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 Boston College

**Personal Data**

Date of Birth: September 14, 1950  
 Place of Birth: Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Education**

B.A. 1972 Yale University, Philosophy  
 M.A. 1973 University of Toronto, Political Science  
 Ph.D. 1979 University of Toronto, Political Science

**Experience in Higher Education**

Since 1998	Boston College Professor
2017	Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic Guest Professor
2005	Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sciences Sociales, Paris Maître d'Etudes
1979-1998	University of Maryland Baltimore County Final rank, Associate Professor
1988	Dartmouth College Visiting Associate Professor
1981-83	Georgetown University Professorial Lecturer
1977-79	Yale University Visiting Lecturer
1975-76	University of Toronto Special Lecturer

**Publications**

**Books:**

*The Rousseauian Mind*, edited by Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly (London and New York: Routledge, 2019)

*The Challenge of Rousseau*, edited by Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013)

*Rousseau as Author: Consecrating One's Life to the Truth* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003)

*Rousseau's Exemplary Life: The "Confessions" as Political Philosophy* (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1987). Portions reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John T. Scott (London and New York: Routledge, 2006) Vol. III, 462-504. Chinese translation published in 2010.

*Rousseau on Philosophy, Morality, and Religion* edited volume (Hanover, N.H.: University Press of New England, 2007)

*Rousseau on Women, Love, and the Family* edited volume (Hanover, N.H.: University Press of New England, 2009)

*The Collected Writings of Rousseau*, ed. with Roger D. Masters (Hanover, N.H.: The University Press of New England) thirteen volumes

Volume One:	<i>Rousseau, Judge of Jean-Jacques: Dialogues</i> , 1990
Volume Two:	<i>Discourse on the Sciences and Arts (First Discourse) And Polemics</i> , 1992
Volume Three:	<i>Discourse on the Origins of Inequality (Second Discourse and Polemics)</i> , 1992
Volume Four:	<i>Social Contract, Discourse on the Virtue Most Necessary for a Hero, Political Fragments, and Geneva Manuscript</i> , 1994
Volume Five:	<i>The Confessions and Correspondence, including the Letters to Malesherbes</i> , 1995
Volume Six:	<i>Julie or the New Heloise</i> , 1997
Volume Seven:	<i>Musical Writings Including the Essay on the Origin of Languages</i> , 1998
Volume Eight:	<i>The Reveries of the Solitary Walker, Botanical Writings And Letter to M. Franquières</i> , 2000
Volume Nine:	<i>The Letter to Beaumont, Letters Written from the Mountain and Related Writings</i> , 2001
Volume Ten:	<i>The Letter to d'Alembert and Writings for the Theater</i> , 2004.
Volume Eleven:	<i>The Plan for Perpetual Peace, On the Government of Poland, and Other Writings on History and Politics</i> , 2005

Volume Twelve	<i>Autobiographical, Scientific, Religious, Moral, and Literary Writings</i> , 2006
Volume Thirteen	<i>Emile and Related Writings</i> , 2009

### Articles and Chapters in Books:

Note: Co-authored articles listed are those in which I am the principal author.

“Montesquieu on History,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 49:3 (2020) 146-149.

“Rousseau on Happiness” translated by Zeng Yuming in *Xinhua Wenzhi*, 9/2019, pp. 971-982.

“Rousseau, Jean-Jacques: Law” in *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* ed. M. Sellers and S. Kirste (Dordrecht: Springer, 2019).

“*Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*,” in *The Rousseauian Mind* edited by Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly (Oxon and New York: Routledge, 2019) 165-174.

“Rousseau and Julie von Bondeli on the Moral Sense,” Christopher Kelly and Heather Pangle, *Adam Smith Review*, Vol. 11 (2018) pp. 7-20

“Rousseau on Happiness” translated into Chinese by Zeng Yuming in *Philosophical Analysis*, Vol. 9, No. 6, December 2018, pp. 52-64.

“Sovereign versus Government: Rousseau’s Republicanism” in *Acta Politologica* Vol. 10 No. 2 (2018) pp. 19-36.

“Rousseau on the Pursuit of Happiness” in *Rousseau and Dignity: Art Saving Humanity*, ed. Julia V. Douthwaite (Notre Dame IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2017).

“Rousseau on Virtue and the Good” in *Philosophical Trends*, Number 12 (2016) pp, 42-48.

“Rousseau’s Chemical Apprenticeship” in *Rousseau and the Dilemmas of Modernity*, ed. Mark Hulliung (New Brunswick and London: Transaction Publishers, 2015), pp. 3-28.

“Democracy is the True Basis of Modern Society” with Zeng Yuming (translated by Zeng Yuming) *Journal of Jiangsu University*, Social Science Edition Vol. 17, No. 4, July 2015, 1-5.

“Rousseau and the Case For and Against Cosmopolitanism,” in *In Search of Humanity: Essays in Honor of Clifford Orwin*, ed Andrea Radasanu (Lanham MD: Lexington Books, 2015) pp. 331-345.

