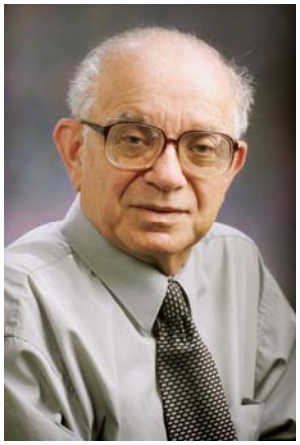
CSULA Emeriti Faculty Biography



Name: Stanley M. Burstein

Department: History

Academic rank: Professor

Year appointed: 1968

Year retired: 2004

FERP years: 2005-10

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Birth Place: Lawrence, Massachusetts

Birth Year: 1941 **Marital status**: Married

Spouse or partner's name: Dorothy F. Burstein

Family information: We have two daughters: Miriam E. Burstein and Lisa J. Burstein

Colleges or Universities Attended:	**Year**	**Degree**
University of California, Los Angeles	1963	B.A. History
University of California, Los Angeles	1965	M.A. History
University of California, Los Angeles	1972	Ph.D. History

Teaching Experience:

Institution	**From**	**To**
Research Assistant, UCLA (Classics Department)	1965	1966
Teaching Assistant, UCLA (History Department)	1966	1968
Professor, California State University, Los Angeles	1968	2004
Visiting Professor, UCLA (History Department)	1977	1978

Courses taught:

- History 101A: Western Civilization
- History 110A: World Civilization
- History 202A: US History to 1865
- History 250: United States History
- History 311: Classical Civilization and the Modern World
- History 410: Ancient Near East
- History 411: Hellenic History
- History 412A: Roman History: Republic
- History 412B: Roman History: Empire
- History 413: Greek History: Alexandrian Age
- History 519: Seminar in Ancient History

Scholarly/Creative Activity:

- I was trained as a historian of ancient Greece, but relatively little of my scholarly activity has concerned the history of Greece proper. Instead, my scholarship has focused on the relations of Greeks with non-Greeks in other parts of the ancient world, first in the Black Sea, then in Egypt and Northeast Africa, and most recently in Central Asia. During the last decade and a half of my career at CSULA I also became involved in Social Studies education, writing a number of articles on the teaching of history and serving as one of the two lead authors of a middle school world history program that was adopted by over 100 California school districts.

Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):

Agency or Company	**From**	**To**
• Associate Member, American School of Classical Studies, Athens	1976	1977
• Curriculum Task Force, National History Standards Project, National Center for History in the Schools, UCLA	1993	
• Task Force for Development of AP World History Course, Educational Testing Service	1996	
• Historian in Residence, Cargoes from Three Continents, a NEH Institute, American Institute of Archaeology, Boston University	1998	
• Content Review Panel for History-Social Science, California Department of Education	1998	
• Director, California History-Social Science Project Site, California State University, Los Angeles	2000	2002
• Content Review Panel for California Star Test in History-Social Science	2000	2011
• Advisory Panel for the Single Subject Credential in Social Social Science, California Commission for Teacher Credentialing	2001	
• Area Editor, *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, Oxford University Press	2007	2010
• Area Editor, *Dictionary of African Biography*, Oxford University Press	2009	2011

Awards, Honors, Professional Recognition:

- Outstanding Professor, California State University, Los Angeles, 1993
- President's Distinguished Professor, California State University, Los Angeles, 1997
- Wang Family Excellence Award, California State University, 2004
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow, 1963-1964
- National Endowment for the Humanities Independent Study and Research Fellowship, 1976-1977
- National Endowment for the Humanities Translation Grant, 1986-1987
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1991
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, 1994-1995
- Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Ancient Historians, 1982-1990
- President, Association of Ancient Historians, 1990-1993
- Charles Edson Lecturer, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2000.
- Ancient Studies Program Lecturer, University of Missouri-Columbia, March 7, 2005.
- Frank M. Snowden, Jr. Lecturer, Howard University, April 7, 2005.

Citations of Selected Publications, Presentations and/or Creative Activities:

- *Outpost of Hellenism: The Emergence of Heraclea on the Black Sea*, University of California Publications: Classical Studies, 14 (Berkeley, 1976).
- *The Babyloniaca of Berossus*, Sources from the Ancient Near East, Vol. 1, Fasc. 5 (Undena Press, Malibu, 1978).
- *The Hellenistic Age from the Battle of Ipsos to the Death of Kleopatra VII*, Translated Documents of Greece and Rome,Vol. 3 (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1985).
- *Agatharchides of Cnidus, On the Erythraean Sea*, Edited and translated, Works Issued by the Hakluyt Society, Second Series, No. 172 (The Hakluyt Society, London, 1989).
- *Graeco-Africana: Studies in the History of Greek Relations with Egypt and Nubia* (Aristide D. Caratzas, Publisher, New Rochelle, NY, 1995).
- With D. Brendan Nagle, *The Ancient World: Readings in Social and Cultural History* (Prentice Hall, 1995). 2nd edition 2002; 3rd edition 2005; 4th edition 2009).
- *Ancient African Civilizations: Kush and Axum* (Markus Wiener Publishers, Inc., 1998; 2nd edition 2009).
- *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History*, with S. Pomeroy, J. Roberts and W. Donlan (Oxford University Press, 1999). 2nd edition 2008. Spanish translation 2001.
- *The Reign of Cleopatra* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2004; paperback University of Oklahoma Press 2007; Polish translation 2009).
- *Ancient Civilizations*, with Richard Shek (Austin: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 2006) (Sixth grade textbook).

University Service:

- Chair, History Department, California State University, Los Angeles, 1995-1998, 2001-2004, Spring, 2005
- Program Reviewer: Graduate Program, CSU Fresno; History Department, CSU Hayward, History Department, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Social Science Department, CSU San Marcos; Classics Department, San Francisco State University

Personal commentary, including non-academic interests and accomplishments:

- When my FERP finished in 2010 I could look back on a rewarding forty-two year career in the History Department at CSULA that was highlighted by two successful terms as department chair and outstanding professor, President's distinguished professor, and Wang awards. My career didn't start out well though.
- The department hired me as ABD in 1968 over the administration's objection that it already had too many UCLA graduates, and I promptly rewarded it by telling my chair—Dick Burns--at the end of my first year that I had to start a new Ph.D. topic. I finished my Ph.D. in early 1972, barely one month before I was to be terminated. The rest of the 1970s were also hard. The department was overstaffed, and I had to teach US history to keep a full load, while my wife was trying to complete her school psychologist credential and raise our two daughters. Standing in line to register her for classes at the "temporary buildings" behind the stadium is still a vivid memory.
- The 1980s and 1990s, however, were good years. My wife's career in the Baldwin Park School District flourished and so did mine at CSULA. I knew from the beginning that I enjoyed teaching, but I also discovered I loved scholarship, and seventeen books and almost a hundred articles later I still do. In addition I found a whole new area of university and community service that I enjoyed almost as much. I had always been interested in curriculum; the Ancients & Moderns theme, which I designed, is the only surviving theme from the original upper division GE program. Service on the Teacher Education Subcommittee and the Political Science department's decision to give up administering the Social Science credential program, however, opened the possibility of

working on teacher education. As Social Science coordinator I designed and administered the department's credential programs while simultaneously serving on various state and national curriculum and teaching committees. Work on these committees wasn't always smooth—the National History Standards, which I helped develop, were denounced by the US Senate by a vote of 99 to 1—but it has been enormously satisfying.

- When I was hired in 1968, my expectation was that CSULA would only be my first job. It hasn't turned out that way; and looking back, I can honestly say that that I am glad it didn't.

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