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Education:

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University (Philosophy), May 1998.
 M. A., Vanderbilt University (Philosophy), December 1994.
 B. A., Clark University (Philosophy), December 1991.

Teaching Experience:

College of the Holy Cross, Chair, Philosophy Department, Fall 2019-Spring 2024, Fall 2025-Spring 2026.
 College of the Holy Cross, Professor, Philosophy Department, Fall 2017-present.
 College of the Holy Cross, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Fall 2007-Spring 2017.
 College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Fall 2001-Spring 2007.
 Clark University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 2000-2001.
 Miami University of Ohio, Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 1999-2000.
 O'More's School of Design, Guest Lecturer, 1996.
 Vanderbilt University, Course Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Guest Lecturer, Tutor, Philosophy Department, Divinity School, 1993-1998.
 Clark University, Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, 1990.

Courses Taught at Holy Cross:

Advanced Courses:

Advanced Topics: African Philosophy, Fall 2023.
 Advanced Topics: Psychoanalysis as Philosophy, Fall 2017.
 Advanced Topics: Athens and Jerusalem, Spring 2017.
 Seminar: Heidegger, Spring 2015.
 Advanced Topics: Philosophy and the Foundations of Law, Spring 2014.
 Seminar: Nietzsche, Fall 2010, Fall 2022.
 Advanced Topics: Philosophy and Psychoanalysis, Spring 2010.
 Seminar: Augustine, Spring 2009, Fall 2018.
 Seminar: Hegel, Fall 2006, Fall 2021.
 Advanced Topics: Jewish Philosophy, Fall 2005.
 Advanced Topics: Rationalism, Fall 2002.

Intermediate Level Courses:

Contemporary Political Philosophy, Spring 2012, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2024.
 Philosophy of History, Fall 2002, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2014, Spring 2021, Spring 2023.

Early Modern Philosophy, Fall 2001, Fall 2003, Fall 2005, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2025.

Modern Philosophy, Spring 2002, Spring 2006, Spring 2010, Spring 2017, Spring 2021, Spring 2026.

Medieval Philosophy, Spring 2003, Spring 2007, Spring 2015, Spring 2020.

Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Fall 2003.

Philosophy and Literature, Fall 2002, Fall 2016, Fall 2019.

Introductory Level Courses:

Philosophical Inquiries, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019 (two sections—one picked up mid-course).

Introduction to Philosophy: 2001-02 academic year, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, 2005-06 2006-07 academic year.

Special Courses:

Mont. Of Humans and Gods, Spring 2018.

Mont: Of Gods and Humans, Fall 2017.

Mont: *This Is Progress?*, Spring 2015.

Mont: *This Is Humanity?*, Fall 2014.

Mont: *The Divine Looks Back?* (two sections), Spring 2014.

Mont: *Looking At The Divine?* (two sections), Fall 2013.

Mont: *Free At Last?* (two sections), Spring 2012.

Mont: *This Is Order?* (two sections), Fall 2011.

Mont: *Your Cheatin' Heart*, Spring 2011.

Mont: *Your Lyin' Eyes*, Fall 2010.

Mont: *Oh God II: Faith*, Spring 2010.

Mont: *Oh God I: Concepts*, Fall 2009.

Mont: *Histories of Divinity: Openings*, Spring 2009.

Mont: *Images of Divinity: Limits*, Fall 2008.

FYPR: *Catastrophe II—From the Experience of Chaos to Philosophies of Response* (two sections), Spring 2005.

FYPR: *Catastrophe I—From Philosophies of Order to the Experience of Chaos* (two sections), Fall 2004.

Additional Teaching:

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Peter LaBorin, Spring 2026.

Guest-Lecturer, Political Philosophy, University of Hartford, Spring 2026.

Tutorial: *Mexican Philosophy*, Spring 2024.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Committee Member, Benjamin Kelly, Spring 2023

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Kevin Akalski, Spring 2023.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Director, Anne Comcowich, Spring 2022.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Director, Tera Detels, Spring 2021.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Director, Eleanor Oser, Spring 2020.

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Joanna Burdzal, Spring 2019.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Committee Member, Lauren Berard, Spring 2018.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Director, Margaret George, *Morality in Kant and Augustine*, Spring 2017.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Committee Member, Second Reader, Sean Gleason, *Topic: Schelling and the Unconscious Non-Ground of Self-Consciousness*, Spring 2014.

