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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Harvard University, 1975
B.A., Cornell University, 1969

Academic Positions

Chair, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2003-

Director, Boston College Summer Program in Portugal (co-sponsored by the Instituto de Estudos Políticos, Universidade Católica Portuguesa), 2003--

Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1996--

Visiting Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, fall 1996

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Ma, 1991-2003

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Politics, Brock University, Ontario, Canada, 1985.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1983-96

Research Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA, 1982

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1980-3

University (Post-Doctoral) Fellow, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 1977-80

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, 1975-77

Resident Tutor, Leverett House, Harvard University, 1972-74

Graduate Prize Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 1969-74

Publications

Books:

The Embodiment of Reason: Kant on Spirit, Generation and Community
(Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996), 483pp.

The Rights of Reason: A Study of Kant's Philosophy and Politics
(Toronto and London: University of Toronto Press, 1980), 206pp.

America at Risk: Voices from the Center [edited, with Robert Faulkner]
(Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, forthcoming.)

Kant and the Limits of Autonomy (Harvard University Press, forthcoming)

Articles and Chapters in Books

'Leo Strauss and Nihilism,' *Cambridge Companion to Leo Strauss*,
ed. Steven Smith (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,
forthcoming).

'Kant and the Jewish Question,' *Journal of Hebraic
Political Studies*, forthcoming.

'Kant and Bioethics,' President's Commission on Bioethics, forthcoming.

Contributions on the general theme of 'generation,' *Kant-Lexikon*, ed.
Marcus Willaschek, forthcoming.

'The Future of the Liberal Family,' in *America at Risk: Voices from the
Center*, forthcoming.

"Kant and the Idea of Europe," in *Kant and the Question of Community*,
ed. Lucas Thorpe (Evanston: Northwestern University Press,
forthcoming).

"Freedom and Faith in Kant's *Religion within the Limits of Bare Reason*,
in *Essays on Freedom*, ed. Richard Velkley (Washington: Catholic
University of America Press, forthcoming).

- 'Machiavelli's Discourse on Language,' in *Companion to Machiavelli*, ed. Patricia Vilches and Jerry Seaman (New York: Brill, forthcoming).
- 'Kant's Concept of a Human Race,' in *The German Invention of Race*, ed. Sara Eigen and Tom Larrimore (New York: SUNY Press, 2006).
- 'Kant on Just War and Unjust Enemies,' *Kantian Review* 2005.
- "Organizing the State: Modern Transformations of the Body Politic in Rousseau, Kant and Fichte," Yearbook of German Idealism, 2004.
- 'The Liberal Critique of Gay Marriage,' The Public Interest (Summer 2004).
- "Kant's 'true economy of human nature': Rousseau, Count Verri, and the Problem of Happiness," *An Introduction to Kant's Anthropology* ed. Brian Jacobs (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- "Kant on Human Dignity," *In Defense of Human Dignity*, ed. Robert P. Kraynak (South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003).
- "Classical Theories of Punishment and the Drug Courts Movement," *Drug Courts*, ed. Philip Bean and James L. Nolan, (South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003).
- "Kant on Honor," *Gladly to Teach, Gladly to Learn: Essays in Honor of Ernest Fortin*, ed. Michael Foley and Brian Benestat, (Mass.: Lexington, 2002).
- "Kant on the Counter-relation of the Sexes," *Proceedings of the 11th International Kant Congress*, (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2002).
- 'Kant as Propagator,' Eighteenth-Century Studies, Spring 2002.
- 'Nature and the Education of Sophie,' *Cambridge Companion to Rousseau*, ed. Patrick Riley (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001).
- "Honor and the End of History: a Reading of Kant's 'Renewed Question,'" in *Essays in Honor of Burleigh Taylor Watkins*, (New York: Lang, 2001).
- "Kant on the Sublime and Beautiful," Political Science Reviewer, 2001
- "Kant as Educator: Reason and Religion in the Conflict of the Faculties,"

