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Education:

Ph.D. (Ancient History)	Brown University, 1991
A.M.	Brown University, 1987
B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i>	Baylor University, 1986

Special Interests:

Greek history and literature in the fifth and sixth centuries B.C.; Athenian democracy and imperialism; ancient and modern democracy; Greek and Roman historiography; warfare in antiquity; later Roman empire; Cavafy and history.

Fellowships and Awards:

John W. Pope Lecture, Clemson University	2023
George Bancroft Memorial Lecturer (40th Annual)	
U.S. Naval Academy	2020
Visiting Scholar, St John's College, Oxford	2018
Elizabeth A. Whitehead Visiting Professorship, American School of Classical Studies (declined)	2018-19
Faust Award, Word and Way Society, Boston University	2017
Elizabeth M. Hunter Lecture, Florida State University	2016
Harry Carroll Lecture, Pomona College	2016
Robert P. Smith Fellowship Lecture, Roxbury Latin,	2014
Christopher Roberts Lecture, Dickinson College	2013
NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor	2011-2014
Onassis Senior Visiting Scholar	2007-2008
Honors Program Award for Teaching	2001

Golden Key Honor Society Teaching Award	2000
Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching	1998
Gitner Award for Distinguished Teaching	1996
Visiting Senior Associate Member, American School of Classical Studies	1996 (June)
Boston University Society of Fellows	1995-1996
Mellon Fellow in the Humanities	1986-1991
Marston-Baylor Fellow	1989
Phi Beta Kappa	1986

Publications:

Books:

Thucydides, edited with S. Esposito, *Oxford Greek and Latin College Commentaries* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Pericles and the Conquest of History (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Pericles, editor and contributor (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

What's Wrong with Democracy? From Athenian Practice to American Worship, (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2004; paperback, 2007); Turkish translation, *Demokrasinin Nesi Var?* (Yapi Kredi Yayinlari, 2013).

Empire of the Owl. Athenian Imperial Finance, *Historia Einzelschriften* no. 142 (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2000).

Athenian Democracy and Imperialism, editor (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1998).

Athens from Cleisthenes to Pericles, with C. W. Fornara (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1991).

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Cavafy and History,” with K. Polychroniou, in *Approaches to Teaching the Works of C.P. Cavafy*, ed. by P. Jeffreys and D. Tryphonopoulos (MLA, forthcoming).

“Who Sang ‘The Harmodios’?” *Historia* 69 (2020), 2-16.

“Periklean Imperialism and Imperial Finance in Context,” in T. J. Figueira and S. E. Jensen, eds., *Hegemonic Finances: Funding Athenian Domination in*

- the Fifth and Fourth Centuries B.C.* (Classical Press of Wales: Swansea, 2019), pp. 1-23.
- “Herodotus on the Kimonids: Peisistratid Allies in Sixth-Century Athens,” *Historia* 66 (2017), 21-44.
- “Forms and Forums of Public Speech,” in H. Beck, ed., *A Companion to Greek Government* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), pp. 267-83.
- “Marathon and Athenian ‘Collaboration’,” *Arion* 18.3 (2011), 155-58.
- “Greek Finance,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), vol. 3, pp. 177-79.
- “Athens—A Democratic Empire,” in K. Kagan, ed., *The Imperial Moment* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010), pp. 12-31, 200-208.
- “Thucydides’ Sources and the Spartan Plan at Sphakteria,” *Hesperia* 75 (2006), 525-540.
- “Ancient Lessons for Postmoderns,” a response in the forum on “The Uses of Classical History for Contemporary Themes,” *Historically Speaking* 6.3 (January/February 2005), pp. 29-30.
- “Revolution or Compromise?” in E. W. Robinson, ed., *Ancient Greek Democracy* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2003), pp. 113-122 [partial reprint of *Arion* 1998 article with new material added].
- “Democracy, Empire and the Search for the Athenian Character,” *Arion* 8.3 (2001), 128-157.
- “Socrates, Virtue and the Modern Professor,” *Journal of Education* 182.2 (2000 [2001]), 19-27.
- “Aeschylus, the Alkmeonids and the Reform of the Areopagos,” *Classical Journal* 94 (1999), 221-233.
- “Kimon, Kallias and Peace with Persia,” *Historia* 47 (1998), 129-140.
- “Mass, Elite, and Hoplite-Farmer in Greek History,” review and discussion of J. Ober, *The Athenian Revolution*, and V. Hanson, *The Other Greeks*, *Arion*, 3rd ser., 5.3 (1998), 99-123.
- “A Note on the Parthenon Inventories and the Date of IG i³ 52,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 118 (1997), 179-182.
- “The ‘Kallias Decrees’ (IG i³ 52) and the Inventories of Athena’s Treasure in the Parthenon,” *Classical Quarterly* 46 (1996), 91-102.

