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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Riverside, 1976
M.A. Fordham University, 1972
B.A. Fordham University, 1970

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Robert H. and Blanche Day Ellis Professor of Political Science and Humanities,
Reed College, 1993-present. Courses include: Hegel and Marx, Judgment, 'Being and
Time' and Politics, The Idea of the State, Western Humanities, Ancient Political
Philosophy, Modern Political Philosophy, Political Analysis

Professor, Reed College, 1989-1993. **Associate Professor,** Reed College, 1980-89.
Assistant Professor, Reed College, 1977-1980.

Assistant Professor, University of Denver, 1975-1977

Acting Instructor, University of California, Riverside, 1975

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Riverside, 1973-1975

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (selected)

Dean of the Faculty, Reed College, 1997-2010.

Acting President, Reed College, 2001-02 academic year.

Chair, Department of Political Science, Reed College, various terms between 1979 and
present.

BOOKS

Rationalism in Politics (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022 [softcover edition 2024]).

Political Judgment: An Introduction (Cambridge: Polity Press, hardcover and softcover editions 2018).

The Politics of Objectivity: An Essay on the Foundations of Political Conflict (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015 [softcover edition 2018]).

The Problem with God: Why Atheists, True Believers and Even Agnostics Must All Be Wrong (New York: Columbia University Press, 2013 [softcover edition 2015]).

The Idea of the State (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004 [softcover edition 2009]).

The Concept of Political Judgment (Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, hardcover and softcover editions 1993).

Logic and Politics: Hegel's Philosophy of Right (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1988).

Ideology and the Urban Crisis (Albany: State University of New York Press, hardcover and softcover editions, 1985).

EDITED VOLUMES

Readings in Classical Political Thought: Second [Revised] Edition (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, forthcoming 2026).

The Real World of American Politics: A Documentary Introduction, co-edited with Chris Koski (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, hardcover and softcover editions 2022).

Readings in Classical Political Thought (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, hardcover and softcover editions 2000; updated edition, 2012).

ARTICLES IN LEARNED JOURNALS

“The Ground of Judgment,” *Journal of Politics* (forthcoming: accepted for publication September 2026).

“Ontology as a Prolegomenon to Politics in Heidegger’s *Being and Time*,” *Review of Politics* (forthcoming: accepted for publication August 2026).

"*Eumenides* and the Invention of Politics," *Polis* 39 (2022), pp.77-98.

"Political Action and the Philosophy of Mind," *Contemporary Political Theory* 20 (June 2021), pp. 364-383.

"Rationalism in Politics," *American Political Science Review* 109 (November 2015), pp. 750-63.

"Analysis and the History of Political Thought," *American Political Science Review* 103 (February 2009), pp. 135-46.

"Hobbes, Rousseau, and the Modern Conception of the State," *Journal of Politics* 70 (July 2008), pp. 595-611.

"Hobbesian Resistance," *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (October 2002), pp. 856-65.

Reprinted in Chinese translation: *Political Philosophy Review* (Fudan University Press: Shanghai, China, 2023).

"Political Obligations and Derivative Duties," *Journal of Politics* 64 (May 2002), pp. 449-65.

"The Impossibility of a 'Political' Conception," *Journal of Politics* 62 (February 2000), pp. 147-65.

"Public and Private," *Political Studies* 47 (June 1999), pp. 292-313.

"The Standard View of the Categorical Imperative," *Kant-Studien* 90 (Spring 1999), pp. 91-99.

"Was Socrates Guilty as Charged? 'Apology' 24c-28a," *Ancient Philosophy* 17 (Spring 1997), pp. 13-30.

"Who is Cephalus?" *Political Theory* 24 (May 1996), pp. 172-199.

"Hannah Arendt on Judgment," *American Journal of Political Science* 34 (August 1990), pp. 803-821.

"Ruling: Guardians and Philosopher-Kings," *American Political Science Review* 83 (December 1989), pp. 1207-1225.

See also my response to Duncan: "Plato's Paradox: Guardians and Philosopher-Kings," *American Political Science Review* 84 (December 1990), pp. 1320-1321.

"A Fallacy in Rawls's Theory of Justice," *Review of Politics* 51 (Winter 1989), pp. 55-69.

"Hegel on Marriage and Politics," *Political Studies* 34 (December 1986), pp. 575-591.

"Urban Politics and Communalism," *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 20 (September 1984), pp. 4-21.

"Hegel on Crime and Punishment," *American Political Science Review* 77 (December 1983), pp. 858-870.

"Hegel's Occasional Writings: State and Individual," *Review of Politics* 45 (April 1983), pp. 188-208.