- in *Essays in Honor of Lewis White Beck*, ed. Predag Cicovacki (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2001).
- "Kant as Spectator," in *Kant's Pre-critical Philosophy*, ed. Alfred Denker and Tom Rockmore, (New York: Prometheus, 2001).
- "Machiavelli's Discourse on Language," in *The Comic and Tragic Machiavelli*, ed. Vickie Sullivan (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000)
- "Kant's Idealism," in *Educating the Prince: Essays in Honor of Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr.*, ed. Mark Blitz and William Kristol (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000)
- "Kant on Punishment," *Kantian Review*, vol 1., 1998.
- "Cannibals All: The Grave Wit of Kant's *Perpetual Peace*," in *Violence, Identity, and Self-Determination*, ed. Hent de Vries and Samuel Weber (Stanford: Stanford University Press: 1997)
- "Bowling Alone: On the Saving Power of Kant's 'Perpetual Peace,'" Idealistic Studies, 1996
- "Kant's Idea of History," in *Democracy and the Prophets of Progress*, ed. Arthur Melzer, et.al. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995)
- "Preserving the Humanities," Perspectives in Political Science, Summer 1995 (revised version)
- "Fukuyama and the End of History," in *After History? Fukuyama and his Critics*, ed. Timothy Burns (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994)
- "Taking Evil Seriously: Schmitt's 'Concept of the Political' and Strauss's 'True Politics,' in *Leo Strauss: Political Philosopher and Jewish Thinker*, ed. Walter Nicgorski (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994)
- "Conceptions of Civil Society," Journal of Democracy, July 1994
- "Commerce and Community in Kant's Early Thought," in *Kant and Political Philosophy*, ed. James Booth and Ronald Beiner (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993)
- "Kant and the New Rights," in *Old Rights and New*, ed. Robert Goldwin (Washington D.C.: American Enterprise Institute, 1993)

"Kant's Political Cosmology," in *Kant's Political Philosophy*, ed. Howard Williams (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1992)

"A Determined Stand: Fichte on Freedom, Rights and the State," Polity, Fall 1992

"Eating Crow: Rousseau on Fables," Bestia, Fall 1992

"Idealism in America [Kant, Fichte and Hegel]," in *Confronting the Constitution*, ed. Allan Bloom (Washington D.C.: American Enterprise Institute, 1990)

"Preserving the Humanities: Today's Cheerful Assault on the Canon," Academic Questions, Summer 1990

"What Kant and Fichte Can Teach Us About Human Rights," in *Kant: Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy*, ed. Richard Kennington (Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1986)

"Confessions of a Voegelinian," Canadian Journal of Social and Political Theory, Fall 1981

"Patrick Riley on Kant's Theory of Property," Political Theory, February 1979

"Kant's Theory of Property," Political Theory, February 1978

Selected Reviews:

The Future of Marriage, by David Blankenhorn, Society (forthcoming).

Resisting History: Historicism and its Discontents in German-Jewish Thought, by David N. Myers, Hebraic Political Studies. Winter 2005).

The Seduction of Unreason: The Intellectual Romance with Fascism from Nietzsche to Postmodernism, by Richard Wolin, Society, Winter 2005.

'Rereading Kant: Three New Approaches,' Political Theory, summer 2005.

Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, by Immanuel Kant, ed. Allen W. Wood, Claremont Review, fall 2003.

Reckless Minds, by Mark Lilla, Society, 2002

The Rights of War and Peace, by Richard Tuck, Kantian Review, 2002.

Creating the Kingdom of Ends, by Christine M. Korsgaard, Review of Metaphysics, 1999.

The Solitary Self: Jean Jacques Rousseau in Exile and Adversity, by Maurice Cranston, Ethics, 1999.

