

## Curriculum Vitae for Chris Bobonich

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### Education

B.A. Harvard University, Government, June 1981  
M. Phil. Cambridge University, Philosophy, June 1983  
Ph.D. Berkeley, Philosophy, December 1990

### Academic Positions

2010 on: Clarence Irving Lewis Professor of Philosophy  
2007 on: Professor of Philosophy, and by courtesy, of  
Classics. Stanford University.  
2002-2007: Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford  
University; from 2005 on Associate Professor, by  
courtesy, of Classics.  
1996-2002: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Stanford  
University.  
Fall 2001: Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy,  
University of California at Berkeley.  
1990-1995: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University

of Chicago.

1986-1990: Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley.

1984-1985: Lecturer in Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto campus.

### **Awards and Fellowships**

Grant from Stanford Humanities Center for Geballe Research Workshop, 2009-2010, renewed, 2010-2011, Co-Director with John Ober (Classics, Political Science).

Marta Sutton Weeks Faculty Scholar, 2007-10.

Barbara Finberg University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Bass Fellows Program. December 2005, reappointed 2010.

A Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2004 for Plato's Utopia Recast: His Later Ethics and Politics. Oxford University Press (2002), paperback published 2004.

Grant for Curriculum Technology Support from the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2002.

Alden H. and Winifred Brown Faculty Fellowship, 2000-2001.

Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1998-1999.

John Philip Coghlan Faculty Fellowship, 1997-1999.

Junior Fellow of the National Center for Hellenic Studies, 1995-1996.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellow at the Princeton University Center for Human Values, 1994-1995.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 1994.

Fellow of the Chicago Humanities Institute, Spring 1992.

Berkeley Graduate Fellowship, 1985-1986.

Rotary Fellowship, Cambridge University (England), 1981-2.

Graduated first among Government majors, Harvard, 1981.

Newbold Rhinelander Landon Scholarship, Harvard, 1981.

Charles Joseph Bonaparte Scholarship, Harvard, 1980.

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University, 1980.

### **Memberships**

American Philosophical Association

### **Editorial Boards**

Member of the Editorial Board of Polis, 2012 on.

### **Publications**

#### **Submitted to editor**

**“Plato on Knowledge and Action in the Republic.”**

**This was part of the May 2013 Hannah Arendt and Reiner Schürmann Symposium in Political Philosophy at the New School for Social Research. Cinzia Arruzza of the New School is editing the papers for publication**

as a conference volume.

### Work in Progress

“Aristotle on collective wisdom and virtue” in Thornton Lockwood and Thanassis Samaras (eds). A Critical Guide to Aristotle's Politics, Cambridge University Press). Due in 2014.

I’m editing the Cambridge Companion to Ancient Greek Ethics and am contributing an essay “Ancient Ethics and Elitism”. Due in 2014

“Plato on Agency” for Oxford Handbooks Online in Philosophy. Due in 2014.

### Publications

#### Books

Plato's Laws: A Critical Guide ed. C. Bobonich (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Plato's Utopia Recast: His Later Ethics and Politics. Oxford University Press (2002). Paperback published 2004.

Akrasia in Greek Philosophy: from Socrates to Plotinus. edd. C. Bobonich and P. Destrée, Brill (2007).

#### Articles and Reviews

“The Puzzles of Moderation” in Platon Gesetze

**Nomoi**, ed. Christoph Horn, (Akademie Verlag, 2013), pp. 23-43.

**"Plato's Ethics" in The International Encyclopedia of Ethics**, ed. Hugh LaFollette, (Blackwell Publishing, 2013), pp. 3887-3897.

"Socrates and Eudaimonia" in The Cambridge Companion to Socrates, ed. D. Morrison (Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 293-332.

"Images of Irrationality" in Plato's Laws: A Critical Guide ed. C. Bobonich (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 149-171.

Review of Dominic Scott (ed.), Maieusis: Essays in Ancient Philosophy in Honour of Myles Burnyeat, Polis, (2010), 27.1: 143-6.

"Nicomachean Ethics VII.7: Akrasia and Self-Control" in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics Book VII (Proceedings of the 2005 Symposium Aristotelicum) Oxford University Press, (2009), pp. 130-56.

"Plato's Politics" in Oxford Handbook on Plato, ed. G. Fine, Oxford University Press, (2008), pp. 311-335.

