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## 1. EDUCATION

1986 Ph.D., Philosophy, Columbia University, New York.

1981 M.A., Philosophy, Columbia University.

1976-80 B.A., cum laude, Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Areas of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy, Medieval Jewish Philosophy, Moral Philosophy.

## 2. TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

### (Including visiting professorships and honorary chairs)

Vilas Research Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021-present).

Evjue-Bascom Professor in Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2021).

William H. Hay II/WARF Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin - Madison (awarded 2008) (Assistant Professor, 1988-1992; Associate Professor with tenure, 1992-1998; Full Professor 1998-present).

Affiliate Professor of Jewish Studies, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Max and Frieda Weinstein/Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies, 2004–2009)

Affiliate Professor of Art History, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013-present)

Visiting Professor, University of Amsterdam (Menasseh ben Israel Institute and Department of Philosophy), May 2019.

Professeur Invité, École normale supérieure, Paris (Spring 2014)

“Spinoza Chair”, Visiting Professor, University of Amsterdam (Spring, 2007).

Professeur Invité, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris) (Spring, 2006).

Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago (Spring, 2005; Spring 2009).

Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University (Winter, Spring, 1993).

Tutor, St. John's College (Annapolis, MD) (1986-1988).

Instructor, Humanities Core Program: "Masterpieces in Western Literature and Philosophy", Columbia University (1983-86).

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2018-present.

Interim Chair, Department of Art History (2018-19); appointed to executive committee, 2018-2021.

Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006-2010.

Co-Chair, Arts and Humanities Strategic Planning Council (UW-Madison), 2008-2010.

Faculty Director, "Year of Humanities" (UW-Madison), 2009-2010.

Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (UW-Madison), 2003-2006

Founding Director, Center for the Humanities (UW-Madison), 1999-2003.

Executive Committee, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (UW-Madison), 1994-present.

### **4. OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **4.1. Current**

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2020; chair of Philosophy Section panel, 2021-2026).

President, Board of Directors, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (since 2018; treasurer, 2015-2018; on Board since 2009).

Editorial Boards: *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Journal of Spinoza Studies*, *Cahiers philosophiques de Strasbourg*, *Alvearium: Rivista di Centro di Studi su Descartes e il Seicento* (Italy), *New Studies in the History and Historiography of Philosophy*, *Cahiers du Séminaire québécois en philosophie moderne*, *Studia Rosenthaliana* (Amsterdam), *Historia Philosophica* (Italy), *Philosophica* (Portugal).

Other Boards: Comité scientifique, “Pôle: Europe du XVIII<sup>e</sup> Siècle”, Sorbonne Université, Paris; Comité scientifique, *Cahiers Spinoza*; Center for Renaissance and Early Modern Thought, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy.

Award Committee and Jury, Leszek Kolakowski Honorary Fellowship (directorship in Poland, since 2016).

Membre permanent, “Centre d’études cartésiennes” (Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne).

Member of American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Program Committee, 2001 and 2006; Nominating Committee, 2003-2004)

#### 4.2. Past

President, *American Philosophical Association* (Central Division), 2013-2014; elected as Vice President, 2012-2013.

Editor, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2009-2015)

Editorial Board, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2008-2018)

Co-editor (with Daniel Garber), *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* (annual volume), volumes 1-6 (2003-2011).

Editor (for North America), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 1995-2000.

Steering Committee, Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy (semi-annual conference).

Member of the Association for Jewish Studies.

General Editor, "Great Minds" series, Blackwell Publishers.

Book Review Advisory Committee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (1990-1995).

Awards referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006; National Humanities Center, 1998.

Conferences organized (at the University of Wisconsin - Madison):

"Causation in Early Modern Philosophy" (May 1990)

"Spinoza and Judaism" (October 1999)

"Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy" (October 2003)

"Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy" (October 2011)

"The Book That Made Philosophy Modern: Descartes's *Treatise on Man*" (April 2016)

"Reading *Shpinoza*: A Heretic in Yiddish and Hebrew" (March 2021)

Co-director (with Donald Rutherford), NEH Summer Institute: "The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Theology in the Seventeenth-Century", University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 2004.

Judge, Koret Jewish Book Award 2004-2005 (Philosophy and Thought).

Chair, Schnitzer Book Award Committee, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008.

Council Member, Wisconsin Humanities Council (2001-2006)

External Program Reviews:

Philosophy: University of Toronto, Ohio State University, University of Virginia

Jewish Studies: University of Maryland

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

### 5.1. Books authored (Philosophy)

*Spinoza, Atheist* (Princeton University Press, 2026).