Senior Thesis Committee Member, Third Reader, Jeffrey Danford, Topic: Virtue and Happiness in Aristotle and Kant, Spring 2011.
 Montserrat, guest lecturer for Professor Matthew Koss, Fall 2008.
 Medieval Philosophy, guest lecturer for Professor John Manoussakis, Spring 2008.
 Tutorial: Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Spring 2007.
 Modern Philosophy, guest lecturer for Professor Joseph Lawrence, Spring 2005.
 Introduction to Philosophy, guest lecturer for Professor Shelby Weitzel, Spring 2004.
 Modern Philosophy, guest lecturer for Professor J. Kelsey Wood, Spring 2004.
 Middle East Politics, guest lecturer for Professor Vickie Langhor, Fall 2003.
 Philosophy of Religion, guest lecturer for Professor Jeffrey Bloechl, Spring 2003.
 Faculty Sponsor, Washington Program Thesis, Elizabeth Howard, Topic:
 Psychological Effects of the Media and their Philosophical Consequences, Spring 2003.
 Senior Thesis Committee Member, Second Reader, David Bonagura, Topic: Karol Wotyjwa on Love, Spring 2003.
 Metaphysics, Professor guest lecturer for Professor Walter Wright, Clark University, Spring 2003.
 Senior Thesis Committee Member, Mike Rodgers, Topic: Augustine and Kant, Spring 2002.
 Tutorial: Spinoza, Spring 2002.

Scholarship:

Publications:

Books:

Adorno, Strauss, and Antifascist Philosophy, forthcoming with SUNY Press, September 2026.

Leo Strauss and Contemporary Thought: Reading Strauss Outside the Lines, SUNY Press, 2021. Co-edited volume with Jade Larissa Schiff.

Review:

Marina Marren, *Phenomenological Reviews*, January 2022.

Leo Strauss on the Borders of Judaism, Philosophy and History, SUNY Press, 2015.

Reviews:

Steven Frankel, *Interpretation*, 42: 1 (Fall 2015), 115-127.

Robert Miner, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 45: 1 (2016), 68-69.

Michael Harding, *Choice*, 53: 3, (November 2015).

Rafael Major, *Review of Metaphysics*, 69: 3 (2016), 617-618.

Grant Havers, *Shofar—An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 34: 3 (Spring 2016), 107-109.

Miguel Vatter, *Theory and Event*, 20: 1 (Jan. 2017), 238-259.

Eleni Panagiotarakou, *Political Theory*, 45 (2), 2017, 277-280.

Michael Kochin, *Review of Politics*, 79: 2 (April, 2017), 319-321.

Erik Dreff, *Religious Studies Review*, 43: 3 (September 2017), 287.

Martin Kavka, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 108: 2 (Spring 2018), 253-267.

Articles (Peer Reviewed) & Book Chapters (Editorially Reviewed):

“Harry Jaffa, Natural Law, and Immigration,” forthcoming in *Donald Trump and Political Philosophy*, second ed., Palgrave MacMillan.

