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Personal Data

Born, Athens, Greece, 1936. U.S. citizen, naturalized, 1968.

Prepared at Athens College and the Athens Conservatory of Music (*Odhion Athinón*, flute, music theory).

Academic Degrees and Titles

Yale University

B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1958.— M.A. (philosophy), 1961.

Ph.D. (philosophy), 1964 (Wilfrid Sellars, director; dissertation awarded Jacob Cooper Prize).

Honorary degrees (Dr. phil. hon.):

Faculty of Philosophy–Psychology–Paedagogics, National and Capodistrean University of Athens,
May 1994.

Department of Philosophical and Social Studies, University of Crete (Rethimno), October 2017.

Corresponding Member, Academy of Athens (elected May 1999; inducted November 2000).

Academic Employment

Yale University (Department of Philosophy): Instructor and Fellow of Davenport College, 1962-64.

University of Wisconsin, Madison (Institute for Research in the Humanities):

Visiting Assistant Professor and Junior Fellow, 1964-65.

The University of Texas at Austin: (Department of Philosophy) Assistant Professor, 1965-67,

Associate Professor, 1967-71; (Department of Philosophy and Department of Classics) Professor,
1971-2011, Professor Emeritus, 2011–.

Concurrent Appointments

At UT-Austin:

Director, Joint Classics-Philosophy Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy, 1973-1992.

Project Director, “Courses and Materials for the Graduate Study of Greek Philosophy,” project
sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (Education Division), 1975-77.

At other institutions:

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, 1967-68.

Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University), Washington, D.C., 1973-74.

Visiting Fellow, The Australian National University, 1978 and 1991.

Member of the High Table, King’s College, Cambridge, Easter term 1983.

Donald J. Cowling Distinguished Visiting Professor, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 1994.

Visiting Professor, University of Crete, Rethimno, fall 1998, spring 2000, spring 2001.

Other Awards and Honors

Commencement Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Graduate School, UT-Austin, May 1981.

Roy Allison Vaughan Centennial Professor in Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin, 1992- 98.

Pre-Socratics and Sophists, Conference in Honor of Alexander P. D. Mourelatos, 21st Annual Workshop in
Ancient Philosophy, UT-Austin, March 1998.

Presocratic Philosophy: Essays in Honour of Alexander Mourelatos, edd. Victor Caston and
Daniel W. Graham, Alderson, Hants, Ashgate Publishing Co., 2002.

Cittadinanza onoraria dell’antica città di Elea [honorary citizenship, Elea/Velia/Ascea,
province of Salerno, Italy], conferred May 2011.

Philosophical Inquiry: International Quarterly, double issue of vol. 43, nos. 1-2, winter-spring 2019, issued
as collection of thirteen essays “in honor of Professor Alexander P. D. Mourelatos.”

Ph.D. Dissertations Directed (Chair or Co-Chair of supervisory committee)

Philosophy, 19; Classics, 4.—Two dissertations received UT-Austin Commencement Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation: Victor Caston, 1992; Sylvia Berryman, 1996. One received Honorable Mention: Ravi Sharma, 2001.

Thematically Representative List of Publications (Selection—Complete List Supplied Separately)

