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Areas of Specialization

Ancient philosophy, philosophical logic, philosophy of language, Greek philosophy and literature in medieval Armenia, Eastern Christianity

Areas of Secondary Interest and Competence

Medieval philosophy, historical theology, philosophy of mathematics, ethics, 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 2014
Chair, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Berry College 2013-2014
Chair, Berry College General Education Review Task Force 2009-2013
Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Berry College 2004-2010

Interim Director, Berry College Honors Program 2005

Director, Berry College Honors Program 2001-2004

Assistant Director, Berry College Honors Program 2000-2001

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

Journal Articles

"The commentary on Job of Step'anos of Siwnik' and its sources" currently under review.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Book Chapters

"Gods and fossils: inference and scientific method in Xenophanes' cosmology" in D. Tanasi and H. Reid, *Philosopher kings and tragic heroes: proceedings of the first Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Hellenic Heritage of Southern Italy, Fonte Aretusa (in press).*

"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

"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 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, forthcoming, 2016

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

Classes taught

Introduction to Philosophy

Perennial Questions: Athens and Jerusalem (Freshman Honors Colloquium)

Critical Thinking

Symbolic Logic

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Early Modern Philosophy

Late Modern Philosophy

Minds and Bodies
Philosophy of Law
Business Ethics
New Testament Greek
Intermediate Logic
Advanced Logic

Awards and Grants

NetVUE Foundation Grant for Vocation, 2013
Sabbatical, Berry College, 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

College service

Chair and At-large member, Berry College Foundations Committee, March 2016-
Berry College Honors Program Committee, August 2014-May 2016
Faculty/Staff Benefits Committee, August 2013-May 2015
Berry College Representative for the Marshall Scholarship, May 2013-present
Berry College Rhodes Scholarship Interview Committee, August 2011-present
Evans School Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, September 2012-May 2013
At-large member, Berry College Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, August 2010-May 2011
Enrollment Management Committee, August 2009-May 2011
Faculty Liaison to Board of Trustees Enrollment Management Sub-committee, August 2009-May 2011

Berry College Representative for the Rhodes Scholarship, August 2008-May 2011
Berry College Academic Council, August 2008-May 2010
Evans School Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, September 2006-August 2007
Third-Year Review Committee, September 2008-January 2009
Evans School Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, September 2006-August 2007
QEP Steering Committee, August 2006-May 2008
Chair, Religion Search Committee, April-May 2007
Chair, Philosophy and Government Search Committee, April-May 2007
Berry College Academic Council, August 2005-May 2007
History Department Search Committee, Spring 2006
Secretary, Faculty Executive Committee, July 2001-June 2002
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, March 2001-May 2002
Communications Department Search Committee, Spring 2001

Service to the profession

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. Basic reading ability in Syriac.

References

Dr. Stephen Briggs, President, Berry College, 2277 Martha Berry Highway, Mount Berry, GA, 30149. Phone: (706) 236-2211 (sbriggs@berry.edu)

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