

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.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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 Guttmann [ed] and Chaim Rabin [tr]. London: East and West Library, 1952), new introduction by DHF. Indianapolis and Cambridge, MA: Hackett (1995), 233pp.

Articles, etc.

“Aspects of Rationalism in Jewish Thought.” In *Religion and Rationalism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, ed. Georges Tamer. Berlin: De Gruyter (forthcoming)

“Early Modern Jewish Philosophy.” In *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Daniel Rynhold and Tyron Goldschmidt. London and New York: Routledge (2025), 425-36

“ ‘All is Foreseen, and Freedom of Choice is Granted’ (Pirkei Avot),” *Aish* (June 2022)

“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 (March 2020)

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles

“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)

“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/ (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

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles

“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

“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

“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)

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