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## Academic Positions:

2011 – present Professor of History, Philosophy, and Political Science  
2010 – 2011 Associate Director, University Honors College  
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2000 – 2011 Professor of History and Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA  
2001 – 2002 Visiting Professor of Government and Social Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
1996 - 2000 Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA  
1995 - 1998 Chair, Political Science Department, Boston University, Boston, MA  
1985 - 1996 Associate Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA  
1981 - 1985 Assistant Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA  
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## Education:

1969-1974 Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Ma.  
1965-1969 B.A. in Political Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

## Publications:

### Books:

*Critical Introduction to Kant's Idea for A Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* [editor, with Amelie Rorty] (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009)  
*Theodor Adorno (International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought)* [editor] (London: Ashgate, 2007) 530 pp.  
*What is Enlightenment?: Eighteenth-Century Answers and Twentieth-Century Questions* [editor] (Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1996) 563 + xiii pp.  
*Maurice Merleau-Ponty: Between Phenomenology and Structuralism.* (London: MacMillan Press and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985) 214 pp.

### Electronic Media:

*The Enlightenment: Reason, Tolerance, Humanity* (Prince Frederick, Maryland: Recorded Books, 2005)  
7 compact discs of lectures.

### Articles, Chapters in Books, and Review Essays:

- “Enlightenment as Concept and Context,” forthcoming, *Journal of the History of Ideas*
- “Mediation, Genealogy, and (the) Enlightenment/s” [Review of Clifford Siskin and William Warner, *This is Enlightenment* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010) and Dan Edelstein, *The Enlightenment: A Genealogy* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010)], *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 45:1 (2011) 127-160.
- “Misunderstanding the Question ‘What is Enlightenment?’ — Venturi, Habermas, and Foucault,” *History of European Ideas* 37 (2011) 43-52.
- “Cenotaphs in Sound: Catastrophe, Memory, and Musical Memorials,” *Proceedings of the European Society for Aesthetics* 2 (2010) [<http://proceedings.eurosa.org/2/schmidt.pdf>].
- “Claiming the Enlightenment for the Left,” *Government and Opposition* 42:4 (2007) 626-632 [review of Stephen Bronner, *Reclaiming the Enlightenment: Towards a Politics of Radical Engagement* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2004)].
- “The *Eclipse of Reason* and the End of the Frankfurt School in America,” *New German Critique* #100 (Winter 2007) 47-76 [reprinted in *Fruits of Exile: Central European Intellectual Immigration to America in the Age of Fascism*, ed. Richard Bodek and Simon Lewis (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2010)].
- “Enlightenment,” in Donald Borchert, ed. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006)
- “What Enlightenment Was, What it Still Might Be, and Why Kant May Have Been Right After All,” *American Behavioral Scientist* 49:5 (January 2006) 647-663.
- “‘Not These Sounds’: Beethoven at Mauthausen,” *Philosophy and Literature* 29 (2005) 146-163.
- “Mephistopheles in Hollywood: Adorno, Mann, and Schoenberg,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Adorno*, ed. Thomas Huhn (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004) 148-180
- “Immanuel Kant: Texts and Contexts” [Review Essay], *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 37:1 (2003) 147-161.
- “Inventing the Enlightenment: British Hegelians, Anti-Jacobins, and the *Oxford English Dictionary*,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 64:3 (2003) 421-443.
- “The Legacy of the Enlightenment,” *Philosophy & Literature* 26:2 (October 2002) 432-442 [review of Keith Michael Baker and Peter Hanns Reill, editors, *What’s Left of Enlightenment? A Postmodern Question* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2001) and Daniel Gordon, editor, *Postmodernism and the Enlightenment: New Perspectives in Eighteenth-Century French Intellectual History* (London & New York: Routledge, 2001)]
- “Scholarly Associations and Publications,” in Alan Charles Kors, ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003) IV:28-33.
- “Introduction” to Moses Mendelssohn, *The First English Translations and Biography* (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2002) v-xxi.

