

Kirk R. Sanders
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy (Joint Classics–Philosophy Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy),
University of Texas at Austin, December 2002

B.A. with Highest Distinction in Philosophy, Northwestern University, June 1992

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2014–present Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2013–14 Interim Chair, Department of Philosophy, UIUC

2012–present Associate Professor of Philosophy and the Classics (joint appointment), UIUC

2005–12 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and the Classics, UIUC

2002–05 Assistant Professor of Classics, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Greek and Roman intellectual history; Greek literature; history of philosophy; ethics

BOOKS

Epicurus and the Epicurean Tradition (co-edited with J. Fish), Cambridge University Press, 2011

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Epicurean school in the first century BCE” (forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*)

“Swearing by Hera’ *redux*: further speculation on the origin of the oath $\nu\eta\ \tau\eta\nu\ \text{Ἡ}\rho\alpha\nu$,”
Mnemosyne 68 (2015): 121–26

“Don’t blame Socrates (Xen. *Mem.* 1.2.40–46),” *Classical Philology* 106 (2012): 349–56

“Philodemus and the fear of premature death,” in J. Fish and K. Sanders, eds., *Epicurus and the Epicurean Tradition* (Cambridge, 2011): 211–34

“Introduction” (co-authored with J. Fish), in *ibid.*: 1–8

“Strato on ‘microvoid,’” in W. W. Fortenbaugh and P. Pellegrin, eds., *Strato of Lampsacus: Text, Translation, and Discussion*; Rutgers University Studies in Classical Humanities, vol. 16 (Piscataway, NJ, 2011): 263–75

“Introduction” (co-authored with J. Fish), *Cronache Ercolanesi* 39 (2009): 5–6

“On a causal notion in Philodemus’ *On Anger*,” *Classical Quarterly* 59 (2009): 642–47

“‘Death’ and ‘being dead’: Epicur. *Sent.* 2, *Ep. ad Men.* 124–5, and *Phld. Mort.* 1.5–7,” *La parola del passato* 63 (2008): 427–28

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (cont.)

- “*Mens* and emotion: *De Rerum Nat.* 3.136–46,” *Classical Quarterly* 58 (2008): 362–66
- “Lysias *Or.* 1: two critical notes,” *Philologus* 152 (2008): 110–16
- “Lucretius on irascibility and anger: *Lucr.* 3.294–5,” *Symbolae Osloenses* 82 (2007): 52–54
- “Cicero *De natura deorum* 1.48–9: *quasi corpus?*” *Mnemosyne* 57 (2004): 215–18
- “Much ado about ‘nothing’: μηδέν and τὸ μὴ εἶόν in Parmenides,” *Apeiron* 35 (2002): 87–104
- “Toward a new edition of *P. Herc.* 831,” *Cronache Ercolanesi* 30 (1999): 149–62

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Looking to Xenophon as a source for the historical Socrates,” presented at the XXVII Annual International Conference of Olympia (Greece) — July 2017
- “The shifting sense of ‘self-sufficiency’ in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*,” presented at the World Aristotle Congress 2016 in Thessaloniki, Greece — May 2016 (Earlier versions of this paper were presented to the American Philological Association and the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at their annual meetings.)
- “Pity in Epicurean ethics: A reply to Asmis,” presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association — April 2016
- “Why was Socrates charged with ‘introducing religious innovations?’” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Classical Studies — January 2015 (A version of this paper was presented at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South — March 2015.)
- “The fear of death in Greek and Roman philosophy,” presented as part of the NEH Summer Seminar *Mortality: Facing Death in Ancient Greece*, Athens, Greece — July 2014
- “A fresh look at the formal charges against Socrates,” presented to the Departments of Classics and Philosophy, University of Western Ontario — March 2014
- “Of agents and ends in Aristotle,” presented to the Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville — November 2013
- “An apology for Xenophon’s *Apology*,” presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting — April 2011
- “Further reflections on the trial (and guilt) of Socrates, with special reference to Xenophon as a source,” presented to the Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Cruz — November 2009
- “*Autarkeia* in Aristotle,” presented to the faculty and student body of Rhodes College — December 2009
- Commentary on Emily Austin, “Epicurus and the politics of the fear of death,” presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division meeting — February 2009
- “Don’t fear the Reaper?” presented to the Department of Philosophy, Colgate University — January 2009
- “Philodemus and the many fears of death,” presented at the Herculaneum Society Conference, Mackinac Island, MI — June 2007
- “Ancient theories of emotion,” presented to the faculty and student body of St. John’s College (MD) — January 2007

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

“Epicurean ethics and the Herculaneum papyri,” presented at the Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington, DC) — May 2006

“Strato on ‘microvoid,’” presented at the Theophrastus Project conference on Strato of Lampsacus, University of Grenoble, France — April 2005

“Epicurean anger management,” presented to the Departments of Classics, Philosophy, and History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh — February 2002

“An Epicurean theory of the passions,” presented to the Philosophy Department, University of California, Berkeley — February 2001 (A version of this paper was also presented at the University of South Carolina and DePaul University.)

