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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Chair, Department of the Classics, Harvard University, July 2011-present

Visiting Fellow, Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Humboldt University, Berlin, Sep.-Dec. 2009

Professor of the Classics, Harvard University, July 2007-present

Member, Institute for Advanced Study (in residence 2006-2007)

Associate Professor of the Classics, Harvard University, January 2005-June 2007

Visiting Scholar, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, 2003-4

Assistant Professor of the Classics, Harvard University, January 2000-January 2005

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin,
January-December 1999

Ph.D. in Classical Philosophy, Harvard University, 1999. Dissertation: *Technê and Method in the Hippocratic Treatise 'On Ancient Medicine'*

BA in Classics, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 1993

BA in Classics and Astronomy, University of Michigan, 1991

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Hippocrates 'On Ancient Medicine': Translated with Introduction and Commentary. Studies in Ancient Medicine 28 (Brill, 2005). Reviews: *BMCR* 2005.11.12 (C. Balla); *Isis* 97:2, 2006, 346-347 (R. Mayhew); *Bull. Hist. Med.* 80, 2006, 365-366 (G. E. R. Lloyd).

Articles and Reviews

- "*Technē* and Method in Ancient Artillery Construction: the *Belopoeica* of Philo of Byzantium", in *The Frontiers of Ancient Science: Essays in Honor of Heinrich von Staden*, ed. K.-D. Fischer and B. Holmes (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015), 611-649.
- "The Epistemology of Ptolemy's *On the Criterion*", in *Strategies of Argument: Essays in Ancient Ethics, Epistemology, and Logic*, ed. M. Lee (Oxford 2014), 301-331.
- "The Creation of Second-Order Knowledge in Ancient Greek Science as a Process in the Globalization of Knowledge", in *The Globalization of Knowledge in History*, ed. J. Renn (Berlin: Edition Open Access, 2012), 191-202. Online at http://www.edition-open-access.de/studies/1/chapter_11.html
- "Galen and the Tripartite Soul", in *Plato and the Divided Self*, ed. R. Barney, T. Brennan, and C. Brittain (Cambridge 2012), 331-349.
- "Euclid and Beyond: Towards a Long-term History of Deductivity" (with Malcolm Hyman), *Künstliche Intelligenz* 2009.4, 25-29.
- "Structures of Argument and Concepts of Force in the Aristotelian *Mechanical Problems*", *Early Science and Medicine* 14.1-3, 2009, 43-67.
- "Theory and Practice in Heron's *Mechanics*", in *Mechanics and Natural Philosophy Before the Scientific Revolution*, ed. S. Roux and W. Roy Laird (Springer 2008), 15-49.
- "Galen's Teleology and Functional Explanation", *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 33, Winter 2007, 369-400.
- "Art and Nature in Ancient Mechanics", in *The Artificial and the Natural: An Evolving Polarity*, ed. B. Bensaude-Vincent and W. Newman (MIT Press, 2007), 67-108.
- "Technical Terminology in Greco-Roman treatises on Artillery Construction", in *Antike Fachtexte/Ancient Technical Texts*, ed. T. Fögen (de Gruyter, 2005), 253-270.
- "On Ancient Medicine on the Nature of Human Beings", in *Hippocrates in Context*, ed. P. van der Eijk (Brill, 2005), 69-85.
- Review of Philip J. van der Eijk, *Medicine and Philosophy in Classical Antiquity: Doctors and Philosophers on Nature, Soul, Health and Disease* (Cambridge, 2005). *The Lancet*, vol. 366, no. 9480 (July 9-15, 2005), 113-114.
- Review of Liba Taub, *Ancient Meteorology* (Routledge, 2003). *New England Classical Journal* 31.4 (November 2004), 424-426.

Review of *Greek Science of the Hellenistic Era: A Sourcebook*, ed. Georgia L. Irby-Massie and Paul T. Keyser (Routledge, 2002) and Owen Powell, *Galen, 'On the Properties of Foodstuffs'. Introduction, Translation, and Commentary* (Cambridge, 2003). *New England Classical Journal* 31.1 (February 2004), 51-55.

Commentary on C.D.C. Reeve, "The Role of TEXNH in Plato's Conception of Philosophy", *Proceedings of the Boston area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, ed. J. Cleary and G. Gurtler (2001), 223-227.

Review of *Text and Tradition: Studies in Ancient Medicine and its Transmission Presented to Jutta Kollesch*, ed. K. D. Fischer, D. Nickel, and P. Potter (Brill, 1998), Pp. xii, 340. *Classical World* 94.2 (2001), 203-204.

In Progress

Pappus of Alexandria's Introduction to Mechanics: Book 8 of the Collectio, in Greek and Arabic (under contract with Springer Verlag).

Galen, *On the Medical Statements in Plato's Timaeus*. Translation and Commentary for *Galen On Human Nature* (Cambridge University Press), ed. by P. van der Eijk.

"New Technologies for the Study of Euclid's *Elements*" (online at <http://scholar.harvard.edu/schiefsky/publications>)

"Beyond Archimedes: The History and Future of the Arboreal Software" (online at <http://scholar.harvard.edu/schiefsky/publications>).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Principal Investigator, *The Archimedes Project: Realizing the Vision of an Open Digital Research Library for the History of Mechanics*, National Science Foundation award #0085960, 2001-2004, total amount \$448,444 (<http://archimedes.fas.harvard.edu>). See "The Ancient Mechanics and How They Thought", New York Times, April 1, 2008 (<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/01/science/01clas.html>).

Principal Investigator, *A Digital Corpus for Graeco-Arabic Studies*, grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2010-2013, total amount \$326,526. <http://www.graeco-arabic-studies.org>; see <http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2011/03/digitizing-the-classics>.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Experience, Practice, and Theory in Hippocratic *Technê*”, conference on “*Technê* in Ancient Philosophy”, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, August 2015.