*Why Read Maimonides Today?* (Cambridge University Press, 2026).

*The Good Cartesian: Louis de La Forge and the Rise of a Philosophical Paradigm* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

*Spinoza e Aristotele sull'Amicizia* (Milan, Mimesis Edizioni, 2023). (This book is composed of a substantial essay of mine, plus six commentaries on that essay and responses by me.)

*Descartes: The Renewal of Philosophy* (Reaktion Books, "Renaissance Lives" series, 2023). Translations in Italian, Korean.

*Why Bad Thinking Happens to Good People: How Philosophy Can Save Us From Ourselves*, co-authored with Larry Shapiro (Princeton University Press, 2021). Translated into Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Turkish and Greek.

*Think Least of Death: Spinoza on How to Live and How to Die* (Princeton University Press, 2020). Translated into Italian (Einaudi), Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Arabic. Named by The New Yorker as one of "the best books of 2020."

*The Philosopher, the Priest, and the Painter: A Portrait of Descartes* (Princeton University Press, 2013). Translated into French (Alma Editeur), Italian (Einaudi), and Korean.

*A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age* (Princeton University Press, 2011). Honorable mention, 2011 PROSE Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Association of American Publishers. Translated into French (H&O Éditions) Italian (Einaudi), Portuguese (Tres Estrelas), Hebrew, Korean, Spanish, and Arabic.

*Occasionalism: Causation Among the Cartesians* (Oxford University Press, 2010). (A collection of mostly previously published essays.)

*The Best of All Possible Worlds: A Story of Philosophers, God, and Evil* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008; paperback, Princeton University Press, 2010). Translated into French (Bayard), Italian (Einaudi), Dutch (Atlas Uitgeverij).

*Spinoza's Ethics: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

*Spinoza's Heresy: Immortality and the Jewish Mind* (Oxford University Press, 2002). Translations in Italian (Einaudi), Dutch (Atlas).

*Spinoza: A Life* (Cambridge University Press, 1999; 2nd edition, 2018). Winner of the 2000 Koret Jewish Book Award. Translations in French, Dutch, Italian, Polish, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, Japanese, Hebrew, Chinese.

*Malebranche and Ideas* (Oxford University Press, 1992).

*Arnauld and the Cartesian Philosophy of Ideas* (Princeton University Press, 1989).

\*Also (with Ben Nadler):

*Heretics!: The Wondrous (and Dangerous) Beginnings of Modern Philosophy* (Princeton University Press, 2017). A graphic book on the history of philosophy in the seventeenth century. Translations in Spanish, Italian, Korean, Chinese, French, Russian, Portuguese.

## 5.2. Other Books (Art History, Jewish Studies)

*The Portraitist: Frans Hals and His World* (University of Chicago Press, 2022). Named by The New Yorker as one of “the best books of 2022.”

*Menasseh ben Israel: Rabbi of Amsterdam* (in the series "Jewish Lives", Yale University Press, 2018).

*Rembrandt's Jews* (University of Chicago Press, 2003), named a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction. Translated into Italian (Einaudi).

## 5.3. Volumes edited or translated

Editor and translator (with Edwin Curley), *The Collected Works of Spinoza*, vol. 3. (Contains the *Compendium of Hebrew Grammar*, and various biographical documents) (Princeton University Press, in preparation)

*The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, co-edited with Tad Schmaltz and Delphine Antoine-Mahut (Oxford University Press, 2019). A collection of 50 new essays by scholars.

Translation (from French) of Géraud de Cordemoy, *Six Discourses on the Distinction Between the Body and the Soul, and Treatises on Metaphysics*, with introduction (Oxford University Press, 2015).

*Spinoza and Medieval Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press, 2014). A collection of new essays by twelve scholars.

*The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth-Century*, co-edited with Tamar Rudavsky (Cambridge University Press, 2008). A collection of new essays by twenty scholars.

*Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, co-edited with Daniel Garber (Oxford University Press), vol. 1 (2003); vol. 2 (2005); vol. 3 (2006); vol. 4 (2008); vol. 5 (2010).

Co-editor (with Manfred Walther and Elhanan Yakira) of *Studia Spinozana*, volume 13 (1997 [2003]), devoted to "Spinoza and Jewish Identity"

*A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy* (Blackwell Publishers, 2002).

*The Cambridge Companion to Malebranche* (Cambridge University Press, 2000).