- “Dimensions of the Bilderverbot in Walter Benjamin: A Gravitational Reading of the ‘Theological-Political Fragment’”, *The Palgrave Handbook on Walter Benjamin* (USA: Palgrave MacMillan, 2025).
- “Can Philosophy Be Positive? The Place of Schelling in the Thought of Emil Fackenheim,” *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and its Philosophical Sources*, eds., Kenneth Hart Green and Martin Yaffe (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021), 145-158.
- “On the Political Capacity of the Philosopher in the Work of Ernst Cassirer,” *Philosophy Today*, Volume 66, Issue 3 (Summer 2022), 623-636.
 --published in translation as “Reflexiones sobre la capacidad política del filósofo en la obra de Ernst Cassirer,” *Filosofía, mito y fascismo*, trans., G. Dranovsky, eds., P. Dreizik, P. Rios Flores, and A. Lumerman, (Buenos Aires: RAGIF Ediciones, 2020), 77-106.
- “Is History Representational,” *Existenz—An International Journal of Philosophy, Religion, Politics, and the Arts*, 14/1 (Spring 2019), 69-72.
- “How Strauss Approached Hegel on Faith and God,” *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 45: 1-2 (March-June, 2018), 72-90.
- “The Problem of Our Law: Political Theology and the Theological-Political Problem in Giorgio Agamben and Leo Strauss,” *Telos*, 188 (Fall 2019), 153-172.
- “Ramble On: Robert Walser and the Limits of Critical Theory,” *Benjamin, Adorno, and the Experience of Literature*, ed. Corey McCall and Nathan Ross (New York, NY: Routledge, 2018), 235-251.
- “Baruch Spinoza,” *Agamben’s Philosophical Lineage*, eds., Adam Kotsko and Carlo Salzani, (Edinburgh, UK: Edinburgh University Press, 2017), 201-207.
- “A Note on a Digression on Arendt in Waller Newell’s *Tyranny: A New Interpretation*,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, 46: 4 (2017), 221-224.
- “Amery’s Duress,” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, 24: 3 (2016), 192-212.
- “Righteousness and Divine Love: Maimonides and Thomas on Charity,” *Questions on Love and Charity: Summa Theologiae, Secunda Secundae, Questions 23-46*, trans., and ed., Robert C. Miner (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016), 336-354.
- “Rosenzweig’s Tragedy and the Spectacles of Strauss,” *Tragedy and the Tragic in German Literature, Art, and Thought*, eds., Steven Dowden and Thomas Quinn (USA: Camden House, 2014), 195-215.
- “Supplementary Note on Archival Materials,” forthcoming in *Reorientation: Leo Strauss In The 1930s*, eds., Martin Yaffe and Richard Ruderman (USA: Palgrave, 2014).
- “‘Nature’s God’ as *Deus sive Natura*: Spinoza, Jefferson and the Historical Transmission of the Theological-Political Question”, *Reason and Religion in the American Founding*, eds., Dustin Gish and Daniel Klinghard (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013).
- “On the Relation of Nature and History in Schelling’s *Freedom-Essay* and Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”, *The Barbarian Principle: Merleau-Ponty, Schelling, and the Question of Nature*, eds., Jason Wirth and Patrick Burke (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2013).
- “Spinoza, Hegel, and Adorno on Judaism and History,” *Between Hegel and Spinoza: A Collection of Critical Essays*, eds., Hasana Sharp and Jason Frank (New York: Bloomsbury), 2012.
- “The Paradoxical Transmission of Tradition and Agamben’s Potential Reading of the *Rishonim*,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, 3:2, 2011, 225-242.

“Child’s Play: Reflections on Agamben’s Conception of Contemporary Historical Exigency and its Winnicottian Dimension,” *Epoché*, Volume 16, Issue 1 (Fall 2011), 49-64.

“Antinomical Messianism: Agamben’s Interpretation of Benjamin’s ‘History Theses,’” *Philotheos: International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, 10, 2010, 304-323.

“From Tragedy to Iconoclasm: The Changing Status of Hölderlin in Adorno’s Early and Late Conceptions of History,” *Epoché*, Volume 15, Issue 1, Fall 2010, 137 -161.

“Aggadic Moses: Spinoza and Freud on the Traumatic Historical Legacy of Theological-Political Identity,” *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 38, Issues 1-2, 2008.

“Dialectics of Enlightenment: Understanding Recent Materialist Receptions of German Idealism,” *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 34, Issue 2, Summer 2004, 131- 150.

“Philosophy of History as the History of Philosophy in Schelling’s *System of Transcendental Idealism*,” *Epoché*, Volume 8, Issue 2, Spring 2004, 233-254.

“The Ethics of Spinoza’s Physics”, *Monograph of the North American Spinoza Society*, Number 10, 2002, 3-19.

“911: Reflections on the Aftermath of September 11th,” *Diotima*, Volume 3, Number 1, 2002, 39-53.

“Love and Friendship in Spinoza’s Thinking,” *Monograph of the North American Spinoza Society* Number 9, 2000, 3-17.

“Imagination and ‘Lunacy’ in Kant’s *First Critique* and *Anthropology*,” *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 27, Number 3, Fall 1998, 143-154.

Article-Length Review Essays (Peer and/or Editorially Reviewed):

“Revelation and the Holocaust,” *Interpretation—A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 47:3 (Summer 2021), 503-518.

“Dark Ground and Unconscious in Schelling and Freud,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, 12:2 (2020), 148-155.

“Recovering Judaism From Religion And Modernity,” *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 108: 1 (Winter 2018), 125-136.

“Idiocy/Privacy,” *Research in Phenomenology*, 47 (2017), 449-459.

“Thoughts on Yoram Hazony’s *The Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture*,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, 45: 3 (2016), 174-176.

Review-essay of Arthur Melzer’s *Philosophy Between the Lines*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 42: 1 (Fall 2015), 99-114.

“Ready When You Are: A Correspondence on Claire Katz’s *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*,” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, 21:2 (2014), 104 -117.

“The Theological-Political Problem in Leo Strauss’s Moses Mendelssohn Writings,” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, 22 (2014), 191-215.

“Rethinking the Relation between Maimonides and Spinoza” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 40: 1, 2013, 79-103.

Review of *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 1. 5. 2013.

