

## Curriculum Vitae

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Born: Wimbledon, England; Citizenship: US/UK

Education: Ph.D., Philosophy, Yale University, May, 1989  
M.Phil, Philosophy, Yale University, 1984  
MA, Philosophy, Yale University, 1984  
BA, *summa cum laude*, with Honors in Philosophy, Yale College, 1981

Positions Held: 2004 -: Professor of Philosophy, UIC  
2008-9: Brady Distinguished Visiting Professor, Northwestern University  
1999 -2004 : Associate Prof.of Philosophy, University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC)  
1991-1999: Assistant, then Associate Professor of Philosophy, Williams College  
1994-5: Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Edinburgh  
Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton  
1988-90: Visiting Assistant Professor, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges

Academic Honors: Joseph B. Gittler Award 2009  
Teaching Recognition Program Award (UIC) 2007  
Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, UIC 2006-7, 2000-1  
University Scholar, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago 2001-2004  
Gaudino Memorial Scholar at Williams 1997-9  
American Philosophical Assc'n Fellow, IASH, Edinburgh 1995  
Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellow, UCHV, Princeton 1994-5  
John M. Olin Fellow in History and Political Theory 1994-5  
ACLS Recent Recipient of the Ph.D. Fellowship 1990-1  
Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship 1987-8  
Prize Teaching Fellowship 1986-7  
Various Yale Fellowships 1982-5  
Mary Cady Tew Prize 1983  
Phi Beta Kappa 1981  
Gulf Scholarship 1978-81

Areas of  
Specialization: Moral and Political Philosophy  
History of Moral and Political Philosophy  
Adam Smith  
Kant

Areas of  
Competence: Scottish Enlightenment Philosophy  
Aesthetics

## Philosophy of Religion

### Books:

*What is Enlightenment? The Legacy of a Kantian Question*, (London: Routledge, forthcoming [projected for 2011])

*Divine Teaching and the Way of the World*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming [2010 or 2011])

*A Short History of Distributive Justice*, (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 2004)

- Named a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for 2005.
- Published in Portuguese in 2006 by Martins Fontes in Brazil.
- Published in Korean in 2007 by Seokwangsa Publishing Company
- To be published in Chinese in 2009 by Yilin Press

*On Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations: A Philosophical Companion*, (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2004)

- Awarded the 2009 Joseph B. Gittler Award by the American Philosophical Association

*A Third Concept of Liberty: Judgment and Freedom in Kant and Adam Smith*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999)

*The Ethics of Culture*, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1994)

*Integrity and Moral Relativism*, (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1992)

### Edited Volumes:

[with Vivienne Brown,] *Essays on Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy*, (London: Routledge, forthcoming in 2009)

*Heidegger's Jewish Followers*, (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 2008)

### Scholarly Articles:

"Adam Smith y la Igualdad," translated by Leonidas Montes, *Centro de Estudios Publicos*, Summer, N° 104, 2006

"Smith und der Kulturelativeismus," in *Adam Smith als Moral Philosoph*, translated and edited by Christel Fricke and Hans-Peter Schütt, (De Gruyter, 2005)

"Scottish Philosophy and the American Founding," chapter in the *Cambridge Companion to the Scottish Enlightenment*, ed. Alexander Broadie, (Cambridge, 2003)

"Cultural Pluralism and Human Rights: A Reconciliation," *Proceedings of the Second International conference on Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights*, Qom, Iran, 2003

"The Moral Interpretation of Culture," in *Varieties of Ethical Reflection*, Michael Barnhart (ed.), (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2002)

"Adam Smith's Reception Among the American Founders, 1776-1790," *William and Mary Quarterly*, October, 2002

"Adam Smith," article-length entry for the *Blackwell Companion to Eighteenth Century Philosophy*, ed. Steven Nadler, (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002)

"From Cultural Norms to Universal Ethics: Three Models," *Cultural Dynamics*, vol. 11, no. 1 (March, 1999)

"Insignificant Communities," in Amy Gutmann (ed.), *Freedom of Association*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998)