“Rome, Italy and Appius Claudius Caecus before the Pyrrhic Wars,” with K. A. Raaflaub and J. D. Richards, in *The Age of Pyrrhus*, R. Holloway, et al., eds., *Archaeologia Transatlantica* (1992 [1994]), 13-50.

“Athenian Finance and the Treasury of Athena,” *Historia* 42 (1993), 129-138.

“The *Vita Liutbirgae*,” *Classica et Mediaevalia* 43 (1992), 273-286.

“Opposition to Augustus,” with K. A. Raaflaub, in *Between Republic and Empire: Interpretations of Augustus and his Principate*, K. A. Raaflaub, M. Toher, eds., (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1990), pp. 417-454.

A Global Encyclopedia of Historical Writing, 2 vols., D. R. Woolf, ed., (New York, 1998); the following articles: “Ammianus Marcellinus,” p. 29; “C. Iulius Caesar,” pp. 131-132; “Felix Jacoby,” p. 479; “Procopius,” p. 738; “Roman Historiography,” pp. 782-783; “Tacitus,” pp. 875-876.

Reviews:

David M. Pritchard, *Athenian Democracy at War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *American Historical Review* 125.5 (2020), 1937-1938.

D. Hamel, *The Battle of Arginusae: Victory at Sea and its Tragic Aftermath in the Final Years of the Peloponnesian War* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015), *Classical Review* 66 (2016), 472-474.

J. Zumbrennen, *Silence and Democracy: Athenian Politics in Thucydides' History* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008), *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 131 (2011), 208-210.

G. Mara, *The Civic Conversations of Thucydides and Plato. Classical Political Philosophy and the Limits of Democracy* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2008), *Classical Review* 60.1 (2010), 32-34.

L. Kurke, *Coins, Bodies, Games, and Gold* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999), *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*, 10.2 (2003 [2004]), 281-86.

A. Santosuosso, *Soldiers, Citizens, and the Symbols of War* (Boulder, CO and Oxford: Westview Press, 1997), *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 7.2 (2000 [2002]).

H. Elton, *Warfare in Roman Europe, AD 350 - 425* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 6.3 (2000), 470-473.

- T. Rood, *Thucydides: Narrative and Explanation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998), *Religious Studies Review* 26.1 (2000), 78.
- A. K. Goldsworthy, *The Roman Army at War, 100 BC - AD 200* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), *Religious Studies Review* 25.1 (1999), 91.
- T. Figueira, *The Power of Money: Coinage and Politics in the Athenian Empire* (Philadelphia: Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 1997), *Ancient History Bulletin* 12 (1998), 141-142.
- A. J. Woodman and R. H. Martin, eds., *The Annals of Tacitus. Book 3* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), *Religious Studies Review* 24.1 (1998), 76.
- E. Badian, *From Plataea to Potidaea: Studies in the History and Historiography of the Pentecontaetia* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993), *Religious Studies Review* 23.2 (1997), 170-171.
- K. Robb, *Literacy and Paideia in Ancient Greece* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994), *History of Education Quarterly* 35 (1995), 439-441.

Current Projects:

Kimón and the Creation of Classical Athens (under contract for Cambridge University Press).

“Why Athens? Explaining Athenian Cultural Production”

“Was Pericles ‘Periclean’?”

“Homer and Athens”

Papers, Lectures, Speeches, and Presentations:

“Why Athens? Character and the Cultural Revolution,” the John W. Pope Lecture, Clemson University, October 10, 2023.

“Homer and Thucydides,” lecture for Dickinson College, Sept 4, 2023.

“Citizenship, the Classical World, and Dualism,” Classical Association of Massachusetts Keynote address, Brandeis University, May 6, 2023.

“Julius Caesar, Dante and Dualism,” Boston College High School, April 27, 2023.