"Plato on Akrasia and Knowing Your Own Mind" in Akrasia in Greek Philosophy: from Socrates to Plotinus in eds. C. Bobonich and P. Destrée, Brill (2007), pp. 41-60.

"Why Should Philosophers Rule? Plato's Laws and Aristotle's Protrepticus," Social Philosophy & Policy 24:2, (2007), 153-175. Reprinted in

Freedom, Reason, and the Polis: Essays in Ancient Greek Political Philosophy, eds. D. Keyt and F. Miller, Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Review of Malcolm Schofield, Plato: Political Philosophy, Founders of Modern Political and Social Thought. Polis 24:1, (2007).

"Aristotle's Ethical Treatises" in The Blackwell Guide to Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, ed. R. Kraut, Blackwell, (2006), pp. 12-36.

Review of Christopher Gill (ed.), Virtue, Norms, and Objectivity: Issues in Ancient and Modern Ethics. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. 2005.12.02 <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.

Review of Nicholas White, Individual and Conflict in Greek Ethics. The Philosophical Review 113, (2004), pp.557-60.

Review of Diskin Clay, Platonic Questions: Dialogues with the Silent Philosopher. The Philosophical Review 111, (2002), pp. 297-299.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry "Plato: Utopia" (2002).

Review of John Cooper, Reason and Emotion. The Philosophical Review 110 (2001), 263-7.

"Plato and the Birth of Classical Political Philosophy," in Plato's Laws and its Historical Significance; Selected papers of the I International Congress on Ancient thought,

ed. Francisco L. Lisi, (Academia Verlag 2001), 95-106.

Review of Richard Kraut ed. Aristotle's Politics: Books VII and VIII. The Philosophical Review 108 (1999), 582-5.

"Reading the Laws," in Form and Argument in Late Plato, ed. Christopher Gill and Mary Margaret McCabe, (Oxford University Press 1996), 249-282.

Review of Terence Irwin, Plato's Ethics, The Philosophical Review 105 (1996), 235-240.

"Plato's Theory of Goods in the Laws and the Philebus," Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy 11 (1995), 101-139.

Review of Jonathan Barnes, The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle, Ethics 106 (1996) 687.

"The Virtues of Ordinary People in Plato's Politicus," in Reading the Statesman: The Proceedings of the Third International Symposium Platonicum, ed. C. J. Rowe, (Academia Verlag 1995), 313-329.

Review of Julia Annas, The Morality of Happiness, The Philosophical Review 104 (1995), 265-268.

"Akrasia and Agency in Plato's Laws and Republic," Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie 76 (1994), 3-36.  
Reprinted in ed. Ellen Wagner, Essays on Plato's Psychology (Rowman and Littlefield 2001), 203-237.

Review of C.D.C. Reeve, Practices of Reason, The Philosophical Review 103 (1994), 567-569.

Review of Allen Buchanan, Secession, Ethics 104 (1994), 422-423.

"Internal Realism, Human Nature and Distributive Justice: A Response to Martha Nussbaum," Modern Philology 90 (1993) Supplement, S74-92.

Review of ed. David Keyt and Fred Miller Jr., A Companion to Aristotle's Politics, Ethics 103 (1993), 387-389.

"Persuasion, Compulsion and Freedom in Plato's Laws," Classical Quarterly n.s. 41 (1991), 365-388. Reprinted in ed. Gail Fine (1999), Oxford Readings in Philosophy: Plato 2: Ethics, Politics, Religion and the Soul. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Professional Presentations**

**16 April 2014. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Invited Symposium: History and Philosophy of Skill.**

**10 May 2013. Talk at the New School for Social Research conference on Tyrants, Kings, Emperors, and Philosophers. The Hannah Arendt and Reiner Schürmann Symposium in Political Philosophy.**

**7 March 2013. Talk to University of Mississippi Philosophy Department.**

**13-16 January 2013. Paper at Conference on Plato's Laws at University of Bonn.**

**1-2 November 2012. Two lectures “The Greeks and Happiness” and “Happiness and the Meaning of Life”, Campus Theme, Southern Oregon University.**

**5 October 2012. Talk at Conference in Honor of Charles Kahn. University of Pennsylvania.**

17 February 2012. Talk at 17th Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. University of Arizona.

17 May, 2010. Talk to Ohio State University Philosophy Department.

13 March, 2009. Talk to University of California at Irvine Philosophy Department.

6 March, 2009. Talk to University of California at San Diego Philosophy Department.

6 December, 2007. Plenary Address at the Opening of the Jackman Humanities Institute at the University of Toronto.

26 February, 2007. Talk to the Rutgers University Philosophy and Classics Departments.

4 November, 2005. Talk to the University of Pennsylvania Philosophy Department.

14 October, 2005. Talk to the University of Utah Philosophy Department.

9 September, 2005. Talk to the University of Toronto Philosophy Department.

11-17 July, 2005. Invited paper at the Symposium Aristotelicum in Venice.