"Values Behind the Market: Kant's Response to the Wealth of Nations," *History of Political Thought*, Fall 1996

"Frustrated Contracts, Poetry, and Truth," *Raritan*, Spring, 1994, re-printed in Richard Eldridge (ed.), *Beyond Representation: Philosophy and Poetic Imagination*, (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996)

"Philosophy in Moral Practice: Kant and Adam Smith," *Kant-Studien*, 82/3 (1991)

"Kant's Theory of Punishment," *Kant-studien*, 79/4 (1988), re-printed in Howard Williams (ed.), *Essays on Kant's Political Philosophy*, Univ. of Chicago Press, 1992)

"On the Enforcement of Morality: Aquinas and Narcotics Prohibition," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Spring, 1990

"A Fifth Antinomy," *Philosophia*, May, 1989

"Religious Questions: Kafka and Wittgenstein on Giving Grounds," *Sophia*, Ap 1982

#### Book Reviews

and Short Pieces: Review of Ryan Hanley, Adam Smith and the Character of Virtue, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2009

Review of Stephen Darwall, The Second-Person Standpoint, *Utilitas*, 2009

Review of Vladimir Jankelevitch, Forgiveness, *Ethics*, 2007 (with Rabbi Josh Feigelson)

"Reply to Critics," response to reviews of my *On Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations* by Fred Neuhouser, David Raynor, and Jerry Muller *Adam Smith Review*, volume II, 2006

"Reply to den Uyl," response to review of *On Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations* by Douglas den Uyl, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, vol. 4.2 (2006)

Review of Jerry Evensky, *Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy*, *Adam Smith Review*, forthcoming

Review of Leonidas Montes, *Adam Smith in Context*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 2006

Entry on "Kant" in Richard Levy (ed.), *Anti-semitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2005)

Review of Bernard Williams, *Truth and Truthfulness*, *Ethics*, January, 2004

"Smith's Ambiguities: A Response to Emma Rothschild's *Economic Sentiments*," *Adam Smith Review*, volume I, 2004

Review of Charles Griswold, *Adam Smith and the Virtues of Enlightenment*, *Mind*, July 2000

Review of David Fenner (ed.), *Ethics and the Arts*, *Ethics*, January 1998

Editorials:

"A Cool Hour on the Israel-Palestine Conflict," series of 10 blog posts on normblog.typepad.com from Sept. 8 through Nov. 10, 2008

"Muslims in Congress? The Founders Would Approve," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 01/01/07

"Hating Science; Hating the Jews – What's Philosophically Interesting About Anti-Semitism," *Engage* online journal, January, 2006

"Friendship over Justice," *Crosscurrents*, v.55, no.1 (2005)

"Economics and the Ordinary Person: Re-reading Adam Smith," *econlib.org*, 2004

"Civil Unions for Everyone," *San Francisco Chronicle*, Feb. 28, 2004

"The Way to Calamity, Again," *Jerusalem Report*, 07/19/02

"Modernising Tendency," *The Guardian*, 10/20/01

"Why Capitalists Should Like Estate Taxes," *Salon.com*, 02/15/01

"The Impoverished Are Owed Justice, Not Charity," *Los Angeles Times*, 01/31/01

"Adam Smith vs. George Bush on Taxes," *Los Angeles Times*, 01/22/01

"Free Speech and the Education of Governments," *The Responsive Community*, Winter 1997

"Multiculturalism as a Western Tradition," *Academe*, Spring 1996

"A Proposed Change of Course," *New Outlook*, July / August 1987

Academic Talks: "Adam Smith on Self-Deceit," Philosophy Department, Univ. of Pennsylvania, March, 2009; Oslo conference on Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, August, 2009; Early Modern Workshop at the Univ. of Chicago, November, 2009; Athens conference on Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, December, 2009

"Community, Faith and Enlightenment: What We Can Learn from Kant," series of 3 lectures as Brady Scholar at Northwestern, May, 2009

"Bringing Home the Case of the Poor: The Rhetorical Achievement of Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*," Conference: *Possibility and Paradox: On Rhetoric and Political Theory*, Northwestern University, April 2-5, 2009.