*Causation in Early Modern Philosophy*, with introduction (Penn State Press, 1993).

*Malebranche: Philosophical Selections*, with introduction (Hackett Publishing, 1992).

## 5.4. Journal Articles and Book Chapters

### 5.4.1. Philosophy

“Spinoza on the Unity of the Virtues”, invited essay for *Cognition and Cognitive Powers: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives*, edited by Stephan Schmid, Markus Wild and Sebastian Bender (forthcoming).

“Spinoza and the Language of Scripture”, *Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind and the Arts*, invited essay for special issue on “Spinoza and Language”, edited by Emanuel Scribano (forthcoming).

“Spinoza: Scholarship Since 2000”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

“Spinoza and Maimonides on Human Perfection and the Love of God”, invited paper for *Education Sciences*, followed by commentary by Klas Roth, Johan Dahlbeck, Susan James, Matthew Kisner, Julie Klein and Michael LeBuffe, with my response (forthcoming).

“François Lamy, Occasionalism and the Force of Rest”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63 (2025): 379–404.

“*Homo homini Deus, Homo homini lupus*: Spinoza on Human Nature and Human Relations”, in *Spinoza and the Human Perspective*, Ursula Renz, ed. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Entry on “Latin Spinozana”, in *Encyclopedia of Jewish Book Cultures*, ed. Emile Schrijver (forthcoming)

“Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture”, in Michael Rosenthal, ed., *Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy* (Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming). [Also published in the symposium booklet: *Spinoza Research: To Be Continued. Lectures in Honour of Piet Steenbakkers* (Voorschoten: Uitgeverij Spinozahuis, 2016).]

“Louis de la Forge et le *Traité de l'esprit de l'homme*”, an introductory “Présentation” for a new edition of La Forge's *Traité de l'esprit de l'homme* (Paris: J. Vrin, forthcoming). (90 pages.)

“Présentation” (Introductory Essay), for Nicolas Malebranche, *Méditations chrétiennes*, ed. Kristell Trego (Paris: J. Vrin, forthcoming). (45 pages.)

“*La force qu'a l'âme de mouvoir le corps*: The Complicated Case of Louis de La Forge”, in Vili Lähteenmäki, Jani Sinokki and Oberto Marrama, eds., *Cartesianism and Philosophy of Mind* (London: Routledge, 2025).

“Spinoza's *Ethica* as a Theological-Political Treatise”, in Daniel Garber, Mogens Laerke, Pierre-François Moreau, and Pina Totaro, eds., *Spinoza: Reason, Religion and Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 44–56.

“Spinoza vs. Aristotle on Friendship”, *Mededelingen vanwege Het Spinozahuis* 118 (2024). (An extended version of this essay, which incorporates revised parts of the article “Spinoza on Friendship” [below] and part of which was delivered as one of the Rotelli Lectures at the Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, in March 2022, is also published in Italian, with commentary by other scholars; see under 5.1 above.)

“Spinoza on the Wise and the Free”, *Journal of Spinoza Studies* 2 (2023): 47–59.

“*Caute: Some Reflections on Spinoza's Virtue*”, in Antony McKenna and Gianluca Mori, eds., *Philosophie et scepticisme de Montaigne à Hume: Mélanges en l'honneur de Gianni Paganini* (Paris: Honoré Champion, 2023), pp. 169–182.

“Spinoza, Jefferson, and the Separation of Church and State”, in Giuditta Bissiato, Dino Galli, Giulia Longoni, Paolo Murrone and Giuseppe Nastasi, eds., *Religione e politica: Paradigmi, Alleanze, Conflitti* (Pisa: Edizioni ETS, 2022), pp. 141–158.

“The Many Lives of René Descartes”, *Journal of the History of Ideas* 83 (2022): 510–522.

“Order, Laws and Divine Volitions: Malebranche's Occasionalism and the Problem of Miracles”, *Studi Lockiani* (2021): 155–175. (A shorter version of this paper, “Malebranche et les miracles”, appears in Delphine Antoine-Mahut, ed., *Cartésianisme et radicalité* [forthcoming].)

“The Specter of Spinozism: Malebranche, Arnauld, Fénelon”, *Crisis and Critique* 8 (2021): 240–262.

“Spinoza on Friendship”, *Historia Philosophica* 19 (2021): 87–97.

"Maimonides on Human Perfection and the Love of God", in Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal, eds., *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Maimonides Guide of the Perplexed* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 266–285.