21 April, 2005. Talk to the Washington University Philosophy Department.

15-17 April, 2005. Commentator at a Conference on Plato's Psychology at the University of Toronto.

4-5 December, 2004. Invited commentator at Princeton University, Joint Program in Classical Philosophy, Classical Philosophy Colloquium.

17 September 2004. Talk to the University of Arizona Philosophy Department.

24-28 May, 2004. Invited participant in the Laurence Seminar on Plato's Protagoras at Cambridge University.

16 April, 2004. Talk to the UCLA Philosophy Department.

27 March, 2004. An "Author Meets Critics" session on my book, Plato's Utopia Recast, at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association. My commentators were John Cooper and Jennifer Whiting.

11 March, 2004. Talk to the University of Kentucky Philosophy Department as the Visiting Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

16 December, 2003. "Akrasia and Opacity in Plato" delivered at the Colloque de philosophie ancienne (La faiblesse de la volonté. Les philosophes grecs et l'akrasia) at Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

4 October, 2002. Nature and Mind at University of California at Davis, Commentary on John Cooper's "Stoic Autonomy."

27-31 May, 2002. Invited participant in the Laurence Seminar on Plato's Political Philosophy at Cambridge University.

November 26, 2001. University of California at Berkeley, Ancient Philosophy Workshop. Delivered paper on "Plato's Later Psychology and Akrasia."

September 7, 2001. Talk to the University of Michigan Philosophy Department.

March 8 and 9, 2001. Two talks to the Cornell University Philosophy and Classics Departments.

Participant in the panel sponsored by Stanford's Program in Ethics in Society "The Ethics of Cloning Companion Animals" on May 12, 2000.

Invited Paper on Plato's Ethical Psychology at the Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association. December 1999. Panel: Plato's Moral Psychology, chair: John Cooper, other speaker: Terry Irwin.

Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium: Plato and Platonism. Delivered paper on "The Boundaries of the Good City and Platonic Eschatology." May 25-26, 1999.

First International Congress on Ancient Thought: Plato's Laws and their historical significance. University of Salamanca, Spain. Delivered paper on "Plato and the Birth of Classical Political Philosophy." November 24-27, 1998.

Participant in the roundtable discussion at the Stanford Humanities Center's Symposium "Institutionalizing Classics" on June 5, 1998.

University of Arizona, Third Annual Arizona Colloquium on Ancient Philosophy. Delivered paper on "Virtue and the Boundaries of the City in Plato's Laws." 15 February, 1998.

University of Texas at Austin, Joint Classics and Philosophy Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy, Texas Ancient Philosophy Workshop. Delivered paper on "Plato and the Birth of Classical Political Philosophy." April 10, 1997.

University of Arizona, Second Annual Arizona Colloquium on Plato. Delivered paper on "Value and Reason in Plato's Late Ethical Psychology." March 7, 1997.

Princeton University, Joint Program in Classical Philosophy, Classical Philosophy Colloquium. Delivered paper on "Politics and Plato's Late Ethical Psychology." December 7, 1996.

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy. Delivered paper on "Reason and the Good in Plato's Late Ethical Theory." February 13, 1996.

Temple University, Department of Philosophy. Delivered paper on "Pleasure, Ethical Education and Responsibility in Plato's Laws." February 10, 1995.

Princeton University, Political Philosophy Colloquium. Panel discussion on "Law and Public Reason." December 1, 1994.

Brown University, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient

Philosophy. Delivered paper on "Socratic Goods on Crete?: the Theory of Goods in Plato's Laws and Philebus." November 3, 1994. I also gave two seminars at Brown on the ethical and political philosophy of the Laws on this occasion.

University of Chicago, Workshop on Rhetoric and Poetics, Ancient and Modern. Delivered paper on "Literary Form in Plato's Late Dialogues." November 11, 1993.

