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Curriculum Vitae

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Personal

Date of Birth: 13 May 1949
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Education

1971-74, Ph.D. (1978)
1975-77 Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
1974-75 Special Student
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada
1967-71 B.A.
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Areas of Specialization:

History of political thought; Contemporary political and social theory; American political thought and institutions

Teaching Positions

1997- Professor
Michigan State University
1992-94 Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar
Harvard University
1983-97 Associate Professor
Michigan State University
1977-83 Assistant Professor
Michigan State University
1974-77 Teaching Fellow
Harvard University

Summer Calculus Instructor
1971 St. Paul's Academy
 Concord, New Hampshire

Institutional Positions

Co-Founder and Executive-Director, The Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, also known as the LeFrak Forum.

Founded in 1989, The *Symposium* is an externally funded research center sponsoring public lectures, conferences, post-doctoral fellowships, visiting professorships, and scholarly research. Its mission is to help restore the connection between public policy and political philosophy: to place theoretical issues in practical context and policy issues in philosophical perspective.

Awards and Honors

2018 William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award
2016 Outstanding Academic Title Award from the journal *Choice for Philosophy Between the Lines*
2008 Outstanding Teaching Award, MSU College of Social Science Alumni Association
2001 Earhart Foundation Research Fellowship
1999 Outstanding Book Award from the journal *Choice for Multiculturalism and American Democracy*, edited by Melzer, Weinberger, and Zinman
1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers
1992 Research Fellow, Program on Constitutional Government, Harvard University
1984 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers
1980 Mellon Fellowship, Duke University
1979 Strauss Award (Given by the APSA for the best dissertation on a subject in Political Theory)
1978 Toppan Prize (Given by the Harvard Government Department for the best dissertation)
1972 Weaver Fellowship
1971 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
1970 Cornell College Scholar; Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Books:

The Natural Goodness of Man: On the System of Rousseau's Thought. The University of Chicago Press, 1990.

La Bonté Naturelle de L'homme, Editions Bélin, Paris, 1998. (French translation of *The Natural Goodness of Man: On the System of Rousseau's Thought*).

The Problem of Technology in the Western Tradition. Co-editor and contributor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1993.

History and the Idea of Progress. Co-editor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1995.

Multiculturalism and American Democracy. Co-editor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. University of Kansas Press, 1998.

Democracy and the Arts. Co-editor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1998.

Politics at the Turn of the Century. Co-editor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. Rowman and Littlefield, 2001.

The Public Intellectual: Between Philosophy and Politics. Co-editor and contributor with J. Weinberger and M. R. Zinman. Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

Reason, Faith, and Politics, Co-editor and contributor with Robert Kraynak. Lexington Press, March 2008.

The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism, Co-editor with J. Weinberger, S. Kautz and M. R. Zinman. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.

Philosophy Between the Lines: The Lost History of Esoteric Writing. The University of Chicago Press, 2014.

The same in Chinese translation, East China Normal University Press, 2018.

Are Markets Moral? Co-editor with S. Kautz. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018.

Articles and Book Chapters:

"Rousseau and the Problem of Bourgeois Society," *American Political Science Review* 74 (December, 1980): 1018-1033.

the same, reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John Scott. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

"Rousseau's Moral Realism: Replacing Natural Law with the General Will," *American Political Science Review* 77 (September, 1983): 633-651.

the same, reprinted in *Rousseau and Law*, edited by Thom Brooks. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2005.

the same, reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, edited by Timothy O'Hagan. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2007.

"Rousseau's 'Mission' and the Intention of His Writings," *American Journal of Political Science* 27 (May, 1983): 294-320.

"Tolerance 101," *The New Republic*, July 10, 1991.

"The Problem with the 'Problem of Technology'" in *The Problem of Technology in the Western Tradition* edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1993.

the same, reprinted in *Globalization, Technology, and Philosophy* edited by Tabachnick and Koivukoski. State University of New York Press, 2004.

"Introduction" co-authored with Weinberger and Zinman in *The Problem of Technology in the Western Tradition* edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1993.

