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Curriculum Vitae (Short Version)

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., *The University of Chicago*, Department of Philosophy, 1996.

M.A., *The University of Chicago*, Department of Philosophy, 1988.

Visiting Student, *The Hebrew University*, Department of Jewish Thought, 1986-87.

B.A., *Stanford University*, Department of Philosophy, with Distinction and Honors in the Humanities, 1986.

DISSERTATION

“Spinoza in the Republican Tradition: Virtue and Fortune in the Ethics and the Political Works.”
Directed by Professor Daniel Garber. Readers: Edwin Curley and Daniel Brudney.
Received Honors from the Department. Submitted to The University of Chicago,
December 1996.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION and COMPETENCE

AOS: History of Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Kant), Ethics, Political Philosophy, Modern Jewish Philosophy.

AOC: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Contemporary French Philosophy.

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Professor, Department of Philosophy, *University of Washington* (9/12-present); Member of the Jewish Studies Program (9/03-present); Adjunct Professor in the Department of Germanics (12/15-present).

Samuel and Althea Stroum Chair in Jewish Studies, *University of Washington* (7/16-present).

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, *University of Washington* (9/03-9/2012).

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, *University of Washington* (2002-03).

Associate Professor of Philosophy, *Grinnell College* (5/02-9/2003).

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, *Grinnell College* (8/96-2002).

Visiting Scholar, *Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington* (8/99-6/00).

Instructor of Philosophy, *Grinnell College* (8/95-7/96).

Lecturer in Philosophy, *University of Delaware* (8/94-7/95).

Instructor, *The University of Chicago* (9/88-6/91).

PUBLICATIONS, WORKS UNDER CONSIDERATION, and WORK IN PROGRESS:

BOOKS

Monograph (in progress):

Spinoza's Republic: Politics, Religion, and Toleration (Under contract with Princeton University Press; manuscript in preparation).

Edited Volumes:

Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy, ed. Michael A. Rosenthal, New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (Under contract.)

Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Michael A. Rosenthal. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (2010).

Inventions of the Imagination: Romanticism and Beyond, eds. Richard T. Gray, Nicholas Halmi, Gary J. Handwerk, Michael A. Rosenthal, and Klaus Vieweg. Seattle: University of Washington Press (2011).

ARTICLES Published or Forthcoming:

“Spinoza on Beings of Reason [*Entia Rationis*] and the Analogical Imagination,” in Spinoza in 21st-Century American and French Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy, eds. Charles Ramond and Jack Stetter, Bloomsbury Press, forthcoming.

Translated in French: “Etres de Raison (Entia Rationis) et Imagination Analogique,” in Spinoza Transatlantique, Les interprétations américaines de Spinoza aujourd’hui, eds. Chantal Jaquet, Pierre-François Moreau, and Pascal Sévérac. Les Editions de la Sorbonne, forthcoming.

“What Is Real About ‘Ideal Constitutions’? Spinoza on Political Explanation,” in Spinoza’s ‘Political Treatise’: A Critical Guide, eds. Yitzhak Melamed and Hasana Sharp, Cambridge University Press, 2018, 12-28.

“Prophetic Style and Ethical Experience in Hermann Cohen and Spinoza,” in Jewish Studies Quarterly, Issue 25 (2018), 1-18.

“Spinoza’s Political Philosophy,” in Oxford Handbook of Spinoza, ed. Michael della Rocca, Oxford University Press, 2018, 408-433.

“Spinoza on Circumcision and Ceremonies,” in Modern Judaism, Volume 36, Issue 1 (2016), 42-66.

“The Ethics of the *Ethics*: Spinoza on Virtue and Nature,” in Gott oder Natur: Perspektiven nach Spinoza, eds. Matthias Ruf and Ana Honnacker, Philosophie Aktuell, Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2015, 23-46.

“Politics and Ethics in Spinoza: The Problem of Normativity,” in Essays on Spinoza’s Ethical Theory, eds. Matt Kisner and Andrew Youpa, Oxford University Press, 2014, 85-101.

“The Siren Song of Revolution: Spinoza on the Art of Political Change,” in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal, Volume 34, Issue 1 (2013), 111-132.