- The Route of Parmenides: A Study of Word, Image, and Argument in the Fragments*, New Haven and London, Yale University Press, 1970; 2nd edition, revised and expanded, Las Vegas, Parmenides Publishing, 2008.—Modern Greek edition: *Odhi tis ghnosis kye tis planis: loghos kye ikona sta apospazmata tou Parmenidhi*, transl. S. A. Moschonás, Iraklio, Panepistimiakyés Ekdhosis Kritis.
- [Editor of] *The Pre-Socratics: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Modern Studies in Philosophy, Garden City, New York, Doubleday and Company, 1974; second printing, with revised introduction and bibliography, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1993.—Modern Greek edition: *I prosokratiki: siloghyi kritikon dhokymion*, transl. F. G. Tsiganou, N. Yianadhakis, S. Moschonás, G. Tzavaras, 2 vols., Athens, Ekpedheftiria Kostea Ghyitona, 1998.
- [Co-edited with E. N. Lee and R. M. Rorty] *Exegesis and Argument: Studies in Greek Philosophy Presented to Gregory Vlastos [= Phronesis, suppl. vol. 1]*, Assen, The Netherlands, Royal van Gorcum, Ltd.; and New York, Humanities Press, 1973.
- “Events, Processes, and States,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 2 (1978), 415-34. Reprinted in Philip J. Tedeschi and Annie Zaenen, edd., *Tense and Aspect [= Syntax and Semantics, 14 (1981)]*, New York, 1981, pp. 191-212; also in Roberto Casati and Achille C. Varzi, edd., *Events*, The International Research Library of Philosophy, Aldershot, Hampshire, 1996.
- “Astronomy and Kinematics in Plato’s Project of Rationalist Explanation,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, 12 (1981), 1-32.
- “Aristotle’s Rationalist Account of Qualitative Interaction,” *Phronesis*, 29 (1984), 1-16.
- “Quality, Structure, and Emergence in Later Pre-Socratic Philosophy,” in John J. Cleary, ed., *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 2, New York, 1987, pp. 127-94.
- “Intrinsic and Relational Properties of Atoms in the Democritean Ontology,” in *Metaphysics, Soul and Ethics: Themes from the Work of Richard Sorabji*, Ricardo Salles, ed., Oxford, Clarendon Press, 2004, pp. 39-63.
- “The Concept of the Universal in Some of the pre-Platonic Cosmologists,” in *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, edd. Mary Louise Gill and Pierre Pellegrin, Oxford, Blackwell Publishing, 2006, pp. 56-76.
- “The Cloud-Astrophysics of Xenophanes and Ionian Material Monism,” in *The Oxford Guide to Presocratic Philosophy*, edd. Patricia Curd and Daniel W. Graham, Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 134-68.
- “The Light of Day by Night: *nukti phaos*, Said of the Moon in Parmenides B14,” in *Presocratics and Plato: Festschrift at Delphi in Honor of Charles Kahn*, edd. Richard Patterson, Vassilis Karasmanis, and Arnold Hermann, Las Vegas, Nevada, Parmenides Publishing, 2012, pp. 25–58.
- “Xénophane et son «astro-néphologie» dans les *Nuées*,” trans. Myrto Gondicas and André Laks, in *Comédie et Philosophie: Socrate et les «Présocratiques» dans les Nuées d’Aristophane*, edd. André Laks and Rosella Saetta Cottone, *Études de littérature ancienne*, 21, Paris, Éditions Rue d’Ulm, 2013, pp. 31–60.
- “‘Limitless’ and ‘Limit’ in Xenophanes’ Cosmology and in His Doctrine of Epistemic ‘Construction’ (*dokos*),” *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, 19 (2016), volume on *Ancient Epistemology*, edd. Katerina Ierodiakonou and Pieter Sjoerd Hasper, Münster, Mentis, 2016, pp. 16-37.
- [Pair of review articles] André Laks, Glenn W. Most (edd.), *Early Greek Philosophy*, 9 volumes, Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge, MA; London: Harvard University Press, 2016). In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review: Part I*, BMCR 2018.03.15; *Part II*, BMCR 2018.03.16.
<<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2018/2018-03-15.html>> <<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2018/2018-03-16.html>>

Fellowships for Independent Study Awarded in Major U.S. National Competitions

National Endowment for the Humanities, 1968 and 1982-83; American Council of Learned Societies, 1973-74; John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 1988-89.

Conferences Convened

Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, sixteen of the forty-two events.

Franklin J. Matchette Foundation Colloquies, Greek Philosophy, UT-Austin, 1971.

Franklin J. Matchette Foundation, Conference on Ancient Science and Ancient Philosophy, UT-Austin, 1982.

International Association for Presocratic Studies, Fifth Biennial Meeting, UT-Austin, 2016

Invited Lectures in Major or Specially Established Series

Institute in Greek Philosophy and Science (sponsored by the Council for Philosophical Studies), The Colorado College, 1970.

