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## VITA

### Education:

- 1960-62 Cornell University  
63-64 A.B. June 1964 "with distinction in all subjects"
- 1962-63 Yale University  
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Ranking Scholar
- 1964-69 The University of Chicago  
M.A. December 1966  
Thesis: Plato's Criticism of Conventionalism  
Ph.D. August 1969  
Thesis: Xenophon's Education of Cyrus

### Employment:

- 1969-72 Boston College  
1973-76 Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 1972-73 Cornell University  
Junior Postdoctoral Fellow, The Society for the Humanities
- 1976-89 Boston College  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
1979-83 Graduate Director (Political Science)
- 1989- Boston College  
Professor
- 1996-97 Carl Friedrich von Siemens Fellow in Munich

### Field:

Classical Political Philosophy

### Languages:

French, German, Ancient Greek

### Publications:

#### **Books**

XENOPHONS POLITISCHE PHILOSOPHIE, Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung  
Themen XLVIII, 1990; Second Printing 1994

ON THE SOCRATIC EDUCATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SHORTER PLATONIC DIALOGUES, Rowman & Littlefield, 1999

**Book Chapters**

“On the Original Meaning of Political Philosophy: An Interpretation of Plato’s Lovers,” THE ROOTS OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY ed. Thomas Pangle, Cornell University Press. 1987, pp. 91-110

“Xenophon,” HISTORY OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, Third Edition, ed. Leo Strauss and Joseph Cropsey, University of Chicago Press, 1987, pp. 90-117 (republished, in slightly enlarged and revised form, in German translation, as XENOPHONS POLITISCHE PHILOSOPHIE)

“Liberal Education and Education for Citizenship,” THE RECOVERY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION: RECLAIMING A VISION, ed. Stephen M. Krason, University Press of America, 1991, pp. 75-86

“A Return to Classical Political Philosophy and the Understanding of the American Founding,” LEO STRAUSS: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER AND JEWISH THINKER, ed. Kenneth L. Deutsch and Walter N. Nicgorski, Rowman & Littlefield, 1993, pp. 325-38

"Introduction," XENOPHON, MEMORABILIA, translated and annotated by Amy L. Bonnette, Cornell University Press, 1994, pp. vii-xxii

“On Reading Plato Today,” POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE HUMAN SOUL, ed. Thomas Pangle and Michael Palmer, Rowman & Littlefield, 1995, pp. 95-108

“True Esotericism,” GLADLY TO LEARN AND GLADLY TO TEACH, ed. Michael P. Foley and Douglas Kries, Lexington Books, 2002, pp. 271-76

**Articles**

“Thucydides’ View of Athenian Imperialism,” AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW, Vol. LXVIII, No. 1, March 1974, pp. 11-17

“Socratic Politics and Self-knowledge: an Interpretation of Plato’s Charmides,” INTERPRETATION, A JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, Vol. 6/3, October 1977, pp. 141-203

“Thucydides and Perikles,” THE ST. JOHN’S REVIEW, Vol. XXXII, No. 3, Summer 1981, pp. 24-29

“Strauss on Xenophon’s Socrates,” THE POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEWER, Vol. XIV, Fall 1984, pp. 262-318

“Xenophon and His Socrates,” INTERPRETATION, Vol. 16/2, Winter 1988-89, pp. 295-306 (republished, in revised form, as the Introduction to Xenophon, MEMORABILIA)

“A Return to Classical Political Philosophy and the Understanding of the American Founding,” THE REVIEW OF POLITICS, Vol. 53, No. 1, Winter 1991, pp.173-86 (republished in LEO STRAUSS: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER AND JEWISH THINKER)

"On Plato's Political Philosophy," THE REVIEW OF POLITICS, Vol. 56, No. 2, Spring 1994, pp. 261-82

Recent Papers:

“What Xenophon Learned from Socrates about Philosophy and the Philosophic Life,” Wiegand Lecture: Thomas Aquinas College, November 10, 2000; St. John’s College, Santa Fe, November 17, 2000

“On the Place of the Treatment of Classical Philosophy in the Plan of the Work as a Whole,” Conference on NATURAL RIGHT AND HISTORY, Michigan State University, April 20, 2001

“Plato and Relativism,” Middlebury College, October 1, 2001

“The Question of Nature and the Thought of Leo Strauss,” Conference on Living Issues in the Thought of Leo Strauss, Siemens Foundation, Munich, June 18, 2002

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