“Art and Politics of the Desert: German Exiles in California and the Biblical *Bilderverbot*,” in New German Critique, Issue 118, Volume 40, Number 1 (Winter 2013), 43-64.

“Spinoza” in Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Religion, revised second edition, ed. Chad Meister and Paul Copan, London: Routledge, 2013, 150-160.

“Why Spinoza is Intolerant of Atheists: God and the Limits of Early Modern Liberalism.” Review of Metaphysics, volume 65, June 2012, 813-839.

“Benjamin’s Wager on Modernity: Gambling and the *Arcades Project*.” The Germanic Review: Literature, Culture, Theory, Issue 87: 3 (2012), 261-278.

“Spinoza’s Monism and Jewish Philosophy,” in Light against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religions and the Contemporary World, eds. Armin Lange, Eric M. Meyers,

Bennie H. Reynolds, and Randall G. Styers, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (supplement series to the *Journal of Ancient Judaism*), 2011.

“Introduction” to Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, ed. Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“Miracles, Wonder, and the State in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*” in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, ed. Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“Spinoza’s Philosophy of Religion,” in History of Western Philosophy of Religion, ed.. Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis, Chesham, UK: Acumen Publishing, 2009.

“Spinoza and the Crisis of Liberalism in Weimar Germany,” Hebraic Political Studies, volume 3:1 (Winter 2008), 94-112.

“Spinoza and the Philosophy of History,” in Interpreting Spinoza, ed. Charles Huenemann, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008, chapter 6, 111-127.

“Spinoza on Why the Sovereign Can Command Men’s Tongues But Not Their Minds,” Nomos volume XLVIII, “Toleration and Its Limits,” ed. Melissa S. Williams and Jeremy Waldron, New York: NYU Press, 2008, 54-77.

“Spinoza, History, and Jewish Modernity” in Philosophers and the Hebrew Bible, eds. Charles H. Manekin and Robert Eisen, Bethesda: University of Maryland Press, 2008, 113-132.

Translated in Hungarian as: “Történelem és zsidó modernitás Spinozánál,” in Világosság (XLVI) 2004/5, 105-118. Also appeared in: Politikai teológia - történeti perspektíván: Filozófia, politika, teológia a XVII-XVIII. században, Budapest: Tudástársadalom Alapítvány, 2006, 201-224.

“The ‘Black, Scabby Brazilian:’ Some Thoughts on Race and Early Modern Philosophy,” Philosophy & Social Criticism, volume 31 (2), 2005, 211-221.

“Persuasive Passions: Rhetoric and the Interpretation of Spinoza’s Theological-Political Treatise,” Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, volume 85, 2003, 249-268.

“Spinoza’s Republican Argument for Tolerance,” Journal of Political Philosophy, volume 11 (3), September 2003, 320-337.

“Spinoza’s Dogmas of Universal Faith and the Problem of Religion,” Philosophy and Theology, volume 13 (1), 2001, 53-72.

“Tolerance as a Virtue in Spinoza’s Ethics,” Journal of the History of Philosophy, volume 34 (4), October 2001, 535-557.

“Tolerance and the Right to Resist in Spinoza’s Theological-Political Treatise: The Problem of Christ’s Disciples,” in Piety, Peace, and the Freedom to Philosophize, Paul Bagley, ed., Kluwer Academic Press, 1999, 111-132.

“Two Collective Action Problems in Spinoza’s Social Contract Theory,” History of Philosophy Quarterly, volume 15 (4), October 1998, 389-409.

“Why Spinoza Chose the Hebrews: The Exemplary Function of Prophecy in the Theological-Political Treatise,” in History of Political Thought, volume XVIII (1), Summer 1997, 207-241.

Reprinted in: (1) Jewish Themes in Spinoza’s Philosophy, eds. Lenn Goodman and Heidi Ravven, State University of New York Press: 2002, 225-260; and also in (2) Spinoza, International Critical Library of Philosophy, eds. Yirmiyahu Yovel and Gideon Segal, Ashgate Academic Publishers: 2002; and (3) Spinoza. Critical assessments, ed. Genevieve Lloyd, Routledge, London-New York, 2001, vol. III, part XII.