"Rousseau," article in *The Encyclopedia of Democracy*, Congressional Quarterly, 1995.

"Rousseau and the Modern Cult of Sincerity" in *The Legacy of Rousseau*, edited by Tarcov and Orwin, University of Chicago Press, 1997.

the same, reprinted in *Harvard Review of Philosophy*, Spring, 1995.

the same (in Dutch translation), *Nexus*, September, 1994.

the same, reprinted in *The Space of Love and Garbage and Other Essays from the Harvard Review of Philosophy*, edited by Phineas Upham, Chicago: Open Court, 2008.

"Introduction" co-authored with Weinberger and Zinman in *History and the Idea of Progress* edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman. Cornell University Press, 1995.

"The Origin of the Counter-Enlightenment: Rousseau and the New Religion of Sincerity," *American Political Science Review*, June, 1996.

the same, reprinted in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers*, edited by John Scott. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

"Introduction" co-authored with Weinberger and Ziman in *Multiculturalism and American Democracy*. edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman, University Press of Kansas, 1998.

"Introduction" co-authored with Weinberger and Ziman in *Democracy and the Arts*, edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman, Cornell University Press, 1998.

"The Importance of Aristotle's Physics," review essay in *Books in Canada*, March, 1998

"Rousseau, Nationalism, and the Politics of Sympathetic Identification," chapter in *Political Philosophy and American Statesmanship*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2000.

"Introduction" co-authored with Weinberger and Ziman in *Politics at the Turn of the Century*, edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman, Rowman and Littlefield, 2001.

"Anti-anti-Foundationalism: Is a Theory of Moral Sentiments Possible?" *Perspectives on Politics*, Summer 2001.

"Introduction" in *The Public Intellectual: Between Philosophy and Politics*, edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003

"What is an Intellectual?" in *The Public Intellectual: Between Philosophy and Politics*, edited by Melzer, Weinberger and Zinman, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

"Esotericism and the Critique of Historicism" in *American Political Science Review*, May 2006.

"On the Pedagogical Motive for Esoteric Writing," *Journal of Politics*, November 2007.

"Introduction," in *Reason, Faith, and Politics*, Co-editor with Robert Kraynak. Lexington Press, March 2008.

"On the Inherent Tension Between Reason and Society," in *Reason, Faith, and Politics*, Co-editor with Robert Kraynak. Lexington Press, March 2008.

"Character vs. Free Will: Aristotle and Kant On Moral Responsibility," in *In Search of Humanity*, edited by Andrea Radasanu. Lexington Press, 2015.

"The Lost, Secret History of Reading," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 61.34 (May 2015):B4-5.

"A Beginner's Guide to Esoteric Reading," Republication of chapter nine of *Philosophy Between the Lines*, *Econ Journal Watch*, 12-2 (May 2015): 293-338.

"Esoteric Tangles," *Perspectives on Political Science*, 44 (October 2015): 226–236.

“Rousseau: Conquest of Nature vs. Return to Nature,” in *Mastery of Nature: Promises and Prospects*, edited by Minkov, Trout, and Doneson. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018.

“The Moral Resistance to Capitalism: A Brief Overview,” in *Are Markets Moral?* Edited by Kautz and Melzer. University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming, 2018.

Recent Professional Activities

Keynote Address for conference on “Smith, Hume, Liberalism and Esotericism,” George Mason University, November 2018.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “A 21st Century Immigration Policy for the West,” Michigan State University, October 2018.

“Esoteric Writing in Practice: How Does It Actually Protect the Writer?” Keynote Address for conference on Leo Strauss at University of Leuven, Belgium, December 2017.

“Rousseau on the Conquest of Nature,” lecture at MIT, May, 2016.

“Philosophy Between the Lines,” lecture at Texas A&M International, February 2016

“Philosophy Between the Lines: The Lost History of Esoteric Writing,” lecture at the University of Houston, January 25, 2016.