"Nostromo's Fall: Conrad on Political Action," *Polity* 15 (Spring 1983), pp. 416-428.

"Desert and Justice in Rawls," *Journal of Politics* 44 (November 1982), pp. 983-995.

"Political Participation and Communalism: A Cultural/Interpersonal Approach," *Rural Sociology* 46 (Spring 1981), pp. 7-19.

"Calhoun's Concept of the Public Interest," *Polity* 13 (Spring 1981), pp. 410-424.

"Social Context and Political Efficacy," *Sociology and Social Research* 65 (January 1981), pp. 129-141.

"Typologies of Public Policy: Meaning Construction and the Policy Process," *Social Science Quarterly* 61 (June 1980), pp. 185-198.

Reprinted in: Stella Z. Theodoulou and Matthew A. Cahn, *Public Policy: The Essential Readings* (Upper Saddle River, N. J.: Pearson, 2013), pp. 144-51.

Reprinted in: Daniel C. McCool, *Public Policy Theories, Models, and Concepts: An Anthology* (Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice Hall, 1995), pp. 220-33.

Reprinted in: Irving Louis Horowitz, *Policy Studies Review Annual: Volume Five* (Beverly Hills: Sage Publications, 1981).

See also my "Replies to Ostrom and Sharkansky," *Social Science Quarterly* 61 (June 1980), pp. 206-207.

"Hegel as a Social Scientist," *American Political Science Review* 71 (March 1977), pp. 95-110.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

"Thoughts on Articles by Zerilli, Beiner and Gordon," *Review of Politics* (forthcoming: accepted for publication August 2026).

“What is Political Theory Today? Or Genres of Contemporary Political Thought,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 25 (September 2026), pp. 67-79.

See also accompanying commentaries by Chambers, Church, El-Amine, and Friedman.

“Ethics and Politics in Kant’s Liberalism,” *Political Science Reviewer* 48.1 (2024), pp. 373-77.

“The Course of God: Reading Hegel,” in Michael J. Thompson, ed., *Hegel’s Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Politics* (London: Routledge, 2018).

“The State as a Universe of Discourse,” in Robert Schuett and Peter M. Stirk, eds., *The Concept of the State in International Relations* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2015).

“The Problem with God,” *The Philosopher’s Magazine* 66: 3 (June 2014).

“Why Atheists, True Believers and Even Agnostics Must All Be Wrong: An Apropoleptic Manifesto,” *The Fourth R* 27: 4 (February 2014).

“Phronesis,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, edited by Michael Gibbons (New York and London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014).

“Theories of the State,” in *The Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, edited by Gregory Claeys (Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE Publications, 2013).

“Immanuel Kant,” “Thomas Kuhn,” “Georges Sorel,” “Political Judgment,” and “Public Private Dichotomy,” in *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by James Alt, Simone Chambers, Margaret Levi and Paula McClain (Washington: CQ Press and the American Political Science Association, 2011).

“Hendrik de Man,” in *Encyclopedia of Europe: 1914-2004*, edited by John Merriman and Jay Winter (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006).

“Reforming the Discipline: Some Doubts,” pp. 548-66 in *Perestroika! The Raucous Rebellion in Political Science*, edited by Kristin Renwick Monroe (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005).

“The Impact on Legislative Committees and Legislative Processes of the Use of the Initiative in the American West,” *Willamette Law Review* 34:3/4 (Summer/Fall 1998), pp. 689-706, co-authored.

“Culture and Freedom in the Fifties: The Case of Jazz,” *Virginia Quarterly Review* 74 (Winter 1998), pp. 118-133.

“Why Clinton Will Lose,” *The Wall Street Journal* (November 29, 1995).

"Simple Solution to the Not-So-Simple Problem of Tort Reform," *The Christian Science Monitor* (November 20, 1995).

"Skip Tonight's Debate," *The New York Times* (October 19, 1992).

"The Magna Carta and American Democracy," *The Oregonian* (July 10, 1986).

"Reason, Nature, and the Future of American Liberalism," *Virginia Quarterly Review* 20 (Spring 1986), pp. 389-402.

"Objectives of the Undergraduate Curriculum," *NEWS for Teachers of Political Science: American Political Science Association* 46 (Summer 1985).

"Preface: The Socialist Vision of Henry de Man," in Henry de Man, *The Psychology of Marxian Socialism* (New York: Transaction Books, 1985).

"Registering for Academic Freedom," *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 18, 1983).
(Reprinted in many newspapers nationwide.)

"Layoffs in Legal Services: A Values-Clarification Approach," *The Clearinghouse Review: The United States Legal Services Corporation* (October 1981), co-authored.

"Religion's Role in Politics," *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 19, 1981).

"A Significant Shift to the Right? Wrong," *USA Today* (March 1981). (This is the old USA Today, a now-defunct magazine of commentary and criticism.)

"Rightism? Wrongism," *The New York Times* (November 19, 1980).
Reprinted in: *The Chicago Tribune, Des Moines Register, Arizona Republic*, and many other newspapers nationwide.

"Trawling for Bloopers," *Oregon Magazine* (December 1980). (An essay on politics, personality, and the media in the 1980 elections.)

"Realists-Moralists: Who's Right on Human Rights?" *The (Portland) Oregonian* (September 9, 1979).
Reprinted in: *Social Issues Resources Series: Human Rights* (Boca Raton, Florida: 1980).

"Opposition to the Draft," *The New York Times* (March 22, 1980).

"Carter: Saying Something Wrong About America," *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 28, 1979).

"Introduction to Political Science at Reed," *DEA News: American Political Science Association* 21 (Spring 1979).

LOCAL OP-ED ARTICLES

"Interpreting Court Rule on Housing Policies," *The Denver Post* (May 30, 1976). "The Erosion of City Sovereignty," *The Denver Post* (January 2, 1977). "The Moral Implications of Metro Government," *The Denver Post* (August 14, 1977). "Morality of the Death Sentence Elusive," *The Oregonian* (January 19, 1984). "Small Pebbles Started Landslide," *The Oregonian* (November 15, 1984). "Question of Morality Misconstrues Challenges to Primary," *The Oregonian* (August 9, 1984). "Uncertainty Rules in Questions of Religion, Politics," *The Oregonian* (September 30, 1984). "Judicial Conservatism has Three Faces," *The Oregonian* (June 6, 1986). "O'Connor's Voting Shift Welcome," *The Oregonian* (June 9, 1986). "Constitution was Carefully Drafted for a People without Halos," *The Oregonian* (April 12, 1987). "If All Follows Form, Bush Should Win," *The Oregonian* (August 5, 1988). "Presiding Over U.S. a Different Kind of Task," *The Oregonian* (June 2, 1992). "The Pseudo-science of College Rankings," *The Oregonian* (September 10, 2007).

PAPERS PRESENTED, ETC.

"Kantian Liberalism and the Meaning of Life." Invited round-table presentation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California, September 2023.

"Pragmatism, Pragmatics and Politics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, April 2023.

"Habermas, Brandom and the Politics of Pragmatism." Invited presentation, Yale Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, December 2022.

"Varieties of Political Pragmatism." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Walla Walla, Washington, November 2022.

"Political Action and the Philosophy of Mind." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bend, Oregon, November 2018.

"On The Politics of Objectivity." Featured guest, Political Theory Review Podcast, hosted by Jeffrey Church, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, June 26, 2017.

"Thinking About Thinking About God." Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Westar Institute, Santa Rosa, California, March 2015.

“Rationalism in Politics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bend, Oregon, October 2014.

“The *Oresteia* and Moral Theory.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2013.

“The State of Political Theory Today.” Invited round-table participant, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.

“Aeschylus and Political Ethics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, California, March 2013.

“*Eumenides* and the Invention of Politics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, November 2012.

“Objectivity and Political Conflict.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, October 2011.

“Aspects of Political Conflict: The State as a Universe of Discourse.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 2011.

“Political Theory and Political Engagement.” Invited presentation at the plenary session of the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

“Varieties of Objectivity.” Invited presentation, Symposium on Philosophical Idealism, Institute for Humanities, University of Michigan, September 2009.

“Hobbes, Rousseau and the Modern Idea of the State.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2007.

“Dahl’s ‘Concept of Power’ and Politics as a Science.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006.

“What’s Interesting?” Convocation Speech, Linfield College, August 30, 2005.

“Democratic Government and Democratic State.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bellevue, Washington, October 2002.

“Thoughts on Democracy.” Invited lecture, Department of Government, University of Notre Dame, March 2002.

"The Argument of Locke's 'Letter on Toleration.'" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Victoria, British Columbia, October 1998.

"The Contemporary Politics of the Initiative and Referendum." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the European Conference for the Study of Public Policy and Political Science, Budapest, Hungary, July 1996.

Roundtable Participant: "The Public Voice of Political Theory." Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, March 1996. (The other roundtable participants were Tracy Strong and Sheldon Wolin.)

"Socrates's Interrogation of Meletus." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bellingham, Washington, October 1995.

"Public and Private." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 1995.

"Hannah Arendt on Judgment." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, November 1990.

"Ruling: Guardians and Philosophy-Kings." Invited lecture, Rice University Humanities Center, Houston, Texas, October 1987.

"Hegel and Democracy." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, October 1986.

"Hegel on the Family." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 1985.

"The Problem of Desert in Rawls." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bellingham, Washington, October 1982.

"Typological Analysis in the Policy Sciences." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 1982.

"Rousseau and Hegel." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 1980.

"Hegel's Political Writings." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Spokane, Washington, May 1980.

"Ethical Theory and Public Policy: A Phenomenological Approach." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, April 1979.

"John C. Calhoun and the General Will." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April 1978.

"The Tocquevillian Tradition: An Explication and Critique." Paper presented to the Colorado Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Denver, Colorado, October 1976.

Book reviews in *Political Theory* (November 1977, February 1983, May 1990, May 2011); *American Political Science Review* (March 1982, December 1984, December 1986 [2 reviews], December 1991, March 2001); *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (Spring 1988, Summer 1997); *Ethics* (June 1990); *Ancient Philosophy* (June 1993); *Review of Politics* (Fall 2006); *Perspectives on Politics* (June 2007); *Review of Metaphysics* (July 2007); *American Review of Politics* (2012); *American Political Thought* (2018); *Political Science Reviewer* (2024).

AWARD

Reed College's Burlington Northern Award in recognition of distinguished teaching, 1989.

GRANTS, CONSULTING, ETC. (selected)

Seminar Director, "Plato's *Republic*: The Ethical Bases of Politics." A National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for Secondary School Teachers, Summer 1990. Total Grant: \$51,000.

Fellowship: National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers, 1988-89. Total Grant: \$27,500.

Seminar Director, "Plato's *Republic*: The Ethical Bases of Politics." A National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for Secondary School Teachers, Summer 1987. Total Grant: \$47,000.

Seminar Director, "Plato and Hegel: The Ethical Bases of Politics." A National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for Secondary School Teachers, Summer 1985. Total Grant: \$53,000.

Fellowship: National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers, 1984-85. Total Grant: \$25,000.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Summer 1984 (declined because of the NEH Fellowship).

Vollum Faculty Research Sabbatical, supported by Reed College, Fall 1983.

NEH Summer Seminar, "Political Freedom," with Richard Flathman at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, Summer 1982.

Issues Consultant, Don Clark for Governor Campaign Committee, Portland, Oregon, Spring 1982.

Project Director, "Human Resource Management in a Period of Retrenchment: A Workshop," for the Region IX Office of the United States Legal Services Corporation, Seattle, Washington, June 1981.

Project Director, "Layoffs in Legal Services: A Values-Clarification Approach." Training materials and documentation for the Office of Field Services, United States Legal Services Corporation, Washington, D.C., 1981.

Project Director, "Personnel Retrenchment in O.L.S.C.: A Workshop for Administrators," for Policy Research Associates and the Oregon Legal Services Corporation, Washington, D.C. and Portland, Oregon, August 1981.

Project Associate, "A Management Study of Legal Services in Spokane, Washington," for Policy Research Associates in conjunction with the Legal Services Corporation and the Spokane Legal Services Center, Spring 1980.

Mellon Junior Research Sabbatical, Spring 1981, supported by Reed College and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Review of Politics*, 2005-present.

Member of the Board of Trustees, The Catlin Gabel School, Portland, Oregon, 2002-2013. Vice Chair of the Board, 2005-2006. Chair of the Head of School Search Committee, 2012-2013. Member of the Audit Committee, 2013-present.

Member, Trust and Development Board, American Political Science Association, 2012-2017.

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Western Political Science Association, 2009.

Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee, Western Political Science Association, 2008-09.

President, Western Political Science Association, 2007-08. Vice President, Program Chair, and President-Elect, Western Political Science Association, 2006-07 (elected in March 2005).

Member of the Executive Council, Western Political Science Association, 1993-95.

President, Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 1984-1985. Member of the Executive Board, PNWPSA, 1979-84.

Associate Editor/Member of the Editorial Board, *Western Political Quarterly* (1984-1987).

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Urban Resources* (term: 1986-1989).

Member of the Editorial Board/Editorial Writer, *The Oregonian* (1987)

Service on Panels:

PROGRAM CHAIR: Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 1981, 1984; Western Political Science Association, 2007.

SECTION/DIVISION CHAIR: Western Political Science Association, 1996, 2004; American Political Science Association, 2007

PANEL CHAIR: Western Political Science Association, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2010; Hegel Society of America, 1984; American Political Science Association, 1982, 1990; Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 1980, 1987.

DISCUSSANT: American Political Science Association, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1993, 2011, 2014; Western Political Science Association, 1979, 1991, 1994, 1995, 2007, 2010, 2023, 2024; Western Social Science Association, 1979; Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2011.