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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Philosophy
- Professor (By courtesy), Classics
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Clarence Irving Lewis Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University, (2010- present)
- Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Bass Fellows Program, Barbara Finberg University, (2010- present)
- Professor of Philosophy, and by courtesy of Classics, Stanford University, (2007- present)
- Faculty Scholar, Marta Sutton Weeks, (2007-2010)
- Associate Professor, by courtesy, of Classics, Stanford University, (2005- present)
- Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Bass Fellows Program, Barbara Finberg University, (2005-2005)
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University, (2002-2007)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California at Berkeley, (2001-2001)
- Faculty Fellowship, Alden H. and Winifred Brown, (2000-2001)
- Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, (1999-2000)
- Faculty Fellowship, John Philip Coghlan, (1997-1999)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University, (1996-2002)
- Junior Fellow, National Center for Hellenic Studies, (1995-1996)
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellow, Princeton University Center for Human Values, (1994-1995)
- Fellow, Chicago Humanities Institute, (1992-1992)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, (1990-1995)
- Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley, (1986-1990)
- Graduate Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley, (1985-1986)
- Lecturer in Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto campus, (1984-1985)
- Rotary Fellowship, Cambridge University (England), (1981-1982)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association, CHOICE (2004)

- Newbold Rhinelander Landon Scholarship, Harvard University (1981)
- Charles Joseph Bonaparte Scholarship, Harvard University (1980)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University (1980)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Advisory Board to the Philosophical Gourmet Report (2006 - 2017)
- Member, American Philosophical Association
- Member, Program Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (2004 - 2006)
- Member, Advisory Board to the Philosophical Gourmet Report (2004 - 2006)
- Member, Advisory Committee to the Eastern Division Program Committee of the American Philosophical Association in the History of Philosophy (2003 - 2006)
- Referee for book manuscripts, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press (2002 - present)
- Referee for book manuscripts, Cambridge University Press (2000 - 2001)
- Referee for book manuscripts, Oxford University Press (2000 - 2001)
- Referee for book manuscripts, Routledge Press (2000 - 2001)
- Referee for book manuscripts, State University of New York Press (2000 - 2001)
- Referee for book manuscripts, University of California Press (2000 - 2001)
- Referee, Ancient Philosophy (1998 - 1999)
- Referee for a book manuscript, Cornell University Press (1997 - 1998)
- Previous referee, Ancient Philosophy
- Referee, Classical Philology
- Referee, Helios
- Referee, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
- Reviewer, Applications for the National Endowment in the Humanities Summer Stipends (1996 - 1997)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research (2009 - 2010)
- Member, Department promotion committee, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Stanfoerd University (2008 - 2009)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (2008 - 2009)
- Member, Dean's Curriculum Committee, Stanford University (2008 - 2009)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member of department reappointment committee, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, C-USP, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Dean's Curriculum Committee, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, IHUM Governance Board, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, MLA Governance Board (2007 - 2008)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Member, Department tenure committee, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)

- Member, C-USP, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Member, Ethical Reasoning Board, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Member, IHUM Governance Board, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, IHUM Governance Board, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Chair, S-GER subcommittee of C-USP, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee (2004 - 2005)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies (2004 - 2005)
- Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Member, IHUM Governance Board, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Chair, S-GER subcommittee of C-USP, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Chair, Reappointment Committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Chair, Reappointment Committee, Stanford University (2002 - 2003)
- Chair, Placement Committee, Stanford University (2002 - 2003)
- Chair, Core Seminar Review Committee, Stanford University (2002 - 2003)
- Member, S-GER subcommittee (2002 - 2003)
- Alumni Tour with President Hennessy, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Member, Admissions Committee, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Member, Ethics in Society Steering Committee, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Freshman Admit weekend lecture, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Co-director, Masters Program Committee, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Stanford Humanities Center leave, Stanford University (1999 - 2000)
- Member, Booth Prize Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, Ethics in Society Steering Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, Ethics Search Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, History of Modern Philosophy Search Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, History of Science Search Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (1997 - 1998)
- Member, Ethics in Society Steering Committee, Stanford University (1997 - 1998)
- Member, Mellon Post Doctoral Fellowships Committee, Stanford University (1997 - 1998)
- Member, Modern History Search Committee, Stanford University (1997 - 1998)
- Member, Library Committee, Stanford University (1996 - 1997)
- Member, History Search Committee, Stanford University (1996 - 1997)

- Organized and ran a Latin philosophy reading group, Stanford University (1996 - 1997)
- Member, Department of Philosophy graduate admissions committees, search committees, University of Chicago
- Organized and ran a Latin philosophy reading group, University of Chicago (1991 - 1994)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley , Philosophy (1990)
- M. Phil., Cambridge University , Philosophy (1983)
- B.A., Harvard University , Government (1981)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Philosophical and Textual Issues in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: PHIL 313 (Win)

2025-26

- The History of Early Modern Political Philosophy: Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Locke: PHIL 172B, PHIL 272B (Aut)
- Aristotle's Ethical Psychology: PHIL 312 (Win)
- Plato's Ethics and Metaethics: PHIL 317C (Spr)
- Second Year Paper Development Seminar: PHIL 241 (Sum)
- The History of Ancient Greek Philosophy: CLASSICS 40, PHIL 100 (Aut)

2024-25

- Hellenistic Ethics: PHIL 113E, PHIL 213E (Spr)
- Plato's Political Philosophy: PHIL 317B (Win)
- The Birth of Modern Moral Philosophy: PHIL 173, PHIL 273 (Win)
- The History of Ancient Greek Philosophy: CLASSICS 40, PHIL 100 (Aut)