The Franklin J. Matchette Foundation Lecture, Emory University, 1974.

The Julius R. Weinberg Memorial Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1983.

Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 1986, 2011.

Eleatica, Fondazione Alario, Elea/Velia/Ascea, Italy, 2010 (three lectures, in Italian).

Plato's Academy: Summer School of Philosophy and Applied Research, Foundation of the Hellenic World, Athens, Greece, 2014.

Gregory Vlastos Memorial Lecture, Queen's University (Philosophy), Kingston, Ontario, 2016.

Other Invited Lectures (excluding special presentations at home university)**•United States and Canada**

The University of Alberta, Workshop on Parmenides, Zeno, and Their Ancient Critics, 1974

American Philosophical Association, 1965, 1967, 1977, 1981, 2009

University of Arizona, 18th Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 2013

Boston University, 1983

Brigham Young University 2008 (Internat'l Assoc'n for Presocratic Studies), 2022 (

The University of British Columbia, 1974

Brown University, Symposium on Tense and Aspect, 1978

University of California, Berkeley, 1986

University of California, Los Angeles, 1986

University of California, San Diego, 1968, 1974, 1986 (two presentations)

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2007

Carleton College, 1994

The Catholic University of America, 2007

Clark University, 2011

The Center for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University), Washington, D.C., 1974, 1991, 1999, 2003

DePauw University, 1998 (two presentations)

Embassy of Greece, Washington, D.C., 2007

Florida State University, 1999, 2001 (24th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop)

University of Georgia, 2007

Gustavus Adolphus College, 1994

Hellenic Professional Society of Texas, Houston, 2015

University of Houston, 2005

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Conference on Plato's *Timaeus*), 2007

Loyola University of Chicago, 1978 (two presentations)

Marquette University, 2004

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 1964, 1974, 1994

University of Missouri, Columbia, 1979

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1974

University of Oklahoma, 1981

University of Pennsylvania, 1968, 1990, 2005

University of Pittsburgh, 1968, 1986

Princeton University, 1967, 1976, 1979, 1983

Queen's University (Classics), 2016

Rice University, 1965, 1989 (12th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop)

Rutgers University, 2005

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 1967, 1977, 2000

University of South Carolina, 1981

(Other Invited Lectures, Continued)

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2000
 Southwest Philosophical Society, 1965
 St. Petersburg College (American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture), 2011
 Stanford University, 1986
 Swarthmore College, 1974
 Syracuse University, 1977, 1981
 Texas A & M University, 1995, 2000, 2003 (two presentations), 2008, 2016
 Texas Christian University (Ron Moore Humanities Symposium), 2016
 The University of Toronto, 2016
 University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1964, 1965, 1974, 1978, 1983
 Washington University in St. Louis (34th Ancient Philosophy Workshop), 2011
 Yale University, 1983, 2002, 2008

•Latin America

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México, 2005 (two presentations), 2012 (International Association for Presocratic Studies)
 Universidad de San Martin, Buenos Aires, 2007 (International Colloquium on Parmenides), IX Coloquio Internacional Bariloche de Filosofia, 2008

•Europe*Austria:*

Fourteenth International Congress of Philosophy, 1968

Denmark:

University of Aarhus, 2000 (two presentations)

France (presentations in French, except as otherwise indicated):

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris; co-sponsored by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, and the University of Lille III, 1989
 University of Paris, Sorbonne, 1998
 Charles De Gaulle University – Lille III, 2000 (in English)

Germany presentations in German, except as otherwise indicated):

Freie Universität Berlin, 2003
 University of Goettingen, 1983
 University of Heidelberg, 1968 (in English)
 University of Leipzig, 2015 (in English)
 University of Munich, 1983

Great Britain:

University of Cambridge, 1983
 University of Edinburgh, 1983, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2010 (International Association for Presocratic Studies)
 University of Oxford (Southern Association of Ancient Philosophy, Somerville College), 2003
 University of London, Institute of Classical Studies, 1983