“Arboreal: A Tool for the Extraction and Analysis of Semantic Networks”, session on “Digital and Computational History of Science: Tools, Platforms, Networks and Corpora” at the History of Science Society 2014 Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2014.

“*Mens sana in corpore sano?* Concepts of Health in Ancient Medicine”, Ohio State University, Dept. of Classics, September 2013.

“Archimedes and Hellenistic Mechanics”, invited presentation at Lorentz Center workshop on the Antikythera Mechanism, June 2013 (University of Leiden).

“Aristotle’s Common Sense Mechanics”, invited presentation at the Free University, Berlin in a series sponsored by the TOPOI Excellence Cluster, June 2013.

“How the Ancient Mechanics Thought”, USC Department of Classics, September 2011.

“Epistemology and Method in Ptolemy: Some Remarks”, symposium in honor of Gisela Striker, Harvard University, May 2011.

“Criteria of Truth in Later Greek Science and Philosophy”, Chicago Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, October 1-2, 2010.

“Criteria of Truth and the Assessment of Evidence in Later Greek Science”, invited presentation at conference *The Temper of Evidence*, California Institute of Technology, May 2009.

“Towards a Long-term History of the Knowledge of Doing”, invited presentation at workshop *The knowledge of doing*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, March 2009.

“Medicine and Philosophy in the Second Century CE: Galen on the Elements”, Indiana University, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, April 2008.

“New Opportunities and New Challenges: Critical Editions in the Digital Age”, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2008.

Invited participant at Dahlem workshop on “The Globalization of Knowledge and its Consequences”, Freie Universität Berlin, November 2007.

“Structures of Argument and Concepts of Force in the Aristotelian *Mechanical Problems*”,

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, November 2007.

“Philosophy and Medicine in the Second Century CE: Galen and the Tripartite Soul”,
Department of Classics, Emory University, October 2007.

“The challenges of Philology for the Digital Humanities”, Harvard University Humanities
Center, October 2007.

“The origins of Ancient Atomism”, Medieval Science Colloquium VII, Boston College, May
2007.

“Elements and Qualities in Galen’s Hippocratism”, *The Materialistic Worldview from Late
Antiquity to Islam*, workshop held at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, May
2007.

“Galen on Teleology: Functional Explanation and Design”, Department of Classics,
Princeton University, April 2007.

“Galen on the Tripartite Soul”, Classics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, April 2007.

“Galen’s Teleology and Functional Explanation”, Institute for Advanced Study, History of
Science/Classics seminar, April 2007.

“Galen on the Tripartite Soul”, conference on *Plato and the Divided Soul*, Cornell University,
October 2006.

Central European University, Budapest, July 17-24, 2006. Invited guest, delivered four
seminars on ancient philosophy and medicine.

“Ancient Mechanics and its Transformations”, paper delivered at the Max Planck Institute
for the History of Science in Berlin, July 2006, in the context of *Sonderforschungsbereich
644, “Transformationen der Antike”*.

“Galen on Teleology and the Limits of Mechanical Explanation”, New York Academy of
Sciences, December 2005 (see <http://www.nyas.org/ebrief/miniEB.asp?ebriefID=516>)

“Machines and Morals: The Uses of Technology in Ancient Medicine”, Harvard University
Humanities Center, December 2005.

“New Technologies for the Study of Euclid’s *Elements*”, presented at *Euclid and his Heritage: a
Clay Mathematics Institute Conference*, St. Catharine’s College, Oxford University, October
7-8, 2005.

“The Challenge of the Humanities to the World Wide Web: Perspectives from the
Archimedes Project” (with M. Hyman), Joint International Conference of the Association
for Literary and Linguistic Computing and the Association for Computers and the

Humanities, Göteborg University, June 11-16, 2004.

“Aspects of Technical Language in Greco-Roman Treatises on Artillery Construction”, XVI. Internationales Kolloquium des Studienkreises „Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft“ (SGdS), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, March 5, 2004.

“Heron of Alexandria’s Theoretical Reflection and Systematization of Ancient Mechanical Knowledge”, European Science Foundation workshop *From Natural Philosophy to Science*, Tenerife, February 2004.

Comments on Heinrich von Staden, “Medicine and the Soul: Galen on the Physiology and Therapy of Anger”, Princeton University Colloquium in Classical Philosophy, December 2003.

“Body and Machine in Greek Biology and Medicine”, American Philological Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2003.

“On Ancient Medicine on the Nature of Human Beings”, XIth International Hippocrates Colloquium, Newcastle, August 2002.

“*Technê* and Method in Ancient Medicine and Mechanics”, History of Science Society annual meeting, Denver, November 2001.

Comments on C.D.C. Reeve, “Plato’s Construction of Philosophy”, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Holy Cross, April 2000.

“Theory and Practice in Hippocratic Medicine”, Institut für Geschichte der Medizin, Freie-Universität Berlin, October 1999.

“The Method of Good Old Medicine”, Cambridge University, B Club, Faculty of Classics, November 1998.

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

V. Sergueenkova, *Natural History in Herodotus’ Histories*, Ph.D. in Classical Philology, 2009

M. Viniegra. Ph. D. in History of Science, 2013 (committee member)

D. Bertoni, *The Cultivation and Conceptualization of Exotic Plants in the Greek and Roman World*, Ph. D. in Classical Philology, 2014 (joint advisor with Richard Thomas)

C. Coiro, *Galen’s Anatomy: Audience and Context*, Ph.D. in Classical Philology, 2014

D. Camden (Classics, in progress)

C. Connelly (Classics, in progress)

K. van Schaik (MD/Ph.D. in Classics, in progress)