“Thoughts on the Two Translations of Heidegger’s *Beiträge*” in *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, 4: 2, November 2012.

“Viewing the Premises” *Research in Phenomenology*, 42: 3, 2012.

“ ‘With a Friend Like This’, or How to Begin to Read William H. F. Altman,” *Interpretation—A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 39: 2, 2012, 195-211.

“Is History New? Recent Modernist Interpretations of Hegel”, *Journal of the Philosophy of History*, 6: 2, 2012, 283-298.

“The Irreducibility of the Ontic,” *Idealistic Studies*, 30: 2, Spring/Summer, 2000, 91-105.

Medium Length Review Essays (Peer and/or Editorially Reviewed):

Review of Daniel Weidner’s *Gershom Scholem: The Father of Jewish Mysticism*, *Journal of Jewish Ethics*, 9.1, 2024.

Review of Sally Swartz’s *Psychoanalysis and Colonialism: A Contemporary Introduction*, *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 72 (2024).

Review of John Lysaker’s *Philosophy, Writing, and the Character of Thought*, *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 43 no. 3 (August 2023)

“The Breadth of Cassirer,” *Metascience*, 2024.

Review of Jerry Z. Muller, *Professor of Apocalypse*, *JAAR*, XX, 1-3, 2023..

Review of Rasoul Namazi, *Leo Strauss and Islamic Political Thought*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 52.4, (2023).

Review of Raymond Geuss, *Not Thinking Like a Liberal*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Volume 52, Issue 2 (2023), 88-89.

Review of Peter E. Gordon, *Migrants in the Profane: Critical Theory and the Question of Secularization*, *Philosophy in Review*, 43: 1 (February 2023).

Review of Dana Hollander, *Ethics Out Of Law, H-Judaic*, August 2022.

Review of Alexander Matheron’s *Politics, Ontology, and Knowledge in Spinoza*, *Idealistic Studies* 52: 1(Spring 2022), 107-110.

Review of Hermann Levin Goldschmidt’s *Contradiction Set Free*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, Volume 55, Issue 1 (March 2022), 125-131.

Review of Rodolphe Gasche’s *Locating Europe*, *Philosophy in Review*, 41: 3 (2021), 182-184.

Review of Steven Schwarzschild’s *The Tragedy of Optimism: Writings on Hermann Cohen*, *Journal of Jewish Ethics*, 7.1, 2023.

Review of *The Albert Memmi Reader*, *Society*, (2021) 58: 328-330.

Review of Martin Shuster’s *How to Measure a World? A Philosophy of Judaism, Shofar—An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 40: 1 (2022), 149-151.

Review of John Russon’s *Adult Life*, *Symposium*,

<https://www.cscp.org/2021/05/19/john-russon-adult-life-aging-responsibility-and-the-pursuit-of-happiness>.

Review of Heinrich Meier’s *What Is Nietzsche’s Zarathustra? A Philosophical Confrontation*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 50: 3 (2021), 200-202.

Review of Joshua Parens’s *Leo Strauss and the Recovery of Medieval Political Philosophy*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 46: 3, 2017, 203-207.

Review of Alexander Duff’s *Heidegger and Politics*, *Review of Politics*, 79: 2(April 2017), 362-364.

Review of Silke-Marie Weineck’s *The Tragedy of Fatherhood*, *Studies in Romanticism*, 54: 3 (Fall 2015).

“Political (De)Formation Ancient and Modern,” *Society*, 51: 6 (2014), 693-697.

Review of Kenneth Hart Green’s *Leo Strauss and the Rediscovery of Maimonides and Leo Strauss on Maimonides: The Complete Writings*, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 75 (2014), 73-76.

Review of *The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology, and Law*, *Constellations—A Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 20: 3 (2013), 508- 509.

Review of *The Philosophical Rupture Between Fichte and Schelling: Selected Texts and Correspondence (1800-1802)*, *Clio—A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*, 42: 3 (Summer 2013), 403-408.

“Response to Altman” in *Interpretation—A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 39: 3, 2012.
 Review of Michah Gottlieb’s *Faith and Freedom: Moses Mendelssohn’s Theological Political Thought*, *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 6 (2012), 224-226.

Review of Richard Velkley’s *Heidegger, Strauss, And The Premises Of Philosophy: On Original Forgetting*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 42: 1, 2012. (A companion piece to “Viewing the Premises”)

Review of Peter Sloterdijk’s *Rage and Time: A Psychopolitical Investigation*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, 44:2, 2011, 253-257.

“Badiou’s Ahistorical Century”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Volume 35, Number 9, 2009, 1143-1149.