ARTICLES Published in Conference Proceedings or Non-Print Media:

“Is Spinoza’s Ethics Systematic?” in Cognitive, Emotive and Ethical Aspects of Decision Making in Humans and in AI, Volume IV, edited by Iva Smit, Wendell Wallach, and George E. Lasker, International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics, 2005, 109-115.

“The Relevance of Spinoza’s Liberalism,” in the Proceedings of the 7th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas: “Approaching a New Millennium” (CD-ROM), edited by Daniel Apollon, Odd-Bjørn Fure, and Lars Svåsand, HIT Centre at the University of Bergen, Norway, 2000.

“Spinoza and the Enlightenment,” in the Proceedings of the 6th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas: “Twentieth Century European Narratives” (CD-ROM), edited by Sascha and Ezra Talmor, Haifa, Israel, 2000.

ARTICLES Under Consideration:

“Sovereign Decisions: The Will and the Law in the *Ethics* and the *TTP*,” for a volume on Spinoza’s Ethics and the Theological-Political Treatise, eds. Daniel Garber, Mogens Laerke, Pierre-Francois Moreau, Pina Totaro, Oxford University Press.

“Spinoza on the Distinction Between True and False Prophecy,” for a volume on “Theology and

Rationality V: Reason and Prophecy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” ed. Heiko Shultz, Mohr Siebeck Verlag, Tübingen.

“Spinoza,” Co-authored with Karolina Hübner, Routledge Online Encyclopedia.

“Spinoza on the Idea of Progress” for a conference volume on “Strukturgeschichte oder Entwicklungslogik? Spinoza und das Denken von Geschichte.”

“The Imagination in the Imperium of Reason: An Analysis of Ethics, Part V, Proposition 10, Scholium,” for a conference volume from Spinoza by 2000: The Jerusalem Conferences - Ethica V.

ARTICLES Invited and in Progress:

“Spinoza,” article for Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion.

“The Prophets at War: Hermann Cohen on Spinoza and the Moral Basis of Citizenship” for a volume on “Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy.”

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Spinoza’s Collected Works, Volume 2, edited by Edwin Curley, Princeton University Press 2016, for Journal of the History of Philosophy, Volume 55, No. 3, (July 2017), 545-46.

Review of Spinoza and the Politics of Renaturalization, Hasana Sharp, University of Chicago Press 2011, for Review of Metaphysics, Volume 67, Issue 2 (2013), 443-444.

Review of A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza’s Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age, Steven Nadler, Princeton University Press, 2011, for Journal of the History of Philosophy 51.1 (2013): 129-130.

Review of Spinoza’s Theologico-political Treatise: Exploring the Will of God, Theo Verbeek, Ashgate 2002, for Journal of the History of Philosophy, Volume 45, Issue 2 (April 2007).

Review of Philosophy and the Passions: Toward a History of Human Nature, Michel Meyer, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2000, for Philosophy in Review, Volume 22, No. 1, February 2002, 64-5.

Review of Beyond the Persecuting Society: Religious Toleration Before the Enlightenment, John Christian Laursen and Cary J. Nederman, eds., University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998, for The European Legacy, Volume 7, No. 1, 143-144.

Review of Spinoza, Liberalism, and the Question of Jewish Identity, by Steven B. Smith, Yale University Press, 1997, for Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Volume 81 (1999), No. 3, 341-343.

Review of Giambattista Vico: Imagination and Historical Knowledge, by Cecilia Miller, St. Martin's Press, 1993, for Philosophy in Review, Volume XVII, No. 2, April 1997.

PAPERS PRESENTED (last 10 years):

“Prophetic Style and Ethical Experience in Hermann Cohen and Spinoza,” at a conference on Hermann Cohen, Goethe University, Frankfurt, October 28-31, 2018.

“The Role of Free Will in Grotius’ Erastian Theory of Toleration,” at a conference on “The Intellectual Lives of Hugo Grotius: Texts, Contexts and Controversies across the Disciplines,” at Princeton University, 4-6 May 2018.

“Spinoza, Ben-Gurion, and Church-State Relations in Israel,” at a conference, “Spinoza’s Universe,” Jewish Studies Program, Baruch College, New York, April 19, 2018; also at the American Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December, 2018.

“Spinoza on True and False Prophecy,” at the APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, March 28, 2018.

