

Curriculum Vitae (abridged)  
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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh: PhD, 1982  
University of Cambridge: BA, 1975; MA, 1982  
University of California, Berkeley: BA (with distinction), 1973

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2005-present  
Director of Jewish Studies Program, Purdue University, 2005-present  
Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, 1997-2005  
Director of Judaic Studies Program, University of Kentucky, 1996-2005  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, 1987-1997  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, 1981-87

CURRENT RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ancient Philosophy  
Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy  
History of Political Philosophy  
Ethics and Moral Psychology

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Books:

*Idolatry* (Cambridge Elements). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (work in progress)

*Dispassion and Engagement: Studies in the History of Philosophy* (work in progress)

*Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed: A Critical Guide*, edited with Aaron Segal. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2021), 316pp.

*Jewish Philosophy Past and Present: Contemporary Responses to Classical Sources*, edited with Aaron Segal. London and New York: Routledge (2017), 317pp.

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### Books:

*Spinoza on Politics*, with Jason Waller (Routledge Philosophy Guidebooks Series). London and New York: Routledge (2016), 169pp.

*The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Jewish Philosophy*, edited with Oliver Leaman. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2003), 483pp.

(revised edition) Saadya Gaon, *The Book of Doctrines and Beliefs* (Alexander Altmann [ed/tr]. Oxford: East and West Library, 1946), new introduction by DHF. Indianapolis and Cambridge, MA: Hackett (2002), 194pp.

*The Jewish Philosophy Reader*, edited with Oliver Leaman and Charles Manekin. London and New York: Routledge (2000), 618pp.

*History of Jewish Philosophy*, edited with Oliver Leaman. London and New York: Routledge (1997), 934pp.

(revised edition) Maimonides, *The Guide of the Perplexed* (Julius Guttman [ed] and Chaim Rabin [tr]. London: East and West Library, 1952), new introduction by DHF. Indianapolis and Cambridge, MA: Hackett (1995), 233pp.

### Articles, etc.:

“Early Modern Jewish Philosophy.” In *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Daniel Rynhold and Tyron Goldschmidt. London and New York: Routledge (forthcoming)

“The Structure and Purpose of the *Guide*.” In *Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed: A Critical Guide* (op. cit., 2021), 11-28

“Law and Order: The Birth of a Nation and the Creation of the World.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Jewish Theology*, ed. Steven Kepnes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2021), 132-48

interview with Richard Marshall at 3:16am:

[https://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/philosophy/documents/philosophies\\_of\\_judaism\\_interview\\_by\\_richard\\_marshall.pdf](https://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/philosophy/documents/philosophies_of_judaism_interview_by_richard_marshall.pdf)

“Wisdom, Piety, and Superhuman Virtue,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 36 (2019), 197-213

<https://shows.acast.com/the-grindstone/episodes/wisdom-piety-and-superhuman-virtue> (April 2019)

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

### Articles:

“Dispassion, God, and Nature: Maimonides and Spinoza.” In *Jewish Philosophy in an Analytic Age*, eds. Samuel Lebens, Dani Rabinowitz and Aaron Segal. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019), 135-48

“Meaning, Truth, and History: Maimonides and Spinoza on the Interpretation of Scripture.” In *Jewish Philosophy Past and Present: Contemporary Responses to Classical Sources* (op. cit., 2017), 46-54

“Some Thoughts on Charity and Justice in the Jewish Tradition”  
[https://uknowledge.uky.edu/world\\_yome\\_symposium/Program/Session/1/](https://uknowledge.uky.edu/world_yome_symposium/Program/Session/1/)  
(February 2015)

“Jewish Perspectives on Natural Theology.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Natural Theology*, ed. Russell Re Manning. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2013), 137-50

“The Politics of Fear: Idolatry and Superstition in Maimonides and Spinoza.” In *Judaic Sources and Western Thought: Jerusalem's Enduring Presence*, ed. Jonathan Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press (2011), 177-89

“Jewish Philosophical Theology.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Theology*, eds. Thomas Flint and Michael Rea. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2009), 541-55

“Divine Law and Human Practices.” In *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth Century*, eds. Steven Nadler and T. M. Rudavsky. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2009), 790-807

“Maimonides and Medieval Jewish Aristotelianism.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Jewish Thought* (op. cit., 2003), 136-56

“The Development of Maimonides' Moral Psychology.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 76 (2002), 89-105

review: Menachem Kellner, *Must a Jew Believe Anything?* *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93.1-2 (2002), 272-275

“Prophecy and Invulnerability.” In *The Jewish Philosophy Reader* (op. cit., 2000), 79-86

“What is Jewish Philosophy?” In *History of Jewish Philosophy* (op. cit., 1997), 1-10

“Reason in Action: The ‘Practicality’ of Maimonides' *Guide*.” In *Commandment and Community: New Essays in Jewish Legal and Political Philosophy*, ed. DHF. Albany: SUNY Press (1995), 69-84

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

### Articles:

“Philosophy and Prophecy: A Discussion of Miriam Galston, *Politics and Excellence: The Political Philosophy of Alfarabi*.” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 12 (1994), 251-8

“The Duty to Philosophize: Socrates and Maimonides.” *Judaism* 42 (1993), 289-97

“The Elimination of Perplexity: Socrates and Maimonides as Guides of the Perplexed.” In *Autonomy and Judaism: The Individual and the Community in Jewish Philosophical Thought*, ed. DHF. Albany: SUNY Press (1992), 121-42

“Idolatry and the Love of Appearances: Maimonides and Plato on False Wisdom.” In *Proceedings of the Academy for Jewish Philosophy*, vol. 3, eds. David Novak and Norbert Samuelson. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield (1992), 155-168

“Anger as a Vice: A Maimonidean Critique of Aristotle’s Ethics.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 7 (1990), 269-81

“Humility as a Virtue: A Maimonidean Critique of Aristotle’s Ethics.” In *Moses Maimonides and His Time*, ed. Eric L. Ormsby. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press (1989), 89-99

review: Nathan Rotenstreich, *Jews and German Philosophy: The Polemics of Emancipation*, *Modern Judaism* 7.1 (1987), 115-120

“The End of the *Guide*: Maimonides on the Best Life for Man.” *Judaism* 34 (1985), 485-95

“A Disproof in the *Peri Ideon*.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 22.1 (1984), 49-59

Reviews in: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *AJS Review*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Classical Review*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Polis*, *Classical and Modern Literature*, *Modern Judaism*

## TEACHING

Graduate: Presocratics; Plato (varia); Aristotle (varia); Aristotle and Kant; Hellenistic Philosophy; Stoicism and the Stoic Tradition; Freedom in Necessity: Stoicism and Its Influence on Spinoza and Nietzsche; Moral and Political Philosophy: Greek, Islamic, and Jewish Traditions; Theories of the Human Good in Medieval Philosophy; The Aristotelian Tradition in Medieval Philosophy; Maimonides and His Thought; Civil Religion in Modern Political Philosophy

## TEACHING

Undergraduate: Presocratics; Socrates and the Sophists; Plato (varia); Virtue and Knowledge from Socrates to the Stoics; Aristotle (varia); Aristotle and Virtue Ethics; Reason, Revelation, and the Status of Philosophy in Early Medieval Philosophy; Islamic and Jewish Philosophy and the Classical Tradition; Maimonides, Spinoza, and the Critique of Traditional Religion; Modern Jewish Thought from Spinoza to Graetz and Hess; Fate and Free Will; History of Ancient Philosophy; History of Medieval Philosophy; History of Political Philosophy; Ethics

## DISSERTATIONS CO/DIRECTED

Hernán Matzkevich, *Spanish Exile Literature in the Jewish Community of Amsterdam* (PhD, 2021)

Ryan van Nood, *Gestures of Value: A Moral Recounting of Psychosomatic Response* (PhD, 2021)

Brandon Rdzak, “*It is of the nature of Reason to regard things as necessary, not as contingent*”: *A Defense of Spinoza’s Necessitarianism* (PhD, 2021)

Paul Carelli, *Plato on Moral Wisdom and the Partitioning of the Soul* (PhD, 2008)

George Harvey, *The Art of Due Measure: Ontology and Value in Late Plato* (PhD, 2004)

Martin Townley, *Practical Reason and Virtue in Aristotle and Kant* (PhD, 2002)

Christopher Ciocchetti, *Persons and Their Property: Reconciling Ownership and Redistribution* (PhD, 2000)

John Inglis, *Aquinas and the Historiography of Medieval Philosophy: A Reevaluation* (PhD, 1993)

Mitchell Gabhart, *Freedom in Necessity: The Moral Psychology of Spinoza’s Rationalism* (PhD, 1993)