“Creation History”, *Research in Phenomenology*, Volume 38, 2008, 122-128.

“Iconoclasm and Messianism in German-Jewish Thought: The History of History Part 2”, *Shofar—An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 26: 3, 2008, 147-154.

“On the Interval between Negative and Positive Philosophy in Schelling’s Thought”, *Research in Phenomenology*, Volume 35, 2005, 343-349.

“The History of History: Judaism, German Philosophy, and the Spinozist Moment”, *Shofar—An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 23: 3, 2005, 144-154.

Review of *Francis Bacon: The New Organon (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy)*, *Teaching Philosophy*, June 2001, 188-190.

Review of Kenneth Clatterbaugh’s *The Causation Debate in Modern Philosophy, 1637-1739*, *Teaching Philosophy*, 23: 4, December 2000, 381-384.

Book Reviews:

Review of Benjamin Berger’s *Schelling, Hegel, and the Philosophy of Nature: From Matter to Spirit*, *Review of Metaphysics*, 78.1, 2024.

Review of Michel Serres, *Religion*, *Journal for the Continental Philosophy of Religion*, 5.2, (2023).

Review of Hans Blumenberg, *St. Matthew Passion*, *Journal for the Continental Philosophy of Religion*, 5 (2023).

Review of Ross Dealy’s *Before Utopia: The Making Of Thomas More’s Mind*, *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 91:3 (August 2022), 385-386.

Review of Robert Pippin’s *Nietzsche, Psychology, & First Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 49:1 (January 2011).

Review of Etienne Balibar’s *Spinoza and Politics*, *Review of Metaphysics*, December 1999, Number 53, 426-428.

Review of John Lachs’ *The Relevance of Philosophy to Life*, *Review of Metaphysics*, September 1996, Number 197, 167-168.

Other Publications:

“Adorno’s ‘Today’—And Ours,” *Fathom Journal*, July 2025.

“Editor’s Introduction,” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, 24: 3 (2016), 1-2.

“Walking in Literary Shoes: Franz Kafka and Robert Walser on the Horrors of Modernity,” *Berfrois: Tea, Literature, Ideas*, April, 28, 2016.

“Tying and Untying the Knot: Kafka and Milena on Marriage, Jewry, and History,” *Berfrois: Tea, Literature, Ideas*, December 15, 2015.

“Editor’s Introduction to New Directions in the Thought of Leo Strauss,” *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 44:2-3, (Summer-Fall, 2014) [released summer 2015].

“More on ‘Zionism Unsettled’, *Political Theology Today*, July 2014 (response to Timothy Simpson’s “A Response”).

“The Unsettling Theopolitics of ‘Zionism Unsettled’” *Political Theology Today*, July 2014. (response by Timothy Simpson’s “A Response to Jeffrey Bernstein”).

“ ‘Schlemiel, Schlemazel . . . Augenblick In-corpor-ated?’ ” *Schlemiel in Theory*, March 2013.

“Exodus 20:15-18: Political Theology or Expression of the Theological-Political Problem?” *Political Theology Today* (online blog connected with the journal *Political Theology*), March 2013.

“Ruth Calderon’s Theological-Political Treatise,” *Sightings* (online journal of the Martin Marty Center, Divinity School, University of Chicago), March 2013.

“Editor’s Introduction” to “Philosophy of History,” *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 38, Issues 1-2, 2008.

“Conversational Pedagogy—An Open Letter to Bill Stempsey”, *Fundamental Questions*, 1:1, Fall 2004, 61-76.

“Returns of the Repressed: Transmissions of Spinoza”, Introduction to *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 33, Issues 2-3, 2003, 115-121.

Edited Journal Volumes:

Jean Amery’s *At The Mind’s Limits: Commemoration and Comparison*, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, 24:3 (2016).

New Directions in the Thought of Leo Strauss, Double-Issue, *Idealistic Studies*, 44: 2-3, dated: Summer-Fall 2014; released: Summer 2015.

Philosophy of History, Double-Issue, *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 38, Issues 1-2, 2008.

Spinoza Double-Issue, *Idealistic Studies*, Volume 33, Issues 2-3, 2003.

Lectures, Conference Papers, and Presentations:

“Theodor Adorno and Leo Strauss: Fighting Fascism with ‘Jewish Philosophy,’” invited lecture, Greenberg Center-Henry Jack Gray, University of Hartford, April 28, 2026.

“Adorno, Strauss, and Antifascist Philosophy,” Tulane German Philosophy Workshop, Tulane University, March 13, 2026.