Commentary on Jeffrey Purinton, “Epicurus on the nature of the gods,” presented at the 22nd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Trinity University — April 1999

“How to get angry without being mad: discussions of *orgê* and insanity in the ancient world,” presented at the International Seminar on Sanity, Illness and Quality of Life in the Ancient World, Aarhus Universitet (Denmark) — May 1997

HONORS AND AWARDS

Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching: one of five faculty winners campus-wide (out of roughly 2000 UIUC tenured and tenure-track faculty) — Spring 2013

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Humanities Teaching Excellence Award: one of only four college-wide teaching awards given to LAS faculty annually — Spring 2013

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois – Fall 2006 (FA06), Spring 2007 (SP07), FA07, SP08, FA08, SP09, FA09, SP10, FA10, SP11, SP12, FA12, FA13, and SP15, SP17

Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University): one of 12 fellowships awarded internationally “to encourage and support scholarship of the highest quality on various aspects of ancient Greek civilization” — 2005–6

Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship (Woodrow Wilson Foundation): one of 30 fellowships awarded nationally for work on a dissertation with a “substantial ethical or religious component” — 1998–99

Fulbright Grant to Italy: for research at the *Centro Internazionale per lo Studio dei Papiri Ercolanesi* (Naples) and the *Centro di Studio del Pensiero Antico* (Rome) — 1996–97

Lemmermann Foundation Fellowship (Rome, Italy): for dissertation research on a topic concerning Roman civilization — 1996–97

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Member, LAS Dean’s LAS Strategic Advisory Review Team (2016–present)

Member, Graduate College Fellowship Board Executive Committee; Chair of the Area II (Humanities and Creative Arts) subcommittee (2013–present)

Member, Senate Committee on Student Discipline (2013–present)

Member, Search Committee for Associate Vice Chancellor for Research (Humanities, Arts, and Related Fields) (2016–17)

Member, Search Committee for Director of the School of Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics (2014)

Member, Faculty Senate (2006–15)

President, University of Illinois Humanities Council (2014–2015)

Dissertation Committees:

Daniel Markovic, Ph.D. 2006 (Classics), *The Rhetoric of Explanation in Lucretius' De rerum natura*

Damian Plebuch, Ph.D. 2010 (Philosophy), *Heidegger's Fourfold*

Ingrid Albrecht, Ph.D. 2012 (Philosophy), *Love, Self-Constitution, and Practical Necessity*

Aaron Harper, Ph.D. 2012 (Philosophy), *Nietzsche on Value Creation*

Alison Lanski, Ph.D. 2013 (Classics), *Narratological Functions of Messengers in Herodotus*

Ryan McConnell, Ph.D. 2013 (Classics), *Wealth on Byzantine Estates*

Sergio Yona, Ph.D. 2014 (Classics), *The Psychology of Satire: Philodemean Ethics in Horace's Sermones*

Amy Norgaard, Ph.D. 2015 (Classics), *Body Metaphor and Imagery in Horace's Satires*

Jordan Bohall, Ph.D. 2016 (Philosophy), *Mathematics and Cognition*

Adam Bowen, Ph.D. 2017 (Philosophy), *Modeling Temporal Perception*

Eric Schaf, Ph.D. 2017 (Philosophy), *Health and Great Health: Nietzsche on Overcoming Sickness*

Addison Ellis, Ph.D. candidate (Philosophy), *Spontaneity in Kant*, in progress

Dan Meyer, Ph.D. candidate (Philosophy), *Teleology in Kant's Ethics*, in progress

(Director) Orestis Karatzoglou, Ph.D. candidate (Classics), *Conceptions of the Soul in Plato's Phaedo, Republic, and Timaeus*

Departmental offices and committees, Classics:

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2012–14)

Advisory (2007–present)

Appeals (2007–08, 2011–present)

Bylaws (2006–07, 2011–present)

Graduate Study (2006–present)

Search (2007–08, 2010–11, 2012–13, 2014–15, cmte. Chair in 2014–15)

Departmental offices and committees, Philosophy:

Head (2014–present)

Interim Chair (2013–14)

Alleged Capricious Grading (2008–10, 2011–13)

Courses/Curricula (2008–10, cmte. Chair from 2009–10)

Executive (2007–08, 2013)
Graduate Program (2006–08)
Grievance (2011–13)
Library (2006–08, 2010–13, cmte. Chair from 2010–13)
Prizes and Scholarships (2008–10, 2012–13)
TA Orientation and Oversight (2009–13, cmte. Chair from 2011–13)
Undergraduate Program Committee (2006–08, 2011–13)

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Italian-American Studies Commission (2003–05)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Classics (2002–05)
Committee Assignments, Department of Classics:
Graduate Study (2002–05)
Search (2003–04)
Undergraduate Study (2002–05)

Professional Societies and Associations:

Member of the American Philological Association, American Philosophical Association,
American Friends of Herculaneum, Classical Association of the Middle West and South
(CAMWS), and Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Committee on Teaching Awards, CAMWS, 2015–present
Committee on Resolutions, CAMWS, 2013–2015
Board of Directors, American Friends of Herculaneum, 2010–present
Member of Advisory Editorial Committee for *Illinois Classical Studies*, 2006–present
Referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, *American Journal of Ancient
History*, *Apeiron*, and *Classical Philology*