

**Curriculum Vitae  
Matthew R. Christ**

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**Education**

Ph.D.	1987	Princeton University
	1985/86	American School of Classical Studies at Athens
M.A.	1984	Princeton University
B.A.	1982	Carleton College, <i>summa cum laude</i>

**Positions Held**

Indiana University: Professor (2007-); Associate Professor (1998-2007); Assistant Professor (1990-98); Adjunct Professor, Department of History (2007-)  
Oberlin College: Visiting Assistant Professor (1987-90)

**Special Interests**

Athenian Democracy  
Greek Historiography  
Greek Rhetoric and Oratory

**Publications and Research**

Books

*Xenophon and the Athenian Democracy: The Education of an Elite Citizenry*, Cambridge University Press, 2020 (hb) and 2021 (pb). 215 pp.

*The Limits of Altruism in Democratic Athens*, Cambridge University Press, 2012. 215 pp.

*The Bad Citizen in Classical Athens*, Cambridge University Press, 2006 (hb) and 2008 (pb; and hb [reprint]) 250 pp.; 2019 (modern Greek translation, Crete University Press) 377 pp.

*The Litigious Athenian*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998. 317 pp.

### Articles and Book Chapters

- “Xenophon on Leadership and Courage,” forthcoming in *Brill’s Companion to Courage and Cowardice in Ancient Mediterranean Warfare*, ed. by J. Finn (Leiden).
- “Xenophon’s Partisan Account of the Thirty,” forthcoming in *Misinformation, Disinformation, and Propaganda in Greek Historiography*, ed. by R. Munson and T. Figueira (Bloomsbury).
- “The Conscription of Cavalrymen in Classical Athens,” *Phoenix* 73.3-4 (2019) 313-32. Awarded Mary White Prize for best article in *Phoenix* in 2019.
- “Demosthenes on *philanthrōpia* as a Democratic Virtue,” *Classical Philology* 108.3 (2013) 202-22.
- “Helping Behavior in Classical Athens,” *Phoenix* 64 (2010) 254-90.
- “Helping and Community in the Athenian Lawcourts,” in *Valuing Others in Classical Antiquity*, ed. by R. Rosen and I. Sluiter (Leiden 2010) 205-32.
- “Imagining bad citizenship in Classical Athens: Aristophanes’ *Ecclesiazusae* 730-876,” in *KAKOS: Badness and Anti-Value in Classical Antiquity*, ed. by I. Sluiter and R. Rosen (Leiden 2009) 169-83.
- “The Evolution of the *Eisphora* in Classical Athens,” *Classical Quarterly* 57 (2007) 53-69.
- “Response to Edward M. Harris,” *Symposion 2001: Vorträge zur griechischen und hellenistischen Rechtsgeschichte*, ed. by M. Gagarin and R. Wallace, 143-46 (Vienna, 2005).
- “Draft Evasion onstage and offstage in Classical Athens,” *Classical Quarterly* 54 (2004) 33-57.
- “Conscription of Hoplites in Classical Athens,” *Classical Quarterly* 51 (2001) 398-422.
- “Legal Self-Help on Private Property in Classical Athens,” *American Journal of Philology* 119 (1998) 521-45.
- “Herodotean Kings and Historical Inquiry,” *Classical Antiquity* 13 (1994) 167-202. Reprinted in R. V. Munson, ed., *Oxford Readings in Classical Studies: Herodotus: Volume 1 - Herodotus and the Narrative of the Past* (Oxford 2013), 212-50.
- “Theopompus and Herodotus: A Reassessment,” *Classical Quarterly* 43 (1993) 47-52.
- “Ostracism, Sycophancy, and Deception of the Demos: [Arist.] *Ath. Pol.* 43.5,” *Classical Quarterly* 42 (1992) 336-46.
- “Liturgy Avoidance and *Antidosis* in Classical Athens,” *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 120 (1990) 147-69.
- “The Authenticity of Thucydides 3.84,” *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 119 (1989) 137-48.

### Dissertation

*Danger and Its Rewards: A Study in Athenian Self-Presentation* (Princeton 1987; Prof. W. R. Connor, supervisor).

