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Education:

1977-81: Ph.D. (summa cum laude) in Philosophy, Boston University: *Aristotle's Theory of Abstraction: A*

Problem about the Mode of Being of Mathematical Objects

1974-5: M.A. (First Honours) in Philosophy, University College Dublin: *The Nature of Criticism: A Study in*

the Work of Karl Popper

1972-3: Higher Diploma in Education, University College Dublin

1970-2: B.A. in Philosophy & English, University College Dublin

1967-9: Diploma in Education, St Patrick's Training College, Dublin.

Teaching Record:

2005- : Associate Professor of Philosophy, NUI Maynooth

1998- : Professor of Philosophy at Boston College

1991- : Lecturer in Philosophy at Maynooth College, Ireland

1988- : Associate Professor of Philosophy at Boston College

1981-87: Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Boston College

1979-81: Senior Teaching Fellow at Metropolitan College, Boston University

1978-79: Teaching Assistant in Philosophy at Boston University

1976-77: Part-time Lecturer in Philosophy at Milltown Institute of Theology, Dublin

1969-77: Primary Schoolteacher at St Mary's Boys' National School, Dublin

Areas of Specialization:

Ancient Philosophy: Plato, Aristotle & Neoplatonism

History & Philosophy of Science, especially Mathematics

Areas of Competence:

Political Philosophy: Ancient & Modern

Philosophical Aesthetics: Analytic & Continental

History of Philosophy: Ancient, Medieval & Modern

Contemporary Philosophers: Popper, Gadamer & MacIntyre

Publications:A. Books

Editor of *Traditions of Platonism: Essays in honour of John Dillon*. Ashgate Publishing: London, 1999

Editor of *The Perennial Tradition of Neoplatonism*. Leuven University Press: Louvain, 1997

Aristotle and Mathematics: Aporetic Method in Cosmology and Metaphysics. Brill: Leiden, 1995

Aristotle on the Many Senses of Priority. Southern Illinois University Press: Carbondale (IL), 1988

Aristotle's Theory of Abstraction: A Problem about the Mode of Being of Mathematical Objects. University

Microfilms: Ann Arbor (MI) & London, 1982

B. Articles & Chapters in Books

"Proclus as a Reader of Plato's *Timaeus*", in *Reading Plato in Antiquity* (eds. H. Tarrant & D. Baltzly).

Duckworth: London. 2006: 135-50.

"The Price of Education", in *What Price the University? A Special Issue of Maynooth Philosophical Papers*

(ed. T.A.F. Kelly). Maynooth, 2006: 25-35.

"The Personal and the Philosophical in Gadamer's Thought", *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*

13.4 (2005): 497-516.

"Popper on Freedom and Equality in Plato", *Polis* 22.1 (2005): 109-127.

"Amicus Plato magis Amica Veritas", *Hermathena* 176 (2004): 25-38.

"Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's First Principles", in *Pensées de l'Un dans la tradition philosophique* (eds. J.-

M. Narbonne & A. Reckermann). PUL/Vrin. 2004: 70-97.

"The Greeks and Popper's Notion of Individual Freedom", *Maynooth Philosophical Papers* 2 (2004): 1-13.

