

Associate Professor John H. Starks Jr. is a highly respected, true intellectual who is a multi-talented, resourceful presence in the classroom, bringing the classics to life for his students. Perhaps the world's leading authority on actresses in the ancient Mediterranean, he has had a transformative effect on classics teaching at Binghamton. A perceptive and resourceful curricular planner, he believes successful teaching is founded in motivation and enthusiasm, and seeks to present material that will challenge students at all levels to open their minds to fuller comprehension of human society in various cultures and sub-cultures of the ancient and contemporary worlds. Known as a gifted and engaging teacher of culture, social history and literature, as well as Greek and Latin, he combines his deep knowledge of classics with theater, satire and music to engage students. Students note that his passion for teaching and aiding his students shows through and he cares that students reach their potential, feel challenged and feel prepared to take on other courses. He is a leader in experiential pedagogy and serves as a role model and generous colleague for teachers throughout the country.