An Approach to Aristotle's Physics: with particular attention to the role of his manner of writing, by David Bolotin, Interpretation, 1999

The Political Theology of Carl Schmitt, by Heinrich Meier, Review of Politics, 1999

Autonomy and Community: Readings in Contemporary Kantian Social Philosophy, American Political Science Review, Spring 1999

Kant: philosophie de l'histoire, Revue Germanique Internationale, 6/1996, ed. Norbert Waszek, International Journal of Philosophy

Francois de Fenelon, *Telemachus*, ed. and with an introduction by Patrick Riley, in Journal of the History of European Ideas, 1996

Johann Schultz, *Exposition of Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason,"* tr. with an introduction by James C. Morrison, Canadian Review of Books, 1996

Kant's Theory of Justice, by Allan Rosen, American Political Science Review, December 1994

The Natural Goodness of Man: on the System of Rousseau's Thought, by Arthur Melzer, Journal of the History of European Ideas, Summer 1994

Enlightenment, Revolution and Romanticism, by Frederick Beiser, Political Theory, May 1994

Recognition, by Robert R. Williams, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Spring 1994

"Meier on Strauss and Schmitt," (review essay) The Review of Politics, Winter 1991

Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Well-Ordered Society, by Maurizio Viroli; and *Reading Rousseau in the Nuclear Age*, by Grace G. Roosevelt, American Political Science Review, Fall 1991

Kantian Ethics and Socialism, by Harry van der Linden, American Political Science Review, Fall 1989

Logic and Politics: Hegel's Philosophy of Right, by Peter J. Steinberger, Journal of Politics, Summer 1989

"Honorable Intentions: on Charles Fried's *Right and Wrong*," The Public Interest, Summer 1979

Selected Conferences and Public Lectures

'Kant's Jewish Problem,' Conference on Political Hebraism: Jewish Sources in the History of Political Thought, The Shalem Center, Jerusalem, December 2006.

Participant, Panel on 'New Approaches to Kant's Political Philosophy,' Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2006.

'Democracy and the Nation-State,' Annual Conference, Institute of Politics, Catholic University of Portugal, July 2006.

Participant, Roundtable on "Liberal Democracy and Religion," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

"Democracy and Empire," Conference on 'Transatlantic Community and the Challenge of Globalization,' Catholic University of Portugal, Cascais, Portugal, July 2005.

"Same-Sex Marriage and the Liberal Family," Center for the Study of Constitutionalism, Harvard University, April 2005.

"Heterosexual Marriage and Same-Sex Civil Union: A Liberal Compromise," Olin Center, University of Chicago, April 2005.

"The Liberal Critique of Gay Marriage," Hofstra University, October 2004; Stonehill College, November 2004.

"Kant and the Idea of Europe," Dept. of Political Science, Duke University, November 2004.

"Reflections on a Pleonasm: Kant on Just War and Unjust Enemies," Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November 2003, Philadelphia PA.

"Kant and the International Order" (four lectures), Conference on "New Challenges to Liberal Democracy in a Global World," Annual International

Meeting, Program in Political Studies, Portuguese Catholic University, Cascais, Portugal, June 2003

"Kant and Just War," Program on Ethics and Society, Stanford University, January 2003

"Kant's Theory of Race," Dept. of Political Science, Yale University, May 2002

"Faith and Freedom in Kant's *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*," Templeton Lecture, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., November 2002

"Reason and Race," Conference on 'The German Invention of Race,' Harvard University, May 2001

"Historicism," Conference on Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*, Michigan State University, April, 2001

"The Politics of Early Romanticism," Keynote Address, Conference on Enlightenment and Romanticism, Program in Philosophy and Literature, Warwick University, Great Britain, July 2000

"Kant and the Enlightenment," Center for the Study of Theory and Criticism, University of Western Ontario, February, 2000

"Kant and Taste," Department of German, Northwestern University, May 2000

"Kant as Spectator," Eleventh International Kant Conference, Berlin, Germany, March 2000

"Punishment," Conference on Contemporary Legacies of the Enlightenment, Yale University, December 1999.

"Beethoven and the Philosophy of Freedom (seminar)," Liberty Fund, Chicago, IL, November 1999

"Religion and Politics" (discussant), Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 1999

Roundtable on Feminism, Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Worcester, MA, May 1999.

"Kantian Realism," Dept. of Political Science, University of Virginia, Oct. 1998

"Kant's *Conflict of the Faculties*: Religion and Philosophy" Annual Meeting of the Northeast Society of Eighteenth Century Studies, Williams College, September 1998

"Kant on Human Dignity," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"Kant and the Pedagogy of Freedom," Conference on Kant's Pre-critical Thought, Centre Les Trois Hiboux, France, March 1998

"Democratic Honor and the End of History," University of Wales, Aberystwyth, November 1997

Panelist, "Machiavelli and Literature," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 1997

"Kant's Theory of Punishment," Political Theory Study Group, Department of Government, Harvard University, April 1997

"Classical Theories of Punishment and the Drug Courts Movement," *Drug Courts*, ed. Philip Bean and James L. Nolan, (South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003).

"Kant's Dreams of a Spirit Seer," Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 1995

"Kant's *Perpetual Peace*," 2ieme Congrès de la Société d'Etudes Kantiennes de Langue Française, Ottawa, Canada, October 1995

"Kant and the Politics of Embodiment," Conference on "Theories of/and Embodiment," Stonehill College, Spring 1995

"Cannibals All," Conference on "Violence, Identity and Self-Determination," University of Amsterdam, July 1994

Round Table with Jacques Derrida on 'Violence,' La Bretesche, France, July 1994

"Kant and the Beginning of History," Humanities Lecture, Kenyon College, April 1993.

Grants, Honors and Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Research, 2005.

Earhart Research Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Research Grant, Boston College, 1999-2000

Boston College Eighty per-cent Sabbatical Award, 1999-2000
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for Independent Research, 1997-8
Research Grant, Fall, Boston College, 1997
Bradley Foundation Award Designator, 1991-99
Bradley Foundation Research Fellowship, 1993
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Research, 1993
Bunting Institute Research Fellowship, Radcliffe College, 1982-3
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Research, 1982
Alpha Sigma Nu National Book Award, Honorable Mention, 1981
Summer Research Grant, Boston College, 1981
Research Council of Canada Publication Award, 1980
McMaster University Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1977-80
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship, 1977
Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship, 1969-74
Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1969
Phi Beta Kappa, 1967
Cornell University Summer Travel Grant, 1967
Cornell University National Scholarship, 1966-69

Other

President , New England Political Science Association, 2006-07.
Member, Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences, Boston College, 2006-07.
Executive Board of Chairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College (2005-2007) [Chair of Executive Board, 2006, 2007]
Member, Educational Policy Committee, Boston College, 2006.
Member, Advisory Council to the Academic Vice-President, Boston College, 2003--2005.
Division Organizer, 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
Member, Executive Council, New England Political Science Association, 2000--.
Chair, 2000 selection committee for the best dissertation in political theory [the 'Leo Strauss Prize'], American Political Science Association.
Member, Editorial Board, Kantian Review
Member, Editorial Board, Interpretation
Member, Selection Panels, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1993, 1991, 1986
Member, Executive Council, New England Political Science Association, 1988-91; Program Coordinator, 1998.
Trustee, Telluride Association, 1968-84

External Reviewer, Department of Political Science, Concordia University
External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure at Duke University, McGill

University, University of Massachusetts, Emory University,
Bowdoin College, University of California at Berkeley, University
of Notre Dame, Kenyon College, New School for Social Research.

Reader for the University of Chicago Press, Cornell University Press,
Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge Press,
The American Political Science Review, Polity, The Journal of Politics,
Kantian Review, Political Theory, Journal of the History of Philosophy,
Interpretation, Political Science Reviewer, The Review of Politics,
Mosaic.