"Common Sense in Ethics: A Review and Critique," Plenary Lecture, 4<sup>th</sup> International Thomas Reid Symposium, Princeton Theological Seminary, September, 2007

"Hume and Smith on Sympathy: A Comparison, Contrast, and Reconstruction," Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago, September 2007; Conference on David Hume and Adam Smith, McGill University, April 2007; Conference on *Reclaiming Adam Smith*, Columbia University, September 2006; Summer Institute on the History of Economic Thought, George Mason University, July 2004

"What Exactly is a Right to Welfare?," Northwestern Law School, September 2007; Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California, May 2007; Purdue Philosophy Department, March, 2007; Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, India, August 2006; Conference on *The Conceptual History of Social Justice*, Oxford, England, March 2006

"Do We Know What We Mean When We Say That Life is Worth Living?," Philosophy Department, Northwestern University, November 2005

"Enlightenment and Tradition: The Clash Within Civilizations," Global Ethics Conference, University of Chicago Divinity School, April 2005

"Face to Face Relationships in Adam Smith: Some Political Implications," Conference on Principles of Association in British History, Nicholson Center, University of Chicago, April, 2005

"Self-Deceit and Contemporary Ethics," Institute of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, November 2004

"Smith and Cultural Relativism," Conference on *The Moral Philosophy of Adam Smith*, Heidelberg University, Germany, June 2003

"Cultural Pluralism and Human Rights: A Reconciliation," Second International Conference on the Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights, Qom, Iran, May 2003

"Adam Smith in the History of Distributive Justice," Northwestern Eighteenth Century Seminar, 2003; Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society, Arlington, VA, June, 2001; Institute for the Humanities, UIC, March 2001

"Adam Smith," Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2000

"Adam Smith Without Self-Interest: Re-Reading the Wealth of Nations," Northeast Political Science Association Meeting, May 1998; American Philosophical Association Conference (Central Division), April 1996; European Enlightenment Project Conference, Edinburgh, November 1995

"From Cultural Norms to Universal Ethics: Three Models," second meeting of the UNESCO project on universal ethics, Naples, December 1997

"The Law Behind the Spirit: How Kant Judaizes Christianity in the Religion," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Nashville, April 1997

"Culture and Civilization," response to conference paper, Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, November 1996

"Inventive Philosophers: Social Transformation in Adam Smith," Adam Smith Society Conference at the APA, Chicago, April 1996

"Insignificant Communities," Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Princeton, February 1996

"Kant and Cultural Relativism," Bryn Mawr Philosophy Department, March, 1996; Bar-Ilan University, December 1995

"Cultural Goods and the Highest Good," Karl Jaspers Society of North America, December 1995

"Where Moral Perception Fails," Bar-Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, December 1995

"Values Behind the Market: Kant's Response to the Wealth of Nations," International Congress on the Enlightenment, Münster, July 1995; New School for Social Research, October 1992; Ben Gurion University, May 1992

"Communitarian Policies in Liberal States," speaker in panel discussion, Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton, October 1994

"Is 'Respect for the Moral Law' a Feeling?", American Philosophical Association Conference (Pacific Division), March 1993

"Frustrated Contracts and the Truth-Conditions of Poetry," Metaphor Conference, Lechter Institute, Bar-Ilan University, May 1992

"Judaism and Natural Law," Haverford College Jewish Association, April 1991; Yale University Jewish Association, May 1991

"Cross-Cultural Judgments: A Consensus Approach to Human Rights," Harvey Mudd College, February 1991; Williams College, January 1991; Society for Values in Higher Education, August 1988

"Aquinas and Narcotics Prohibition," Philadelphia Consortium on the Philosophy of Religion, Haverford College, December 1989