- "Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Form-Numbers", in *Platon und Aristoteles -- sub ratione veritatis*. Festschrift fuer Wolfgang Wieland zum 70.Geburtstag. (Hgg. G. Damschen, R. Enskat & A.G. Vigo). Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht: Gottingen. 2003: 3-30.
- "Proclus' Elaborate Defense of Platonic Ideas", in *Il Parmenide di Platone e la sua Tradizione* (eds. M. Barbanti & F. Romano). Catania, 2002: 341-53.
- "Paideia in Plato's *Laws*" in *Plato's Laws: From Theory into Practice*. Proceedings of VI Symposium Platonicum (eds. S. Scolnicov & L. Brisson). Academia Verlag: Sankt Augustin, 2003: 166-74.
- "Abstracting Aristotle's Philosophy of Mathematics" in *Hermeneutic Philosophy of Science, Van Gogh's Eyes, and God: Essays in Honor of Patrick A. Heelan, S.J.* (ed. B.E. Babich). Kluwer, 2002: 163-76.
- (with P. Hogan), "The Reciprocal Character of Self-Education", *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 35.4 (2001): 519-28.
- (with P. Hogan, trs.), "Education is Self-Education" by Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 35.4 (2001): 510-18.
- "Should One Pray for Aristotle's Best Polis?", *Skepsis* XII (2001): 193-206.
- "Mathematical Methods in Proclus's Theology", in *Proclus et la Théologie Platonicienne*. (eds. A. Segonds & C. Steel). Leuven, 2000: 65-90.
- "Proclus's Philosophy of Mathematics", *La Philosophie des Mathématiques de l'Antiquité tardive*. (eds.) G. Bechtle & D. O'Meara. Fribourg (CH), 2000: 85-101.
- "El papel de las matemáticas en la teología de Proclo", *Anuario Filosófico* XXXIII (2000): 67-85.
- "Zurück zu den Texten selbst", in *Hermeneutische Wege. Hans-Georg Gadamer zum Hundertsten*. (eds.) G. Figal, J. Grondin & D.J. Schmidt. Mohr: Tübingen, 2000: 129-46.
- "The Role of Theology in Plato's *Laws*", in *Plato's Laws and its Historical Significance* (ed. F.L. Lisi). Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag, 2000: 121-36.
- "Mathematics as Paideia in Proclus", *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy: The Paideia Project On-Line* <<http://bu.edu/wcp>> 1999.
- "'Powers that Be': The Concept of Potency in Plato and Aristotle", *Méthexis* XI (1998): 19-64.

"Plato's Teleological Atomism", in T. Calvo & L. Brisson (eds.), *Interpreting the Timaeus and the Critias*. Academia Verlag: Sankt Augustin, 1997.

"Working through Puzzles with Aristotle", in *The Crossroads of Norm and Nature: Essays on Aristotle's Ethics and Metaphysics* (ed.) M. Sim. Rowman & Littlefield: Savage (MD), 1995.

"Mathematics and Cosmology in Aristotle's Philosophical Development" in *New Studies in Aristotle's Philosophical Development* (ed. W. Wians). Rowman & Littlefields, 1995.

"Emending Aristotle's Division of Theoretical Sciences", *Review of Metaphysics* 48 (1994): 33-70.

"Phainomena in Aristotle's Methodology", *The International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 2 (1994): 61-97.

"Working through Puzzles with Aristotle", *Journal of Neoplatonic Studies* 1 (1993): 83-179.

"The Rationality of the Real: Proclus and Hegel" in *At the Heart of the Real* (ed.) F. O'Rourke. Irish Academic Press: Dublin (1991): 31-49.

"Socratic Influences on Aristotle's Ethical Inquiry" in *The Philosophy of Socrates*, (ed.) K.J. Boudouris. Athens (1991): 98-115.

"The Mathematical Cosmology of Plato's *Timaeus*", *Synthesis Philosophica* X (1990): 419-43.

"Science, Universals, and Reality", *Ancient Philosophy* Vol. VII (1987): 95-130

"On the Terminology of 'Abstraction' in Aristotle", *Phronesis* XXX (1985): 13-45

"The Modern Malaise: A Case History", *Philosophy and Social Criticism* X (1984): 97-107

"Some Aspects of the Problem of Evil", *Studies* (Dublin) LXVI (1977): 214-223.

C. Other (Commentaries & Reviews)

"Commentary on the Millers" in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, Vol. 20 (2005): 97-104.

"Commentary on Ferejohn" in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vol. 10 (1994): 59-65

"Commentary on Woerner" in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vol. 8 (1992): 27-38