New England Ancient Historians Colloquium, spring 2023 meeting; invited

- response to paper by S. Oswald (Univ. of Mass, Amherst), “Thucydides and Fake News: Sad!” March 20, 2023, M.I.T., Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Virgil and Augustus: Freedom versus Security,” Core Curriculum Lecture, February 28, 2023.
- “Why Athens?” Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Feb. 21, 2023.
- “Homer and Thucydides,” Dickinson College, September 5, 2022.
- “From Archaic to Classical Greece,” Core Curriculum lecture, October 18, 2022.
- “Sparta and Athens: A Classical (and Tragic) Love Story. Part 2: The case of Plataia after 2500 years,” webinar in the series “Sparta Live,” hosted by the Univ. of Nottingham, the City of Sparta, and ACG/IHCLA, Dec. 2, 2021.
- “Thucydides, Greek history, and Athenian Self-Examination,” Core Curriculum lecture, October 26, 2021.
- “The Destruction of Athens in the Persian Wars,” a lecture by John Camp; host and respondent, (online) October 6, 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKf-fd8th0c>
- “Homer and Thucydides,” Dickinson College, Sept. 3, 2021 (online).
- “Thucydides, Plato, and Plutarch on Pericles: Was Plutarch Right?” Conference in Classics and Ancient History, University of Coimbra, Portugal, (online) June 25, 2021.
- “Tyranny, Aristocracy, and Fake News: The Case of Cleisthenes and *demokratia*,” lecture for the University of Patras, Greece (via Zoom), March 26, 2021.
- “Citizenship Earned: A Lesson More Important than Democracy,” keynote address, National Hellenic Society annual meeting, December 5, 2020 (online).
- “Thucydides, Pericles, and the Peloponnesian War,” lecture for Core Humanities (CC101), October 27, 2020.
- “War and the Citizen: The Importance of Ancient History for Modern America,” the 40th Annual George Bancroft Memorial Lecture, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, January 13, 2020.
- “Plato’s Critique of Democracy,” lecture for Core Humanities (CC101), December 10, 2019.

- “Thucydides and the Athenian Character: Self-analysis vs. Self-satisfaction,”
lecture for Core Humanities (CC101), October 29, 2019.
- “Augustus Caesar, Fake News, and the Price of Empire,” Guest lecture in HI175,
October 3, 2019.
- “Keys to surviving in the American university,” invited talk at the Greek
Consulate of Boston, September 26, 2019.
- “The Promises, Responsibilities, and Challenges of Citizenship,” The 2019 Gitner
Family College of Arts and Sciences Lecture, September 19, 2019;
panelist along with Professors Susan Akram, Andrew Bacevich, Virginia
Sapiro, and Neta Crawford (moderator).
- “Persia and Alexander: The historical background of the Alexander Romance,”
Guest lecture for XL343 (Alexander the Great in the East), September 11,
2019.
- “Homer and Thucydides,” invited lecture, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Sept.
2, 2019.
- “Homer, Herodotus, and Fake News in Ancient Athens and Modern America,”
invited paper, Duke University, March 18, 2019.
- “Is Democracy a Good Idea?” invited lecture, Duke University, March 18,
2019.
- “The Myth of Democracy? From Pericles’ Athens to Modern Times,” invited
lecture for Long Now Boston, Cambridge, MA, April 5, 2018.
- “Marathon and the Citizen: Myth and Reality,” invited talk for the Greek
Consulate, Boston, MA, Jan. 23, 2018.
- “Perikles, Kimon, and the Creation of Classical Athens,” Corpus Christi College,
Oxford University, Nov. 3, 2017.
- “Making Athens Great (Again?): Pericles and the Psychology of Democracy,”
Getty Villa, Malibu, CA, Oct. 25, 2017.
- “Homer and Human Nature,” invited lecture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA,
Sept. 4, 2017.
- “Citizens, Hoplites, and Triremes,” Math and Science Academy, Marlborough,
MA, May 25, 2017.
- “How to Win a War in Ancient Greece,” Ashland Middle School, April 11, 2017.

