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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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2001 – 2002 Visiting Professor of Government & Social Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2000 – 2011 Professor of History and Political Science, Boston University, Boston, 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
1975 - 1981 Assistant Professor of Government, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

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:

Oxford Handbook of Enlightenment Philosophy [editor, with Aaron Garrett] (under contract)
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.
Moses Mendelssohn: The First English Biography and Translations [editor], (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2002)
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.

Articles, Chapters in Books, and Review Essays:

“Nihilism, Enlightenment, and the New Failure of Nerve: Arguments About Enlightenment in New York and Los Angeles, 1940-1947” in *Widerhall: Dialektik der Aufklärung in Amerika*, edited by Robert Zwarg (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, forthcoming 2019).
“Light, Truth, and the Counter-Enlightenment's Enlightenment” in *Let There Be Enlightenment: Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality*, edited by Anton Matytsin and Dan Edelstein (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018).

- “What, If Anything, Does *Dialectic of Enlightenment* have to do with the Enlightenment?” in *Aufklärungskritik und Aufklärungs-Mythos*, edited by Sonja Lavaert and Winfried Schröder (Boston-Berlin: de Gruyter, 2018) 11-27.
- “What Sort of Question Was Kant Answering When He Answered the Question ‘What Is Enlightenment?’?” in *Rethinking the Enlightenment*, edited by Geoff Boucher Henry Martin Lloyd, and Matthew Sharpe (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018), 89-112.
- “Niemieckie oświecenie” (German Enlightenment), in *Filozofia Oświecenia. Radykalizm - religia – kosmopolityzm (Enlightenment Philosophy: Radical, Religious, and Cosmopolitan)*, edited by Justyna Miklaszewska and Anna Tomaszewska (Kraków: Jagiellonian University Press, 2016) 65-94 [Hebrew translation in Gadi Taub, editor, *The Enlightenment* (Jerusalem: Bialik Institute, 2016)].
- “‘Racket,’ ‘Monopoly,’ and the *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,” nonsite.org, Issue #18 (Winter 2016).
- “The Counter-Enlightenment: Historical Notes on a Concept Historians Should Avoid,” *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 49:1 (2015) 83-86.
- “Enlightenment as Concept and Context,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 75:4 (2014) 677-685.
- “‘This New Conquering Empire of Light and Reason’: Edmund Burke, James Gillray, and the Dangers of Enlightenment,” *Diametros* 40 (2014): 126-148 [DOI: 10.13153/diam.40.2014.633].
- “Tracking ‘Enlightenment’ Across the Nineteenth Century,” *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on the History of Concepts*, 30-39 (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1387/conf.hcg2013.2>)
- “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.
- “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.

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- “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)]
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- “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):

- Joshua L. Cherniss, *A Mind and its Time: The Development of Isaiah Berlin’s Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2013) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 27, 2015 [<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/56649-a-mind-and-its-time-the-development-of-isaiah-berlin-s-political-thought/>]
- Samuel Fleischacker, *What is Enlightenment?* (London: Routledge, 2013) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 30, 2014 [<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/47129-what-is-enlightenment/>].
- G. W. F. Hegel, *Hegel on Hamann*, Lisa Marie Anderson (ed., trans.) (Northwestern University Press, 2008) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 25, 2009 [<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/24027-hegel-on-hamann/>].
- Jane Kneller, *Kant and the Power of Imagination* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 15, 2008 [<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/23641-kant-and-the-power-of-imagination/>].
- 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.

Electronic Media:

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

Persistent Enlightenment (<http://www.persistentenlightenment.com>) — research blog on “the Enlightenment as Historical Period and Continuing Project” (January 23, 2013 – present)

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors:

2018	Fellow, Royal Society of Arts
2016-17	Senior Research Fellow, Boston University Center for the Humanities
2012	Bogliasco Fellow in History, Liguria Center for the Arts and Humanities
2007	George R. Havens lecturer, Ohio State University
2007	Senior Research Fellow, Boston University Humanities Foundation

2000	Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.
1999	Recipient of the James L. Clifford Prize, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
1997	Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.
1994	Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.
1991	Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.
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.