Guest Participant in Jeffrey Bloechl’s “The Philosophy of Levinas” seminar, Boston College, February 2026.

“Elective Affinities Between Strauss and Adorno,” Elective Affinities: A Symposium to Celebrate the Retirement of Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, Vanderbilt University, March 24, 2023.

Presentation on Kenneth Hart Green’s *The Philosophy of Emil Fackenheim*, book launch for *The Philosophy of Emil Fackenheim*, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, CA, November 29, 2021.

Presentation on Dmitri Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*, Roundtable on *The Concept of History*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February, 2019.

Presentation on Dmitri Nikulin’s *The Concept of History*, Roundtable on *The Concept of History*, New School for Social Research, New York, NY., April 28, 2018.

“Beyond Sartre and Adorno: Jean Améry’s Radical Negation of Philosophy and Jewish Thought in the Aftermath of the Shoah,” Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, July 4, 2017.

“Holocaust Survivor: Jean Améry’s Challenge to Philosophy and Judaism in the Aftermath of the Shoah,” Gettysburg College, Judaic Studies 2nd Annual Limmud Conference, April 2, 2017.

“Can Philosophy Be Positive? The Role of the Later Schelling in the Work of Emil Fackenheim,” Conference for the Association of Jewish Studies, San Diego, 2016.

“Beyond Sartre and Adorno: Jean Améry’s Radical Questioning of Jewish Identity and Philosophy in the Aftermath of the Shoah,” Boston University Jewish Studies Research Forum, Elie Wiesel Center For Jewish Studies, Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 2:30-4:00 PM.

“Are Jews Individuals? Maimonides and Spinoza as Seen Through the Lens of Leo Strauss,” American Academy Of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2014

“Leo Strauss on the Border of Jerusalem and Athens,” Philosophy Department Speaker’s Colloquium, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 2014.

“How to Think in Dark Times? The Role of Lessing in Arendt’s and Strauss’s Conceptions of Intellectual Freedom,” *Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, MA, Fall 2013.

“How to Think in Dark Times? The Role of Lessing in Arendt’s and Strauss’s Conceptions of Intellectual Freedom,” Hannah Arendt’s *Eichmann in Jerusalem* at 50: A Panel Discussion, Lehigh University, Fall 2013.

“Viewing Maimonides Through A Spinozan Lens: The Argument of the Action of Strauss’s ‘What is Political Philosophy?’” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 17, 2012.

“The Paradoxical Transmission of Tradition: Agamben’s Potential Reading of the *Rishonim*,” American Academy of Religion, San Fransisco, CA, November 21, 2011.

“Nature’s God’ as ‘God or Nature’: Jefferson’s Intellectual Kinship with Spinoza,” Philosophy Colloquium Series, Clark University, September 29, 2011.

“Nature’s God’ as *Deus sive Natura*: Spinoza, Jefferson, and the Historical Transmission of the Theological-Political Question”, Religion and Reason in the American Founding, Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, December 3, 2010.

“What is Given in Forgiving?” Yom HaShoah Observance—Holocaust Remembrance Day, St. Francis College, April 16, 2009.

“From Tragedy to Iconoclasm: The Changing Status of Hölderlin in Adorno’s Early and Late Conceptions of History”, The American Society for Aesthetics, 66th Annual Meeting, Northampton, November 8, 2008.

“The Transience of Hölderlin in Adorno’s Early and Late Conceptions of History”, Society for the Philosophy of History, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 19, 2008.

“The Trauma of Moses: Spinoza and Freud on the History of the Theological-Political”, University of Toledo, March 21, 2008, invited presentation.

“Aggadic Moses: Spinoza and Freud on the Traumatic History of Theological-Political Identity”, The New England Seminar in Continental Philosophy, UMass/Lowell, October, 2007.

“Mosaics of the Hebrew State: Reading Spinoza’s and Freud’s Histories in the Light of Adorno and Benjamin”, The Northern New England Philosophical Association, UMass/Dartmouth, October 2007.

“God or History: Schelling’s Appropriation of Spinoza”, California State University

- at Stanislaus, March 2006; invited presentation.
- “Schelling’s Interpretation of the Substance/Mode Relation in Spinoza”, Villanova University, December 2005; invited presentation.
- “Historical Teleology as ‘Cunning of Nature’ or ‘Need of Reason’ in Kant’s ‘Idea for a Universal History’”, Philosophy Department Speaker’s Colloquium, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 2004.
- “The Production and Consumption of the History of Philosophy: Rethinking Historical Materialism along Spinozistic Lines”, Rethinking Marxism Conference, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Fall 2003.
- “Neuroscientific Reflections on Spinoza’s Materialism”, Colloquium on Science and the Foundation of Ethics, co-sponsored by Hamilton College and Utica College, Cazenovia, New York, Fall, 2002.
- “The Ethics of Spinoza’s Physics”, North American Spinoza Society, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2001.
- “The Ethics of Spinoza’s Physics”, Department of Philosophy, The New School University, Spring 2001; invited presentation.
- “Schelling’s Relation to Spinoza in the *Freiheitschrift*”, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2000.
- “The Ethics of Spinoza’s Physics”, 25th International Conference on Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova University, Fall 2000.
- “Love and Friendship in Spinoza’s Thinking”, North American Spinoza Society, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Berkeley, California, Spring 1999.
- “Friendship and Love in Spinoza’s *Ethics*”, 23rd International Conference on Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova University, Fall 1998.
- “Truth and Method as Movement in Spinoza’s TdIE”, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, Spring 1998; invited lecture.
- “Truth and Method in Spinoza”, Department of Philosophy, Clark University, Spring 1998; invited lecture.
- “Critical Theory and Communication”, Department of Communication, Emerson College, Spring 1998; invited lecture.
- “Adorno and Complicity”, Department of Communication, Emerson College, Spring 1998; invited lecture.
- “Self-Knowledge As The Concomitant Of Freedom And Necessity In Spinoza’s Thought”, Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Fall 1997.
- “Self-Knowledge As The Concomitant Of Freedom And Necessity In Spinoza’s Thought”, Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern University of Illinois at Carbondale, Spring 1997.
- “Imagination and Lunacy in Kant’s *First Critique* and *Anthropology*”, Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Fall 1996.
- “Wittgenstein and the ‘Abyssal’: ‘Inverting Necessity’ and the Child’s ‘Why?’”, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, DePaul University, Fall 1995.
- “Wittgenstein, ‘Inverting Necessity’ and the Child’s ‘Why?’”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Spring 1995.

Commentaries on/Responses to Conference Papers:

Commentary on Yoram Hazony’s “*The Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture*,” Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Fall 2013.

Commentary on John Manoussakis, Psychology and the Other Conference, Leslie University, Fall 2013.

Commentary on Charles Huenemann and Adam Arola, North American Spinoza Society, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Fall, 2007.

“Substance, Mode and History”, North American Spinoza Society, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, Fall, 2004.

“My Neighbor, the Anti-humanist”, North American Spinoza Society, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D. C., Fall, 2003.

“Evil and Modernity”, Conference on The Anatomy of Evil, College of the Holy Cross, Spring, 2002.

“Spinoza and Freud: Therapy as Affective Awareness”, North American Spinoza Society, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque New Mexico, Spring 2000.

“Normativity”, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Spring 2000.

“Benjamin's ‘Divine Violence’ and Spinoza's ‘Conatus’”, North American Spinoza Society, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D. C., Fall 1998.

“Method and Materialism in Bacon and Hobbes”, Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, Fall 1998.

“The Time of The Time of the Augenblick”, 32nd Annual Heidegger Conference, Villanova University, Spring 1998.

“ ‘Turning In’ In Heidegger's *Beitrag*”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Spring 1998.

“Language and Modality in Spinoza's Thought”, North American Spinoza Society, Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Spring 1997.

“Incommensurable Differences Between the Notion of Virtue in Kant and Aristotle”, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Old Dominion University, Spring 1995.

Grants and Awards:

Faculty Fellowship Grant for 2012-2013 academic year.

Departmental, College, Professional and Community Service:

Departmental Service:

Phi Sigma Tau Advisor, Fall 2022-Spring 2024, Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Search Committee Chair, Philosophy Department, 2022-2023.

Graduate School Representative (Continental), 2021-2023, Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Study Abroad Representative, Fall 2021-Spring 2024.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Committee Chair, Spring 2021, Spring 2022.

Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor, 2001-2002, 2018-2020.

Philosophy Honors Thesis Committee Member, Fall 2017.

Assistant to Chair on Revising Philosophy Website, Fall 2017.

Director, 2005-2006 Philosophy Colloquium Series.

Speaker at Admissions Open House, Spring 2002, Spring 2005, Spring 2023.

Guest-Lecturer, Family Weekend, Fall 2004

Search Committee Member, Philosophy Department, 2003-2004, 2019-2020.
 Judge for Strain Gold Medal and Markham Memorial Scholarship prizes, Philosophy Department, Spring 2002, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024.
 United Way Team Captain, Philosophy Department, Fall 2001.