- “On a Missing Book in the Core Curriculum, or, How I Think about Free Will, Reason, and Love,” Word and Way Society, Boston University, April 10, 2017.
- “Democracy in Crisis? Origins, Purposes, and Responsibilities,” Lectures in Modern Philhellenism, Boston, March 27, 2017.
- “Was Pericles ‘Periclean’?” The Elizabeth M. Hunter Lecture, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, October 31, 2016.
- “Pericles: Statesman or Demagogue?” Keynote address, Texas Classical Association, Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 29, 2016.
- “American Lessons from Athenian Democracy,” Texas Classical Association, Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 28, 2016.
- “Recovering the Real Pericles,” Harry Carroll Lecture, Pomona College, October 25, 2016, Claremont, CA, 2016.
- “The Dangers of Democracy,” Athenaeum/Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, October 24, 2016.
- “The Problem with Democracy,” Boston University “Rhett Talk,” Boston, Sept. 29, 2016.
- “Thucydides, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences,” lecture for Core Social Sciences (CC203), Sept. 8, 2016.
- “Myth and History? Homer vs. Thucydides,” invited lecture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Sept. 5, 2016.
- “Greek Virtues and the Modern Student,” lecture at the Timilty School, Boston, March 18, 2016.
- “Epigraphy and Athenian History,” proseminar presented on March 15, 2016, Boston University
- “What’s Wrong with Samons’ *Pericles*?” Paper presented to the Colloquium at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Classical Studies, February 25, 2016.
- “The Dark Side of Pericles,” lecture presented at University of Pennsylvania, February 25, 2016.
- “Freedom and Security, Virgil and Augustus,” lecture for Core Humanities, CC102, February 23, 2016.
- “Caesar and Cavafy,” lecture for CG350 Advanced Modern Greek, February 10,

2016.

- “Herodotus: Man and the Gods, *nomos* and *physis*,” lecture for Core Social Sciences CC112, January 28, 2016.
- “Freedom vs. Security, or, Why Caesar?” Boston University Academy All-School Meeting, January 22, 2016.
- “Greek Citizenship, Excellence, and the Critique of Democracy: Self-analysis vs. Self-satisfaction,” lecture for CC101, Core Humanities, October 20, 2015.
- “Civil War in Greece, Ancient and Modern,” lecture for CG357 Modern Greek Culture and Film, Boston University, October 19, 2015.
- “Statesman *and* Demagogue: Was Plutarch Right about Pericles?” invited lecture at Tufts University, Medford, MA, Sept. 21, 2015.
- “Homer and Thucydides,” invited lecture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Sept. 7, 2015.
- “Thucydides and the Social Sciences,” lecture for Core Social Sciences (CC203), Sept. 3, 2015.
- “Financial Lessons from Periclean Athens,” invited lecture for the Greek Economic Forum, Harvard University, May 13, 2015.
- “Passing Judgment in Thucydides?” commentary on J. McDonald, “Reading Religious Transgression in Thucydides’ Delion Debate (Thuc. 4.89-101),” New England Ancient Historians Colloquium, Providence College, Providence, RI, April 9, 2015
- “Is the Modern West Living up to the Standards of Ancient Greece? A Debate” (with Profs. S. Nelson, I. Evrigenis, N. Prevelakis), Lectures in Modern Philhellenism, Boston University, March 26, 2015.
- “How to Win a War in Ancient Greece: The Soldier as Citizen,” lecture for James P. Timilty School, Roxbury, MA, March 25, 2015.
- “Greek Origins and Homer,” lecture for Globally Speaking program, Boston University, March 19, 2015.
- “Cavafy: The *Philhellene* Mystery,” lecture for CG350 (Modern Greek Literature), Boston University, March 16, 2015.
- “Virgil, Augustus, and the Benefits of Empire,” lecture for CC102 (Core Humanities), Boston University, Feb. 24, 2015.