“Pierre Manent et Rousseau: quelques réflexions” translated by Claude Habib in *La Politique et l’âme: Autour de Pierre Manent*, sous la direction de Giulio De Ligio, Jean-Vincent Holeindre, et Daniel J. Mahoney (Paris: CNRS Editions, 2014) 281-292.

“Du Caractère naturel du sentiment de l’injustice” in *Penser l’homme* sous la direction de Claude Habib et Pierre Manent (Paris: Classiques Garnier: 2013).

“On the Naturalness of the Sentiment of Justice,” *Esprit Créateur*, 52:4 (Winter 2012) pp.67-79.

"Rousseau and the Illustrious Montesquieu" in *The Challenge of Rousseau* edited by Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013) pp. 19-33..

"Rousseau and the Bad Calculations of the Philosophers," in *SVEC*, 2010: 12, pp. 57-66.

"La place de Rousseau juge de Jean Jaques: Dialogues dans les *Collected Writings of Rousseau*" *Annales de la Société Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, 2010.

"Pious Cruelty: Rousseau on Voltaire's *Mahomet*" in *Rousseau and l'Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment*, ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott (Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2009).

"Rousseau's 'Peut-être': Reflections on the Status of the State of Nature," *Modern Intellectual History*, 3, 1 (2006), pp.75-83.

"The *Confessions* as Philosophic Autobiography," in *Cambridge Companion to Rousseau*, ed. Patrick Riley (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001).

"Taking Readers as They Are: Rousseau's Turn From Discourses to Novels," *Eighteenth Century Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1 1999, pp. 85-101. Reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John T. Scott (London and New York: Routledge, 2006) Vol. III, 363-380.

"Rousseau's Cases for and against Heroes," *Polity*, Vol. XXX, Number 2 1997, pp. 347-366.

"Rousseau and the Case for (and against) Censorship," *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 59, No. 4, 1997, pp. 1232-1251. Reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John T. Scott (London and New York: Routledge, 2006) Vol. III, 201-222.

"Rousseau and the Case against (and for) the Arts," in *The Legacy of Rousseau*, ed. Clifford Orwin and Nathan Tarcov (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997)

"Rousseau's Philosophic Dream," *Interpretation*, Vol. 23, No. 3, 1996, pp. 417-444.

"Civil and Uncivil Religions: Tocqueville on Islam and Hinduism," in *History of European Ideas*, Vol. 20, no. 4-6, Feb. 1995.

"Human Nature, Liberty and Progress: Rousseau's Dialogue with the Critics of the *Discours sur l'origine de l'inégalité*," in *Rousseau and Liberty*, ed. Robert Wokler (Manchester, U.K.: Manchester University Press, 1995) (with Roger D. Masters). Reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John T. Scott (London and New York: Routledge, 2006) Vol. II, 257-271.

"Rousseau on the Foundation of National Cultures," in *History of European Ideas*, Vol. 16, No. 6, 1993, pp. 521-525.

"Rousseau's Prediction of the European Revolution," in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Revolution*, ed. Jean Roy (Ottawa: North American Society for the Study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1991) (with Roger D. Masters).

"Authors, Authority, and the University Curriculum," *Gallatin Review*, Vol. 10 No. 1, Winter 1990-91, pp. 93-106.

"Rousseau on Reading Jean-Jacques: *The Dialogues*," *Interpretation*, Vol. 17 No. 2, Winter 1989-90, pp. 239-254 (with Roger D. Masters).

"Marx's Critique of Individual Rights," in *The Quest for the Individual: Roots of Western Civilization*, ed. W. Carroll, J. Furlong, and S. Mann (New York: Peter Lang, 1990).

"To Persuade without Convincing: The Language of Rousseau's Legislator," *American Journal of Political Science*, May, 1987, pp.321-335). Reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John T. Scott (London and New York: Routledge, 2006) Vol. III, 250-263.

"On the Naturalness of Rights" *Modern Age*, Spring/Summer, 1984, pp. 236-242).

"Biopolitics and Political Philosophy," *Politics and the Life Sciences*, Vol. 2, No. 2, February, 1984, pp. 133-136).

"Rousseau and His Readers," *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. XII, 1982, pp.315-336).

### **Honors and Fellowships Received:**

2011-2012 Earhart Foundation, Fellowship

2004-2005 National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship

1996 National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for College Teachers

1992 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Fellowship

1989 Fellow, Camargo Foundation, Cassis, France

1988-89 Howard Foundation Fellowship

1985-87 Project Director for UMBC-Goucher College program, "Political Philosophy and Political Practice," funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Education Program

1984-85 Fellowship from National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowships for College Teachers

1984 Research Associate, The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois

### **University Service:**

1986-88 University Faculty Relations Committee

1992-94 University Organization and Operations Committee

1994 Political Science Department Chair

2002-05 Graduate Education Policy Committee

2003-2011 and 2016-present, Graduate Programs Director, Department of Political Science

2010-2012 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Academic Integrity Committee

2015-2017 Morissey College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee

### **Miscellaneous**

More than thirty academic conference papers delivered

More than twenty-five invited lectures at colleges and universities

Papers and lectures given in Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, China, Czech Republic, and Ireland