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EDUCATION:

1973 Ph.D., Princeton University
1971 M.A., Princeton University
1969 Master of Hebrew Literature Degree and Rabbinic
 Ordination, Yeshiva University

1966 M.Sc. (Econ.), London School of Economics
1965 B.A., summa cum laude, Yeshiva University

TEACHING:

1991- Professor of Political Science, Temple University
Present
1982-91 Associate Professor of Political Science, Temple
 University

1976-82 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Temple
 University

1975 Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College,
 Fall Term

1973-76 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Touro
 College

1974-75 Chairman, Department of Political Science, Touro
 College

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

- 1980 Ethics, Politics and Epistemology: A Study in the Unity of Hume's Thought (University Press of America, October, 1980).
- 1981 Wittgenstein and Historical Understanding (University Press of America, January, 1981).
- 1982 Epic Political Theorists and the Conceptualization of the State: An Essay in Political Philosophy (University Press of America, March, 1982).
- 1983 Hobbes and Modernity: Five Exercises in Political Philosophical Exegesis (University Press of America, April, 1983).
- 1984 Rousseau's Critique of Liberal Democracy-Then and Now (Wyndham Hall Press, January, 1984).
- 1985 Wittgenstein, Skepticism and Political Participation: An Essay in the Epistemology of Democratic Theory (University Press of America, July, 1985).
- 1986 Democracy and Scarcity: A Study in their Historical and Theoretical Patterns of Interconnection (Rhodes-Fulbright International Library, Wyndham Hall Press, April, 1986).
- 1986 Participation and Tacit Knowledge in Plato, Machiavelli and Hobbes (University Press of America, July 1986).
- 1990 Skepticism and Political Participation (Temple University Press, January 1990).
- 1992 Power and Empowerment: A Radical Theory of Participatory Democracy-Co-authored with Peter Bachrach (Temple University Press, May 1992).
- 1993 Postmodernism and Democratic Theory (Temple University Press, April 1993).
- 1997 Skepticism, Belief, and the Modern: Maimonides to Nietzsche (Cornell University Press, 1997).
- 2001 Democracy and Vision Co-edited with William Connolly (Princeton University Press, August, 2001).

2011 Michael Oakeshott's Skepticism (Princeton University Press, February, 2011).

MANUSCRIPTS-IN-PROGRESS:

The Community of the Question: Negative Theology in Monotheistic Thought

Negative Theology and Negative Theory: Emmanuel Levinas and the Human Good

Rabbinic Theology: Its Metaphysical Presuppositions and Political Implications

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED:

All of the articles listed below went through an anonymous peer-review process before they were accepted for publication.

1977 "A Case for Hume's Nonutilitarianism," The Journal of the History of Philosophy (Vol. XV, No. 4, October, 1977).

1977 "Typologies of Theories of Justice and Political Obligation and the Vision of a No-Growth Society," The Philosophy Forum (Vol. 15, No. 3/4, 1977).

1977 "In Defense of Teshuvah A Modern Approach to an Ancient Concept," Judaism (Vol. 26, No. 4, Fall, 1977).

1980 "Hume on 'Is-Ought': A Reinterpretation," Auslegung (Vol. 8, No. 1, Fall, 1980).

1981 "Politics in a World of Scarcity: Theories of Justice and Political Obligation," Journal of Social Philosophy (Vol. XII, No. 3, September, 1981).

1983 "Hobbes's Concept of Law and Representation: Some Reflections on Past and Future," Journal of Social Philosophy (Vol. XIV, No. 1, January 1983).

1983 (with Peter Bachrach) "Democracy and Scarcity: Towards a Theory of Participatory Democracy," International Political Science Review (June, 1983).

1983 "Maimonides' Conception of Yemot Hamashiach and

Contemporary Zionism: Some Policy Implications,"
Zionist Ideas, No. 7, Autumn 1983.

- 1983 "Dilemmas of Political Participation," Journal of Social Philosophy (vol. XIV, No. 4, 1983).
- 1984 "Maimonides' Conception of the Messianic Age," Judaism (Fall, 1984).
- 1987 "Covenant, Consent and Authority in Judaism: A Review Essay of Michael Walzer's, Exodus and Revolution"- Published in Modern Judaism (Johns Hopkins University Press) Spring 1987.
- 1987 "Wittgenstein and Skepticism: An Essay in the Unity of Wittgenstein's Thought"-Published in Volume XII of Philosophy Research Archives (March, 1987)
- 1988 "Tacit Knowledge in Plato"-Published in Volume 2 of Commonwealth (1988)
- 1988 "A Neo-Pragmatist Defense of Democratic Participation"- Published in Volume XIX, Number 2, of Journal of Social Philosophy (Summer 1988).
- 1989 "Nietzsche, Foucault and the Prospects of Postmodern Political Philosophy"-published in Manuscrito, Vol. 12, Number 2 (October, 1989).
- 1989 "Manifestations of 'Right Method' in Federalist Number Ten" Appears as the lead essay in The U.S. Constitution and Its American Philosophers: Into Their Third Century, edited by Christopher Gray (Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen, 1989).
- 1995 "Underdetermination of Meaning by the Talmudic Text"- constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Daniel Frank called, Commandment and Community: New Essays in Jewish Legal and Political Philosophy (New York: State University of New York Press, 1995).
- 1995 "Monotheism and Skepticism: Reconceiving the Relationship between the Premodern and the Modern"- constitutes a chapter in an annual edited by Paul Gottfried called Theologies and Moral Concern: Religion and Public Life, Volume 29 (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers [a division of Rutgers-the State University of New Jersey Press], 1995).

