

## 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

## Forthcoming

“Plato” entry for the International Encyclopedia of Ethics (Blackwell Publishing).

Review of Dominic Scott (ed.), *Maieusis: Essays in Ancient Philosophy in*

*Honour of Myles Burnyeat*,. Polis.

## 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

"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.

"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, 574-92.

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**

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:

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 Research  
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.