Greece presentations in Modern Greek, except as otherwise indicated):

Academy of Athens (inaugural address presented at induction ceremony), 2000
 Association of Teachers in Secondary Education, Iráklío, Crete, 1984
 University of Athens, 1984, 1994 (occasion of conferral of degree of *Dr. phil. hon.*), 1999
 Center for Philosophical Research, Athens, 1975, 1978 (in English)
 The College Year in Athens, 1966 (in English)
 Conference Honoring the Memory of Gregory Vlastos (organized by the journal *Philosophical Inquiry*), 2015 (in English)
 Conference, *Ex Ionia Scientia*, 2016 (in English)
 University of Crete, Rethimno, 1984, 1996, 2000 (two presentations), 2003, 2008, 2017 (two presentations, one at conferral of degree of *Dr. phil. hon.*), 2019
 Deree College, Athens, 2019
 University of Patras, 2001
 Hellenic Philosophical Society, International Symposium on the Sophistic Movement, Athens, 1982
 Hellenic Philosophical Society, Athens, 1998
 International Association for Greek Philosophy, Conference on Ionian Philosophy, Pithagóro, Samos, 1988 (in English)
 International Association for Presocratic Studies, Thessaloniki, 2014; Delphi, 2018 (both in English)
 International Democritean Foundation and University of Thrace, International Congress on Democritus, Xánthi, 1983 (in English)

Hungary:

Eötvös University, 2003
 Central European University, 2003 (two presentations)

Italy (presentations in Italian, except as otherwise indicated):

Eleatica, Fondazione Alario, Elea/Velia/Ascea, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015; 2017 (in English)
 First International Congress on Gorgias, Catania and Lentini, Sicily, 1983 (in English)

(Other Invited Lectures, Europe, Continued)

Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, 2019 (in English)
 University of Naples, 1983, 2007
 University of Padua, 1984
 University of Venice, 1984

The Netherlands:

University of Utrecht, 2003

Spain:

University of Madrid, 2011 (two presentations, one in Spanish)

Switzerland (presentations in German, except as otherwise indicated):

University of Bern, 1983, 1997 (in English, two presentations), 2003
 University of Zurich, 1983

•**Australasia**

Australia:

Australasian Association of Philosophy, 1978
 Australian National University, 1978, 1991 (two presentations, respectively)
 Australian Seminar for Ancient Philosophy, Melbourne, 1991
 University of Melbourne, 1978 (two presentations)
 University of Newcastle, 1978, 1991
 University of Queensland, 1978
 University of Sydney, 1978 (two presentations), 1991 (two presentations)
 University of Western Australia, 1978 (three presentations)

New Zealand:

University of Auckland, 1978 (three presentations)

Organized Research

Acquisition, screening, preparation, and indexing of the materials at the Gregory Vlastos Archive, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin.

Work as Consultant or Referee (Selection)

Scholarly journals:

The American Journal of Philology, Ancient Philosophy, Apeiron, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Classical Antiquity, Classical Philology, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy, Noûs, Philosophy Research Archives, Phoenix, Phronesis, Rhizai, Rhizōmata.

Publishers:

Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Parmenides Publishing, Princeton University Press, Royal van Gorcum, Ltd., State University of New York Press, University of Minnesota Press, University of Toronto Press, Yale University Press.

Foundations:

American Council of Learned Societies, National Endowment for the Humanities, The National Humanities Center, National Science Foundation, Research Council of Canada.

Other:

Academy of Athens (Center for Research in Greek Philosophy); ARISTEIA Program (Greece); American Philological Association (Research Tools for the Classics); Harvard University (President's ad hoc committee); International Association for Presocratic Studies; Project "Archelogs"; State University System of Florida; Syracuse University (special Humanities curriculum)

Work as Head Editor of Periodical

The Yale Undergraduate, official publication of Yale University for parents of Yale undergraduates and donors to/friends of Yale College, volumes 5 through 9, 1958-1963.