“Spinoza, Toleration, and the Jews,” the Martin Buber Lecture on Intellectual History and Philosophy, at the Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, November 14, 2017.

“Spinoza on How to Interpret Scripture,” presented at a seminar on “The interpretation of Scripture in Amsterdam during the Golden Age,” Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany, November 8, 2017.

“Spinoza on the Distinction Between True and False Prophecy,” at the International Research Workshop, “Theology and Rationality V: Reason and Prophecy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany, November 1-3, 2017

“Sovereign Decisions: The Will and the Law in the *Ethics* and the *TTP*,” presented at Klagenfurt University, Austria, October, 16, 2017; Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, keynote of the “Second Budapest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy – Personal Identity and Self-Interpretation,” Budapest, Hungary, October 27, 2017; and Department of Philosophy, Jena University, Germany, November 8, 2017.

“The Prophets at War: Hermann Cohen on Spinoza and the Moral Basis of Citizenship” for a

conference on “Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy” at the University of Washington, May 21-22, 2017.

“Sovereign Decisions: The Will and the Law in the *Ethics* and the *TTP*,” for a conference on “Spinoza: The *Ethics* and the *Tractatus theologico-politicus*,” at Princeton University, May 5-7, 2017.

“On the Translation of the *TTP*,” for a conference, “Spinoza in/and Translation,” at the University of Toronto, April 17, 2017.

“Moses Hess on the Politics of Spinoza’s ‘Intellectual Love of God’,” at the German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, October 1, 2016. (cancelled due to personal reasons)

“Spinoza on ‘Beings of Reason’ and the Analogical Structure of the Imagination,” for the “Spinoza Colloquium France États-Unis,” University of Paris (Vincennes Saint-Denis and Pantheon-Sorbonne), June 3-4, 2016; also presented at “Spinoza Day” Conference, at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, April 20, 2016.

“Herman Cohen and Spinoza on Prophecy,” for a conference on “Benedict Spinoza and Hermann Cohen: A Reconsideration,” at Princeton University, April 3-4, 2016.

“Spinoza on Civil Orders,” at a conference on “Spinoza’s *Political Treatise*,” McGill University, Montreal, Canada, April 23, 2015.

“Measures, Models, and Narratives: ‘Beings of Reason’ and the Limits of Spinoza’s Rationalism,” at a conference on “The Roles of Fiction in Early Modern Philosophy,” University of Washington, Seattle, April 18, 2015.

“Three Accounts of Civil Society in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*,” at a conference on “Nouvelles recherches sur Spinoza et sur le *Traité Théologico-Politique*,” École Normale Supérieure, March 28, 2015.

“Masters and Apprentices: Spinoza on Beings of Reason [*Entia Rationis*]” at Conference in Honor of Daniel Garber, Princeton University, September 20, 2014.

“Spinoza on ‘Beings of Reason’,” at the Bucharest-Princeton Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Bran, Romania, July 11, 2014.

“Spinoza on Circumcision and Ceremonies,” at the Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany, July 24, 2104.

“Spinoza on Circumcision and Ceremonies: Religion in a Cosmopolitan Society” at a conference on “Cosmopolitanism, Human Rights and Religion in Postsecular Societies,” at the

Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, May 31, 2013.

“Spinoza on Circumcision and Ceremonies” at a conference on “Spinoza and the Theological-Political Complex,” at the University of Toronto, October 21, 2012.

“The Siren Song of Revolution: Spinoza on the Art of Political Change” at the Hannah Arendt/Reiner Schürmann Symposium in Political Philosophy at the New School for Social Research, New York City, May 4-5, 2012; also presented at the “Workshop on Spinoza,” at the University of Sydney, August 31, 2012.

“Politics and Ethics in Spinoza: The Problem of Normativity,” at a conference on “The Ethics of Spinoza’s *Ethics*,” at Texas A&M University, October 1, 2011; Also presented at the University of Queensland, September 14, 2012.

“Spinoza on Rights and Cosmopolitanism” at University of Frankfurt, May 8, 2011.

“Art and Politics of the Desert: German Exiles in California and the Biblical *Bilderverbot*,” at Department of Germanics, University of Washington, April 15, 2011. Also presented at “Political Fictions” Conference, University of Sydney, September 6, 2012; and at Monash University, Australian Centre for Jewish Studies, September 12, 2012.

