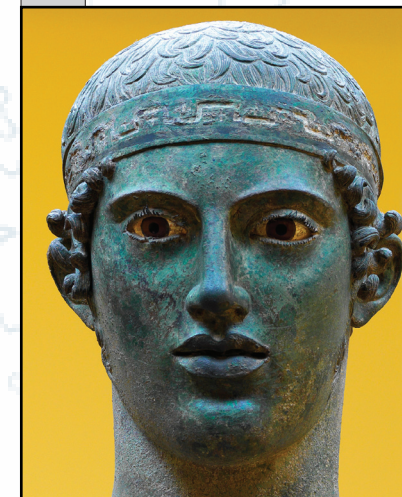
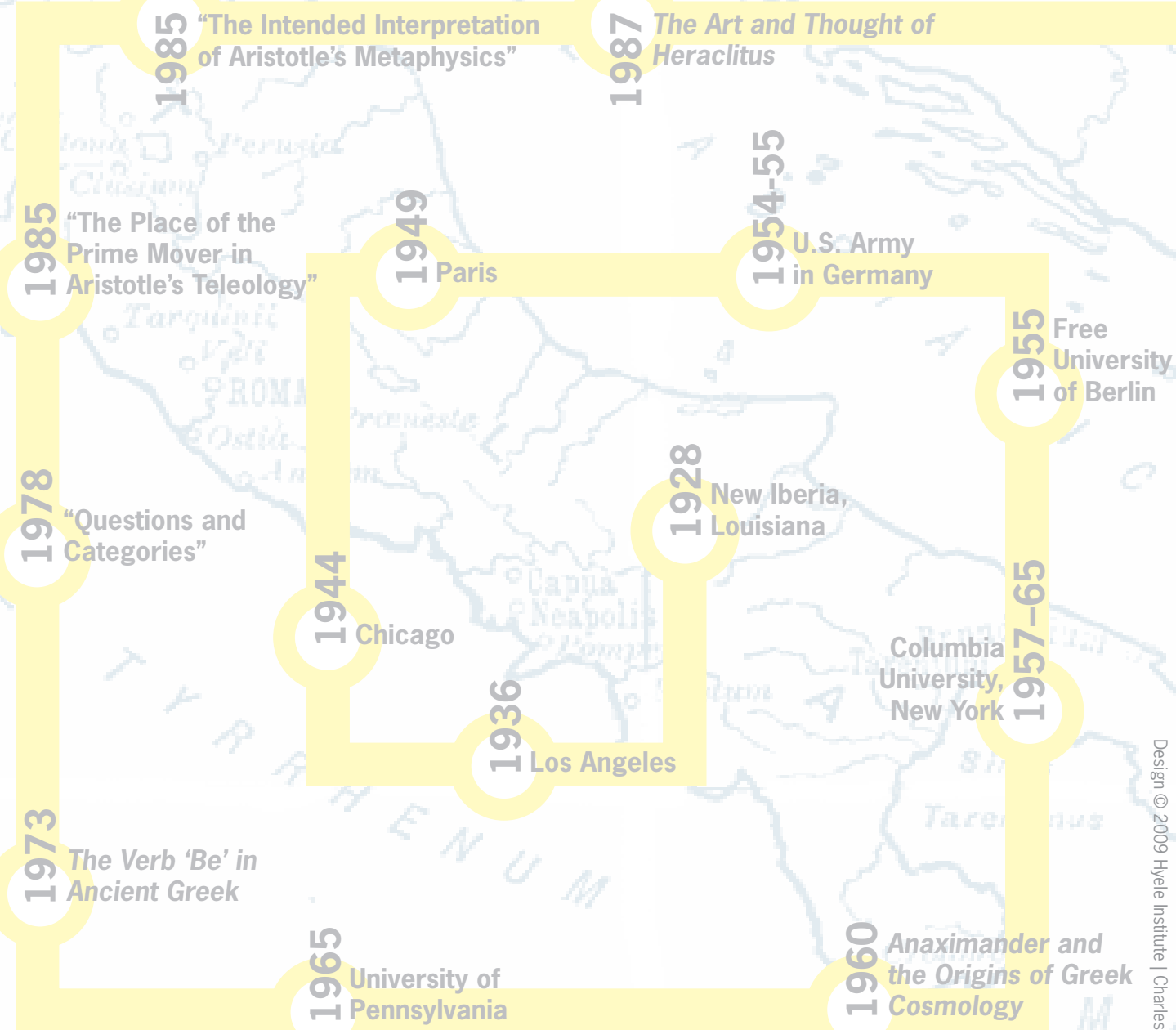


I was born May 29, 1928 in New Iberia, Louisiana, on the Bayou Teche, where a scattering of Jewish families (mostly French-speaking from Alsace) lived among the Cajuns. I left Louisiana at the age of 8, and grew up in Los Angeles. I entered the University of Chicago at the age of 16. In 1949 I left Chicago with a M.A. from the Committee on Social Thought and a fellowship to the Sorbonne. After two years in Paris, I completed my graduate work in Classics at Columbia University. I had a year of military service with the U.S. Army in Germany, followed by a semester in the Free University of Berlin (1955). In 1957 I returned to Columbia with a doctoral dissertation on Anaximander. I taught Classics at Columbia from 1957 to 1965, when I transferred from Classics to Philosophy. Since 1965 I have taught in the Philosophy Department of the University of Pennsylvania, with occasional absences: one year as Visiting Professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Visiting Fellowships at Balliol College, Oxford and Clare Hall, Cambridge, with one semester as Visiting Professor at Harvard.

My research began with work on the Presocratics. My dissertation was published as *Anaximander and the Origins of Greek Cosmology* (1960). This was originally conceived as the first chapter of a book on Parmenides, which has remained unwritten, despite a number of articles (including my Postscript on Parmenides recently published in *Essays on Being*). My fascination with Parmenides was side-tracked into the linguistic exploration of *The Verb 'Be' in Ancient Greek* (1973, with a new Introduction in 2003). During this period I also published a number of articles on Aristotle, including a study of the *Categories* (1978) and two articles in 1985: "The Place of the Prime Mover in Aristotle's Teleology" and "The Intended Interpretation of Aristotle's Metaphysics." The latter sketched a general view of Aristotle's project in the *Metaphysics* along the lines later developed by Frede and Patzig in their work on *Metaphysics Zeta*. But by this time my main interest had settled into my lifetime love of Plato. This was summed up in *Plato and the Socratic Dialogue*, published in 1996. Since then I have been working on a second volume dealing with the later dialogues, beginning with the *Parmenides* and continuing with *Theaetetus*, *Sophist*, and *Philebus*, to be concluded with a chapter on the *Timaeus*. The theme will be the revision and expansion of Plato's philosophy to include the philosophy of nature. I hope soon to complete this second volume, provisionally entitled *Plato and the Post-Socratic Dialogue*.

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