- "Commentary on Halper" in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vol. 5 (1988): 276-89.
- Review of R. Netz, *The Transformation of Mathematics in the Early Mediterranean World: From Problems to Equations* in *The Classical Review* 55 (2005): 450-53.
- Review of C. Bobonich, *Plato's Utopia Recast. His Later Ethics and Politics* in *The Classical Review* 55 (2005): 436-39.
- "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen!", in *Newsletter, Institute of Physics in Ireland* 5 (2002): 3
- Review of P. Kalkavage, *Plato's Timaeus* in *Isis* 93.3 (2002): 478-9
- Review of P. Simpson, *The Politics of Aristotle* in *The Classical Review* 50 (2000): 424-26.
- Review of S. Marc Cohen, *Aristotle on Incomplete Substances* in *Ancient Philosophy* 18 (1998): 492-95.
- Review of Z. Bechler, *Aristotle's Theory of Actuality* in *Hermathena* 165 (1998): 109-18.
- Review of C. Pietsch, *Prinzipienfindung bei Aristoteles* & W. Mesch, *Ontologie und Dialektik bei Aristoteles* in *Ancient Philosophy* 17 (1997): 237-44.
- Review of T.J. Saunders (tr. & comm.), *Aristotle. Politics: Books 1 & 2* in *The Classical Review* (1997): 196.
- Review of K. McGroarty (ed.), *Neoplatonica* in *Maynooth University Record* 1 (1996): 115-18.
- Review of D.J. Furley & A. Nehamas (eds.), *Aristotle's Rhetoric: Philosophical Essays* in *Hermathena* 160 (1996): 92-105.
- Review of B. Manuwald, *Studien zum Unbewegten Beweger in der Naturphilosophie des Aristoteles* in *Ancient Philosophy* XIII (1993): 197-200.
- Review of W.E. Dooley & A. Madigan (tr.), *Alexander of Aphrodisias, On Aristotle Metaphysics 2 & 3* in *Hermathena* 152 (1992): 73-75.
- Review of A.C. Lloyd, *The Anatomy of Neoplatonism* in *Philosophical Studies* Vol. 33 (1991-92): 379-82.
- Review of D.D. Moukanos, *Ontologie der Mathematika in der Metaphysik des Aristoteles* in *Ancient Philosophy* X (1990): 310-12.
- Review of H.-G. Gadamer, *The Idea of the Good in Platonic-Aristotelian Philosophy* in *International Studies in Philosophy* XXII (1990): 104-5.
- Review of James Carney, *The Playboy and the Yellow Lady* in *The Irish Review* IV (1988): 136-39

Review of Stanley Rosen, *Plato's Sophist* in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* V (1985): 27-30.

Forthcoming Publications

"Intellectual Virtue in Plato's *Republic* VI-VII", in *The Ascent to the Good* (ed. F.L. Lisi). Akademie Verlag: Sankt Augustin, 2007.

"Erotic Paideia in Plato's *Symposium*", in *Acta Symposium Platonicum Pragensis* (forthcoming 2007)

"Akrasia and Moral Education in Aristotle", in *Reading Ancient Texts. Essays in Honour of Denis O'Brien* (eds. S. Stern-Gillet & K. Corrigan). Brill (forthcoming 2007)

Research Support:

2002-3: Spanish Government Sabbatical Fellowship at Carlos III University in Madrid

1998: Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship at University of Munich: "Proclus & Mathematics"

1996-97: NEH University Research Fellowship (\$30,000): "The Mathematical Basis for the Theology of Proclus"

1993: von Humboldt research fellowship at Heidelberg University: "Aristotle and Mathematics"

1989-90: von Humboldt research fellowship at Heidelberg University: "Aristotle and Mathematics"

1986-87: Faculty Fellowship in School of Arts & Sciences, Boston College

1984-87: NEH Division of Education research grant (\$50,000) for BACAP's "Greater Boston Project"

1984-85: Summer research grant in School of Arts & Sciences, Boston College

1979-80: Bowne Fellowship in Philosophy, Boston University

1978-79: Matchette Prize in Philosophy at Boston University

Sigma Chi award by Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Boston University

1977-81: University Graduate Fellowship in Arts & Sciences, Boston University

Ongoing Research Projects

Archelagos Project: Analysis of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* XIII-XIV

The Central Role of Paideia in Ancient Political Thought

D. Learned Societies

Elected Member of the Royal Irish Academy (1997), Executive secretary of Dublin Centre for Study of the Platonic Tradition (1997), International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (1993), Elected Member of

Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung (1990), Metaphysical Society of America (1984), Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (1983), American Philosophical Association (1978).

Founding editor, *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vols. 1-3 (1985-87).

Co-editor (with D. Shartin), *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vols. 4-6 (1988-90)

Editor, *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*. Vol. 7 (1991).