“Would Spinoza Tolerate Atheists?” at Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 1, 2011; and at the University of Utrecht, May 9, 2011.

“Spinoza on the Idea of Progress,” at the conference on “Strukturgeschichte oder Entwicklungslogik? Spinoza und das Denken von Geschichte,” University of Halle-Wittenberg, sponsored by the Spinoza Gesellschaft, the Seminar for Philosophy, and the Interdisciplinary Center for Research in the European Enlightenment, September 17, 2010. Also presented at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, September 23, 2010, and at the University of Ghent, May 11, 2011.

“Hans Jonas and the Problem of a Jewish Philosophy of Life,” at the Tikvah Workshop in the Department of Religious Studies, Princeton University, December 14, 2009 and a revised version at a conference on Hans Jonas, Princeton University, June 13-14, 2010.

“‘Das Ethos der hebräischen Propheten’: The Philosophical Debate in Germany about the Jewish Religion and Nation during the First World War, and its Aftermath,” at Forschungskolleg für Humanwissenschaften (Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities), Bad Homburg, Germany, September 16, 2009.

“Art and Politics of the Desert: German Exiles in California and the Biblical *Bilderverbot*,” at the NEH Seminar, “German Exiles in California,” Stanford University, July 27, 2009.

“The Rationalist Debate over Wonder and the Ground of Moral Obligation in Kant,” at the APA Pacific Division Meeting, Invited Session on “The Government of the Passions,” Vancouver, BC, April 11, 2009.

“Miracles, Wonder, and the State in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*” at Boston University, Department of Philosophy, Benedict Lectures, December 5, 2008.

“Between *Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft*: The Jewish Nation and the Idea of Biblical Science in Weimar Germany” at the Conference on Political Hebraism, Princeton University, September 9, 2008.

“Spinoza on Wonder and Politics,” at the mini-conference on Spinoza’s psychology at the APA Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, March 22, 2008.

RESEARCH AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Goethe University, Bad Homburg, Germany, Fellowship (with support from the Graduiertenkolleg “Theologie als Wissenschaft”), Autumn, 2017.

Samuel and Althea Stroum Chair in Jewish Studies, 2016-19.

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Goethe University, Bad Homburg, Germany, Fellowship (with support from the Graduiertenkolleg “Theologie als Wissenschaft”), Summer 2014.

NEH Summer Seminar Stipend for participation in “Walter Benjamin’s Later Writings: The Arcades Project and Commodity Culture,” at UC-Irvine, Summer 2011.

University of Washington, Paid Professional Leave, 2010-11.

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Goethe University, Bad Homburg, Germany, Fellowship (with support from the Cluster of Excellence, “The Formation of Normative Orders”), Summer 2009.

NEH Summer Seminar Stipend for participation in “German Exile Culture in California: European Traditions and American Modernity,” at Stanford University, Summer 2009.

Princeton University Tikvah Project in Jewish Thought Working Group on Hans Jonas, 2009-10.

University of Washington Royalty Research Fund Grant for “Sovereigns and Subjects: Politics, Philosophy, and Jewish Identity in Germany before World War II,” Summer 2009.

DAAD Grant for German Language Study, 2005.

Grinnell College Sabbatical Leave, 2002-03.

Grinnell College Grant Board Stipend for summer research, 2002.

Grinnell College Grant Board Stipend for summer research, 2001.

NEH Summer Seminar Stipend for participation in “Descartes and His Contemporaries: Scholastics and *Novatores*” at Virginia Tech University, Summer 2000.

Grinnell College Harris Faculty Research Fellowship, 1999-2000.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1999.

Grinnell College Grant Board stipend for summer research, 1998.

Grinnell College Grant Board stipend for summer research in Holland, 1997.

Grinnell College Faculty Curricular Development Grant, 1996.

University of Chicago-Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1993-94.

Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship in the College, The University of Chicago, 1993.

Mellon Fifth-year Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93.

University of Chicago, Division of the Humanities, Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, 1992.

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1987-91.

Israel Government Scholarship, for study at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1986-87.

OTHER GRANTS RECEIVED

Saari Grant, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, for Workshop on “Spinoza and the Highest Good: *Ethics*, Part V,” November 16-18, 2018.

