002

“The Future of Human Nature” Conference on Politics, Society, and Religion, Oglethorpe University, March 2002

“The Philosophers and the 2000 Election” Conference on Politics, Society, and Religion, Berry College, March 2001

“Did the Stoics Invent the Ontological Argument?” Georgia Philosophical Society meeting, Emory University, November 2000

“Logical and Convincing Conditionals in Stoic Logic” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, Albuquerque, April 2000

“Chrysippus and the Destruction of Propositions” American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting, New Orleans, May 1999

“Chrysippus’s Response to Diodorus’ Master Argument” University of Virginia Philosophy Department colloquium, April 1998

“The Authorship of an Armenian Commentary on Aristotle’s Prior Analytics” Conference on the Classical Tradition in Oriental Translation, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies, Wassenaar, Holland, April 1998

“Chrysippus on Time and the Present” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, Los Angeles, March 1998

Awards and Grants

Sabbatical, Berry College, Fall 2017

NetVUE Foundation Grant for Vocation, 2013

Sabbatical, Berry College, Fall 2007

Mary S. and Samuel Poe Carden Award for Outstanding Teaching, Scholarship and Service, Berry College, 2007

Pathfinders Grant, Berry College, 2007

Pathfinders Grant, Berry College, 2006

Faculty Development Travel Grant, Berry College, 2005

Faculty Development Grant, Berry College, 2003

Society of Fellows Travel Grant, University of Virginia, 1994

Junior Member, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 1993-1994

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1993-1994

Department Nominee, Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Virginia, 1992

Member, Phi Kappa Phi

Service to the profession

Referee for *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, 2018

Moderator of one session, Philosopher-Kings and Tragic Heroes: Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Hellenic Heritage of Southern Italy, Siracusa, Italy, May 21-23, 2015

Chair of two sessions, International Plato Society Midterm Meeting, Emory University, March 15, 2015

Editorial Board, *St. Nersess Theological Review*, 2010-present

Referee for the *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 2008

Member of program committee, 29th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Emory University, 2006

Referee for the journal *Ancient Philosophy*, 2000-present

Reviewer for the *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle* book series, Duckworth Press (in Britain), Cornell University Press (in US), 2001

Member of editorial board, *Nelson's New Christian Dictionary*, Thomas Nelson 2001

Chair, session of Loemker Conference on Stoicism: Traditions and Transformations, Emory University, April 2000

Chair, session of American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting on God, Knowledge, and Freedom, 2001

Languages

Reading proficiency in French, German, Latin, Classical Greek, Classical and Modern Armenian, Syriac.

Conversational ability in German and Modern Armenian.