2023-24

- Contemporary Virtue Ethics and its Critics: PHIL 112, PHIL 212 (Spr)
- Goodness Ancient and Modern: PHIL 313W (Win)
- Plato and Aristotle on the Human Function and the Human Good: PHIL 337 (Aut)
- Second Year Paper Development Seminar: PHIL 241 (Sum)
- The History of Ancient Greek Philosophy: CLASSICS 40, PHIL 100 (Aut)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Introduction: Ancient Philosophy of Law** *POLIS*
  Bobonich, C.
  2026; 43 (1): 1-3
- **Plato on the Law, Political Rule, and Philosophical Knowledge** *POLIS*
  Bobonich, C.
  2026; 43 (1): 77-100
- **The Good or the Wild at Aristotle Eudemian Ethics 8.3?** *CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY*
  Bobonich, C.
  2023: 172-193
- **A Wolf in the City (Book Review)** *ARCHIV FUR GESCHICHTE DER PHILOSOPHIE*
  Book Review Authored by: Bobonich, C.
  2020; 102 (3): 518–24
- **Elitism in Plato and Aristotle** *CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO ANCIENT ETHICS*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Bobonich, C.
  2017: 298–318
- **The Cambridge Companion to ANCIENT ETHICS Introduction** *CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO ANCIENT ETHICS*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Bobonich, C.
  2017: 1-+
- **Socrates and Eudaimonia** *The Cambridge Companion to Socrates*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Norrison, D.
  Cambridge University Press.2011: 293–332
- **Images of Irrationality** *Plato's Laws: A Critical Guide*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Bobonich, C.
  Cambridge University Press.2010: 149–171
- **Plato's Laws: A Critical Guide**
  edited by Bobonich, C.
  Cambridge University Press.2010
- **Nicomachean Ethics VII.7: Akrasia and Self-Control** *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics Book VII (Proceedings of the 2005 Symposium Aristotelicum)*
  Bobonich, C.
  Oxford University Press.2009: 130–156
- **Plato's Politics** *Oxford Handbook on Plato*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Fine, G.
  Oxford University Press.2008: 311–335
- **Why should philosophers rule? Plato's Republic and Aristotle's Protrepticus** *SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY & POLICY*
  Bobonich, C.
  2007; 24 (2): 153-175
- **Akrasia in Greek Philosophy: from Socrates to Plotinus**
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- **Plato: Political Philosophy, Founders of Modern Political and Social Thought** *Polis*
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- **Greek Political Philosophy** *Greek Political Philosophy*
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- **Plato on Akrasia and Knowing Your Own Mind** *Akrasia in Greek Philosophy: from Socrates to Plotinus*
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  edited by Destree, P., Bobonich, C.
  Brill.2007: 41–60
- **Why Should Philosophers Rule? Plato's Laws and Aristotle's Protrepticus** *Freedom, Reason, and the Polis: Essays in Ancient Greek Political Philosophy*
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- **Review of Virtue, Norms, and Objectivity: Issues in Ancient and Modern Ethics** *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
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- **Individual and conflict in Greek ethics. (Book Review)** *PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW*
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  2004; 113 (4): 557-560
- **Review of Individual and Conflict in Greek Ethics** *The Philosophical Review*
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- **Plato: Utopia** *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
  Bobonich, C.
  Stanford University Press.2002
- **Plato's Utopia Recast: His Later Ethics and Politics**
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  Oxford University Press.2002
- **Review of Platonic Questions: Dialogues with the Silent Philosopher** *The Philosophical Review*
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  2002; 111: 297-299
- **Review of Reason and Emotion** *The Philosophical Review*
  Bobonich, C.
  2001; 110: 263 - 267
- **Plato and the Birth of Classical Political Philosophy** *Plato's Laws and its Historical Significance; Selected papers of the I International Congress on Ancient thought*

edited by Lisi, F. L.
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- **Akrasia and Agency in Plato's Laws and Republic** *Essays on Plato's Psychology*
  Bobonich, C.
  edited by Wagner, E.
  Rowman and Littlefield.2001: 203–237
- **Aristotle's Politics: Books VII and VIII** *The Philosophical Review*
  Bobonich, C., ,
  1999; 108: 582 - 585
- **Persuasion, Compulsion and Freedom in Plato's Laws** *Oxford Readings in Philosophy: Plato 2: Ethics, Politics, Religion and the Soul*
  Bobonich, C.
  Oxford: Oxford University Press.1999
- **Reading the Laws** *Form and Argument in Late Plato*
  Bobonich, C.
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  Oxford University Press.1996: 249–282
- **Review of The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle** *Ethics*
  Bobonich, C.
  1996; 106: 687
- **Review of Plato's Ethics** *The Philosophical Review*
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  1996; 105: 235-240
- **Plato's Theory of Goods in the Laws and the Philebus** *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*
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- **Review of The Morality of Happiness** *The Philosophical Review*
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  1995; 104: 265-268
- **AKRASIA AND AGENCY IN PLATO 'LAWS' AND 'REPUBLIC'** *ARCHIV FUR GESCHICHTE DER PHILOSOPHIE*
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- **Review of Secession** *Ethics*
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- **Internal Realism, Human Nature and Distributive Justice: A Response to Martha Nussbaum** *Modern Philology*
  Bobonich, C.
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- **PERSUASION, COMPULSION AND FREEDOM IN PLATO 'LAWS'** *CLASSICAL QUARTERLY*
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  1991; 41 (2): 365-388