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Research and Teaching Interests:

Late Republican and Augustan Poetry, esp. Vergil
Greek and Roman Literature, esp. epic, Hellenistic, satire, didactic

Education:

1977-1981: College of the Holy Cross A.B. Classics, *summa cum laude*
1981-1986: University of Michigan Ph.D. Classical Studies

Teaching:

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: George L. Paddison Professor of Latin, 2001- ;
Department Chair, 2003-2007
Courses in Homer, Vergil's *Aeneid*, *Georgics*, Ovid, Tacitus & Pliny, Tibullus & the
Eclogues, Catullus, Lucretius, Juvenal, Horace, Satire & Didactic, Augustan Lit., Three
Greek & Roman Epics, Epic & Tragedy, Age of Augustus
Wesleyan University: Visiting Assist. Prof. to Professor 1986-2001; Chair, 1998-2000, 2001
Courses in Intro. Latin & Greek, Intermed. Greek, Catullus & Cicero, Ovid & Seneca, Ovid,
Vergil, Propertius & Tibullus, Lucretius, Petronius & Apuleius, Catullus & *Eclogues*,
Euripides, Sophocles, Homer, Touchstones of Western Values, History & Lit. of Roman
Revolution, Roman Law & Society, Latin Lit. in English Translation, Roman Epic

Books:

Death and the Optimistic Prophecy in Vergil's Aeneid (Princeton 1990). Now in paperback.
True Names: Vergil and the Alexandrian Tradition of Etymological Wordplay (Ann Arbor
1996). Expanded edition with new Introduction (2017).

Inconsistency in Roman Epic: Studies in Catullus, Lucretius, Vergil, Ovid and Lucan
(Cambridge 2007)

Vergil: Aeneid Book 4 (Focus Press, Newburyport, MA, 2011).

Vergil: Aeneid Book 8 (Focus/Hackett, 2018)

in progress:

co-editor, with Randall Ganiban, *Vergil's Aeneid: Books 7-12* (Focus).

Teaching, Pretending to Teach, & the Authority of the Speaker in Roman Didactic & Satire.

Articles: Mostly on Vergil, but also on a Homeric papyrus, Lucretius, Gallus, Propertius,
Apollonius of Rhodes, Ovid, Sostratus *Suppl. Hell.* 733; reviews on Vergil, Lucan,
Horace, Roman Law, Homer, Ovid, Philodemus, Roman Novel, Latin Didactic, Percy
Jackson.

Honors: Whitton Faculty Fellow, Institute for Arts & Humanities, SP 2012

Student Undergraduate Teaching Award from UNC's Student Undergraduate
Teaching and Staff Awards Committee, 2013

Loeb Classical Library Fellowship for *Didactic and Satire* project, 2015-2016

President of the Vergilian Society, 2017-2019