- 1997 "Epistemological Circularity as a Justification for Liberal Democracy"-constitutes a chapter in an annual edited by Paul Gottfried called, Theologies and Moral Concern: Religion and Public Life, Volume 30 (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers [a division of Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey Press], 1997).
- 1998 "Religion and Secularism in Liberalism" appeared in the Fall 1998 issue of Telos (Number 113).
- 1999 "Liberty, Authority, and Consent in Judaism: A Maimonidean Reconstruction of the Biblical Text"-constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Daniel Frank called On Liberty: Jewish Philosophical Perspectives (London: Curzon, 1999).
- 1999 "Strauss's Generalized Agnosticism and American Liberalism" -- constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Kenneth Deutsch and John Murley called, Leo Strauss, the Straussians and the Study of the American Regime (Rowman and Littlefield).
- 1999 "Social Theory and its Limitations" appeared in the Fall 1999 issue of Telos.
- 2000 "A Maimonidean Reading of Luzzatto's, Mesillat Yesharim" appeared in Volume 7(2000) No. 3 of Jewish Studies Quarterly.
- 2000 "Methodological Issues in Rabbinic Theology" appeared in the December 2000 issue of Le'ela which is published by the London School of Jewish Studies.
- 2000 "Ideology and Theory in Metatheoretical Perspective" appeared in the Winter 2000 issue of Telos.
- 2001 "Post-Shoah Political Theology" appeared in the Fall 2001 issue of Telos. (Number 121).
- 2002 "Does the Bible Legitimate Israeli Settlements?" appeared in the Spring 2002 issue of Telos (Number 123).
- 2002 "Political Abuse of a Biblical Paradigm," appeared in the Summer 2002 issue of Telos (Number 124).

- 2003 "Religion With/Out Religion," a review-essay on the thought of Jacques Derrida, appeared in Transcendent Philosophy: An International Journal of Comparative Philosophy and Mysticism, Vol. 4, Number 2, June 2003.
- 2005 "Nowhere to Go but Back, Nowhere to Go but Forward: The Circular Stance of the Law in the Thought of Hans Kelsen," appeared in the Summer 2005 issue of Telos (Number 131).
- 2005 "Skeptical Motifs Linking Together Maimonides' *Guide* and his *Mishneh Torah*," appeared in *The Trias of Maimonides / Die Trias des Maimonides: Jewish, Arabic and Ancient Culture of Knowledge / Jüdische, Arabische und Antike Wissenskultur*. Edited by Georges Tamer (Berlin: Walter De Gruyter, 2005)
- 2005 "Same/Other versus Friend/Enemy: Levinas contra Schmitt," appeared in the Fall 2005 issue of Telos (Number 132).
- 2006 "Emmanuel Levinas's *Otherwise than Being*, the Phenomenology Project, and Skepticism," appeared in the Winter 2006 issue of Telos (Number 133).
- 2006 "A Monotheistic Ethics: The Mishnah of Ben Zoma as a Case in Point," appeared in the Winter 2006 issue of Telos.
- 2007 "The Qu'ran as a Negative Theological Text: The Evidence of Sura II" appears in the Spring 2007 issue of Telos.
- 2007 "On Avicenna" appears in the June 2007 issue of Telos.
- 2007 A review-essay on Post-Holocaust Political Theology centering around a review of Berel Lang, Post-Holocaust Interpretation, Misinterpretation, and the Claims of History has been commissioned by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion, and appears in the September 2007 issue of the journal (Volume 75).
- 2008 "Emmanuel Levinas's *Otherwise than Being*: Is an Ethics of Substitution a Jewish Ethics?" was published in Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture in 2008.
- 2008 "Philosophy, Skepticism, and Politics: A Review-Essay of the Works of Michael Oakeshott" appeared in Political Theory, Volume 36, Number 3 (June 2008).

- 2008 **"Monotheism, Negative Theology, and Mysticism: A Review Essay of 'Maimonides' Confrontation with Mysticism" appeared in Philosophy East and West, Volume 58, Number 3 (July 2008).**
- 2008 "The Dialectic of Monotheism: St. Paul's 'Letter to the Romans,'" appeared in the Summer 2008 issue of Telos (Number 143).
- 2008 **"Indeterminacy and Interpretation," constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Jose V. Ciprut called, *Indeterminacy: The Mapped, the Navigable and the Uncharted* (MIT Press, Fall, 2008).**
- 2008 **" Liberal Democracy: Interrogating the Premises and Inferences," constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Jose V. Ciprut called, *Democrtizations: Comparisons, Confrontations, Contrasts* (MIT Press, Fall, 2008).**
- 2009 "Levinas, Jewish Thought, and Postmodernity: A Review-Essay of Michael Morgan, 'Discovering Levinas,'" appeared in the AJS Review , Volume XXXIV, Number 2, Fall, 2009.
- 2010 "Peter Bachrach: Liberal Democracy and Participation" appeared in PS: Political Science and Politics, Volume 43, Number 1, January 2010.
- 2010 "Shakespeare in Advance of Hobbes: Pathways to the Modernization of the European Psyche as Charted in The Merchant of Venice" appeared in the Winter 2010 issue of Telos (Number 153).
- 2011 My article on "Divine Transcendence: The Bridge between Talmudic and Early Modern Times" will appear in The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era, ed. By David Novak, Martin Kavka and Zachary Braiterman (Cambridge University press, 2011).
- 2011 My article on "Michael Oakeshott" will appear in Gregory Claeys, ed., Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought (Congressional Quarterly Press, 2011).

Teaching Responsibilities Over Past Five Years:

Fall 2011 P.S. 2431 - Modern Political Philosophy

P.S. 2432 - American Political Thought

Spring 2011 - P.S. 3421 - Theories of Justice

P.S. 8430 - Problems in Political Philosophy: Re-conceptualizing the Relationship Between the Religious and the Secular in Western Political Thought

Fall 2010 P.S. 3411 (Cross-listed with Religion 3411 and Jewish Studies 3411) - Classical Political Philosophy

P.S. 2431 - Modern Political Philosophy

Spring 2010 - PS. 2432 - American Political Thought

PS 8404 - 19th and 20th Century Social and Political Thought

Fall 2009 P.S. 3421 - Theories of Justice
P.S. 4420 (Cross-listed with Religion 3411 and Jewish Studies 3411) - Seminar in Political Philosophy/ Philosophies of Judaism)

Spring 2008 P.S. 485 - Contemporary Theories of Democracy
P.S. 272 - American Political Thought

Fall 2007 P.S. 270 - Classical Political Philosophy (Cross-listed with upper-class electives in Religion and Jewish Studies)
P.S. 271 - Modern Political Philosophy

Spring 2007 P.S. 272 - American Political Thought
P.S. 277 - Theories of Justice

Fall 2006 P.S. 322 - Seminar in Political Philosophy (Cross-listed with Religion 222 - Philosophies of Judaism)
P.S. 480 - Introduction to Political Philosophy

Spring 2006 P.S. 272 - American Political Thought
P.S. 484 - 19th and 20th Century Political Philosophy

Fall 2005 P.S. 271 - Modern Political Philosophy
P.S. 277 - Theories of Justice

Independent Study Students:

Undergraduates:

Sam Martin - "Theoretical Interrogations of the Relationship Between Politics and Religion" (Spring 2011)

John Chum - "Theoretical Interrogations of the Relationship Between Politics and Religion" (Spring 2011)

Eugene Kwan - "Theoretical Interrogations of the Relationship Between Politics and Religion" (Spring 2011)

Annie Wilson - "Nietzsche's Metaphysics and Political Theory" (Spring 2010)

Jonathan Hood - "Continuities and Contrasts in the Philosophies of Friedrich Nietzsche and Michael Oakeshott" (Spring 2010)

Corey Goldiner - "Conservative, Liberal, and Radical Responses to the Arab-Israeli Conflict" (Spring '08)

Justin Murphy - "Readings of the Philosophy of Michael Oakeshott" (Spring '07)

Mustaq Hamza - "Philosophical and Political Interrogations of the Neoconservative Movement in American Politics" (Spring '07)

Joseph Kim - "Realist versus Neoliberal Underpinnings of the Work of the United Nations" (Summer '08)

Graduate Students:

Brian McAdams (Religion Department) - Tutorial in the History of Political Thought

Catherine Bartch - "Philosophies of Education as They Impinge Upon the Democratic Socialization of Hispanic Citizens"

Current Ph.D. Thesis Supervision:

Matthew Smetona - "Reconceptualizations of the Relationship Between Hegel's Phenomenology and his Philosophy of Right" (Ph.D. received May 2010)

Charles Brian McAdams - "A Strange Distinction: Religion in Civic Life after Martin Luther King" (Ph.D. received May 2010)

John Hykel - Analogies and Extrapolations between Western Republican Tradition and Chinese Religious/Political Thought and Institutions (Ph.D. expected May 2012)

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- 1975 "Politics in a World of Scarcity: Theories of Justice and Political Obligation"--Keynote address at October, 1975 Princeton University Conference on The Political Economy of International Resources.
- 1976 "Hume on Suicide: A Nonutilitarian View"-Paper submitted at the invitation of the Conference Director, Hume Bicentennial Conference held at McGill University, September, 1976.
- 1977 "Metaphor in Political Theory: The Cases of Plato, Hobbes, and Rousseau"-Paper read at the Fourth Annual Conference on Social Theory and the Arts held at Stockton State College, Pomona, New Jersey, April, 1977.
- 1978 "Hume on 'Is-Ought': A Reinterpretation"-Paper accepted for presentation at The Seventh Hume Conference held at the Banff Centre, University of Calgary, September, 1978.
- 1980 "Hobbes's Concept of Law and Representation: Some Reflections on Past and Future"-Paper read at the Fourteenth Annual Conference on Value Inquiry held at the State University of New York at Geneseo, April 18-20, 1980.
- 1980 "Hobbes's Concept of Law and Representation: Some Reflections on Past and Future"- Proceedings of Fourteenth Annual Conference on Value Inquiry (State University of New York at Geneseo, 1980).
- 1980 "Wittgenstein and Historical Understanding"-Paper read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1980.
- 1980 "Prolegomenon to an Understanding of 'Covenant' and 'Social Contract'"'-Paper read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Washington,

D.C., August 28-31, 1980.

- 1980 "Power and Legitimacy: An Inquiry into the Foundations of American Society"-Paper read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in New Haven, Conn., November 20-22, 1980.
- 1981 "Fatherless Individuals in Hobbes's Covenant Commonwealth"-Paper read at the Fifth Covenant Seminar on Individuals and Families in Covenant Systems held in Philadelphia, May 17-19, 1981.
- 1981 "Epic Political Theorists and the Conceptualization of the State"-Paper read under the auspices of The Foundations of Political Theory Group at the American Political Science Association Convention held in New York, September 3-6, 1981.
- 1982 "Democracy and Scarcity: Towards a Theory of Participatory Democracy"-Paper read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in New Haven, Conn., November 18-20, 1982.
- 1982 "Remarks on the Limitations of Sociobiological Method in its Application to the Social Sciences"-Paper read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in New Haven, Conn., November 18-20, 1982.

- 1983 "Maimonides' Conception of Yemot Hamashiach and Contemporary Zionism: Some Policy Implications"-Paper delivered at the Zionist Seminar held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1983.
- 1983 "Dilemmas of Political Participation"-Paper read at the Seventeenth World Congress of Philosophy held in Montreal, Canada, August 19-24, 1983.
- 1983 "Rousseau's Critique of Liberal Democracy: Then and Now"-Paper read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, September 1-4, 1983.
- 1983 "Representation and Participation in Liberal Democratic Theory"-Paper read under the auspices of the Conference in Political Economy at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, September 1-4, 1983.
- 1984 "An Objective Concept of Democratic Participation," Paper written in conjunction with Peter Bachrach and read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Washington, D.C., August 30-September 2, 1984.
- 1984 "Wittgenstein and the Possibility of an Objective Defense of Democratic Participation"-Paper read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in Boston, Mass., November 18-20, 1984.
- 1985 "The Concept of the Public: A Radical Perspective"-Paper written in conjunction with Peter Bachrach and read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in New Orleans, La., August 29-September 1, 1985.
- 1985 "Participation and Tacit Knowledge in Plato, Machiavelli and Hobbes"-Paper read at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 14-16, 1985.
- 1986 "Class Struggle as a Democratic Concept: A Madisonian Perspective" -Paper written in conjunction with Peter Bachrach and read at the Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Social and Political Thought held in New York City on January 23, 1986.

- 1986 "Participatory Democratic Leadership: A Gramscian Reading"-Paper written in conjunction with Peter Bachrach and read at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held at the Washington Hilton, August 28-31, 1986.
- 1986 "The Argument of Federalist Number Ten"-Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Boston, November 13-15, 1986.
- 1987 "Manifestations of 'Right Method' in Federalist Number Ten"-Paper delivered at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, held at the University of Pennsylvania, March 6-8, 1987.
- 1987 "The Argument of Federalist Number Ten"-Paper accepted for presentation at the Third International Social Philosophy Conference: Social Philosophy and the U.S. Constitution held at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, June 4-6, 1987.
- 1987 Organizer and Chair of Panel on Postmodernism and Poststructuralism at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association convention held in Philadelphia, November 12-14, 1987.
- 1987 "Notes Towards Resolving the Problem of Reflexivity in Nietzsche"-Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention held in Philadelphia, November 12-14, 1987.
- 1988 "The Argument of Federalist Number Ten"-Paper read at the Twenty-Second Annual Conference on Value Inquiry held at the State University of New York at Geneseo, April 8-9, 1988, and published in the Proceedings of same.
- 1988 "Nietzsche, Foucault and the Prospects of Postmodern Political Philosophy"-Paper presented under the auspices of The Foundations of Political Theory Group at the American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 1988.
- 1988 "The Nature of Hobbes's Monotheism"-Paper commissioned for Symposium on Politics and Religion in Hobbes sponsored by the University of Hamburg, October 10-12, 1988, and published in the Proceedings of same.

- 1988 "Maimonides and Lyotard: Convergences Between the Premodern and the Postmodern"-Paper read at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Providence, R.I., November 10-12, 1988.
- 1989 "'Reflexivity' Reconsidered: Participation and Tacit Knowledge in Plato, Machiavelli and Hobbes"-Paper read at Princeton University Faculty Colloquium in Political Philosophy held March 2, 1989.
- 1989 "'Reflexivity' Reconsidered: Participation and Tacit Knowledge in Plato, Machiavelli and Hobbes"-Paper read at Catholic University of America Faculty Colloquium in Political Philosophy held March 22, 1989.
- 1989 "Liberalism vs. Communitarianism: Epistemological and Sociological Perspectives"-Paper delivered at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Atlanta, August 31-September 3, 1989.
- 1989 "The Dispensability of Rights in Liberal Theory"-Paper read at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Atlanta, August 31-September 3, 1989.
- 1989 "Habermas and Reflexivity"-Paper read at the Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 9-11, 1989.
- 1990 "Postmodernism and Democratic Theory"-Paper read at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 1990.
- 1990 Organizer and Chair of Panel on Modernism vs. Postmodernism: Contrasts, Overlappings, Tensions convened at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 1990.
- 1990 "Premodernism, Postmodernism, and a Postmodernist Liberal Democratic Politics"-Paper read at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 1990.

- 1990 "Strauss and Reflexivity"-Paper read at the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Providence, Rhode Island, November 15-17, 1990.
- 1990 "Meditations on Maimonidean Monotheism"-Paper read at the Twenty-Second Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 16-18, 1990.
- 1991 "Situating the Source of the Sources: Issues of Skepticism and Self-Referentialism in the Work of Charles Taylor"-Paper read at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., August 29-September 1, 1991.
- 1991 Organizer of panel under the auspices of the Foundations of Political Theory on "The Limits of Critique: Politics, Knowledge, and Reflexivity" convened at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., August 29-September 1, 1991.
- 1991 "The Globalization of Democracy and Postmodernism: American Democracy as a Model for the World"-Roundtable paper read at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., August 29-September 1, 1991.
- 1991 "Maimonides and Adorno: Negative Theology, Negative Dialectics, and Postmodernist Sensibility"-Paper read at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 14-16, 1991.
- 1992 "Monotheism, Skepticism, and Issues of Self-Referentialism in the Thought of Leo Strauss: A Postmodernist Recasting of His Thought"-Paper read at the Faculty Colloquium in Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 8, 1992.
- 1992 "Parfit, Habermas, and the Possibilities of a Nonfoundational Ethics and Politics"-Paper read at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Chicago, Illinois, September 3-6, 1992.

- 1992 Organizer of panel on "Nonfoundational Ethics and Politics" for the 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Chicago, Illinois, September 3-6, 1992.
- 1992 "The Role of Human Contingency in the Theorizing of Michael Oakeshott"-Paper read at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Providence, Rhode Island, November, 1992.
- 1993 "Michael Oakeshott's Philosophy of Conversation"-Paper read at Temple University's Fourteenth Annual Conference on Discourse Analysis, Temple University, March 26-27, 1993.
- 1993 "Underdetermination of Meaning by the Talmudic Text"-Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Academy for Jewish Philosophy held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, June 6-7, 1993.
- 1993 Organizer and Chair of Panel on "Reconceiving the Nature and the Boundaries of the Premodern, the Postmodern, and the Modern" for the 1993 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 1993.
- 1993 "Maimonides and Hobbes: Reconceiving the Nature and the Boundaries of the Premodern, the Postmodern, and the Modern"-Paper read at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 1993.
- 1993 "A 'Monotheistic' Construal of Human Nature and Society: A Reading of Hobbes's Leviathan"-Paper read at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Newark, New Jersey, November 11-13, 1993.
- 1993 "The Surplus of Meaning over Text in Talmudic Argument"-Paper read at the Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 12-14, 1993.
- 1994 "Monotheism, Skepticism, and Reflexivity: Conceptions of Human Nature in Maimonides and Hobbes"-Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Academy for Jewish Philosophy held at the University of Judaism, Los Angeles, California, June 5-6, 1994.

- 1994 Organizer of Panel on "Is There a History of Political Thought?" for the 1944 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in New York City, September 1-4, 1994.
- 1994 "Hume, Kant, and Nietzsche: The Problematics of Formalizing and 'Ontologizing' of Epistemology"-Paper read at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in New York City, September 1-4, 1994.
- 1994 "A Maimonidean Reading of Luzzatto's Derech Hashem and Mesillat Yesharim"-Paper read at the 26th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 18-20, 1994.
- 1995 "Dilemmas of Talmudic Interpretation"-Paper read at the Second International Conference on Jewish Law and Talmudic Research held at the Minskoff Cultural Center, New York City, February 19-20, 1995.
- 1995 Organizer and Chair of Panel on "Liberalism and Democracy" for the 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Chicago, Illinois, August 31-September 3, 1995.
- 1995 "The Inevitability of Circularity and Justifications of Liberal Democracy"-Paper read at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Chicago, Illinois, August 31-September 3, 1995.
- 1995 "Eschatology and Naturalized Eschatology in Maimonides and Hobbes"-Paper read at the 14th Annual Conference on The Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Social Thought held at Binghamton University, SUNY, October 20-22, 1995.
- 1995 "The Theological Uses of Skepticism: A Reading of Rav Eliyahu Dessler's Michtav M'Eliyahu"-Paper read at the 27th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 17-19, 1995.
- 1996 "Liberty, Authority, and Consent in Judaism: A Maimonidean Reconstruction of the Biblical Text"-Paper read at the Academy for Jewish Philosophy Conference on Liberty held at Vanderbilt University, June 2-3, 1996.

- 1996 "Maimonides, Hobbes, Nietzsche: Rethinking the Tradition"-Paper read at a Faculty-Graduate Student Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Rhetoric at the University of California at Berkeley, August 30, 1996.
- 1996 "Michael Oakeshott and Emmanuel Levinas: Contingency, Horizontal Transcendence, and the Conditions for a Liberal Politics"-Paper read at the 1996 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, California, August 29-September 1, 1996.
- 1996 "Historicism as a Central Factor in the Formulation of the Argument of Maimonides' Guide"-Paper presented at conference on "Appropriating and Re-Appropriating the Past: History and Historiography in Islamic and Judaic Traditions" sponsored by the Institute for Islamic-Judaic Studies of the Center for Judaic Studies of the University of Denver held at the University of Denver, October 20-22, 1996.
- 1996 Organizer of Jewish Studies Section for the 15th Annual Conference of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Modern Social Thought held at Binghamton University, SUNY, October 25-27, 1996.
- 1996 "A Maimonidean Reading of Luzzatto's Mesillat Yesharim"-Paper read at the 15th Annual Conference of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Modern Social Thought held at Binghamton University, SUNY, October 25-27, 1996.
- 1996 Organizer of Roundtable on Nietzsche and Democracy at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held at the Boston Back Bay Hilton, November 14-16, 1996.
- 1996 "Nietzsche and Levinas: Reconceiving the Content and History of Liberalism"-Paper read at Roundtable on Nietzsche and Democracy at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held at the Boston Back Bay Hilton, November 14-16, 1996.
- 1996 "Historicism as an Organizing Factor in Maimonides' Mishneh Torah and in his Guide"-Paper read at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston from December 15-17, 1996.

- 1997 "Power in/through/as the Other: A Levinasian Reading of the Machiavelli-Hobbes Relationship"-Paper read at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.
- 1997 "Nietzsche and Levinas: Reconceiving the Content and History of Liberalism"-Paper read at Faculty-Graduate Student Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Temple University, October 8, 1997.
- 1997 Organizer of Panel on "Modernist and Postmodernist Political Responses to Metaphysical Skepticism" at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 13-15, 1997, at which three of my doctoral students (for whom I am principal adviser) presented papers.
- 1997 "Theory, Ideology, History, and Education: Reading Michael Oakeshott and Sheldon Wolin in Relation to Each Other"-Paper read at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, PA, November 13-15, 1997.
- 1998 "Maimonides' Philosophy of Prayer: The Impact of Negative Theology in Reconceiving the Nature and Role of Prayer"-Paper read at International Conference on Avoda and Ibada: Worship and Liturgy in Judaism and Islam held at the Institute for Islamic-Judaic Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, March 8-10, 1998.
- 1998 Organizer of panel on "Derrida, Levinas, and Politics" at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Boston, MA, September 3-6, 1998.
- 1998 "Derrida, Levinas, Marx, and Liberalism: New Readings, New Connections" -- Paper read at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Boston, MA, September 3-6, 1998.

- 1998 Organizer of panel on "Skepticism and the Theorizing of Power" at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held in Boston, MA, November 12-14, 1998.
- 1998 "Nietzsche, Marx, Liberalism: Power as Sum-Sum or Zero-Sum Game" -- Paper read at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association held in Boston, MA, November 12-14, 1998.
- 1998 "Maimonides' Philosophy of Prayer: The Impact of Negative Theology in Reconceiving the Nature and Role of Prayer" -- Paper read at the 30th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, MA, December 20-22, 1998.
- 1999 Respondent in Roundtable devoted to my book, Skepticism, Belief, and the Modern: Maimonides to Nietzsche, held at the 1999 Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association in Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1999.
- 1999 "The Ethics of Theory and the Ethics of Ideology" -- Paper read at the 1999 Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association taking place in Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1999.
- 1999 "From Ideology to Theory: The Negative Theological Foundations of Political Society" - Paper presented at the Telos Conference held in New York City June 4-6, 1999.
- 1999 Organizer of panel on "Visions of the Other in 20th Century Political Thought" for the 31st Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 10-13, 1999.
- 1999 "'Negative Theorizing': Visions of the Other in Levinas, Buber, Ricoeur, Derrida, Plato, Nietzsche, and Rabbinic Thought" -- Paper read at the 31st Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 10-13, 1999.
- 1999 "Plato's Political Thought -- In his Day and Ours" -- I was chair and discussant of the above panel at the 31st Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, November 10-13, 1999.

- 2000 Organizer of panel on "Millennial Reflections" held at the American Political Science Association Convention in Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000.
- 2000 "Gnostic Challenges to American Liberalism: Negative Theology and Gnosticism as Theoretical Categories" was read at the American Political Science Association Convention held in Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000.
- 2000 Organizer of panel on "Religion and Normative Political Theory" at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held at Albany, New York, November 9-November 11, 2000.
- 2000 "Negative Theology and Gnosticism as Theoretical Categories: The Evidence of the Hebrew Scriptures" was delivered at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Albany, New York, November 9-November 11, 2000.
- 2000 Organizer of Roundtable on "The Tower of Babel in Michael Oakeshott's Political Philosophy" at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Albany, New York, November 9-November 11, 2000.
- 2000 "Idealism, Skepticism, and Liberalism: The Tower of Babel in the Thought of Michael Oakeshott" was delivered as part of the Roundtable on the Thought of Michael Oakeshott at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Albany, New York, November 9-November 11, 2000.
- 2000 "Post-Holocaust Theology: Negative Theology versus Gnosticism in Emmanuel Levinas and Giorgio Agamben" was read at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, MA, December 17-December 19, 2000.
- 2001 "Post-Shoah Political Theology" was read at the Telos Conference held at St. Francis College in New York City on May 20, 2001.
- 2001 Organizer of "Democracy and Vision: A Roundtable in Honor of Sheldon S. Wolin" at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.

- 2001 "Theory, Democracy, and the Political: Reflections on Sheldon Wolin" was read at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- 2001 Organizer of Panel on "Centennial Reflections: Michael Oakeshott (1901-2001)" at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- 2001 "Skepticism, Truth, and Politics in the Thought Of Michael Oakeshott" was read at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- 2001 "Unifying Skeptical Motifs in Oakeshott's Thought" was read at the Memorial Conference in Honor of Michael Oakeshott held at the London School of Economics and Political Science, September 3-5, 2001.
- 2001 Organizer of Panel on "Theoretical and Practical Interventions into Post-Modernist Society" at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association Held in Philadelphia, PA, November 8-10, 2001.
- 2001 "A Generalized Agnosticism: Reason and Religion, Revolution, and Justice in Hume" was read at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, PA, November 8-10, 2001.
- 2001 "Symmetries and Correspondences between Soloveitchik's Argument in The Halakhic Mind and Maimonides' Argument in the Guide" was accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies to be held in Washington, D.C., December 16-18, 2001.
- 2002 Organizer of panel on "Postmodern Reflections in Political Science" at the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Political Science Association held at Providence, R.I., November 7-9 2002.

- 2002 "Same/Other versus Friend/Enemy: Levinas contra Schmitt"—Paper read at the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Political Science Association held at Providence, R.I., November 7-9 2002.
- 2003 "Politics and Human Sacrifice: The Binding of Isaac" - Paper delivered at Swarthmore College, February 25, 2003, under the auspices of the Political Science, Philosophy, and Religion Departments.
- 2003 Organizer of two panels at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 1) "Islam and Democratic Political Theory: Problems and Possibilities"; 2) Levinas, Justice, and Democracy: Can Postmodern Ethics Affect Political Practice?"
- 2003 "Is the Qu'ran a Negative Theological or a Gnostic Text?: Religious Understandings and their Political Translations" -- Paper read at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003.
- 2003 "Is 'Substitution' the Route to Justice and Democracy?: A Critical Reading of Levinas's Otherwise than Being" - Paper read at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003.
- 2003 Organizer of two panels at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association: 1) "Emmanuel Levinas and Political Philosophy"; 2) "Theory and Practice: Contemporary Issues."
- 2003 "The Schmittian Turn in American Foreign Policy: Misreadings of Theory and Practice" - Paper read at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 6-8, 2003.

- 2003 Served as discussant on graduate student papers on Emmanuel Levinas at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association.
- 2003 "Skeptical Reconfigurations of the Affirmation of God's Existence: Maimonides, Nahmanides, Ibn Ezra, Hasdai Crescas, and Judah Halevi on 'Anochi Hashem Elokecha'" - Paper read at the 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies held in Boston, MA, December 21-23, 2003.
- 2004 "Skeptical Motifs Linking Together Maimonides' Guide and his Mishnah Torah (Code)" -- Paper read at an international conference marking the 800th anniversary of Maimonides' death being held at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, July 7-11, 2004.
- 2004 "Hans Kelsen, Carl Schmitt, Giorgio Agamben, and Michael Oakeshott: Law, Sovereignty, Inequality, and Reason" - Paper read at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004.
- 2004 "The Typologies of Judaism and Christianity in Hegel's 'Early Theological Writings': Implications for Political Theology" - Paper read at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association being held in Boston, MA, November 11-13, 2004.
- 2004 "The Political Impact of Maimonidean Negative Theology" - Paper read at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion being held in San Antonio, TX, November 20-23, 2004.
- 2005 "Shakespeare in Advance of Hobbes: The Judaizing of Christianity as a Motif in 'The Merchant of Venice'" - Paper read at "A Roundtable Discussion on the Film "'The Merchant of Venice'" held at Drexel University March 2, 2005.

- 2005 "The Negative Theological Logic of Monotheistic Doctrine" - Paper read at conference on "Islam and the Political Order" held at the Catholic University of America April 25-26, 2005.
- 2005 "The Qu'ran as a Negative Theological Text: The Evidence of Sura II" - Paper included in Proceedings of Conference on "Islam and the Political Order" sponsored by the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at the Catholic University of America. The conference was held at the Catholic University of America April 25-26, 2005.
- Organizer of panel on "Theological and Literary Responses to Affliction" at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Washington, D.C. September 1-4, 2005
- 2005 "Post-Holocaust Political Theology: Or, How to Engage the Ineffability of Affliction in Relation to the Ineffability of God" - Paper read at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Washington D.C. September 1-4, 2005.
- 2005 "Liberal Democracy, Negative Theory, and Circularity: Plato and John Rawls" - Paper read at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Washington D.C. September 1-4, 2005.
- 2005 "Movements from Self to Other in Plato, Aristotle, Maimonides, Machiavelli, and Hobbes" - Paper prepared for delivery at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association being held in Philadelphia, PA, November 17-19, 2005.
- 2005 Organizer of panel on "Anti-Teleology as a Central Motif in Rabbinic Judaism" being held at the 37th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies taking place in Washington, D.C., December 18-20, 2005.
- 2005 "Maimonidean and Earlier Rabbinic Resistances to Teleology" - Paper prepared for delivery at the 37th Annual Meeting of

- the Association for Jewish Studies being held in Washington, D.C., December 18-20, 2005.
- 2006 "A Monotheistic Ethics: The Mishnah of Ben Zoma (Avot 4:1) as a Case in Point," paper read at the Telos Conference held in New York City on January 13-15th, 2006.
- 2006 Organizer of panel on "Shakespeare and Hobbes as Architects of Modernity" at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Philadelphia, PA August 31-September 3, 2006
- 2006 "Shakespeare in Advance of Hobbes: The Judaizing of Christianity as a Motif in The Merchant of Venice," Paper read at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association being held in Philadelphia, PA August 31-September 3, 2006.
- 2006 "'Totality and Infinity' versus an Ethics of Substitution in Levinas: Reconciling Levinas with Levinas" - Paper read at "A Conversation on Levinas" held at Temple University on October 23rd, 2006, and being sponsored
- 2006 "The Skeptical Philosophical Vision of Michael Oakeshott" - Paper read at the Global Temple Conference held at Temple University, November 16-17, 2006.
- 2008 "Revolution and Redemption in Formative Christianity: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans" - Paper read at the Annual Telos Conference held in New York City on January 20, 2008.
- 2008 "Peter Bachrach: Liberal Democracy and Democratic Participation" -- Paper read at a Roundtable in Memory of Peter Bachrach at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.
- 2009 "The West's Stationary Metaphysical

- Moment: St. Anselm's Ontological Argument"-- Paper read at the Annual Telos Conference held in New York City on January 18, 2009.
- 2010 "Shakespeare in Advance of Hobbes: Pathways to the Modernization of the European Psyche" - Paper read at the Annual Telos Conference held in conjunction with the Department of Sociology at New York University on January 17, 2010.
- 2011 "Liberal Democracy, Negative Theory, and Circularity: Plato and John Rawls" - Paper read at the Annual Telos Conference held in conjunction with the Department of Sociology at New York University on January 16, 2011.

BOOK REVIEWS PUBLISHED:

- 1976 Review of Duncan Forbes', Hume's Philosophical Politics, in Political Theory, November, 1976.
- 1982 Review of Bruce A. Ackerman's, Social Justice in the Liberal State in Contemporary Sociology (Vol. 11, No. 4, July 1982).
- 1991 Review of Terence Ball, James Farr, and Russell L. Hanson, editors, Political Innovation and Conceptual Change appeared in Ethics in 1991.
- 1992 Review of Matthew Kramer, Legal Theory, Political Theory, and Deconstruction appeared in The American Political Science Review, September 1992.
- 1998 Reviews of John Kekes, Against Liberalism. and David Walsh, The Growth of the Liberal Soul appeared in The American Political Science Review, June 1998.
- 2002 Review of Patrick Deneen, The Odyssey of Political Theory: The Politics of Departure and Return, appeared in The American Political Science Review, June 2002.

JOURNAL REFEREE:

American Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review
Commonwealth
Political Theory
The Journal of Politics
Policy Studies Journal
Polity: Journal of the Northeast Political Science
Association
Review of Politics
Western Political Quarterly
Innovation

Member of the Editorial Board of Polity
Member of the Editorial Board of Commonwealth
Member of the Editorial Board of Episteme
Member of the Editorial Board of Telos

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Fulbright Scholarship to London School of Economics

University Fellowship and National Science Foundation
Traineeship-Princeton University

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1979

Product that resulted: The revision of my book manuscript, *Ethics, Politics, and Epistemology: A Study in the Unity of Hume's Thought*, which was published by University Press of America in 1980.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1981

Product that resulted: The revision of my book manuscript, *Wittgenstein and Historical Understanding*, which was published by University Press of America in 1981.

Project '87 Summer Fellowship, 1981 (with Peter Bachrach)

Products that resulted: The writing of two preliminary chapters of a book that I co-authored with Peter Bachrach called, *Power and Empowerment: A Radical Theory of Participatory Democracy*, which Temple University Press published in 1992; an article co-authored with Peter Bachrach, "Democracy and Scarcity: Towards a Theory of Participatory Democracy," *International Political Science Review* (June 1983).

Research Leave, Temple University, 1983-84 Academic Year

Product that resulted: I spent a whole year researching and writing the first draft of my book, *Skepticism and Political Participation*, which was published by Temple University Press in 1990.

Temple University Faculty Grant-in-Aid of Research, 1983-84

Product that resulted: The Grant-in-Aid of Research contributed secondary support toward the writing and completion of my book, *Skepticism and Political Participation*, published by Temple University Press in 1990.

Member, American Political Science Association; the Association for Jewish Studies; the Academy for Jewish Philosophy; the Foundations of Political Theory Group; the Conference in Political Economy; the Hume Society; the International Hobbes Association; and Columbia University Faculty Seminar in Social and Political Thought

Lady Davis Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring Semester, 1992.

Research Leave, Temple University, 1991-92 Academic Year.

Product that resulted: I spent the whole year researching and writing the first draft of my book, *Skepticism, Belief, and the Modern: Maimonides to Nietzsche*, which was published by Cornell University Press in 1997.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1993

Product that resulted: the writing of two chapters and the editing of my book, *Postmodernism and Democratic Theory*, which was published by Temple University Press in 1993.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1994

Products that resulted: Two articles: "Underdetermination of Meaning by the Talmudic Text," constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Daniel Frank called, *Commandment and Community: New Essays in Jewish Legal and Political Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995); "Monotheism and Skepticism: Reconceiving the Relationship between the Premodern and the Modern" constitutes a chapter in an annual edited by Paul Gottfried called, *Theologies and Moral Concern: Religion and Public Life*, Volume 29 (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers [a division of Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey Press], 1995).

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1996

Products that resulted: Two articles: "Epistemological Circularity as a Justification for Liberal Democracy" constitutes a chapter in an annual edited by Paul Gottfried called, *Theologies and Moral Concern: Religion and Public Life*, Volume 30 (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers [a division of Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey Press], 1997); "Religion and Secularism in Liberalism" appeared in the Fall 1998 issue of *Telos*.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1997

Products that resulted: Two articles: "Strauss's Generalized Agnosticism and American Liberalism" constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Kenneth Deutsch and John Murley called, *Leo Strauss, the Straussians, and the Study of the American Regime*; "Liberty, Authority, and Consent in Judaism: A Maimonidean Reconstruction of the Biblical Text" constitutes a chapter in a book edited by Daniel Frank called, *On Liberty: Jewish*

Philosophical Perspectives.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 1999

Products that resulted: Two articles: "Social Theory and its Limitations" appeared in the Fall 1999 issue of *Telos*; "Ideology and Theory in Metatheoretical Perspectives" appeared in the Winter 2000 issue of *Telos*.

Fellowship -- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture -1999-2000 academic year

Products that resulted: Four chapter focusing on the Biblical and Talmudic periods exploring negative theological themes that will form part of my two-volume work, *The Community of the Question: Negative Theology in Jewish Thought*; also, two journal articles: "A Maimonidean Reading of Luzzatto's *Mesillat Yesharim*" appeared in Volume 7 (2000) No. 3 of *Jewish Studies Quarterly*; "Methodological Issues in Rabbinic Theology" appeared in the December 2000 issue of *Le'ela* which is published by the London School of Jewish Studies.

Research Leave, Temple University, Fall Semester, 2001

Products that resulted: Five chapters exploring the relationship between negative theology and liberalism that form part of my book-length manuscript, *Negative Theology and Negative Theory: Emmanuel Levinas and the Human Good*; also, three journal articles: "Post-Shoah Political Theology" that appeared in the Fall 2001 issue of *Telos*; "Does the Bible Legitimate Israeli Settlements?" that appeared in the Spring 2002 issue of *Telos*; and "Political Abuse of a Biblical Paradigm" that appeared in the Spring 2002 issue of *Telos*.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 2003

Products that resulted: Two chapters on Jewish thinkers that are incorporated in my two-volume manuscript, *The Community of the Question: Negative theology in Jewish Thought*; an article on "A Monotheistic Ethics: The Mishnah of Ben Zoma as a Case in Point" that appeared in the Winter 2006 issue of *Telos*.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 2004

Products that resulted: Completion of two chapters in my book-length manuscript, *Rabbinic Theology: Its Metaphysical Presuppositions and Political Implications*. Completion of article on, "Skeptical Motifs Linking Together Maimonides' *Guide*

and his *Mishneh Torah*" which appears as a chapter in *The Trias of Maimonides*. Ed. George Tamer. (Berlin: Walter De Gruyter, 2005).

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 2007

Products that resulted: The completion of my manuscript, *An Extended Commentary on Maimonides' 'Book of Knowledge,'* which is being submitted to Routledge's series in Jewish Studies; the completion of my article on "Divine Transcendence," which will appear in *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era*.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 2008

Product that resulted: Three chapters on the 20th Century legal philosopher Hans Kelsen that will be included in the book that I am planning on his thought and the imaginative way in which it theorizes the convergence between natural law and legal positivism.

Research Leave, Temple University, Fall Semester, 2008

Product that resulted: The completion of my book-length manuscript, *Experience Without Arrest: The Skeptical Philosophical Vision of Michael Oakeshott* - which was submitted to and accepted by Princeton University Press, and which will be published in 2010.

Temple University Summer Research Fellowship, 2009

Product that will result: The addition of two chapters to my projected two-volume work on *The Community of the Question: Negative Theology in Monotheistic Thought* that will excavate the overall negative theological structure of St. Augustine's theorizing of God and His relationship to human free will, and how his doctrine of God shapes his understanding of power. The book as a whole will situate negative theology as pursued by Jewish thinkers in comparative perspective with negative theology as conceptualized by Muslim and Christian thinkers.

In the year 2008, I received the ATTIC (College of Liberal Arts' Awareness of Teaching and Teaching Improvement Center) Distinguished Teaching Award for Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty. The letter announcing the award stated that "The Committee was uniformly impressed with the high caliber of your teaching, and especially with the way you model sophisticated and subtle thinking for your students." The member of the Awards Selection Committee - Prof. Phil Yannella - who visited my classroom compared my teaching favorably with that of the legendary teacher

of philosophy at New York University, Sidney Hook. I was one of only three faculty members of the Political Science Department since 1993 to receive the ATTIC Distinguished Teaching Award.

In the year 2000, I was one of only five faculty members across Temple University to be given an Exceptional Salary Adjustment Award for Outstanding Research.