University of Washington, Simpson Center for the Humanities, Jewish Studies Program, for “Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy,” at the University of Washington, May 21-22, 2017.

University of Washington, Simpson Center for the Humanities, Jewish Studies Program, Institute for Trans-National Studies, for a symposium on “Subjects and Sovereigns: Modern Jewish Political Thought,” February 24-25, 2008.

University of Washington, Arts and Sciences Exchange Program Grant for Speakers Series on “Subjects and Sovereigns: Jewish Political Thought in the 20th Century, 2006-07.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Workshop on “Spinoza and the Highest Good: *Ethics*, Part V,” at the University of Washington, November 16-18, 2018.

Pacific Northwest-Western Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, at the University of Washington, March 3-5, 2018.

Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy, at the University of Washington, May 21-22, 2017.

Panel Discussion on “Religion and Immigration” for the Conference on “Immigration, Toleration, and Human Rights,” at the University of Washington, October 27, 2016.

“The Roles of Fiction in Early Modern Philosophy,” at the Simpson Center for the Humanities, the University of Washington, April 17-18, 2015.

Panel Discussion on “Circumcision as a Human Rights Issue,” at the University of Washington, March 4, 2013.

UW Spinoza Symposium, March 2-3, 2012.

Sovereigns and Subjects: Jewish Political Thought and Experience in the 20th Century, February 24-25, 2008.

Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, at the University of Washington, Oct. 8-10, 2004, and Feb. 29-March 2, 2007

Simpson Center for the Humanities, Member of Organizing Committee for the Conference “Inventions of the Imagination: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Imaginary since Romanticism,” May 18-20, 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Washington

Autumn, 2003: Continental Rationalism: Spinoza (422)
 Winter 2004: Introduction to Philosophy (100); Advanced Topics in Philosophy: Toleration (401)
 Spring 2004: History of Modern Ethics (342)
 Autumn 2004: Topics in Philosophy: Free Will (200); Continental Rationalism: Descartes (422)
 Winter 2005: Philosophy of Religion (467)
 Spring 2005: Introduction to Philosophy (100); History of Modern Philosophy (322).
 Autumn 2005: History of Modern Ethics (342)
 Winter 2006: Advanced Topics in Philosophy: Jewish Philosophy (401).
 Spring 2006: Introduction to Philosophy (100); Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise* (522).
 Summer 2006: Philosophy of Religion (467)
 Autumn 2006: Continental Rationalism: The Will (422)
 Spring 2007: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Summer 2007: Jewish Philosophy (401)
 Autumn 2007: Modern Jewish Philosophy (401)
 Winter 2008: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Ethics* (522)
 Spring 2008: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Autumn 2008: History of Modern Ethics (342)
 Winter 2009: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Spring 2009: Continental Rationalism: Leibniz (422)
 Autumn 2009: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise* (522)
 Winter 2010: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Spring 2010: History of Modern Philosophy (322)
 Winter 2012: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Spring 2012: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Ethics* (522)
 Autumn 2012: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Winter 2013: Modern Jewish Philosophy (418)
 Spring 2013: History of Modern Ethics (342)
 Autumn 2014: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise* (522)
 Winter 2014: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Spring 2014: History of Modern Philosophy (322)
 Autumn 2014: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Religious Toleration (522)
 Spring 2015: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Autumn 2015: History of Modern Ethics (342)
 Summer 2016: History of Modern Philosophy (322)
 Autumn 2016: Introduction to Philosophy (100)
 Autumn 2016: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's *Ethics* (522)
 Winter 2017: History of Modern Philosophy (322)
 Spring 2017: Modern Jewish Philosophy (418)
 Summer 2017: Philosophy of Religion (467)
 Winter 2018: Introduction to Philosophy (100)

Winter 2018: Modern Jewish Philosophy (418)
Spring 2018: History of Modern Ethics (342)
Autumn 2018: History of Modern Philosophy (322)
Autumn 2018: Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza's Ethics (522)

Other Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy (12)
Contemporary Ethical Issues (5)
History of Early Modern Philosophy (7)
History of Ancient Philosophy
Introduction to Jewish Philosophy (3)
Senior Seminar: Spinoza (2)
Senior Seminar: Kant and the Enlightenment
Seventeenth-Century Theories of the Passions: Hobbes, Descartes, and Spinoza
Philosophies of Life (3)
World Religions