College-Wide Service:

Faculty Mentoring Program: Alexander Duff, Fall 2015-2017.
 Participant in McFarland Center Faculty Research Lunch Discussion, Hogan, Spring 2015.
 Participant in McFarland Center Fishbowl about Trigger Warnings in the Classroom, Rehm Library, Fall, 2014.
 Committee for Consensual Sexual Relations and Sexual Harassment, July 2011-June 2013.
 Committee for Tenure and Promotion, Elected Member, Fall, 2009-Spring 2011.
 Guest-Lecturer, Alumni Continuing Education Day, Spring, 2009.
 Campus Center Advisory Council, 2008-2009 academic year.
 O'Rourke Seminar on Ethics, 2008-2009 academic year.
 Committee for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies, Fall 2004-Spring 2006.
 a. Chair of Appointed Committee on Special Programs.
 b. Committee on Fenwick Scholarships.
 Faculty member for Peace and Conflict Studies concentration, 2002-present.
 Faculty member for Medieval and Renaissance Studies concentration, 2003-present.
 Colloquium on Fundamental Questions, 2002-present.
 Committee for Intellectual Maturation, 2002-2003.

Professional Service:

Refereeing for Academic Journals:

Review of Politics, Fall, 2025.
Continental Philosophy Review, Spring 2023.
Symposium, Fall 2022.
Journal of Religion, Fall 2020.
Jewish Quarterly Review, Spring 2018.
Philosophy Today, Fall 2016.
Perspectives on Political Science, Fall 2015.
Critical Philosophy of Race, Summer 2020.
Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy, Summer 2015, Fall 2016.
Journal of Early Modern Studies, Spring 2013.
History of Philosophy Quarterly, Spring 2013.
Culture, Theory, and Critique, Summer 2011.
Dialogue: The Canadian Philosophical Review, Summer 2010.
Comparative and Continental Philosophy, Spring 2010.
Research in Phenomenology, Fall 2009, Fall 2020.
Epoché, Fall 2004, Fall 2009.
Idealistic Studies, Fall 2001-2017, Spring 2022.
Journal of the History of Philosophy, Spring 2000, Spring 2013.

Reviewing for Academic Presses:

Peter Lang, Summer 2022.
 Brandeis University Press, Summer 2022.

University of Pennsylvania Press, Spring 2019.
 Palgrave MacMillan, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020.
 Brill Publishers, Spring 2015.
 Columbia University Press, Summer 2014, Spring 2015.
 Continuum Books, Summer 2012, Fall 2014.
 State University Press of New York, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Summer 2023.
 Northwestern University Press, Winter 2013.
 University of Chicago Press, Spring 2009, Spring 2017.

Referee Letters for Tenure and Promotion to Full Professor:

Dustin Atlas, King's College, tenure, Fall 2025.
 Paul T. Wilford, Boston College, tenure, Fall 2023.
 Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College, promotion to full professor, Spring 2017.
 Ammon Allred, University of Toledo, tenure, Summer 2016.
 Sharon Portnoff, Connecticut College, tenure, Fall 2013.

Dissertation/Habilitation Committees:

Outside reader for Philipp von Wussow, *The Philosophy of Leo Strauss: Culture, Religion, and the Political*, Goethe University, Director: Professor Christian Wiese, July 2017.
 Outside reader for Ashley Vaught, *The Specter of Spinoza in Schelling's Freiheitsschrift*, Director: Professor Julie Klein, Villanova University; defended successfully April 2008.

Community Service:

"Gershom Scholem on Justice," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, Temple Sinai Brookline, MA, Spring 2019.
 "Leo Strauss and Gershom Scholem on Liberal Judaism," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, April 24 & May 1, 11-12:30, Spring 2018.
 "Leo Strauss on Genesis," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, Apr. 24 & May 1, 11-12:30, Spring 2017.
 "Leo Strauss on the Borders of Judaism, Philosophy, and History," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, 2015-2016, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, Apr. 24 & May 1, 11-12:30, Spring 2016.
 "Spinoza on God," guest-presentation in adult education class "God Shopping", Congregation B'nai Shalom, Westborough, MA, February 1, 9-10 AM, Spring 2015, 2023.
 "Spinoza and Law," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, 2013-2014, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, May 4 & 11, 11-12:30, Spring 2014.
 "Spinoza and (the) Enlightenment," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program, 2011-2012, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, March 3 & 11, 11-12:30, Spring 2012.
 "Spinoza, Modernity and Us," adult education class, Adult and Family Jewish Learning Program 2010-2011, Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA, February 6 & 13, 11-12:30, Spring 2011.