International Society for Late Antique Literary Studies, Annual Conference,

- Boston University, Session Chairman (Sidonius, History, and Satire in Late Antiquity), Nov. 15, 2014.
- “The Polis, Greek History, and Thucydides,” lecture for Core Humanities (CC101), November 11, 2014.
- “Citizenship in a Democracy: the Hoplite and the Citizen,” the Robert P. Smith Fellowship Lecture at Roxbury Latin, Oct. 23, 2014.
- “Cavafy and Caesar,” lecture for CG356 (Modern Greek Literature), Boston University, Oct. 1, 2014.
- “Academic Success in Boston,” presentation at the Greek Consulate in Boston, Sept. 22, 2014.
- “Homer and Thucydides,” invited lecture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Sept. 8, 2014.
- “Thucydides and the Social Sciences,” lecture for Core Social Sciences (CC203), Sept. 4, 2014.
- “The Chariot, the Coming of the Greeks, and Homer,” lecture for CG350 (Modern Greek Short Story), Boston University, April 21, 2014
- “How to Win a War in Ancient Greece,” Hopkinton Middle School, April 7, 2014.
- “Forgotten Lessons from Ancient Greece: A Philhellenism for Today,” Boston University, Lectures in Modern Philhellenism, March 28, 2014.
- “Don’t Judge Me: Democratic Leadership in the Twenty-first Century,” Boston University Academy All-School Meeting, March 27, 2014.
- “The Value—and Costs—of Citizenship in Ancient Greece,” Alpha Omega Council, Boston, MA, March 20, 2014.
- “Pericles and Homer,” the Christopher Roberts Lecture, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, October 5, 2013.
- “The Dangers of a First Citizen: Ancient and Modern,” Dickinson College, October 4, 2013, with B. J. McConville.
- “Thucydides and the Social Sciences,” lecture for Core Social Sciences (CC203), Sept. 5, 2013.
- “Pericles the ‘Moderate’?” invited lecture at Brown University, January 30, 2013.
- “Democracy, Citizenship and the Vote,” talk for the Greek Council, Boston

- University, November 13, 2012.
- “Homer, Fate, and the Problem of Human Nature,” Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, August 30, 2012.
- “What’s Wrong with Democracy?” talk for CAS Core Curriculum Lunchbox Series, Feb. 1, 2012.
- “Pericles and Democracy,” Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 10, 2011.
- “Homer and Thucydides,” Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, September 2, 2011.
- “Periclean Finance: A Speculative History,” University of Edinburgh, July 30, 2010, Celtic Conference in Classics, plenary lecture.
- “The Hoplite and the Citizen,” Pomfret School, Pomfret, CT, October 20, 2009.
- “What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity,” Chair of panel on animal sacrifice, Boston University, November 19, 2008.
- “Pericles of Athens and the Dangers of Democracy,” lecture for the Getty Villa, Los Angeles, CA, June 5, 2008.
- “Boethius and Socrates—The Greatest of All Goods,” commencement address, Boston University Academy, May 19, 2008.
- “Hoplites as Citizens: The Greek Infantry Tradition and Classical History,” Dickinson College, April 2008.
- “Church and State in the Later Roman Empire,” Dickinson College, April 2008.
- “Tragedy and History: Pericles, Democracy, and Sophocles’ *Antigone*,” Dickinson College, April 2008.
- “Greek Philosophy at the Court of Theodoric the Ostrogoth,” Feb. 20, 2008, University of Richmond.
- “Infantry Battle from the Greek Phalanx to the Germanic Tribes,” Feb. 20, 2008, University of Richmond.
- “The Problems with Athenian Democracy,” Feb. 21, 2008, University of Richmond.
- “Problems with Democracy,” lecture for Boston University Academy plenary meeting, April 5, 2007.

- “Some Aspects of the Career of Kimon of Athens,” invited lecture for the conference in honor of Charles W. Fornara, Brown University, October, 2006
- “Beauty and Ugliness in Athenian and American Democracy,” invited lecture, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, April 17, 2006.
- “Good and Evil, Beauty and Ugliness: Monuments and Lessons of Athenian Democracy,” invited lecture for the Getty Villa, Los Angeles, CA, in conjunction with the Villa’s reopening celebration, January 23, 25, 2006.
- “Public Finance and the Problems with Democracy,” invited lecture for the Algonquin Club, Boston, MA, December 13, 2005.
- “The Genius of Alexander: Tactics and Strategy,” invited lecture for the Pomfret School, Pomfret, CT, November 8, 2005.
- “Alexander’s Greatness: Geography, Topography, and Tactics,” lecture for the Primary Source institute (program for secondary school teachers); Malden, MA, July 12, 2005.
- “The Ancient Hoplite and the Modern Citizen,” lecture for Boston University Multicultural Weekend, March 18, 2005.
- “What’s Wrong with Democracy?” Invited lecture for Boston University Conversazione, March 17, 2005.
- “Freedom and Capitalism as Virtues?” speech for the School of Management Honors Program dinner, January, 2005.
- “Democracy, National Defense, and the Citizen,” lecture for Core Curriculum Current Events Society, December 7, 2004.
- “The Vote and Citizenship,” keynote address for annual Massachusetts Junior Classical League meeting, December 1, 2004.
- “Athens—A Democratic Empire,” presented at the Beginnings of Empire conference/workshop, Harvard University, Sept. 24-26, 2004.
- “Utility and Beauty,” speech for the Boston University International Liaisons, July 14, 2004.
- “How to Conquer the World (Tactics, Strategies, and Circumstances of Roman Imperialism,” lecture for the Massachusetts Junior Classical League, December 2003.
- “A Carian Sort of Allies,” N. Luraghi (Harvard Univ.). Commentator on this paper for New England Ancient Historians Colloquium, April 3, 2003.