Independent Studies and Guided Readings:

Anthony Appiah's In My Father's House
Kant's Critical Philosophy
Multiculturalism and the Law
Spinoza's Ethics
Spinoza and Nietzsche on Morality (Honors Essay)
Kant and the Problem of Race
Descartes on the Passions
Kant and the Enlightenment

Faculty-Faculty Tutorials:

Philosophy in the New World: Debates over the Status of Indigenous Peoples
(1998)

Courses focused on teaching Writing:

The Rights of Minority Cultures (Freshman Writing Tutorial)
The Power of Ideas: The Life and Times of Isaiah Berlin (Freshman Writing Tutorial)
University of Chicago Undergraduate Writing Program (a.k.a., "The Little Red Schoolhouse") Instructor (1989)
Resident Tutor in the Structured Liberal Education Program, Stanford University (1984).

LANGUAGES

French - reading and speaking knowledge.

Latin - reading knowledge.
Hebrew - reading and speaking knowledge.
German – reading and speaking knowledge.
Dutch - completed first level intensive course at Leiden University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Elected to Executive Board, APA Pacific Division, 2018-21.

President, Iowa Philosophical Society, 1995-96. Responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting, held at Grinnell College on November 2, 1996.

Organized Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, October 8-10, 2004.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SERVICE

Philosophy Department, Chair (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016)
Philosophy Department Acting Chair (Spring, 2008)
Philosophy Department Director of Graduate Studies (Spring 2008 –Summer 2010)
Philosophy Department Associate Chair (2006-08)
Philosophy Department Ethics Planning Committee, Chair (2006-07)
Philosophy Department Colloquium Organizer (2003-08)
Philosophy Department Hiring Planning Committee (2005)
Philosophy Department Tenure Committee, Member (2003)
Philosophy Department Writing Committee Member (2004-)
Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions Committee Member (2004-05, 07, 09, 18)

Jewish Studies Program Member (2003-)
Jewish Studies Faculty Council Member (2016-)
Jewish Studies Strategic Planning Committee (2012-13)
Jewish Studies Graduate Curriculum Committee (2012)
Jewish Studies Cole Fellow Search Committee, Chair (2006-07)
Jewish Studies Public Events Committee, Chair (2005-09)
Jewish Studies Stroum Lectureship Committee Chair (2006-7, 2008)
Jewish Studies Curriculum Committee, Member (2009-10)

GRINNELL COLLEGE SERVICE

Library and Bookstore Committee (1996-7)
Cultural Film Committee (1997-99), Chair (1998-99)
Minority Scholars in Residence Committee (1997-99)
Writing Advisory Committee (1998-99)
Philosophy Search Committee, Chair (1998-99)
Humanities Center Advisory Committee (2000-01)
ARH/Carnegie Building Renovation Committee (2001-02)
Philosophy Department Diversity Search Committee, Chair (2000-01)
Philosophy Department Search Committee (2001-2)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Martin Buber Lecture on Intellectual History and Philosophy, at the Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, November 14, 2017.

University Lecturer, Temple Beth Am, Seattle, March 2016.

“Gave “Jewdub Talk” on the topic, “Was Spinoza Good for the Jews,” Stroum Jewish Studies Program, University of Washington, November 7, 2013. Link to talk:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwKqsPeYq3E>.

Current Jewish Issues Forum, “Spinoza,” Congregation Kol Shalom, Bainbridge Island, WA, November 8, 2012.

Presented Book Talk on Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, sponsored by Jewish Studies Program, Allen Library, March 2, 2011.

Organized Visiting Scholar Weekend at Temple Beth Am, Seattle, WA on January 7-9, 2011.

Temple Herzl-Ner Tamid, Mercer Island, WA. Taught two mini-courses at the “Torathon” on November, 10, 2010, November 9, 2011; November 7, 2012; November, 6, 2013; November 19, 2014.

Commented on Noam Pianko’s Zionism and the Roads not Taken as part of the Jewish Studies Book Talk series, October 21, 2010.

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REFERENCES

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