Third International Symposium Platonicum, University of Bristol. Plenary address "Consent, Political Education and Conflicts in Virtue: What's Wrong with Ordinary People in Plato's Statesman?" August, 1992.

Sixth International Symposium Hellenisticum on Hellenistic Political Theory, Cambridge University. Participant in the roundtable forum. August, 1992.

Rice University, Philosophy Department and Workshop on Ancient Mediterranean Civilization of the Center for Cultural Studies. Delivered paper on "Socrates and Plato on Goods". March 13, 1992.

Midwest Political Science Association, Society for the Study of Greek Political Thought. Reply to Richard Ruderman. Topic: "Democratic Theory in the Republic." April 11, 1992.

Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (Los Angeles). Delivered paper on "Akrasia and Agency in Plato's Laws and Republic." March 31, 1990.

### **Professional Service**

2006 on: Member of the Advisory Board to the Philosophical Gourmet Report.

2004-6 Member of the Program Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association.

2004-6 Member of the Advisory Board to the Philosophical Gourmet Report.

2003-6 Member of the Advisory Committee to the Eastern Division Program Committee of the American Philosophical Association in the History of Philosophy.

2002 through present: Referee for book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, et al.

2000-2001: Referee for book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, the State University of New York Press, and the University of California Press.

1998-1999: Referee for Ancient Philosophy.

1997-1998: Referee for a book manuscript for Cornell University Press. Previously a referee for Ancient Philosophy, Classical Philology, Helios and Philosophy and Phenomenological Research.

1996-1997: I was a reviewer for applications for the National Endowment in the Humanities Summer Stipends.

## **University Service**

Stanford:

**2012-13:**

**Co-Director with Josh Ober of Geballe Research Workshop on "Ethics and Politics, Ancient and**

**Modern."**

**Chair, Department Admissions Committee.**

**Member Department Search Committee, Ethics.**

**Member of C-RUM.**

2011-12:

Co-Director with Josh Ober of Geballe Research Workshop on "Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern".

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research.

Member of Board of Judicial Affairs.

Member of C-RUM.

2010-2011:

Co-Director with Josh Ober of Geballe Research Workshop on "Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern".

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research.

Chair Department Search Committee, Ancient Philosophy.

Member Department Search Committee, Ethics.

Member of Board of Judicial Affairs.

Member of C-RUM.

2009-2010:

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research

Member of department promotion committee

2008-9

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate

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Member of Dean's Curriculum Committee

2007-8:

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research

Member of department reappointment committee

Member of C-USP

Member of Dean's Curriculum Committee

Member of the IHUM Governance Board

Member of the MLA Governance Board

2006-7:

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research

Member of department tenure committee

Member of C-USP

Member of the Ethical Reasoning Board

Member of the IHUM Governance Board

2005-6

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research

Member of the IHUM Governance Board

2004-5

Chair of S-GER subcommittee of C-USP (fall quarter)

Chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Chair, Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Research

Member of the IHUM Governance Board

2003-4

Chair of S-GER subcommittee of C-USP

Chair, Ancient Philosophy Search Committee

Chair, Reappointment Committee

2002-3

Chair, Reappointment Committee

Chair, Placement Committee

Chair, Core Seminar Review Committee

Member of S-GER subcommittee

2001-2002:

Alumni Tour with President Hennessy

Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Director of Undergraduate Studies (fall quarter)

Undergraduate Committee (fall, winter)

2000-2001:

Admissions Committee

Ethics in Society Steering Committee

Freshman Admit weekend lecture

Masters Program Committee (co-director)

Participant in the pilot episode of John Perry's and Ken Taylor's proposed radio show "Philosophy Talk."

1999-2000:

Stanford Humanities Center leave

Freshman Admit weekend lecture

1998-1999:

Booth Prize Committee

Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Ethics in Society Steering Committee  
Ethics Search Committee  
History of Modern Philosophy Search Committee  
History of Science Search Committee

1997-8:

Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Ethics in Society Steering Committee  
Mellon Post Doctoral Fellowships Committee  
Modern History Search Committee

1996-7:

Colloquia and Kant Lectures Committee  
Faculty Seminar Coordinator  
Library Committee  
History Search Committee  
Organized and ran a Latin philosophy reading group.

Chicago: Department of Philosophy graduate admissions committees, search committees. Organized and ran a Latin philosophy reading group from 1991 to 1994.