“Philosophy Between the Lines,” lecture at University of Notre Dame, November 20, 2015.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference, “Inequality and American Democracy,” Michigan State University, October 2015.

“Philosophy Between the Lines,” lecture at Department of Economics, George Mason University, September 16, 2015.

“Arthur Melzer on the History, Analysis, and Significance of Esotericism,” two hour podcast, Econ Journal Watch Audio, July 2015.

“Philosophy Between the Lines,” Hillsdale College, April 2015.

“Philosophy Between the Lines,” Jack Paynter Endowed Lecture at Madison College, MSU, March 20, 2015

Panelist at Conference on Strauss and Spinoza, Claremont McKenna College, January 23-4, 2015

“The Forgotten History of Esoteric Writing,” Lecture at American University, September 30, 2014.

Panelist at Conference on Rousseau’s Religious Thought, Claremont McKenna College, March 6-8, 2014

“Philosophy and Secrecy: On the Practice of Esoteric Writing,” Thomas W. Smith Foundation Lecture at Boston College October 25, 2013.

“Some Thoughts on Liberal Education,” lecture delivered at Wofford College, April 23, 2013.

“The Question of Liberty in Rousseau,” Conference in La Jolla, CA, March 14-17, 2013.

“The Theory of Esotericism: Why do We Find It so Hard to Believe?”, lecture delivered at the University of Chicago, March 1, 2013.

”Is Relativism a Bad Thing?” paper given at conference, Harvard University, September 2012.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “After the Arab Spring: Democratization and Regional Security,” Michigan State University, April 2012.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Perspectives on Prerogative," Michigan State University, March 2011.

"Modern Liberty and Commercial Society: Montesquieu v. Rousseau," Conference in Los Angeles, March 2011.

"Defending Reason in Postmodernity: The Philosophic Project of Leo Strauss," lecture delivered at University of Main, April, 2010.

Co-organizer of four-part lecture series by Francis Fukuyama on the rise of the modern state, Michigan State University, 2009-10.

“Rousseau and the Modern Cult of Sincerity,” lecture delivered at the University of Texas at Austin, February 2010.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Religion in Modernity," Michigan State University, April 2009

“Why Nature Itself Wants you to Get a Liberal Education,” lecture delivered at Ursinus College, January 2009

“Rousseau and the Longing for Sincerity,” lecture delivered at Claremont College, February 2009

“Leo Strauss and the Art of Esoteric Writing,” lecture delivered at Harvard University, November 2008

The same, delivered at University of Texas at Austin, November 2008

“Rousseau on Educating for Sincerity and Toughness,” lecture delivered at Dartmouth College, November 2008

“Leo Strauss and the Defense of Rationalism,” lecture delivered at Colgate University, April 2008

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The United States Supreme Court: Contested Constitutional Doctrines," Michigan State University, March 2008

“Leo Strauss and the Defense of Rationalism,” lecture delivered at Kenyon College, March 2008

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism,” Michigan State University, January 2007

“On The Inherent Tension Between Reason and Society,” lecture delivered at Notre Dame, November, 2007.

The same, delivered at Yale University, January 2007.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “Understanding Wahhabism,” Michigan State University, April 2006

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Education and Intellectual Discourse in the Middle East," Washington DC, June 2005

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “Beyond Radical Islam?” Michigan State University, April 2004

“The Recovery of Esotericism and the Rise of Post-Historicism,” paper delivered at APSA meeting, Philadelphia, September 2003.

“Historicism and Esotericism” paper delivered at Karl Friedrich von Siemens Institute, Munich, June, 2002.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “The Thought of Leo Strauss,” Karl Friedrich von Siemens Institute, Munich, June, 2002.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “Leo Strauss’s *Natural Right and History*: Contexts and Subtexts,” University of Chicago, May 2001.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference “Leo Strauss’s *Natural Right and History*: A Reassessment,” Michigan State University, April 2001.

Series of four lectures "Rousseau and the Modern Political Sensibility," Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, June 2000.