- “Projects and Projections: A Response to Christian Delacampagne,” *Political Theory* 29:1 (February 2001) 86-90.
- “What Enlightenment Project?” *Political Theory*, 28:6 (December 2000) 734-757.
- “Is Civility a Virtue?” in *Civility*, ed. Leroy Rouner [Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion, Volume 21] (South Bend, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2000).
- “Genocide and the Limits of Enlightenment: Horkheimer and Adorno Revisited,” in *Genocide and the Contradictions of Modernity*, ed. James Kaye and Bo Strath (Brussels: Presses Interuniversitaires Européennes/Peter Lang, 2000) 81-102.
- “How Historical is *Begriffsgeschichte*?” *History of European Ideas* 25 (1999) 9-14.
- “Liberalism and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Germany,” *Critical Review* 13 (1999) 31-53.
- “Language, Mythology, and Enlightenment: Historical Notes on Horkheimer and Adorno’s *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,” *Social Research* 65:4 (1998) 807-838.
- “Civility, Enlightenment, and Society: Conceptual Confusions and Kantian Remedies,” *American Political Science Review* 92:2 (June 1998) 419-27
- “Cabbage Heads and Gulps of Water: Hegel on the Terror,” *Political Theory* 26:1 (February 1998) 4-32 [awarded the Clifford Prize for 1998-99 by the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies].
- “The Fool’s Truth: Diderot, Goethe, and Hegel,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 57:4 (October, 1996) 625-644.
- “Habermas and Foucault” in Maurizio Passerin d’Entrèves and Seyla Benhabib, editors, *Habermas and the Unfinished Project of Modernity: Critical Essays on The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1996) 147-171.
- “Kant and the Politics of Enlightenment: Reason, Faith, and Revolution” in *Studies in Eighteenth Century Culture* Vol. 25 (1996) 239-258.
- “Civil Society and Social Things: Setting the Boundaries of the Social Sciences” in *Social Research* 62:4 (Winter 1995) 899-932.
- “Foucault’s Enlightenment” (with Thomas Wartenberg) in Michael Kelley, ed. *Critique and Power: Recasting the Foucault/Habermas Debate* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1994) 283-314.
- “What Enlightenment Was: How Moses Mendelssohn and Immanuel Kant Responded to the *Berlinische Monatsschrift*,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* XXX:1 (1992) 77-102.
- “Kant, Mendelssohn, and the Question of Enlightenment,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* L:2 (1989) 269-292
- “Habermas and the Discourse of Modernity” [Review Essay], *Political Theory* 17:2 (1989) 315-320
- “A Raven with a Halo: The Translation of Aristotle’s *Politics*,” *History of Political Thought*, VII:2, (1986) 295-319.
- “Religion and the Social Fabric: Comments on Niklas Luhmann,” *Sociological Analysis* 46:1 (1985) 21-26.

- “Maurice Merleau-Ponty: Politics, Phenomenology, and Ontology” (Review Essay), *Human Studies* 6:3 (1983) 295-308.
- “Luhmann in English” (Review Essay), *Contemporary Sociology* 12:2 (1983) 133-4.
- “*Paideia* for the ‘*Bürger als Bourgeois*’: The Concept of ‘Civil Society’ in Hegel’s Political Thought”, *History of Political Thought*, II:3 (1982) 469-493.
- “Jürgen Habermas and the Difficulties of Enlightenment”, *Social Research* 49:1 (1982) 181-208 [Italian translation in *Comunita* 37:185 (1983)]
- “Recent Hegel Literature: The Jena Period and the *Phenomenology of Spirit*”, *Telos* #48 (1981) 114-141
- “Recent Hegel Literature: General Surveys and the Young Hegel”, *Telos* #46 (1981) 113-148.
- “Aspects of Technology in Marx and Rousseau” (with James Miller) in *The Technological Imagination: Theories and Fictions*, ed. Teresa de Lauretis, Andreas Huyssen, and Kathleen Woodward (Madison, Wisconsin: Coda Press, 1980) 85-94.
- “Lordship and Bondage in Sartre and Merleau-Ponty”, *Political Theory*, VII:2 (1979) 201-227.
- “Offensive Critical Theory?”, *Telos* #39 (1979) 62-70.
- “Reification and Recollection: Emancipatory Intentions and the Sociology of Knowledge”, *Canadian Journal of Political and Social Theory*, II:1 (1978) 89-111.
- “Praxis and Temporality: Kosík’s Political Theory”, *Telos* #33 (1977) 71-84 [Swedish translation in *Tekla* #6, 1979, pp. 49-63]
- “The Concrete Totality and Lukács’ Theory of Proletarian *Bildung*”, *Telos* #24 (1975) 2-40.
- “Adventures of the Dialectic” (Review Essay), *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 5 (1975) 168-180.