### Professional

#### Service:

- President, International Adam Smith Society, 2006-

- Founder and Director, Initiative in Jewish-Muslim Studies, UIC, 2005-8

- Editorial Board, *Adam Smith Review*, 2003 –

- Reviewer for *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Political Theory*, *Journal of Politics, Economics and Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *Adam Smith Review*, Harvard University Press, Princeton University Press

- LAS Executive Committee, UIC 2007-8; Executive, Recruitment, Admissions, Teaching, and Thalberg Speaker Committees, Philosophy Department, UIC, (various years, 1999-2009); All-Campus Promotion & Tenure Committee, UIC, 2005-6; Board, Institute for the Humanities, 2002-5

- Acting Chair, Jewish Studies, UIC, 2004-5

- Organizer, Symposium on "Kant's 5 Questions" (speakers: Michelle Grier, Justin Wuerth, Andrew Chignell, Patrick Frierson, Sam Fleischacker), UIC Institute for the Humanities, November 2004

- Organizer (with Vivienne Brown), Conference to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (40 participants), Balliol College, Oxford, Jan. 6-8, 2009

- Organizer, Symposium on "Heidegger's Jewish Followers" (speakers: Paul Franks, Leora Batnitzky, Catherine Zuckert, Peter Gordon, Richard Wolin, Susannah Gottlieb, Daniel Doneson and Norma Moruzzi), UIC Jewish Studies Program and Institute for the Humanities, November 2004

- Organizer, Symposium on "Arguing Religiously" (speakers: Georges Dreyfus, Paul Griffiths, Rabbi Michael Balinsky), UIC Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Institute for the Humanities, November 2001
- Gaudino Scholar (position created by students of Robert Gaudino, a beloved professor at Williams, for faculty to initiate "creative projects" among students), Williams College, 1997-9: used position to run two Winter term courses in India; found a monthly faculty-student forum to discuss public issues; establish a weekend meditative retreat for rising sophomores, to reflect on their college experience thus far; and send students on a Winter travel course that involved some time on their own in a culture remote from the one in which they were raised
- Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, Williams College, 1998-9
- Advisor, Jewish student association, Williams, 1992-3
- Organizer, Symposium on the Philosophy of Architecture (speakers: Karsten Harries, Thomas Brockelman, Mark Taylor, and Denise Scott Brown), Williams College Center for the Humanities, October 1992

#### Other Professional

##### Activities:

- Lecture, "The Myth of the 'Judeo-Christian Tradition'," Ethical Humanist Society, February, 2009
- Panel, "Religion and War: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Iraq," with Cherif Bassiouni and William French, De Paul University, February, 2008
- Classes on various Jewish topics in the Chicago area: Spertus Institute, Beth Emet Synagogue, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and Melton Adult Jewish Education Project, 2002-6
- Panel, "Religion as a Source for Activism," Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self-Defense Center, January, 2006
- Panel, "Israel and the New Anti-Semitism," Beth Emet Synagogue, Evanston, December 2004
- Lecture, "Judaism and Natural Law," Newberry Library, March 2003
- Lecture, "Loving Israel from the Left," and "Self-Criticism and Self-Hatred," Temple Chai, Long Grove, IL, November 2002 and May, 2003
- Panel, "Adam Smith," *Odyssey*, WBEZ, Summer, 2003
- Lectures on various topics, including "Orthodox and Conservative Approaches to Revelation," "The Work of Steve Reich," "Self-Criticism and Self-Hatred," "Maimonides on Prophecy," and "The Myth of the Judeo-Christian Tradition," Torathon, Solomon Schechter Day School, Skokie, IL, January, 2000-2008

- Panel, "Religion and Violence," Loyola University, November, 2002
- Lecture, "The Meaning and History of Zionism," First Congregational Church, Western Springs, IL, October 2002
- Panel, "Faith and Citizenship," *Odyssey*, WBEZ, October, 2002
- Lecture, "Thinking About the Beginning and End of Life," 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabbi Daniel Leifer Memorial Program: Jewish Perspectives on Medical Ethics, May, 2002
- Panel, "Treason or Fidelity? Religion, Violence and Citizenship," Catholic Theological Union, March, 2002
- Lecture, "Judaism and Art," Hillel Center at the University of Chicago, June, 2000
- Scholar-in-Residence, "Morality and Ritual," Beth El synagogue, Fairfield, CT, March 2000
- Scholar-in-Residence, "The Moral Torah," Knesset Israel synagogue, Pittsfield, MA, May 1999
- Lecture, "The Educated Citizen in the Age of the Internet," Athenaeum Club, Pittsfield Library, November 1996
- Holocaust Day speaker, Jewish Federation and Temple Anshe Ammunim, Spring, 1996
- Founder and participant, Jewish-Christian dialogue, Williams, 1993-4, 1996-7
- Lecture, "The Return of Traditional Religions," Ethical Humanist Community, Princeton, February, 1995
- Adult classes in Talmud and midrash, Congregation Knesset Israel, Pittsfield, MA, 1992-4
- Lectures, "A Modern Meaning for Idolatry" and "The Myth of the 'Judeo-Christian' Tradition," Temple Anshe Ammunim, Pittsfield, MA, March 1994
- Panel, "Moral Judgment Across Cultures," Williams College, November, 1993
- Ethics consultant, Sweetbrook Nursing Home, Williamstown, 1992-3
- Lecture, "Gandhi's political philosophy," Bahai Conference at Haverford College, April 1990
- Lecture, "Respect for Non-Jews in the Rabbinic Tradition," and "Repentance and Self-Interpretation," Temple Hillel/Beth El, Wynnewood, PA, 1989-90

Dissertation: Title: *Integrity and Moral Relativism*  
Director: Karsten Harries

Teaching Experience:

At the University of Illinois, Chicago, 1999 -:

Divine Command Theories in Ethics; Liberalism and Religious Commitment; Moral Realism in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries; Philosophy of Bernard Williams; Kant's *Critique of Judgment*; Heidegger's Readings of Kant; History of Distributive Justice; Intuitions and Moral Theory; Jewish Philosophy from Maimonides to Cohen; Scottish Enlightenment Philosophy: Hume, Hutcheson, and Smith; Reason and Revelation (Lessing, Mendelssohn, Kant, Kierkegaard, Hermann Cohen); Contemporary Ethical Theory; Introduction to Aesthetics; Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Political Philosophy

At Northwestern University, 2003, 2007, and 2008:

Philosophy of Bernard Williams (graduate seminar); Moral Faith in Lessing and Kant (graduate seminar), Self-Deceit and Self-Understanding in the Moral Life (undergraduate seminar)

At the University of Chicago, 2008:

Self and Morality in the British Eighteenth Century (graduate seminar)

At Williams College, 1991-1999:

Contemporary Political Philosophy (Rawls and critics); Philosophy and the American Founding; Junior Seminar in Political Economy; Morality and Economic Policy; Philosophy and Law; Kant's Moral Philosophy; *The Critique of Pure Reason*; Reason and Revelation; Aesthetics; The Limits of Rationality (Hume, Kant, Dharmakirti, and Madhyamaka: co-taught with Georges Dreyfus); Relativism: A Thematic Introduction to Analytic Philosophy; Senior Seminar on Contemporary Philosophy (John McDowell, George Kateb, Barbara Herman); Philosophy of Language; Introduction to Moral Philosophy; Introduction to Epistemology

Winter Study ("Jan-plan") courses: Modernist Architecture in India (taught in India); Freud's Moses/Schönberg's Moses

At Bryn Mawr College, Spring, 1991:

Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*; Reason and Revelation; Introduction to Ethics

At Haverford College, 1988-90:

Philosophy of Science from Newton to Kant; Simplicity in Scientific Theory; Nation, Race, Gender: Uniqueness and Exclusion; Kant's Moral Philosophy; Seminar on Judgment (in Aristotle, Kant, Arendt, and Wittgenstein); Natural Law from Aquinas to Rousseau; Eighteenth Century Moral Sentiment Theory; Historical Introduction to Philosophy

