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B.A. (philosophy), University of Maryland

M.A., Ph.D (philosophy), University of Pittsburgh

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Postdoctoral Appointment: Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellow,
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AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, LECTURESHIPS

- McDowell Conference, November 2008
- Keynote Speaker, Eastern Division, American Sociological Association, March 2006
- United States Holocaust Museum, November 2005
- Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture, United Kingdom, November 2005
- Lincoln Lecturer, Arizona State University, November 2002
- Visiting Professor, University of South Africa, April 2002
- Opening Key-Note Address, 21st Annual Veerstichting Conference (Leiden, Holland), 12 October 2000. *Delivered in the presence of Holland's Queen Beatrix of Orange.*
- George Sefler Memorial Lecturer, Mansfield College, April 2000
- Speaker, The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Colloquium, October 1998
- Thomas P. Johnson Visiting Scholar, Rollins College, 15 September 1998
- Distinguished Lecturer in Religion, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), April 1998
- The Kovler Lecturer, University of Cape Town, South Africa, July-August 1997
School of Medicine, Political Science Department
- 1st Annual Philosophy & Public Affairs Lecturer, The George Washington Univ, April 1997
- Spenser-Leavitt Lecturer, Union College, November 1995
- Invited commentator, A. K. Appiah's Tanner Lecture on Human Values, University of California at San Diego, October 1994
- The 5th Meyer Warren Tenenbaum and LaBelle Tenenbaum Lecturer, The University of South Carolina, October 1994
- Visiting Scholar in Religion, Univ of Michigan (Ann Arbor), January 1994.
Symposium Theme, Evil: Theory and Practice. Other symposium guests were Elaine Pagel (Princeton University) and Richard Lewontin (Harvard University).
- 1992 Lawrence Kohlberg Memorial Lecturer, Assoc. for Moral Education (Nov 1992)
- NEH Faculty Member, Seminar: Ethics: Theory and Practice (Santa Cruz, CA Summer 1992) with Annette Baier, Bernard Williams, Charles Talyor, Anita Silvers Lawrence Blum, Seyla Benhabib, and Onora O'Neill. Director, David Hoy
- Martin Luther King, Jr.-Ceasar Chevaz-Rosa Parks Visiting Scholar
Western Michigan Univ, October 1987; Eastern Michigan Univ, February 1990
- Convocation Speaker, Austin College (TX), February 1989

- The Eunice Belgum Memorial Lecturer, St. Olaf College, October 1988
- Minerva Lecturer, Union College, February 1988
- Ford Fellow, Stanford University Humanities Center, 1987-88 (declined)
- Research Status Appointment, Oberlin College, 1987-88
- Earhart Foundation, 1985-86 (support for a research assistant)
- Ralph Metcalf Lecturer, Marquette University: 5-7 October 1983
- Fellow, National Humanities Center: 1982-83
- Craft Scholar, Virginia State University: 3-5 May 1982
- Director, NEH Seminar, "Competing Rights Claims": Summer 1981
- Liberty Fund Fellow: Summer 1980
- Participant, Institute on Law and Ethics, sponsored by the Council for Philosophical Studies: Summer 1977
- W.E.B. DuBois Fellow in Philosophy, Tuskegee Institute: April-August 1973

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

American Philosophical Association: member 1971 to present

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy: member 1976 to present

1980 Program Committee, APA Eastern Division

Editorial Boards: *ETHICS*: 1980-83; *PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY*: 1988-91; *JOURNAL*

OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY: 1992-2002; *THE PHILOSOPHICAL FORUM*: continuing;

THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY: continuing; Board of Consulting

Editors, *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS* (L. C. Becker, Editor-in-Chief)

-Faculty leader, NEH Seminar on Teaching Ethics, Santa Clara University:

24 -26 June 1985

-Consultant/Referee: NEH; National Humanities Center, various journals & publishers;

Consultant for Ethics, The Dr. Laura T.V. Program (2000-2001 TV season)

-APA Committee on Women: 1996-99.

*** * * PUBLICATIONS * * ***

Social Philosophy (Blackwell Publishers, 2007), editor

The Family and the Political Self (Cambridge Univ Press, 2006)

Human Rights and Sexual Orientation, with Michael Levin (Rowman and Littlefield, 1999). Levin and I debate the morality of homosexuality. The title of my contributions: "The Good Society and Sexual Orientation"[main essay]; "Preferences and Equality" [response to Levin's essay]

Vessels of Evil: American Slavery and the Holocaust (Temple University Press, 1993)

Living Morally: A Psychology of Moral Character (Temple University Press, 1989) Parts

of Chapter 4, "An Account of Friendship," in *PHILOSOPHICAL DIMENSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP*, ed. Neera Badhwar (Cornell University Press, 1993).

Guest Editor: *Festschrift for Kurt Baier*, *SYNTHESE* 72 (1987), nos. 1 & 2

Articles

--Evil and the Social Animal, to appear in *THINKING TOWARDS HUMANITY: ESSAYS ON NORMAN GERAS* (Manchester University Press, forthcoming).

--Love, to appear in the *INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS* (forthcoming, 4000 word entry)

--Evil, to appear in the *INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS* (forthcoming, 4000 word entry)

- Atrocities, *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF DEATH AND DYING* (forthcoming). Available at laurencethomas.com
- Evil and Forgiveness: The Possibility of Moral Redemption, to appear in a collection of essays in honor of Claudia Card (Lexington Press, forthcoming). Available at laurencethomas.com
- Au Delà du Mal: Juifs et Noirs, *JUIFS ET NOIRS: DU MYTHE A LA REALITE* (2008)
- Abortion and Moral Repugnancy, *SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* (Blackwell, 2007)
- Morality and a Meaningful Life, *PHILOSOPHICAL PAPERS* (2005). Special issue with invited papers by J. David Velleman, John Fischer, Robert Audi, and Laurence Thomas
- Moral Equality and Natural Inferiority, *SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE* (2005)
- Innocence, Genocide, and Suicide Bombings in John K. Roth (ed) *GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS* (Palgrave Press, 2005)
- Equality and the Mantra of Diversity, *THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW* (2004)
- Upside-Down Equality: A Response to Kantian Thought, Michael Levine and Tamas Pataki (eds.), *RACISM, PHILOSOPHY AND MIND: PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLANATIONS OF RACISM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS* (Cornell University Press, 2004)
- Trente An Après: Thomson sur L'Avortement, in *RAISONS POLITIQUES*, v. 2(2004)
- Self-Respect, Fairness, and Living Morally, in *COMPANION TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY* (Blackwell, 2003)
- Review essay of Canto-Sperber's *L'inquiétude Morale et la vie humaine*, in *ETHICS* (April 2003)
- Forgiving the Unforgivable, Eve Garrard & Geoffrey Scare (eds.), *MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE HOLOCAUST* (Ashgate Press, 2003)
- The Moral Self in the Face of Injustice, James Sterba (ed.) *LIBERAL THOUGHT* (Routledge, 2001)
- Sexual Desire, Moral Choice, and Human Ends, " *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 33: 178-192.
- Autonomie, *DICTIONNAIRE D'ETHIQUE ET DE PHILOSOPHIE MORALE*, 3rd édition (In Press: Presses Universitaires de France, 2000): 121-124
- Morality, Consistency, and the Self: A Lesson from Rectification, *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 23 (2001): 374-381.
- Gratitude and the Winds of Equality. *THE HEDGEHOG REVIEW* 3 (2001): 62-77.
- Self-Respect and Equality, *BLACKWELL COMPANION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY* (2000)
- *Moral Psychology, *BLACKWELL COMPANION ON MORAL PSYCHOLOGY* (2000)
- Trusting Under Pressure, *MT. SINAI JOURNAL OF MEDICINE* (1999): 223-228.
- Split-Level Equality: Mixing Equality and Romance, Susan Campbell (ed) *RACISM AND PHILOSOPHY* (Cornell University Press, 1999).
- Suffering as Moral Beacon: Blacks and Jews, Hilene Flanzbaum (ed), *THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999).
- Rayonnement Moral et Rivalité de la Souffrance *PORTULAN. THEME OF VOLUME 2: Mémoire Juive; Mémoire Nègre* 1998. Rpt in English with revisions as Suffering as a Moral Beacon: Blacks and Jews, in the *AMERICANIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998), ed. Hilene Flanzbaum
- Friendship, *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF APPLIED ETHICS* (1998), Vol. 2
- Feminist Ambiguity in Heterosexual Lives: Reflection on Andrea Dworkin, in Tom Digby (ed.), *MEN DOING FEMINISM* (New York: Routledge, 1998)

- Evil and the Concept of a Person, *MIDWEST STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY* (1996) 20: 38-58
- The Grip of Immorality: Child Abuse and Moral Failure, *REASONS, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY THEMES FROM KURT BAIER* (Open Court, 1996): 144-167
- The Matricies of Malevolent Ideologies: Blacks and Jews, *SOCIAL IDENTITIES* (1996) 2: 107-133
- The Soul of Identity: Jews and Blacks, *PEOPLE OF THE BOOK* (University of Wisconsin Press 1996), eds. Jeffrey Rubin-Dorsky and Shelly Fisher Fishkin
- Virtue Ethics and the Arc of Universality: Reflections, *JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY* 9 (1996): 25-32
- Becoming an Evil Society: Strangers and Others, *POLITICAL THEORY* (1996): 272-294
- Erogenous Zones and Ambiguity: Sexuality and the Bodies of Women and Men, in *RETHINKING MASCULINITY: EXPLORATIONS IN LIGHT OF FEMINISM* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1996), eds. Larry May, Robert Strickwerda, and Patrick Hopkins
- Power, Trust, and Evil, in Linda Bell & David Blumenfeld (eds) *OVERCOMING RACISM AND SEXISM* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995)
- Lost Innocence, *STANFORD LAW & POLICY REVIEW* 5 (1994): 91-98.
- Must We Care About Morality, *JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY* 7 (1994): 383-394
- The Logic of Gossip, in Robert F. Goodman & Aaron Ben-Ze'ev (eds.) *GOOD GOSSIP* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1994)
- Group Autonomy and Narrative Identity: Blacks and Jews, in Paul Berman (ed.) *BLACKS AND JEWS: ALLIANCES AND ARGUMENTS* (New York: Delacorte Press, 1994): 286-303. Other contributors include: Cynthia Ozick, Julius Lester, Norman Podhoretz, Richard Goldstein, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. *Rpt* in *COLOR, CLASS, AND IDENTITY* (Westview Press, 1996), eds. John Arthur and Amy Shapiro.
- The Reality of the Moral Self, *THE MONIST* 76 (1993): 3-21.
- Moral Flourishing in an Unjust World, *THE JOURNAL OF MORAL EDUCATION* 22 (1993): 83-96
- What Good Am I, in Steven M. Cahn (ed.) *AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND THE UNIVERSITY: A PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY* (University Press, 1993) : 125-131. Other contributors include: Alasdair MacIntyre, Philip L. Quinn, and Tom Beauchamp
- Moral Deference, *THE PHILOSOPHICAL FORUM* 19 (1992-93): 233-250. *Rpt.* in *African-American Perspectives and Philosophical Traditions* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1996), ed. John Pittman; *Rpt.* with revisions in *THEORIZING MULTICULTURALISM: A GUIDE TO CURRENT DEBATE* Basic Blackwell, 1998), ed. Cynthia Willett.
- The Evolution of Antisemitism, *TRANSITION* 57 (1992): 94-108.
- Morality and Human Diversity, *ETHICS* 102: 117-134.
- Mirrors of Society: Embarrassment, Shyness, and Shame, *BEHAVIOR AND PHILOSOPHY* 19 (1992): 109-119.
- Statistical Badness, *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 23 (1992): 30-41
- *Moral Psychology, *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS*, (Lawrence Becker, Editor-in-Chief)
- Racial Remedies, *TRANSITION* 54 (1991): 122-130.
- Characterizing and Responding to Nazi Genocide, *MODERN JUDAISM* 11 (1991): 371-79.
- Morality and Psychological Development, in Peter Singer (ed.) *A COMPANION TO ETHICS* (Basil Blackwell, 1991): 464-475.

- Reasons for Loving, in *THE PHILOSOPHY OF EROTIC LOVE* (University of Kansas Press, 1991). eds. Robert C. Solomon and Kathleen M. Higgins (eds.): 467-476.
- American Slavery and the Holocaust: Their Ideologies Compared, *PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY* 5 (1991) : 191-210. *Rpt.* with revisions as Characterizing the Evil of American Slavery and the Holocaust, in *JEWISH IDENTITY*, eds. David Theo Goldberg and Michael Krausz (Temple University Press, 1993): 153-176. *Rpt.* in *SUBJUGATION AND BONDAGE: CRITICAL ESSAYS ON SLAVERY AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1997), ed. Tommy L. Lott
- Trust, Affirmation, and Moral Character, in *MORALITY, CHARACTER, AND IDENTITY: ESSAYS IN MORAL PSYCHOLOGY* (MIT Press, 1990), eds. in O. Flanagan and A. Rorty: 235-258.
- Doing Justice to Egoism, *JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY* (1989 APA symposium commentary abstr.)
- Trust and Survival: Securing a Vision of the Good Society, *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 20 (1989): 34-41.
- Religion as Cultural Artifact, in David Weissbord (ed) *MIND, VALUE, AND CULTURE: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF E. MAYNARD ADAMS* (Ridgeview Publishing Co., 1989): 346-353.
- Friends and Lovers, in *PERSON TO PERSON* (Temple University Press, 1989), eds George Graham and Hugh LaFollette: 182-198. *Rpt.* (partially) in Anne Minas (ed.), *GENDER BASICS* (Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1993).
- Moral Motivation, *MIDWEST STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY* 13 (1988): 367-383.
- Christianity in a Social Context: Practical Reasoning and Forgiveness in Baruch Brody (ed.), *MORAL THEORY AND MORAL JUDGMENTS* (D. Reidel, 1988):157-168.
- Rationality and Affectivity: The Metaphysics of the Moral Self, *SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY* 5 (1988): 154-172. *Rpt.* in Ellen Frankel Paul, et. al. (eds.), *THE NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT* (Basil Blackwell, 1988).
- Jews, Blacks, and Group Autonomy, *SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE* 14 (1988):55-69.
- Liberalism and the Holocaust: An Essay on Trust and Black-Jewish Relations, in *ECHOES FROM THE HOLOCAUST: PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTIONS ON A DARK TIME* (Temple University Press, 1988), eds. Alan Rosenberg and Gerald E. Myers (eds.): 105-117.
- Moral Behavior and Rational Creatures of the Universe, *THE MONIST* 70 (1987):59-71.
- Friendship, *SYNTHESE* 72 (1987): 217-236.
- Biological Moralism, *BIOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY* 1 (1986): 316-325.
- Justice, Happiness, and Self-Knowledge, *CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY* 16 (1986):63-82. *Rpt* (partially) in *THIRTEEN QUESTIONS IN ETHICS*, eds. G. Lee Bowie, Kathleen Higgins, and Meredith W. Michaels (Harcourt, Brace, and Janovitch (1992).
- Beliefs and the Motivation to be Just, *AMER. PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY* 22 (1985):347-52.
- Love and Morality: The Possibility of Altruism, in James Fetzer (ed), *SOCIOBIOLOGY AND EPISTEMOLOGY* (D. Reidel, 1985): 115-129.
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- Morality, The Self, and Our Natural Sentiments, in *EMOTION: PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES* (Haven Press, 1983), eds. K.D. Irani and Gerald E. Meyers: 144-163.

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- Acts, Omissions, and Common Sense Morality, *CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY*, Supp. v. 8: *NEW ESSAYS IN ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY* (1982).
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- Law, Morality, and Our Psychological Nature, in Michael Bradie and David Braybrooke (eds), *SOCIAL JUSTICE* (Bowling Green Studies in Applied Philosophy, 1982): 112-123
- Should States Require Passenger Protection?, *HASTINGS CENTER REPORT* (June, 1981)
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*The two essays with the name “Moral Psychology” are entirely different essays.

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