- “Ancient Rhetoric and Modern Public Speaking,” lecture for Boston University President’s Hosts, March 5, 2003.
- “Leadership in a Democracy,” speech for Boston University Student Leadership Banquet, November 6, 2002.
- “What’s Wrong with Democracy (Ancient and Modern)?” Trustee Scholars Lecture, Boston University, September 23, 2002.
- “Reconstructions in Greek History,” invited commentary presented at The Historical Society conference, Atlanta GA, May 2002.
- “What’s Wrong with Democracy?” invited lecture for the Boston University Honors Society, March 2002.
- “The Place of Democracy in Athenian History, or, In Defense of a Practical History of Athens,” invited paper given at the Langford Conference on Approaches to Athenian Democracy, hosted by P. J. Rhodes, Tallahassee, FL, February 19, 2002.
- “The Hoplite and the Citizen,” invited lecture at Boston College High School, Dec. 11, 2001.
- “Herodotus and the Social Sciences,” for AN 703 (Prof. Peter Wood), Oct. 18, 2001.
- “Roman History and Augustus,” for Core Humanities II (CC 102), March 15, 2001, etc.
- “Greek History before Plato,” for Core Humanities I (CC 101), November 9, 1999, etc.
- “The Historical and Political Background of Plato’s *Republic*” for SED 703, Professor Charles Glenn, et al., September 20, 1999.
- “Ancient Regimes and the Structure of American Government,” invited lecture for Massachusetts middle-school teachers, April 6, 1999.
- “Kimon and the Creation of Classical Athens,” College of Arts and Sciences Forum *Lectures at the Castle*, Boston University, February 17, 1999.
- Indiction Address, Boston University Matriculation, September 2, 1998.
- “How to Conquer the World (Tactics, Strategies and Circumstances of Roman Imperialism),” invited colloquium presented to the Undergraduate Classics Association of Boston University, March 19, 1997.

“Who Killed Socrates? (Lessons of Athenian Democracy),” invited lecture presented to the Boston University Hellenic Association, February 5, 1997

“Athenian Democracy and Imperialism,” paper presented to the Society of Fellows, Boston University Humanities Foundation at Boston University, April 9, 1996.

“Models and Mentors,” invited lecture at Baylor University annual Honors Program Banquet, April 21, 1994.

“Themes in Greek History,” invited lecture for Brookline Public School Teachers, May 6, 1994.

Media:

“The Destruction of Athens in the Persian Wars,” a lecture by John Camp; host and respondent, (online) October 6, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKf-fd8th0c>

“The Economy and Culture—ACG 150 Initiatives,” a fireside chat for The Delphi Economic Forum, May 13, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYAtBlra-Lo>

“Public Health, the Greek Economy, and Political Liberty: Balance, Priorities and Policies in an Age of Pandemics,” ACG 150 webinar, organizer and moderator, April 6, 2021.

“Citizenship Earned: A Lesson More Important than Democracy,” Alumni Webinar, The American College of Greece, January 28, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wa-Kw2-HAE>

Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM, “Predictions for 2021,” January 8, 2021.

“The Dangerous Pursuit of Safety,” *The Boston Globe*, August 2, 2020.

“The Historians,” a weekly program co-created, produced, and hosted with Prof. Brendan McConville, Saturday mornings, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., WNTN 1550 AM, Boston, April 8, 2017 to present.

Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM, “Democracy in Crisis?” March 21, 2017.

Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Tyranny: Ancient and Modern,” December 21, 2016.

Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Rigged Elections?” November 8, 2016

- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Demagogues and Democracy,” September 26, 2016
- “What Can Democracies Do to Guard against Demagoguery?” Opinion piece for Zocalo Public Square (June 20, 2016):
<http://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2016/06/20/demagogues-problem-children-democracies/ideas/up-for-discussion/>
- Picked up and republished by *Time* magazine online:
<http://time.com/4375262/history-demagogues-donald-trump/>
- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Why Alexander was Great,” May 17, 2016
- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Marathon: Myth, Reality and Meaning,” April 19, 2016
- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Debt and Democracy,” March 15, 2016
- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Foreign Policy and Immigration,” February 16, 2016.
- “Greek History and the Battle of Marathon,” Webinar for the Examined Life program, Feb. 7, 2016
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=O2rXmR6DoVk>
- Grecian Echoes Radio: WNTN 1550 AM. “Modern Lessons from Ancient Greece: Elections,” January 19, 2016
- Writers Read—Blogspot (Jan. 17, 2016):
<http://whatarewritersreading.blogspot.com/2016/01/loren-j-samons-ii.html>
- My book—the Movie Blogspot (Jan. 14, 2016):
<http://mybookthemovie.blogspot.com/2016/01/loren-j-samons-iis-pericles-and.html>
- “Campaign for the American Reader” Page 99 Test Blogspot (Jan. 10, 2016):
<http://americareads.blogspot.com/2016/01/pg-99-loren-j-samons-iis-pericles-and.html>
- “Philhellenism in Boston,” in-studio appearance for WTBU radio, March 30, 2015.
- “Citizens as Soldiers: Warfare in Classical Greece,” taped lecture for Hopkinton Schools, HCAM-TV, Hopkinton, MA, March 27, 2015:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nRbH9V5XDY>

- “Greek History: From the Polis to the Persian Wars,” webinar for The Examined Life, Feb. 7, 2015.
- “What Everyone Should Know about Ancient Greece,” in-studio appearance for Grecian Echoes radio program (hosts Ted Demetriadis and Stamatis Astra), WNTN 1550, Boston, Dec. 17, 2014.
- “Excavations at Amphipolis,” interview on Grecian Echoes radio program (host Stamatis Astra), WNTN 1550, Boston, November 14, 2014.
- “Grecian Echoes,” interview on radio program (hosts Ted Demetriades and Stamatis Astra), WNTN 1550, Boston, to discuss Philhellenism, March 27, 2014.
- “Grecian Echoes,” interview on radio program (hosts Ted Demetriades and Stamatis Astra), WNTN 1550, Boston, to discuss BU Philhellenes Project and Summer Study in Athens, March 31, 2013.
- “Caesar’s Strategy and Genius in Gaul,” podcast for Dickinson College Commentaries: <http://dcc.dickinson.edu/podcasts/caesars-army> published 8/2012.
- “Caesar’s Army,” podcast for Dickinson College Commentaries: <http://dcc.dickinson.edu/podcasts/caesars-strategy-and-genius> published 8/2012.
- “Greek Studies at Boston University,” interview for Greek Television (ERT) with Katerina Thanasoula, scheduled to air 2011.
- “Experimental Education: Why Take the Core Curriculum?” Blog for the Boston University Core Curriculum, March 2011: <http://blogs.bu.edu/core/2011/03/30/why-take-the-core-part-i-experimental-education/>
- “Problems with Democracy,” interview with Rob Mitchell’s “Pages to People” program, WBNW radio, April 24, 2007 (aired April 28, 2007).
- “Who Killed Socrates?” essay for UK Channel 4 website in conjunction with “Athens: The Truth about Democracy” program; July 2006: <http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/c-d/democracy/athens/who-killed-socrates.html>
- “Athens: The Truth about Democracy,” interview with Bettany Hughes for this UK Channel 4/PBS production, December 8, 2006; UK airdate, July 2007; US, November, 2007.

“How to Spot a Demagogue,” essay for Univ. of California Press blog; October 2006;
http://ucpress.typepad.com/ucpresslog/2006/10/how_to_spot_a_d.html

“Suffrage,” interview for BBC radio The World Today, program on suffrage, July 31, 2006, WGBH, Boston; aired August, 2006.

Various radio appearances in conjunction with publication of *What's Wrong with Democracy?* fall 2004, spring 2005.

Professional Service:

Referee for *Hesperia*, *Historia*, *TAPA*, *Rheinisches Museum*, *The Journal of the Historical Society*, *Arion*, *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies*, *Classical World*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Michigan Press, University of California Press, Yale University Press, Blackwell, and the Center for Hellenic Studies.