## Book Reviews

- D. Kamen: *Insults in Classical Athens* (*Sehepunkt - Review Journal for History*, May 2021, 3pp.)
- V. Anastasiadis, *Interest and Self-Interest in Ancient Athens* (*Sehepunkt - Review Journal for History*, January 2014, 3 pp.).
- J. Crowley, *The Psychology of the Athenian Hoplite: The Culture of Combat in Classical Athens* (*Classical Review* 63.2 [2013] 502-4).
- D. Pritchard, ed., *War, Democracy and Culture in Classical Athens* (*CR* 62.1 [2012] 207-10).
- S. Lape, *Race and Citizen Identity in the Classical Athenian Democracy* (*Classical Journal* 107.2 [2011/2012] 245-7).
- V. Bers, *Genos Dikanikon: Amateur and Professional Speech in the Courtrooms of Classical Athens* (*CR* 61.1 [2011] 50-52).
- P. Cartledge, *Ancient Greek Political Thought in Practice* (*Journal of Hellenic Studies* 130 [2010] 215-6).
- P. Hunt, *War, Peace, and Alliance in Demosthenes' Athens* (*Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.10.57, 4 pp.).
- A. Moreno, *Feeding the democracy: The Athenian grain supply in the fifth and fourth centuries BC* (*Gnomon* 82.2 [2010] 127-30).
- S. C. Todd, *A Commentary on Lysias: Speeches 1-11* (*BMCR* 2008.11.05, 4 pp.).
- P. Liddel, *Civic Obligation and Individual Liberty in Ancient Athens* (*BMCR* 2008.03.44, 5 pp.).
- K. Raaflaub et al., *Origins of Democracy in Ancient Greece* (*CR* 58.2 [2008] 513-14).
- R. Sternberg, *Tragedy Offstage: Suffering and Sympathy in Ancient Athens* (*JHS* 128 [2008] 225-6).
- G. Herman, *Morality and Behaviour in Democratic Athens* (*BMCR* 2007.07.37, 9 pp.).
- S. Forsdyke, *Exile, Ostracism, and Democracy: The Politics of Expulsion in Ancient Greece* (*CJ* 102 [2007] 305-7).
- V. Bers, *Demosthenes, Speeches 50-59* (*CR* 55 [2005] 356).
- R. Balot, *Greed and Injustice in Classical Athens* (*American Journal of Philology* 124 [2003] 146-9).
- J. Hesk, *Deception and Democracy in Classical Athens* (*Classical Philology* 98 [2003] 92-7).
- L. Rubinstein, *Litigation and Cooperation: Supporting Speakers in the Courts of Classical Athens* (*BMCR* 13 [2002] 8 pp.).
- A. Scafuro, *The Forensic Stage: Settling Disputes in Graeco-Roman New Comedy* (*BMCR* 9 [1998] 4 pp.).
- A. Boegehold, et al., *The Lawcourts at Athens. Athenian Agora XXVIII* (*BMCR* 8.5 [1997] 416-19).
- D. Cohen, *Law, Violence and Community in Classical Athens* (*BMCR* 7.5 [1996] 379-84).
- S. C. Todd, *The Shape of Athenian Law* (*BMCR* 5.3 [1994] 256-60).
- M. Palmer, *Love of Glory and the Common Good: Aspects of the Political Thought of Thucydides* (*Classical World* 86 [1993] 518-19).
- J. de Romilly, *Great Sophists in Periclean Athens* (*BMCR* 3.5 [1992] 396-7).
- D. Russell, *An Anthology of Greek Prose* (*BMCR* 3.1 [1992] 45-6).
- S. Miller, *Arete: Greek Sports from Ancient Sources* (*BMCR* 2.7 [1991] 428-9).
- W. Pritchett, *The Greek State at War. Part V* (*BMCR* 2.6 [1991] 384-6).
- E. Heatley and M. Widdess, *Athens: City and Empire* (*CW* 85 [1991] 132-3).

- P. Stadter, *A Commentary on Plutarch's Pericles* (CW 84 [1991] 488).  
 C. Segal, *Orpheus: The Myth of the Poet* (CW 84 [1991] 242).  
 P. Borgeaud, *The Cult of Pan in Ancient Greece* (CW 83 [1990] 546-7).  
 D. Kagan, *The Fall of the Athenian Empire* (CW 83 [1989] 133).

### Lectures and Papers

- Monmouth College, February 2023, "Draft dodging, tax evasion, and democratic citizenship in ancient Athens," 38th annual Fox Classics Lecture.
- Harvard University, Law School, September 2022, "Xenophon on Leadership and Courage."
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 2021 (online lecture), "Xenophon and the Athenian Democracy."
- Boston University, March 2021 (online lecture), "Xenophon the Democratic Orator: The Politics of Mass and Elite in the *Anabasis*."
- Herodotus Helpline, March 2021 (online international seminar focused on my 1994 Herodotus article; organized by T. Harrison, University of St. Andrews).
- Coimbra University, Coimbra, Portugal, June 2019, "Xenophon on the Thirty: Deception and Disinformation in Politics and Historiography," Celtic Conference in Classics.
- University of Toronto, October 2018, "The Conscription of Cavalrymen in Classical Athens."
- Ohio State University, October 2017, "The Politics of Xenophon's *Symposium*."
- University of Michigan, October 2016, "Xenophon and the Athenian Democracy: The Arginusae Episode."
- Wilfrid Laurier University, October 2015, "Xenophon's *Oeconomicus* and the reinvention of the Athenian 'gentleman'."
- Indiana University, November 2014, "Xenophon's *Memorabilia* as a political guide for the Athenian elite," The Indiana University Interdisciplinary Workshop on Greek History and Political Theory.
- Rutgers University, November 2013, "Xenophon's *Anabasis* as a Text for the Athenian Elite."
- University of Toronto, November 2012, "Aristocrats Behaving Badly: Andocides, *On the Mysteries*."
- Northwestern University, April 2011, "Demosthenes on *philanthrōpia* as a Democratic Virtue."
- Columbia University, October 2010, "Helping and Altruism in Classical Athens."
- Ohio State University, May 2010, "Helping and Democratic Citizenship in Athens."
- University of Michigan, April 2009, "'Helping Others' in Athenian interstate relations."
- Leiden University, the Netherlands, June 2008, "Helping and Community in the Athenian lawcourts," at *Penn-Leiden Colloquium V on Ancient Values*.
- University of Toronto, April 2007: "Altruism in Athenian Civic Values."
- University of Pennsylvania, June 2006: "Imagining bad citizenship in Classical Athens: Aristophanes, *Ecclesiazusae* 730-876," at *Penn-Leiden Colloquium IV on Ancient Values*.
- University of Minnesota, December 2004: "Self-Interest and Athenian Citizenship."
- Ohio State University, November 2003: "Draft Evasion in Classical Athens."
- Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D. C., July, 2002: "Attitudes toward litigation in Classical Athens." Invited web-lecture, with links to the Perseus Project database.
- DePauw University, March 2002: "Law and Litigiousness in Classical Athens."