Co-editor (with W. Wians) of *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* Vols. 8-12 (1992-96)

Co-editor (with G. Gurtler), *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*. Vol. 13-21 (1998-2006). Brill: Leiden.

Professional Meetings:

“Akrasia and Moral Education in Aristotle” – paper given at Universities of Buenos Aires & Cordoba (Argentina) & University of Los Andes (Santiago, Chile) during July 2006.

“Poetry and Paideia in Plato’s *Republic*” – paper given at conference held at University of Louvain-la-Neuve, May 1-3, 2006.

“Erotic Paideia in the *Symposium*” – paper given at International Plato Conference in Prague, October 12-16, 2005.

“The Last Stand of Aristotelianism – the case of Michael Moore” – paper given at ESF conference, Leiden University, June 1-3, 2004.

“Competing models of Paideia in Plato’s *Gorgias*” – paper given at International Plato Society Conference, University of Wuerzburg, July 26-31, 2004.

“Intellectual Virtue in Plato’s *Republic* VI-VII” – paper given as part of international conference at Carlos III University on the topic: “El Ascenso al Bien”. Los Libros VI-VII de la *República* de Platón, 25-26 April, 2003

"Competing models of Paideia in Plato's *Gorgias*" -- seminar given to Dept. of Humanities, Carlos III University, Madrid, April 10, 2003.

"Paideia and Aretê in Ancient Political Philosophy" -- Series of Invited Lectures given at Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile, October 21-25, 2002.

"Proclus as a Reader of Plato's *Timaeus*" -- paper given in international conference on Plato's Ancient Readers, Newcastle, NSW (Australia), July 15-18, 2002

"The Greeks and Popper's Notion of Individual Freedom" -- paper given in Karl Popper 2002 Conference, Vienna, July 3-7, 2002

"Elementary Paideia in Plato's Laws" -- paper read at International Plato Society Conference on Plato's Laws, Jerusalem, August 4-10, 2001.

"Proclus' Elaborate Defense of Platonic Forms" -- invited paper given to international Neoplatonism Conference, University of Catania, Sicily, May 31-June 2, 2001.

"Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Principles of the One and Indefinite Dyad" -- invited paper given to international conference in honor of Prof. W. Beierwaltes, University of Munich, May 10-12, 2001.

"Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Form Number" -- paper given to Northern Association for Classical Philosophy, University of Durham, England, April 4-5, 2001.

"Is Aristotle's Best Polis Democratic or Just?" -- invited lectures given at University of Washington, Tacoma, and at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, November 16 & 17, 2000.

"Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Form Number" -- paper read in Boston Colloquium for the History and Philosophy of Science, Boston University, November 2, 2000.

"El papel de las matemáticas en la teología de Proclo" -- invited paper given in Revision del Neoplatonismo, XXXIX Reuniones Filosóficas, University of Navarra, May 3-5, 2000.

"Should One Pray for Aristotle's Ideal Polis?", -- major paper given in XI International Symposium of Philosophy, The Political Theories of Plato and Aristotle. Olympia, Greece, August 13-18, 2000.

"Philosophy of Mathematics" -- invited presentation at Alexander von Humboldt meeting for Irish Humboldt Fellows, held at Trinity College Dublin, March 24-25, 2000.

"Paideia in Plato's Laws" -- major paper given at SAGP/SSIP meeting in Binghamton (NY), October 1999. Also read as invited paper at Laval University, Quebec, November 4th, 1999; and at University of South Carolina, December 9th, 1999.

"The Political Tyranny of the Market" -- paper given in Distinguished Speaker series, The Queen's University Belfast, May 1999.

"The Role of Mathematics in Proclus's Theology" -- invited paper given at International conference on Proclus's Theologie Platonicienne at University of Leuven, May 1998.

"Mathematics as Paideia in Proclus" -- paper given in Ancient Philosophy Section of 20th World Congress of Philosophy in Boston, August 1998.