University Service:

Departmental:

Director of Undergraduate Studies (1996 - 1999, Fall 2013, 2014 - 2018)
Co-Director, BUPh Summer Study in Athens (2014 - 2018)
Co-Founder, Boston University Philhellenes and BUPh Summer Study in Athens (2012 - 2018)
M.A.T. Coordinator (2012)
Chairman (2006 - 2012)
Committee on B.A. and B.A./M.A. Programs, Chair (2000 - 2002)
Faculty Advisor of the Classics House (1994 - 99)
Faculty Advisor and Organizer of Undergraduate Classics Association (1997 - 99, 2000 - 2002)
Latin Contest (Annual Scholarship Competition) - assisted in exam preparation, administration, hosting parents (1994 - 97)
New England Ancient Historians Colloquium, Host (4/10/96, 4/4/01)
Committee on Roman Studies - Department of Classical Studies (1993 - 2002)

College:

Development of CG/HI/EC 344=IR 301 Mini-Course: Greece in the Eurozone (Prof. Michalis Psalidopoulos), with K. Polychroniou (Spring 2016)
Associate Director, Core Curriculum (2014 - 2018)
Chair: Core Committee to develop Core Honors and Core Minor (2014-2015)
Stata Chair in Ancient Greek Studies Search Committee (2011 - 2012)
Associate Dean for Students (2002 - 2005)
Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2000 - 2002)
Academic Policy Committee (2000 - 2003)

Writing Program Advisory Board (2000 – 2005, 2007- 2011; resigned 2011)
Faculty Advisor/Senior Faculty Advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences
Taylor Advising Center, CAS 105 (1995 - 2001, 2006 - present)
Concentration in Classics and Philosophy - new concentration developed with
Prof. D. Roochnik; approved 1999.
Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Board (1996 - 97)
Selection Committee, Gitner and Neu College Teaching Awards (1997, 1998,
2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)
CAS Admissions Open House: Host for Classical Studies (10/27/96, 10/26/97,
11/1/98)
CAS Major Choices Forum: Host for Classical Studies (11/7/96), assisted
(10/29/97)
CAS Major Fair (Host for Classical Studies, 2014, 2015, 10/5/2016)
CAS Summer Advising (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005; Language: 2013,
2014, 2015, 2016)
Freshman Friday Faculty Panels (4/26/96, 4/3/98, 4/10/98, 4/2/99, 4/21/00, 4/6,
13, 20/01)

University:

Provost's Committee on Course Credit (2012 – 2014; resigned 2014)
Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences, elected representative (2006 –
2007)
Center for Excellence in Teaching, faculty panel and workshop (2003)
University Commencement Speaker Selection Committee (2002)
Metcalf Teaching Awards Selection Committee (1998/99, 1999/2000, Chair
2000/01)
Matriculation Speaker: Indiction Address (September 1998)
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (1995 - 2000)

Employment:

Chief Academic Advisor and Executive Director, Institute for Hellenic Culture
and the Liberal Arts, The American College of Greece (2022 -)

Senior Vice President & Chief Academic Officer and Executive Director, Institute
for Hellenic Culture and the Liberal Arts, The American College of
Greece (2021 - 22)

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Executive Director, Institute for
Hellenic Culture and the Liberal Arts, The American College of Greece
(2019 - 2021)

Professor in the Core Curriculum, Boston University (2015 – present)

Associate Director, Core Curriculum (2014 – 2019)

Professor of Classical Studies, Boston University (2006 - present)

Chair of Classical Studies, Boston University (2006 - 2012)

Associate Dean for Students, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences,
(2002 - 2005)

Assistant to Associate Professor of Classical Studies, Boston University (1993 -
2006)

Visiting Asst. Professor of Classics and the Humanities, Reed College (1992/93)

Lecturer, Brown University (Spring 1992)

Lecture Courses Offered:

Greek History, Roman History, Greek Civilization, Roman Civilization, The Age
of Augustus, The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, The Age of
Pericles, Warfare in Antiquity, Cavafy and History.

Seminar Courses:

Thucydides (graduate), Greek History and Historiography from the Sixth to the
Fifth Century (graduate), The Athenian Empire (graduate), Democracies
and Republics (Ancient and Modern), The Age of Caesar and Cicero,
Freshman Humanities: The Ancient World from Gilgamesh to Plato,
Freshman Humanities: From Aristotle to Dante.

Language Courses:

Introductory Latin, Intermediate Latin, Introductory Greek, Advanced Greek
(Thucydides), Early Greek Prose: Herodotus (graduate), Thucydides
(graduate), Cavafy and History