American Philological Association (APA) 2002: "Conscription of Hoplites in Classical Athens."  
University of Chicago, November 2001: "Draft-dodging onstage and offstage in Classical Athens."

Northwestern University, September 2001: "Feuding *and* Enforcement in Athenian Litigation,"  
at the *International Symposium on Greek Law (= Symposion 2001)*.

University of Chicago, May 2001: "Public Enemies: Sykophancy and Ostracism," at symposium,  
*Ritual and Politics: Ostracism in Democratic Athens*.

Northwestern University, February 1999: "The Reluctant Soldier: Draft-dodgers and Cowards in  
Classical Athens."

APA 1998: "The Other Athenians: Greek Popular Immorality."

Oberlin College 1998, Keynote Speaker, "Cowards, Traitors, and Cheats in Classical Athens."

APA 1997: "Litigation and Athenian Culture." Panel co-organizer and participant.

APA 1995: "(Re)shaping Athenian law: Metis and Metaphor in the Attic Orators."

Bryn Mawr College 1994: "The Litigious Athenian."

APA 1994: "Legal Self-Help or Hubris? The Etiquette of Home Invasion in the Attic Orators."

APA 1993: "Three Aristocratic Tales in Xenophon: Sycophancy and the Wealthy." Earlier draft  
presented at Classical Association of the Atlantic States 1993.

APA 1992: "Herodotean Kings and Historical Inquiry."

APA 1990: "The Idea of Sycophancy in Classical Athens."

University of Illinois 1990: "The Idea of Sycophancy in Classical Athens."

APA 1989: "Liturgy Avoidance and *Antidosis* in Classical Athens."

University of Pittsburgh 1989: "*Antidosis*: Trading Places in Classical Athens."

APA 1988: "The Authenticity of Thucydides 3.84."

American Historical Association 1988: "Rhetoric in Fifth-Century Athens."

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Mary White Prize for best article in *Phoenix* (2019)

Indiana University Arts and Humanities Initiative Grant (2002/3)

Indiana University Research Grant-in-Aid (1998, 2002)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (1994/95)

Indiana University Research Leave Supplement (1994/95)

Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowships (1991, 1999)

Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton (1986/87)

University Fellowship, Princeton (1982-85)

Seymour Fellowship, American School, Athens (1985/86)

Hill Scholarship, American School, Athens (Summer 1984)

Seeger Fellowship, Princeton (Summer 1983)

Honors in Double Major in Classics and Comp. Lit.; Phi Beta Kappa, Carleton (1982)

## Teaching Experience

General: Greek/Roman History and Culture, Classical Myth, Greek Epic and Drama

Greek: all levels, graduate and undergraduate, prose and poetry

Latin: all levels, undergraduate, prose and poetry

## Service (selective list)

Indiana University:

Department of Classical Studies:

Chair (2005- )

Director of Graduate Studies (Spring 2004)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (1990-92; Spring 1998; Fall 2002)

College of Arts and Sciences:

Schrader Endowment Committee, Chair (2016-)

External Review Committee for Department of Linguistics (2021)

Dean's Panel of Chairs (2017-18)

External Review Committee for Department of Religious Studies (2016)

Strategic Planning Committee on Staffing & Professional Development (2016-17)

Executive Committee, Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Gamma of Indiana (2010-13);

Vice President (2011-12); President (2012-13)

Palmer-Brandon Scholarship Committee (2008-12)

Program in Ancient Studies, Director (2002-5)

University:

Online Course Evaluations Taskforce (2009-13)

Wells Scholars application reader (2009)

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award Committee (2001, 2002 [Chair])

Editorial Boards:

University of Michigan Press: *Law and Society in the Ancient Mediterranean Series*  
(2007- )

*Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2009-16)

*Classical Journal* (2005-10)

American Philological Association:

Committee on Ancient History (1997-2000)

Steering Committee, Colloquia on Greek Law (1994-98)

Lionel Pearson Fellowship Committee (Chair 1996-97, Member 1994-96)

Oberlin College: Martin Lecture Committee (1987-90), Faculty Associate for Oberlin Commons  
(1989-90)

Princeton University: Dept. of Classics, Stinnecke Examiner (1988-93)