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### Education and Degrees

University of Toronto	1958-62	Honor B.A.
Yale University, Classics Department	1965-66	M.A.
Yale University, Classics Department	1968-70	Ph.D.
Ph.D. Dissertation: "The Epicurean Theory of Free Will"		

### Professional Appointments

Professor, University of Chicago, Department of Classics and the College.	1994-
Associate Professor, University of Chicago, Department of Classics.	1979-94
Assistant Professor, Cornell University, Department of Classics.	1970-79
Research Assistant, British Museum, London.	1966-68
Lecturer, McGill University, Department of Classics.	1963-65
Editor, <i>Classical Philology</i>	1993-97, 2008- 10, and 2011-13

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### Awards and Prizes

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship	1965-66
Yale University Fellowships 1968-70	1965-66 and
Phi Beta Kappa (Mary Sibley) Fellowship	1972-73
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship 91	1990-

Bogliasco Fellowship	Fall 2000
John and Penelope Biggs Residency, Washington University, St. Louis	March 2001

### Publications

(a) Books:

*Epicurus' Scientific Method.* Cornell University Press, 1984.

Co-editor (with Shadi Bartsch, and Martha Nussbaum), *Seneca's Complete Works*, 2010-17, University of Chicago Press.

(b) Book Reviews:

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Voula Tsouna, *The Ethics of Philodemus*. Oxford 2007. Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews (July 17, 2008)

Jula Wildberger and Marcia L. Colish (eds.). *Seneca philosophus*. (= Trends in Classics Supplementary vol. 27). Berlin 2014. In: sehepunkte 15 (2015), no. 7/8 (15.07.2015), URL: <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2015/07/25656.html>

Francesca Guadalape Masi and Stefano Maso (eds.) *Epicurus on Eidola. Peri physeos. Book II. Update, Proposals and Discussions*. Amsterdam 2015. *Revue de philosophie ancienne* 34 (2016): 91-96.

### c) Articles:

"What is Anaximander's *Apeiron*?". *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 19 (1981): 279-297.

"Lucretius' Explanation of Moving Dream Figures at 4.768-776". *American Journal of Philology* 102 (1981): 138-145.

"Lucretius' Venus and Stoic Zeus". *Hermes* 110 (1982): 458-470. Reprinted in *Lucretius*. Ed. by M. R. Gale. Oxford Readings in Classical Studies. 2007: 88-103

"Rhetoric and Reason in Lucretius". *American Journal of Philology* 104 (1983): 36-66.

"*Psychagogia* in Plato's *Phaedrus*". *Illinois Studies in Classical Philology* 11 (1986): 153-72.

"Roman Philosophical Movements". In *Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean*, edited by Michael Grant, v. 3, New York 1988, 1637-1649.

"The Stoicism of Marcus Aurelius". In *Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt*, part II, v. 36.3, Berlin 1989, 2228-2252. Reprinted (in Polish) in: Teoria i Praktyka Polityczna: Marka Aureliusza, ed. K. Marulewska, Warsaw 2010, pp. 7-42.

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