### **Book Reviews (excluding short notes):**

- Samuel Fleischacker, *What is Enlightenment?* (London: Routledge, 2013) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (forthcoming).
- G. W. F. Hegel, *Hegel on Hamann*, Lisa Marie Anderson (ed., trans.) (Northwestern University Press, 2008) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews May 25, 2009
- Jane Kneller, *Kant and the Power of Imagination* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 15, 2008 [<http://ndpr.nd.edu>].
- Isaiah Berlin, *The Roots of Romanticism* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38:3 (July 2000) 451-2.
- Mark Hulliung, *The Autocritique of the Enlightenment: Rousseau and the Philosophes* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34:3 (1996) 465-6.
- Samuel Beer, *To Make a Nation: The Rediscovery of American Federalism* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap/Harvard, 1993) in *Boston Sunday Globe*, February 28, 1993, B36

- Andrew Arato and Jean Cohen, *Civil Society and Political Theory* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1992) in *Social Science Quarterly* 74:2 (1993) pp. 451-2
- David Frisby, *Fragments of Modernity* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1986) in *The International Journal of Philosophy* XXII:1 (1990) pp. 102-103
- Georgia Warnke, *Gadamer: Hermeneutics, Traditions, and Reason* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1987) in *Social Science Quarterly* 69:4 (1988) 1033-1034.
- David Berlinski, *Black Mischief: The Mechanics of Modern Science* (New York: Morrow, 1986) in *New York Times Book Review*, Sunday, April 27, 1986, 23.
- Gaston Bachelard, *The New Scientific Spirit* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1984) in *New York Times Book Review*, Sunday, March 24, 1985, 19.
- Morton Schoolman, *The Imaginary Witness: The Critical Theory of Herbert Marcuse* (New York: Free Press, 1980) and George Friedman, *The Political Theory of the Frankfurt School* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1981) in *Ethics* 93:2 (1983) 397-9.
- Paul Connerton, *The Tragedy of Enlightenment: An Essay on the Frankfurt School* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1980) and Phil Slater, *Origin and Significance of the Frankfurt School: A Marxist Perspective* (London: Routledge, 1977) in *Journal of Modern History* 53:2 (1981) 307-9.
- Jürgen Habermas, *Communication and the Evolution of Society* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1979) in *Social Science Quarterly* 61:1 (1980) 167-8.
- Nicos Poulantzas, *Classes in Contemporary Capitalism* (London: N.L.B., 1978) and Eric Olin Wright, *Class, Crisis, and the State* (London, N.L.B., 1978) in *Journal of Politics* 41 (1979) 992-4.
- Albert O. Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977) in *Social Science Quarterly* 59:3 (1978).
- Richard Bernstein, *The Restructuring of Political and Social Theory* (New York: Harcourt, 1976) in *Telos* #36, (1978) 192-7.
- Barry Smart, *Sociology, Phenomenology, and Marxian Analysis* (London: Routledge, 1976) in *Social Science Quarterly* 58:1 (1977) 185-6.
- John O'Neill, *Making Sense Together* (New York: Harper and Row, 1974) in *Telos* #26 (1976) 205-13.
- John O'Neill, *Sociology as a Skin Trade* (London: Heineman, 1972) in *Telos* #14 (1972) 145-52.

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships:**

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| 2012 | Bogliasco Fellow in History, Liguria Center for the Arts and Humanities                   |
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| 2007 | Senior Research Fellow, Boston University Humanities Foundation                           |
| 2000 | Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.      |
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1990-1991 Grant, National Endowment for Humanities, Division of Texts and Translations.  
1989 Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.  
1987-88 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers.  
1978 American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Recent Ph.D. Recipients.  
1974-5 Research Fellow, Research Institute on International Change, Columbia University.  
1972 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow.