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Employment

Professor of Political Science, Columbia University
Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and the Core Curriculum,
Columbia University, 2002-2009
Nell and Herbert M. Singer Professor of Contemporary Civilization, 1998-2002
(Singer Associate Professor, 1996-1998)
Assistant, then Associate Professor of Political Science, Columbia, 1986-1996
Lecturer, then Assistant Professor, Yale University, 1980-1986

Education

Princeton University, 1976-1980. Ph.D. in Politics, 1981
Oxford University (Pembroke College), 1973-1975. M.Phil. in Politics, 1975
Swarthmore College, 1969-1970 and 1971-1972. B.A. with Distinction in
Political Science, 1972
Harvard University, 1968-1969 and 1970-1971

Work in Progress

Norton Critical Edition of Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan* (Second, expanded
edition, publication expected 2018)

"Justice, Reciprocity, and Equality." A theoretical piece in which I hope to
restore a close relationship between thinking about justice and transactions
and social justice, and to redefine that relationship.

The Birth of Social Justice. With this project I hope to uncover the history
of the idea of social justice (not merely the term), including lineages that
have been hidden from view or that are poorly understood. While the generic
idea of social justice is ancient, a new and influential branch of this
family of ideas developed around the beginning of the 19th century. The
offspring of this branch include the term itself and a set of ideas that
remain important, but problematic, for the present and near future.

Justice as Reciprocity. For nearly half a century, the theory of justice
developed by John Rawls has played a dominant role in thinking about justice,
especially among intellectuals. A bedrock component of this theory is
Rawls's commitment to the idea that (what he calls) the basic structure of
society is or should be the primary subject of a theory of justice. I hope
to develop at least the basic ideas of an alternative conception of justice
that will be rooted more firmly than Rawls's theory is in notions about
justice that have appeared throughout human history, but will revise those
ideas in ways that will render them consistent with modern normative
commitments to universal humanity and to human equality.

Publications

Books:

Leviathan: A Norton Critical Edition (2nd ed.), forthcoming in 2018

Liberty and Conflict: Machiavelli on Politics and Power (with Nadia Urbinati and Camila Vergara). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017

正義はどう論じられてきたか [*How Justice Has Been Debated*], Tokyo, Japan: Misuzu, 2015

قُلُوبُ الدَّعْوَى رِصَاتُ رِصَاتٍ [A *Brief History of Justice in Arabic*], Kuwait: Alam Al Maerifa, 2013 [2012]

정의의 역사

[A *History of Justice*, Korean], Seoul, South Korea: Boogle Books, 2013 [2011]

A Brief History of Justice, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011 (Hardcover, paperback, and e-book editions. Translations into Chinese and Portuguese in progress.)

The Idea of a Liberal Theory: A Critique and Reconstruction, Princeton University Press, 1994; paperback edition, 1996

The Rhetoric of Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes and the Politics of Cultural Transformation, Princeton University Press, 1986; paperback edition, 1989

Edited books:

Equality, Hackett Publishing, 2000 (Hackett Readings), edited with introductions by David Johnston

Leviathan, or the Matter, Forme, & Power of a Commonwealth, Ecclesiastical and Civill, by Thomas Hobbes, W.W. Norton, 1997 (a Norton Critical Edition), edited by David Johnston and Richard Flathman

Articles and book chapters:

"A History of Consent in Western Thought," in The Ethics of Consent, ed. Frank Miller and Alan Wertheimer, Oxford University Press, 2009

"Is the Idea of Social Justice Meaningful?," Critical Review 11:4 (summer 1998)

"Hayek's Attack on Social Justice," Critical Review 11:1 (winter 1997)

"Beyond Compensatory Justice?" in John W. Chapman, ed., Compensatory Justice: Nomos XXXIII, New York University Press, 1991

"Human Agency and Rational Action," in Kristen R. Monroe, ed., The Economic Approach to Politics: A Re-examination of the Theory of Rational Action, Scott-Foresman/Harper and Row, 1991

"Plato, Hobbes, and the Science of Practical Reasoning," in Mary Dietz, ed., Thomas Hobbes and Political Theory, University of Kansas Press, 1990

"Hobbes's Mortalism," History of Political Thought X:4 (1989)

Encyclopedia articles, reviews and miscellany:

- "Liberalism," Encyclopedia of Political Theory, ed. Colin Bird. Sage Publications, 2010
- "Justice and Injustice," International Encyclopedia of Political Science, ed. George Kurian, Sage Publications, 2010
- "Equality and Inequality," International Encyclopedia of Political Science, ed. George Kurian, Sage Publications, 2010
- "Liberal Theory," International Encyclopedia of Political Science, ed. George Kurian, Sage Publications, 2010
- "Justice and Theism" and "Reply to Wolterstorff," in The Immanent Frame (ifblog@sssrc.org), February 2009
- Review of Quentin Skinner, Hobbes and Republican Liberty, *Ethics* (October 2008)
- "Liberalism," in Encyclopedia of Governance, ed. Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications, 2007
- "Property Rights," in Encyclopedia of Governance, ed. Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications, 2007
- "Externalities," in Encyclopedia of Governance, ed. Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications, 2007
- Review of Richard Tuck, Philosophy and Government, 1572-1651, in *International Hobbes Association Newsletter*, 1994
- Review of Uday Singh Mehta, The Anxiety of Freedom: Imagination and Individuality in Locke's Political Thought, *Political Theory* 21:4 (November 1993)
- Review of S. A. Lloyd, Ideals as Interests in Hobbes's Leviathan and A. P. Martinich, The Two Gods of Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on Religion and Politics, *American Political Science Review* 87:3 (September 1993)
- Review of Robert A. Dahl, Democracy and Its Critics, *Social Sciences Quarterly* 71:4 (December 1990)
- "Affirmative Action is at Least on the Right Track," *The New York Times*, June 23, 1990
- Review of Deborah Baumgold, Hobbes's Political Theory, *American Political Science Review* 83:3 (September 1989)
- Review of Philip Abbott, Seeking Many Inventions: The Idea of Community in America, *American Political Science Review* 82:2 (June 1988)
- Review of Ramon Lemos, Rights, Goods, and Democracy, *Ethics* 98:2 (January 1988)
- "Army LSD Ruling Turns Bicentennial into Farce," *The New York Times*, July 5, 1987
- Review of Lewis P. Hinchman, Hegel's Critique of the Enlightenment, *American Political Science Review* 79:4 (December 1985)
- Review of John Charvet, A Critique of Freedom and Equality, *Ethics* 92:2 (January 1982)

Academic Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

- Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science conferred by American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, August 28, 2002
- Award for Distinguished Service to the Core Curriculum, Columbia University, November 27, 2001 (an annual award)
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1988
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for Studies in Modern Society and Values, 1983-1984
- Morse Fellowship (administered by Yale University), 1983-1984
- Whitney Griswold Fund Travel Grant, 1982
- Princeton University Fellowship, 1976-1980
- Morehead Foundation Fellowship, 1976 (declined)
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1972

Major Service to the Profession

Co-organizer, with Nadia Urbinati, and host of "Liberty and Conflict: Machiavelli on Politics and Power," an international conference and meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, December 6-7, 2013

Co-organizer, with Nadia Urbinati, and host of "Rousseau and Republicanism," a meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, September 2012

Co-organizer, with Jon Elster, and host of "Justice in Theory and Practice," a symposium in memory of Brian Barry, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, 19 May 2010

Keynote speaker, "Colóquio Internacional: Leituras Contemporâneas," an annual meeting of Latin American political theorists held at Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil, 8-12 March 2010

Program Chair for 2007 Annual International Meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought on J. G. A. Pocock's The Ancient Constitution and the Feudal Law, September 2007

Program Chair for 2006 Annual International Meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, "Reclaiming Adam Smith," September 2006

Program Chair for 2005 Annual International Meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, on "The State," April 2005

Chair, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, 2001-2007

Chair, Columbia University Seminar on Political and Social Thought, 1989-2007

Program Chair of conference on "Democratization and Justice," co-sponsored by the Conference for the Study of Political Thought and Columbia University, with funding provided by the Mellon foundation, April 1997

President, New York State Political Science Association, 1993-1994

Vice-President and Program Chair, New York State Political Science Association, 1992-1993

Section Chair for Political Theory Panels, New York State Political Science Association, 1990-1992

Major Service to Columbia University

Governing Board, Heyman Center for the Humanities, 2003-present

Advisory Committee, University Seminars, 2002-present

Chair and Director, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, 2003-2011

Chair, Self-Study Committee, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, 2002-2003

Advisory Committee, Center for Law and Philosophy, 1997-2010

Chair, Steering Committee for Butler Library Reading Room in Moral, Political, and Social Theory, 1999-2010

Governing Board, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, 1996-2011

Presidential Teaching Awards Committee, 2000-2002

Chair, Contemporary Civilization, 1996-1999 and Fall 2003 (includes service on various committees related to Columbia College's Core Curriculum)

Project Co-ordinator for a cross-disciplinary project on "Democratization, Norms, and Justice," 1996-1997