"On Adam Smith's Theory of Moral Sentiments," paper delivered at APSA September, 2000.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Liberal Democracy and Religion," Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, June 2000.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Morality and Public Life," Michigan State University, April, 1999.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The Idea of Europe," Budapest, Hungary. 1998.

Discussant, Liberty Foundation Conference "Tocqueville and Democracy," Boulder, Colorado, September, 1997

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The Idea of the Public Intellectual," Michigan State University, 1997.

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The Question of Big Government," Prague, the Czech Republic, 1996.

"Character vs. Free Will: Moral Responsibility in Aristotle and Kant," paper delivered at University of Toronto, April, 1996.

Discussant, Liberty Foundation Conference "Jane Austen and the Politics of Virtue," Seattle Washington, June, 1995

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "On the Political Meaning of Popular Culture," Michigan State University, 1995

"Rousseau and the New Religion of Sincerity," paper delivered at Kenyon College, March 1995

Discussant, Liberty Foundation Conference "Rousseau Today," Colorado Springs, February 1995

Chair and Discussant on panel "Rousseau's Reformations" (1994 meeting of the American Political Science Association)

"Rousseau and the Cult of Sincerity" (paper delivered at the University of Chicago, 1993; and Harvard University, 1994)

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Left, Right and Center: Parties and Ideologies after the Cold War" Michigan State University, 1994

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "*E Pluribus Unum?* Multiculturalism and American Democracy" Michigan State University, 1993

"Multiculturalism and Toleration: A Rousseauian Perspective" (paper delivered at Yale University, 1992)

"Rousseau, Christianity, and the Religion of Sincerity" (paper delivered at the 1992 meeting of the American Political Science Association)

"A Discussion of *The Natural Goodness of Man*" (Colloquium at the University of Chicago, 1992)

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The Green Revolution: The Philosophic and Scientific Bases of Environmentalism" Michigan State University, 1992

"The Problem with the 'Problem of Technology'," (paper delivered at the 1991 meeting of the American Political Science Association)

Discussant on panel "Bacon and Rousseau" (1991 meeting of the American Political Science Association)

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "Democracy and the Idea of Progress: a Reconsideration" Michigan State University, 1991

"On Rousseau's Religious Thought" (paper given at Boston College, 1991)

Chair and discussant of panel on "Science, Technology, and Post-Modernity" (1990 meeting of the American Political Science Association)

"Rousseau's Religious Thought" (paper given at St. Michaels College, University of Toronto, 1990)

Chair of panel on "Rousseau and Modern Heroes" (Olin Center Conference, University of Chicago, 1990)

Co-organizer of three-day Conference "The Destiny of Modern Technology," Michigan State University, 1990

Grants

2014	Renewal of grants from Earhart Foundation
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- 2011 Renewal of grants from Earhart Foundation
- 2010 Renewal of grants from Earhart Foundation
- 2009 Renewal of grants from Bradley and Earhart Foundations
- 2008 Renewal of grants from Bradley and Earhart Foundations
- 2007 Renewal of grants from Bradley, Scaife, and Earhart Foundations
- 2004 Awarded A “We The People” Challenge Grant from National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2004 Renewal of grants from Bradley, Carthage, and Earhart Foundations.
- 2001 Research Grant, Earhart Foundation
- 1998-2006 Renewal of grants from Bradley, Carthage, and Earhart Foundations.
- 1995-7 Renewal of grants from Bradley, Carthage and Earhart Foundations. New grant from Olin Foundation to support three graduate students.
- 1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers
- 1991 Three-year grants from the Carthage and Bradley Foundations (second renewal) and a one-year grant from the Earhart Foundation to continue the *Symposium*
- 1989 Renewal of grants from Bradley and Carthage Foundations
- 1988 Initial one-year grants from Bradley, Carthage, and Olin Foundations to found the Symposium on Science, Reason and Modern Democracy in the Department of Political Science at M.S.U.
- 1985 Institute For Educational Affairs: research fellowship
- 1984 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers
- 1982 Research Grant, Earhart Foundation
- 1980 Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship