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EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Professor, July 2005-present. Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, July 2007-present.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Associate Professor, 1998-2005. (Assistant Professor, 1992-1998). Associate Chair, August 2000-July 2003.

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Politics, January 1993.

Dissertation: "The Temple of Memory: Historical Thinking in the Political Argument of Locke, Hegel, and Nietzsche." Advisors: George Kateb, Alexander Nehamas.

Princeton University, M.A. in Politics, June 1989.

Harvard University, B.A. in Government, magna cum laude with Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1986.

BOOKS

Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit (Princeton University Press, 2006; pb. 2009)

*Winner of the 2006 Book Award for Excellence in Philosophy from the American Association of Publishers.

Reviewed in: *Choice* (44-3222); *Dalhousie Review* (87:2 310-11); *Library Journal* (9/1/06); *Newsday* (10/22/06); *Perspectives on Politics* (5:3 603-4); *Review of Politics* (69:3 477-80); *Svenska Dagbladet* (1/20/07); *The Week* (6:278 22 "Book of the Week"); *Times Literary Supplement* (7/28/2006); *Wall Street Journal* (9/15/06 W1); *Weekly Standard* (12/25/06). Also the subject of columns in: *New York Times* (8/28/06) and *WiWo.de* (10/14/06).

Dancing in Chains: Narrative and Memory in Political Theory (Stanford University Press, 1997).

Reviewed in: *American Political Science Review* (92: 199-200); *Choice* (35-1804); *Common Knowledge* (7:2 95-6); *Germanic Notes & Reviews* (30: 89); *History of Political*

Thought (20: 707-08); *Human Studies* (23: 439-45); *Journal of Politics* (60: 888-90); *Political Theory* (27: 562-64); *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (86: 242-44).

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS (* = peer-reviewed)

Letter to M. Cavell About Film (A Remake), under review.

Pessimistic Realism and Realistic Pessimism in Political Thought and International Relations: Variations on a Realist Theme, edited by Duncan Bell (Oxford University Press, 2008), forthcoming.

Cervantes as Educator: Don Quixote and the Practice of Pessimism, in **Between Terror and Freedom: Philosophy, Politics and Fiction Speak of Modernity**, edited by Simona Goi and Frederick M. Dolan (Lexington Books, 2006).

Nietzsche, Tragedy, Pessimism in Rethinking Tragedy, a special number of **New Literary History**, ed. by Rita Felski, (35:1), Winter 2004. Republished as **Rethinking Tragedy** (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).

Nietzsche's Dionysian Pessimism*, **American Political Science Review (95:4), Dec. 2001.

Review Essay: *What Is Living and What Is Dead in the Interpretation of Hegel?*, **Political Theory** (29:2) April 2001.

Review of HEGEL AND THE STATE, by Eric Weil (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998); HEGEL'S ETHICS OF RECOGNITION, by Robert R. Williams (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997); HEGEL'S IDEA OF A PHENOMENOLOGY OF SPIRIT, by Michael Forster (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998); IDEALISM AND MODERNISM by Robert B. Pippin (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).

Review Essay: *Nietzsche's Friends and Enemies*, **The Review of Politics** (62:2) Spring 2000.

Review of NIETZSCHE AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE, by Pierre Klossowski, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997); NIETZSCHE AND WAGNER: A LESSON IN SUBJUGATION, by Joachim Köhler, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998); NIETZSCHE CONTRA DEMOCRACY, by Fredrick Appel, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999).

The Pessimistic Spirit*, **Philosophy & Social Criticism (25:1), January 1999.

Wittgenstein Among the Savages: Language, Action and Political Theory*, **Polity (30:4), Summer 1998.

Between History and Nature: Social Contract Theory in Locke and the Founders*, **The Journal of Politics (58:4), November 1996.

Serving God and Mammon: The Lockean Sympathy in Early American Political Thought*, **American Political Science Review (90:3), September 1996.

'The Pozsgay Affair': Historical Memory and Political Legitimacy*, **History & Memory (8:1), Spring/Summer 1996.

Building the Temple of Memory: Hegel's Aesthetic Narrative of History*, **The Review of Politics (56:4), Fall 1994.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2003-4
University of Virginia, Sesquicentennial Associateship, 2003-04, 1996-97.
University of Virginia, Summer Research Grant, 1995, 1998, 1999.
Harvard University, Postdoctoral Fellow in Constitutional Government, 1993-94.
Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellow, 1991-92.
Princeton Society of Fellows (Woodrow Wilson Fellowship), 1991-92.
Princeton University, William S. Carpenter Prize, 1987-91.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Passion, Contingency & Democratic Foundings, Democracy & The Passions, Fondazione Cini, Venice, June 2008.

The Tragedy of Remarriage, Western Political Science Association, March 2008.

Letter to M. Cavell About Film, from a Citizen of Los Angeles, American Political Science Association, September 2006.

'Consciousness Is a Disease': Existential Pessimism in Camus, Unamuno and Cioran, Association for Political Theory, October 2004; Western Political Science Association, March 2005.

The Anatomy of Pessimism: Outline of a Neglected Tradition, American Political Science Association, September 2004.

'The Evils of the World Honestly Admitted': Metaphysical Pessimism in Schopenhauer and Freud, Northeast Political Science Association, November 2002.

'A Philosophy That Is Grievous But True': Cultural Pessimism in Rousseau and Leopardi, American Political Science Association, September 2002.

Cervantes as Educator: Don Quixote and the Practice of Pessimism, American Political Science Association, September 2000.

What Is Dionysian Pessimism?, American Political Science Association, September 1998 and Western Political Science Association, March 1998.

The Pessimistic Spirit: Pessimism and Time, American Political Science Association, September 1996.

Wittgenstein Among the Savages: Skepticism, Belief and Action in Wittgenstein's Philosophy, American Political Science Association, September 1995.

Memories of Pain: Nietzsche's Will to Living Dangerously, American Political Science Association, September 1993.

Building the Temple of Memory, Southern Political Science Association, November 1992.

INVITED TALKS

University of Washington, Political Science Colloquium, "Democracy and Pessimism," May 2008.

UCLA Law School Faculty Colloquium, "The Promise of Pessimism," April 2008.

University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, "Letter to Cavell," April 2008.

UC Riverside, Political Theory Seminar, "Pessimism," May 2007.

UCLA, US History Colloquium, on "Tragedy, Pessimism, Nietzsche," November 2006.

Texas A&M, *Why Political Theory Must Be Pessimistic if it is to be Democratic*, Political Theory Conference, featured invited paper, February 2006.

UCLA, Political Theory Workshop, "The Anatomy of Pessimism," May 2004.

Harvard University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "The Anatomy of Pessimism," February 2004.

Wake Forest University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "Cultural Pessimism," October 2002.

Johns Hopkins University, Political Science Department Colloquium, "Cervantes as Educator," October 2002.

Bucknell University Humanities Institute, "Memory in Political Theory and Politics," February 1999.

Princeton University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "What Is Dionysian Pessimism?" October 1998.

Northwestern University, Political Theory Workshop, “The Plotters of Political Theory,” November 1996.

Indiana University, Political Theory Colloquium, “Serving God and Mammon,” November 1996.

Harvard University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, “A Reassessment of John Locke’s Relation to the Founders,” April 1994.

Princeton Society of Fellows, *John Locke’s Narrative of Government for America*, February 1992.

BOOK REVIEWS & OTHER SHORT WRITINGS

Encyclopedia of Political Theory (Sage Publications, Mark Bevir, General Editor), Entries for “Arthur Schopenhauer”, “Pessimism”, and “Nihilism”. Forthcoming.

“Postmodern Approaches,” in **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Political Philosophy** (Oxford University Press, George Klosko, General Editor). Forthcoming.

Political Theory (February 2006), review of *THE OPEN: MAN AND ANIMAL*, by Giorgio Agamben, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004).

Reflections on Sheilaism: A Response to Robert Bellah, **The Hedgehog Review** (4:1), Spring 2002.

The Journal of Politics (May 2000), review of *MYTHS AND NATIONHOOD*, ed. by Geoffrey Hosking and George Schöpflin, (Routledge: New York, 1997).

The European Legacy (June 1999), review of *REASON AND RHETORIC IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF HOBBS*, by Quentin Skinner, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

German Politics & Society (Winter 1996), review of *THE HEGEL MYTHS AND LEGENDS*, ed. by Jon Stewart, (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1996).

National Political Science Review (1996), review of *POLITICS, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL THEORY*, by Anthony Giddens, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1995).

American Political Science Review (June 1996), review of *THEORIES AND NARRATIVES: REFLECTIONS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY*, by Alex Callinicos, (Durham: Duke University Press, 1995).

The Review of Politics (Fall 1995), review of *ALEXANDRE KOJÈVE: THE ROOTS OF POSTMODERN POLITICS*, by Shadia Drury, (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1994).

German Politics & Society (Fall 1993), review of *POSTHISTOIRE: HAS HISTORY COME TO AN END?*, by Lutz Niethammer, (London: Verso Press, 1992).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

“Just Asking: You See a Doughnut, He Sees a Hole”, interview, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 1, 2007.

“A Dose of Pessimism”, on-line commentary, *UK Guardian*, December 7, 2006.

“Using the Power of Negative Thinking”, interview, *Dallas Morning News*, November 5, 2006.

“A Philosophy of Pessimism,” interview, *On Point*, *WBUR* (Boston), September 14, 2006.

“The Importance of Being Pessimistic,” Op-Ed page, *The Los Angeles Times*, September 3, 2006. Reprinted, *Bergen County Record*, September 7, 2006; *San Jose Mercury-News*, September 8, 2006; *Delaware News Journal*, September 10, 2006.

“Thinking Allowed”, interview, *BBC Radio 4*, July 12, 2006.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Roundtable participant, “Continental Political Thought: Past, Present and Future,” APSA 2008.

Roundtable participant, “Author meets the Critics: Joshua Foa Dienstag’s *Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit*,” APSA 2007.

Commentator, “Syco-analysis,” West Coast Law & Literature Conf. (USC), April 2007.

Chair, “Arendt in Vegas: Where The Action Is”, Western PSA, March 2007.

Commentator, “Political Foundings across Time and Space,” APT, November 2006.

Chair/Commentator, “Time, Place and Politics,” Western PSA, March 2006.

Chair, “Theory, Movie, Text: Political Theory with and Through Film,” APSA 2005.

Chair, “Sovereignty and Time,” Western PSA, March 2005.

Commentator, “Reason and Judgment,” New England PSA, May 2004.

Roundtable participant, “The Politics of Literature,” APSA 2003.

Commentator, "Democracy, Reconciliation and Restorative Justice," APSA 2002.

Commentator, "The Literary Imagination in Political Life," APSA 2001.

Chair, "Reason, Judgment, Interpretation," APSA 2000.

Commentator, Virginia PSA, "James Caesar's *Reconstructing America*," December 1997.

Chair/Commentator, "The Politics of Memory," APSA 1997.

Commentator, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Virginia chapter, "Remarks on Tracy Strong's *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*," April 1996.

Chair/Commentator, "The German Idealist Roots of the Liberal/Communitarian Debate," APSA 1995.

Commentator, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Virginia chapter, "Remarks on George Kateb's *The Inner Ocean*," April 1993.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Political Theory, Contemporary Political Thought, Continental Political Thought, Political Theory & Film, Democracy & Its Critics, Proseminar in Political Theory (graduate), Narrative in Political Theory (graduate), Pessimism (graduate).

EXTRA-UNIVERSITY SERVICE

David Easton Award Committee, Foundations Division of APSA, 2007-8.

Spitz Book Prize Committee, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, 2007-.

Fellowship Referee, ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Grant, January 2007.

Editorial Board Member, **Revue des Etudes Cioraniennes** (commencing publication in 2008).

Swarthmore College, External Honors Examiner in Modern Political Theory, May 2002 and May 2005.

Tenure referee for: **Bucknell University** (1999); **Boston University** (2001); **University of Michigan** (2006); **UC Santa Barbara** (2007 & 2009); **Johns Hopkins University** (2008).

Book Referee for Routledge (2006).

Presenter, American Council of Learned Societies Conference, Panel on Recently-Tenured Faculty, Fall 2000.

Articles reviewed for: **Political Theory; American Political Science Review; The Review of Politics; Political Research Quarterly; History of Political Thought; Journal of Religion; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Law, Culture & the Humanities.**

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UCLA:

Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, 2007-
Department Development Committee, 2006-
Department Merit Review Committee, 2006-8.
Department Graduate Recruitment Committee, 2006-7.
UCLA Legislative Assembly, Department Representative, 2006-
UCLA Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, 2006-
Political Theory Field Chair/Workshop Coordinator, 2005-7.
Graduate Studies Committee, 2005-
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2005-7.
Ad hoc Step Promotion Committee, Fall 2005.

University of Virginia:

CP/IR Search Committee, 2004-5.
Tenure Review Committee, 2004-5
Associate Chair, Politics, 2000-3.
Political Theory Search Committees (chair and member of different searches), 2000-01.
Interdepartmental Chair Search Committee (PPL program), 2000-01.
GFA Department Chair Search Committee, 1999-00.
Tenure Review Committee, 1999-00.
Political & Social Thought Program, Board Member, 1998-
Forum for Contemporary Thought, Director, 1999-2000; Board Member, 1998-
Admissions & Financial Aid Committee, 1998-9.
Acting Undergraduate Director, 1998.
Graduate Placement Director, 1997-8.
First/Second Year Advisor, 1997-8, 2002-03.
Political Theory Search Committee, 1997.
Graduate Committee, 1997-
Associate Undergraduate Advisor, 1995-96.
Undergraduate Assessment Committee, 1994-95.
Self-Study Group in Political Theory, 1994-
Library Liaison Officer, 1994-96.
Stevenson Prize Committee, 1993, 1999.
Undergraduate Committee, 1992-96.

LANGUAGES READ

Spanish, French, German (and a little Italian).

REFERENCES

Available upon request.