"Proclus's Philosophy of Mathematics" -- invited paper given at international conference on Mathematics and Philosophy in Antiquity at University of Fribourg, September 1998

"The Role of Theology in Plato's Laws" -- invited paper given at international conference on Plato's Laws at University of Salamanca, November 1998

"Hermeneutics & Critical Theory", Guest Lecture, Graduate School of Business, UCD, April 1997

"Mathematics as Cosmology in Proclus", Irish Philosophical Society, Maynooth, February 1997

"Kinesis and Energeia in Aristotle", Faculty Seminar, University College Galway, February 1997

"The Powers that Be", Philosophy Colloquium, University College Dublin, December 1996

Member of expert panel at Philolaus Conference, University of Lille III, November 1996

"Kinesis and Energeia in Aristotle", Classics Colloquium, University of Leiden, November 1996

"The Powers that Be" -- Faculty Colloquium, Leuven University, October 1996

"Plato's Teleological Atomism" -- International Plato conference in Granada, September 1995

"Nous as the Ground of Aristotle's Metaphysics" -- APA program in Atlanta, December 1993

"Le rôle d'aporie dans la Métaphysique d'Aristote" -- University of Paris XII, March 1993

"Working through Puzzles" -- SSIPS/SAGP meeting at Columbia University, October 1992

"Cosmology & Mathematics in Aristotle's Development" -- International Aristotle Conference, Boston University, January 1992

"The Function of Rhetoric in a Liberal Education" -- Loyola College Baltimore, September 1991

"Back to the Texts Themselves" -- Hermeneutics conference, Heidelberg University, July 1991

"Hermeneutics and Greek Philosophy" -- Scottish Classical Association, Edinburgh, June 1991

"Filling the Democritean Void" -- Irish Philosophical Society, Galway, November 1990

"Socratic Influences on Aristotle" -- International Socrates Conference, Samos, August 1990

"Willensschwäche bei Sokrates und Aristoteles" -- University of Würzburg, Germany, July 1990

"Les phenomenes dans la methodologie d'Aristote" -- University of Lille III, France, May 1990

"Mathematical Cosmology in Plato" -- Philosophy Institute, University of Zagreb, April 1990

"Aristotle's Division of Theoretical Sciences" -- Irish Philosophical Society, October 1989

"Phainomena in Aristotle's Methodology" -- Philosophical Colloquium at Trinity College, October 1989;
Scholastic Philosophy Lecture Series at Queen's University, October 1989; Texas Workshop in Ancient
Philosophy at Rice University, April 1989; Philosophy & Classics Depts at Univ. of Toronto, March 1989.

Outside Consultation:

Referee panel for NEH projects and proposals

Book reviewer for *Ancient Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Classical Review*, *Isis*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Hermathena* (Dublin)

Member of editorial board for *The International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (Ireland) & *Methexis* (Chile)

External examiner of Ph.D. thesis at Laval University, Quebec, November, 1999

External assessor of tenure application at the Catholic University of America, Fall 1999

External evaluator of research project for Research Council of University of Leuven, 2002

External evaluator of research project for Canada Council for the Arts, 2002

Member of International Team participating in European Science Foundation (ESF) Project:

'From Natural Philosophy to Science', 2003-2005.

External examiner of Ph.D. thesis at Boston University, 2002-4

External assessor of promotion application for full professor at Boston University, 2005.

University Service:

Organizer of International Workshop as part of ESF Project at NUI Maynooth, June 10-12, 2005

Coordinator of activities for the Boston Area Colloquium at Boston College, 1983-2006

Director of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (BACAP), 1983-88

Director of "The Greater Boston Project" funded by NEH grant (\$50,000), 1984-87

Language Proficiency:

Classical Greek, Ancient & Medieval Latin, French, German, Spanish & Irish

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Born Co Mayo, Ireland, June 18, 1949. Naturalized American citizen, February 1990. Widower.

Hobbies: literature, gardening and tennis.

Referees:

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2. Prof. John Dillon, Regius Professor, School of Classics, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland. Prof. Dillon has known me for over 25 years as a colleague in the field of ancient philosophy.
3. Prof. Werner Beierwaltes, Am Fischerwinkel 19, D-82031 Grünwald, Germany. Prof. Beierwaltes has known me for over 10 years as a colleague in the field of Neoplatonic philosophy.
4. Prof. Patrick Heelan, Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057, U.S.A. Prof. Heelan has known me for over 15 years as a colleague in the history and philosophy of science.