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Employment History

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras (January 2023-)

Resident Director, *Illinois in Athens* (September 2022-)
Athens Study-Abroad Program of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Research Award Holder, British School at Athens (May 2022; research carried out at
the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Patras, Classics Department (February
2020-January 2022); research grant awarded by the Greek National Scholarship
Foundation

Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Classics Department,
Spring Semester 2021 (online instruction)

Adjunct Professor, University of Crete, Department of Philosophy and Social Studies,
Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Greek Program Director, *Virtual Global Experiences*, University of Illinois, Urbana-
Champaign, December 2020-May 2022

Adjunct Professor, University of Thessaly, Department of History, Archaeology and
Social Anthropology, Fall Semester 2019, Spring Semester 2020

Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, J-term 2018 (Team-taught
Study-Abroad Program in Athens, in collaboration with Daniel Leon)

Adjunct Professor, Classics Department, University of Patras, Spring Semester 2018

Adjunct Professor, Hellenic Open University, Volos, Greece, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Adjunct Professor, Classics Department, University of Patras, Greece, Fall 2016

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Göttingen, Germany, Spring 2016

Adjunct Professor, University of Athens, Lifelong Learning Program: *Plato's
Academy*, Greece, 2012-2015

Research Fellow, Foundation of the Hellenic World, Athens, Greece, August 2013-
Sept. 2014

Founder and Director, *Greek Studies on Site*, 2013-

Graduate Instructor, University of Virginia, USA, 2007-2010

Education

Ph.D. in Classics, University of Virginia, 2012

Doctoral Dissertation: "Playful Philosophy and Serious Sophistry: Reversals in Plato's *Euthydemus*"

Committee: Jenny Strauss Clay (chair), Daniel Devereux, David Kovacs, Coulter George

M.A. in Classics, University of Virginia, 2008

B.A. in Greek Philology, University of Athens, Greece, 2005

Major: Classics; Minors: Byzantine and Modern Greek; Linguistics

Exchange student, Freie Universität Berlin, Spring Semester 2005

Languages

Greek; Latin

Modern Greek (native)

English (Certificate of Proficiency, University of Cambridge, 1997)

French (Sorbonne II, 2002)

German (Grosses Deutsches Sprachdiplom, 2006)

Spanish (Diploma de Español – Nivel Intermedio, B2, 2015)

Italian: reading knowledge

Arabic (A1, Cultural Center of the Embassy of Egypt, 2019)

Publications

Authored Book:

Playful Philosophy and Serious Sophistry: A Reading of Plato's *Euthydemus*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.

Reviewed by:

*Christopher Moore, Pennsylvania State University (*Classical Journal*, September 2016):

<https://cj.camws.org/sites/default/files/reviews/2016.09.07%20Moore%20on%20Seriamoglou-Soulmaidi.pdf>

*Laura Viidebaum, New York University (*BMCR*, April 2016):

<http://www.bmcreview.org/2016/04/20160405.html>

Response to Viidebaum:

https://www.academia.edu/30650376/Response_to_BMCR_2016.04.05_by_Laura_Viidebaum.docx

*Carrie Swanson, University of Iowa (*The Classical Review*, 2017)

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/classical-review/article/dialectic-and-eristic-methods-in-euthydemus-g-seriamoglousoulmaidi-playful-philosophy-and-serious-sophistry-a-reading-of-platos-euthydemus-untersuchungen-zur-antiken-literatur-und-geschichte-115-pp-x-203-berlin-and-boston-de-gruyter-2014-cased-5999-7995-us112-isbn-9783110368093/0F7C7B052CD5EFF7FA93A0E0B8B130CC>

Authored Book in Preparation:

Knowledge, Virtue, and Happiness in Plato's Early Dialogues (ongoing)

Edited Volume:

Wisdom, Love, and Friendship in Ancient Greek Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Daniel Devereux, Berlin: De Gruyter (2020)
in collaboration with Evan Keeling, University of São Paulo

Articles:

1. "The Refutation of Polus in Plato's *Gorgias* Revisited," *Apeiron* (2017) 50: 277-310.
2. "A Note on the Euthyphro Dilemma," *Eirene* (2017) 53: 241-245.
3. "Laughter and Play in Plato's *Gorgias*," *Hermes* (2019) 147: 406-422.
4. "A New Edition and Commentary on Plato's *Euthydemus*," *Mnemosyne* (2019) <https://brill.com/view/journals/mnem/aop/article-10.1163-1568525X-12342693.xml>
5. "Love in Plato's *Alcibiades*." In G. Sermamoglou-Soulmaidi, E. Keeling, eds. (2020) *Wisdom, Love, and Friendship in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, 91-114. Berlin: De Gruyter.
6. "Medea and Other Women in Jules Dassin's *Never on Sunday*," *Classical Receptions Journal* (17 April 2021) <https://academic.oup.com/crj/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/crj/clab003/6231575?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
7. "Trampas Socráticas en el *Protágoras* de Platón." In J. Aguirre, J. Lavilla, eds. *Humor y filosofía en los diálogos de Platón*, 151-170. Barcelona (2021)
8. "Plato's *Alcibiades* on Self-Knowledge and the Forms," *Ancient Philosophy* (2022) 42: 353-366.
9. "The Nature of Courage in Plato's *Laches*," *Apeiron* (2022): <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/apeiron-2022-0004/pdf>
10. "Interpreting the Ode of Simonides: The Function of Humor in Plato's *Protagoras*." In A. Capra, P. Destrée, eds. *Plato on Humour* (Brill, forthcoming)
11. "Justice and Piety in Plato's *Euthyphro*," *Ancient Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Book Reviews:

1. "Ryan, P. (2012) *Plato's Phaedrus: A Commentary for Greek Readers*." *Religious Studies Review* 39 (2013) 174-175.
2. "Scolnicov, S. (2013) *Euthydemus: Ethics and Language*." *Religious Studies Review* 40 (2014) 154.
3. "Cotton, A. (2014) *Platonic Dialogue and the Education of the Reader*." *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2014); accessible here: <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2014/2014-11-10.html>
4. "Benson, H. H. (2015) *Clitophon's Challenge: Dialectic in Plato's Meno, Phaedo, and Republic*." *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2016); accessible here: <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2016/2016-03-24.html>
5. "Smith Pangle, L. (2014) *Virtue is Knowledge: The Moral Foundations of Socratic Political Philosophy*." *Classical Journal*, April 2016
6. "Boys-Stones, G., El Murr, D., Gill, C. eds. (2013) *The Platonic Art of Philosophy*." *Classical Journal*, April 2016
7. "Stefou, K. C. (2016) *Vindicating the Philosophical Life: An Analysis of Plato's Laches*." *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2018); accessible here: <http://www.bmcreview.org/2018/01/20180152.html>

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

27. "Virtue Politics: Rethinking Political Leadership in light of Plato's Early Dialogues," *Plato 2022* International Conference hosted by the University of Rhode Island, June 9-10, 2022
26. "Socrates on the Weakness of Will," Invited Talk, Birmingham-Southern College, Alabama, April 2022
25. "Athens Ancient and Modern", Invited Talk, Birmingham-Southern College, Alabama, March 31, 2021
24. "The Nature of Courage in Plato's *Laches*." Invited Talk, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, February 3, 2021
23. "The Nature of Courage in Plato's *Laches*." Invited Talk, Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, University of Crete, March 2021
22. "Hard Choices: A Philosophical Approach." Invited Workshop, French Institute at Athens in collaboration with the University of Crete and the Museum of Natural History, Herakleion, January 30, 2020.
21. "Love in Plato's *Alcibiades*," International Conference on Love and Friendship in Ancient Philosophy in honor of D. Devereux, European Delphi Center, Athens, May 31, 2019
20. "Socratic Trickery in Plato's *Protagoras*," Invited Talk, International Conference on Plato's Uses of Humor, Université Catholique de Louvain, April 25-26, 2019
19. "Love in Plato's *Alcibiades*." Invited Talk, University of Cyprus, Classics Department, October 30, 2018
18. "Socrates' Denial of *Akrasia*: A Defense." Invited Talk, University of Vienna, January 11, 2018
17. "Plotinus, *Ennead* I4: Plotinus on *Eudaimonia*." International Plotinus Workshop, University of Göttingen, September 6-8, 2017
16. "Socratic Intellectualism Revisited." International Conference: Women in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden, May 23, 2017
15. "Plato's Academy." Invited Talk, Principia College, October 13, 2016
14. "Athenian Democracy." Invited Talk, Principia College, October 15, 2016
13. "On Shame and Fear: Emotional Responses to Socrates' Anticipated Death in Plato's *Crito*." European Cultural Center, Delphi; International Conference "Emotional Trauma in Greek and Roman Culture: Representations and Reactions," June 2016
12. "Justice and Piety in Plato's *Euthyphro*." Third International Conference of Greek Philosophy, University of Lisbon, April 2016
11. "The Refutation of Polus in Plato's *Gorgias* Revisited." Invited Talk, University of Göttingen, April 2016
10. "The Rhetorician as a Philosopher: The Case of Isocrates." International Conference for the 20th Anniversary of the Department of Greek, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, October 2016
9. "Greek Myth and Greek Drama." Invited Talk, Texas Lutheran University; Canadian Archaeological School, Athens, 2014
8. "Laughter in the *Gorgias*." Classical Association Conference, University of Reading
7. "Laughter and Play in Plato's *Gorgias*." Jornadas de Filología Clásica, University of Oviedo, Spain, March 2013
6. "The Debate as a Teaching Method." Teacher Training Program, Foundation of the Hellenic World, Athens, Greece, 2013

5. "The Last Laugh: Homeric Echoes in Plato's *Euthydemus*." Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle-West and South, Baton Rouge, LA, 2012
4. "Cavafy's *Ithaca*: A Study in the Reception of Homer." Interdisciplinary Conference organized by the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, University of Virginia
3. "Ovid's Orpheus Revisited." Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle-West and South, Minneapolis, MN, 2008
2. "The poetry of Pitsa Galazi." Seminar for the Modern Greek Poetry of Cyprus, at Lemesos, Cyprus, 2003
1. "The poetry of Pitsa Galazi." University of Athens, 2003

Professional Service

A) Conferences Organized:

1. "Philosophy in Greece and China: A Comparative Approach." University of Patras; *scheduled for* September 27-30, 2023
2. International Ancient Philosophy Conference "Plato 2022." Hosted by the University of Rhode Island, June 9-10, 2022
3. International Ancient Philosophy Conference, "Wisdom, Love and Friendship in Ancient Philosophy." European Center of Delphi, Athens Office, May 2019
4. Graduate Student Conference, "*Epistulae Signum*: Correspondence in Life and Literature." University of Virginia, Spring 2008

B) Peer-Reviewer for

Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought (Brill)
Eirene: Studia Graeca et Latina
The Journal for Hellenic Studies
Ancient Philosophy
Classical Quarterly

C) Public Engagement/Outreach

1. Two-day workshop on Greek Philosophy and Film (A Discussion of Plato's Political Theory) Workshop Title: Personal Freedom and the Public Good, co-organized with Lyssander Tsihrizis; *Katheti* Non-Profit Organization, Galatas, Troezen (October 19-20, 2019)
2. Philosophy for Business: Online Workshop on the Nature of Courage, Coca-Cola Company UK (December 4, 2020)

D) Short-Term Faculty-Led Study-Abroad Programs (organized through Greek Studies on Site)

1. Department of Philosophy, Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, South Korea (August 2015)
2. Classics Department, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (January 2018)
3. Gies College of Business, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (January 2023)
4. Modern Greek Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (*scheduled for* May 2023)

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

1. Centenary Bursary Award, British School at Athens (2021); research carried out at the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford (May 2022)
2. Postdoctoral Research Grant, National Scholarship Foundation, Greece (2020-2022)
3. Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of Göttingen, Germany, 2016
4. Ancient Philosophy and Leadership Ethics Workshop Bursary, University of Leeds, 2014
5. University of Virginia Faculty Senate, Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2011-2012
6. Junior Member, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 2011-2012
7. Huskey Research Exhibition: Third Prize for Outstanding Research in the Humanities, University of Virginia, 2010
8. Lazenby Award, University of Virginia, 2010
9. Lazenby Award, University of Virginia, 2008
10. Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 2006
11. Presidential Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2006-2010
12. Arapoglou Prize, University of Athens, 2005
13. Socrates-Erasmus Fellowship, Freie Universität, Berlin, 2004

Courses Taught

- *The Good Life: A Seminar on Greek Ethics (Illinois in Athens, Fall 2022)
- *Mapping the City: Documentary Film-Making for Beginners (with Costas Nilsen, Illinois in Athens, Fall 2022)
- *Hellenistic Philosophy (University of Crete, Spring 2021)
- *Athens Ancient and Modern (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2021)
- **Eudaimonia* in Plato and Aristotle (University of Crete, Fall 2020)
- *Xenophon, *Memorabilia* (University of Thessaly, Spring 2020)
- *Plato, *Protagoras* (University of Crete, Fall 2020; University of Thessaly, Fall 2019)
- *War and Society in Ancient Greece (team-taught with Daniel Leon, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, J-term 2018)
- *Ancient Greek Philosophy in Context: From the Pre-Socratics to the Stoics (Greek Studies on Site, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2022)
- *Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy: From the Pre-Socratics to Aristotle (University of Patras, Spring 2018)
- *Survey of Ancient Greek and Byzantine Literature (Hellenic Open University, 2017-2018)
- *Athens through the Ages (Greek Studies on Site, January 2017)
- *Theater in Classical Athens: Euripides (Greek Studies on Site, July 2016)
- *Plato, *Republic* (Greek Studies on Site, Summer 2015; University of Athens, Fall 2012)
- *Plato, *Gorgias* (University of Patras, Fall 2016; University of Athens, Spring 2015; Spring 2013)
- *Plato, *Euthyphro*, *Laches*, and *Charmides* (University of Athens, Fall 2014)
- *Happiness and the Good Life in Aristotle, the Epicureans and the Stoics (University of Athens, Spring 2014)
- *Athens: The Ancient City (on-site instruction within Greek archaeological sites; Greek Studies on Site, Summers 2013-2019 & 2022)

- *Athenian Democracy and Its Critics (Greek Studies on Site, Summer 2013)
- *Greek Mythology and Film (Greek Studies on Site, Summer 2013)
- *Greek Mythology (University of Virginia, Summer 2009)
- *Intermediate Latin II: Cicero and Catullus (University of Virginia, Spring 2009, Spring 2010)
- *Intermediate Latin I: Caesar and Ovid (University of Virginia, Fall 2008)

Courses Assisted (at the University of Virginia)

- Roman Civilization, Fall 2009 (with K. S. Myers)
- Elementary Latin I, Spring 2008 (with Jane Crawford)
- Elementary Latin II, Fall 2007 (with Jane Crawford)