"Spinoza's Moral Philosophy: The Ethics of the *Ethics*", in Yitzhak Melamed, ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Spinoza* (Blackwell, 2021).

"Two New Documents on Spinoza's Biography" (with Ton Tielen and Victor Tiribás), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58 (2020): 803–812.

"Spinoza and Menasseh ben Israel: Facts and Fictions", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 80 (2019): 533–554.

"The *Guide of the Perplexed* in Early Modern Philosophy and Spinoza", in Josef Stern, James T. Robinson and Yonatan Shemesh, eds., *Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed in Translation: A History from the Thirteenth Century to the Twentieth*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019, pp. 365–384.

"Cartesianism", in Michael Moriarty, ed., *The Cambridge History of French Thought* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

"Does Desire Track Goodness? A Theme From Spinoza's *Ethics*", in Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero and Mariangela Priarolo, eds., *La Logica delle Idee: Studi di filosofia moderna in onore di Emanuela Scribano* (Milan: Mimesis Edizione, 2019).

"Spinoza's Values: Joy, Desire and Good in the *Ethics*", in Noa Naaman and Tom Vinci, eds., *Passion and Action in Spinoza* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). (A shorter, different version of this paper appears in coordinated English and French versions in "Spinoza on Good and Bad", in Charles Ramond and Jack Stetter, eds., *Spinoza in 21st-Century French and American Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy* [Bloomsbury, 2019]; and "Spinoza sur le bon et le mal", in Chantal Jacquet, Pierre-François Moreau and Pascal Sévérac, eds., *Spinoza transatlantique: les interprétations américaines actuelles* [Paris: Garnier, 2019].)

"Spinoza, Descartes and the 'Stupid Cartesians'", in Steven Nadler, Tad Schmaltz and Delphine Kolesnik, eds., *The Oxford Handbook to Descartes and Cartesianism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).

"Louis de la Forge's Mind-Body Problem: A Guide for the Perplexed", in Emanuela Scribano Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero, and M. Priarolo, eds., *Occasionalism: From Metaphysics to Science* (Brepols, 2019), 169–194. (An earlier version of this essay was published in French: "Le problème corps-esprit chez Louis de la Forge: un guide pour les égarés", in *Le corps et l'esprit: problèmes cartésiens, problèmes contemporains*, ed. Sandrine Roux [Paris: Éditions des Archives Contemporaines, 2015], pp. 77–101.)

"Spinoza", in *The History of Ideas: The Early Modern Ideas*, ed. Joseph Mali (Tel Aviv: Mossad Bialik, 2019 [Hebrew]).

"*Aliquid Remanet: What Are We to Do With Spinoza's Compendium of Hebrew Grammar?*", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 56 (2018): 155-167.

"Reflection and Consciousness: The Later Cartesians", in Rebecca Copenhaver and Christopher Shields, eds., *The History of the Philosophy of Mind*, vol. 4: *Philosophy of Mind in the Early Modern Age and the Enlightenment*, ed. Rebecca Copenhaver (Routledge, 2018), 91-106. (This essay incorporates, but revises and extends beyond, material previously published in the article "Consciousness Among the Cartesians" [below].)

"Consciousness", in Dan Kaufman, ed., *The Routledge Companion to Seventeenth-Century Philosophy* (Routledge, 2017).

"Benedictus de Spinoza", in the *Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, eds. Jens Timmermann and Sacha Golob (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

"The Intellectual Love of God", in Michael Della Rocca, ed., *The Oxford Handbook to Spinoza* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

"The Art of Cartesianism: The Illustrations for Clerselier's Edition of Descartes's *Traité de l'homme* (1664)", in *Descartes's Treatise on Man and Its Reception*, Stephen Gaukroger and Delphine Antoine-Mahut, eds. (Springer, 2017).

"Spinoza and Toleration", in Michael Rohlfs, ed., *The Modern Turn* (Catholic University Press, 2017).

"Act and Moral Motivation in Spinoza's Moral Philosophy", in Iakovos Vasiliou, ed., *Moral Motivation: A History*, in the series Oxford Philosophical Concepts (Oxford University Press, 2016). (A French version, "Acte et motivation dans la philosophie morale de Spinoza", is in *Philonsorbonne* 9 [2014-15]: 149-168 [online: <http://philonsorbonne.revues.org/751>].)

"Spinoza on Lying and Suicide", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 24 (2016): 257-78.

"Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy", in Patricia Easton and Kurt Smith, eds., *The Battle of the God and Giants Redux: Papers Presented to Thomas M. Lennon* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 175-93.

"On Spinoza's Free Man", *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 1 (2015): 103-20.

"Writing the Lives of Philosophers: Reflections on Spinoza and Others", in Allen Speight, ed., *Narrative, Philosophy, and Life. Boston Studies in Philosophy, Religion, and Public Life* (Springer, 2015), 181-190.

"Malebranche's Shadow: General Will and Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence", in James Farr and David Lay Williams, eds., *The General Will: The Evolution of a Concept* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). (A French translation, "L'ombre de Malebranche: providence divine et volonté générale dans la correspondance entre Leibniz et Arnauld", is in *Archives de philosophie* 78 [2015].)

"Spinoza's Ethics: An Untimely Review", *Topoi* 34 (2015): 549-52.

"History of Modern Philosophy: What Is It Good For?", *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association* 88 (November 2014): 38-49.

"Virtue, Reason, and Moral Luck: Maimonides, Gersonides, Spinoza", in *Spinoza and Medieval Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Steven Nadler (Cambridge University Press, 2014), 152-76.

"The Lives of Others: Spinoza on Benevolence as a Rational Virtue", in Michael LeBuffe, Matt Kisner, and Andrew Youpa, eds., *The Ethics of Spinoza's Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

"The Order of Nature and Moral Luck: Maimonides on Divine Providence", in Eric Watkins, ed., *The Divine Order, the Human Order, and the Order of Nature: Historical Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2013), 27-41.

"Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 74 (2013): 623-642.

"Consciousness Among the Cartesians", Special Issue of *Studia Leibnitiana*, ed. Christian Barth, vol. 43, no. 2 (2011 [2013]), ed. Christian Barth, 132-44.

"Gersonides", in Henrik Lagerlund, ed., *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy* (Springer, 2011).

"Baruch Spinoza", in Judith R. Baskin, ed., *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion and Culture* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

"Spinoza's Monism and the Reality of the Finite", in Philip Goff, ed., *Spinoza on Monism* (MacMillan-Palgrave, 2011).

"Conceptions of God", in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, Desmond Clark and Catherine Wilson, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2011).

"Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of Philosophy", in Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti and Justin Smith, eds., *The Rationalists: Between Tradition and Innovation* (Springer, 2011). (A Spanish translation, "Spinoza, Leibniz y los Dioses de la Filosofía", is in Leticia Cabanas and O. Ms. Esquisabel, eds., *Leibniz frente a Spinoza. Una interpretación panorámica* [Granada: Comares/UCA, 2014].)

"*Benedictus Pantheissimus*: The Problem of Spinoza's Reputation", in Jill Kraye, G.A.J. Rogers, Tom Sorrell, eds., *Insiders and Outisders in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy* (Routledge, 2010).

"The Jewish Spinoza", invited review essay for *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009): 491-510.

"Spinoza and the Problem of Jewish Secularism", in Zvi Gitelman, ed., *Religion or Ethnicity? Jewish Identities in Evolution* (Rutgers University Press, 2009), pp. 59-66.

"Arnauld's God", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46 (2008): 517-538.

“Theodicy and Providence”, in Steven Nadler and Tamar Rudavsky (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

“Descartes”, “Cartesianism”, “Spinoza” and “Atheism” articles for the *Dictionary of Early Modern Europe*, ed. Jonathan Dewald (New York: Scribners, forthcoming).

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, *Mind* 117 (2008): 575-601.

“Spinoza en het jodendom”, invited essay for ‘*Libertas philosophandi*’: *Spinoza als gids voor een vrije wereld*, Cis van Heertum, ed. (Amsterdam: Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, 2008).

“The Bible Hermeneutics of Baruch de Spinoza”, *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of Its Interpretation. Vol. 2, Part 1: From the Renaissance to the Enlightenment*. Magne Saebo, Michael Fishbane, Jean-Louis Ska, eds. (Gottingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2008).

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, in Charles Huenemann, ed., *Interpreting Spinoza* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

“Spinoza and the Naturalization of Judaism”, in *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Michael Morgan (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

“Causalité et nécessité”, in Jean-Luc Marion and Michel Fichant, eds., *Descartes en Kant* (Presses Universitaires de France, 2006).

“Rationalism in Jewish Philosophy”, in Alan Nelson, ed., *A Companion to Rationalism* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005).

“Descartes’s Doctrine of Ideas”, in Stephen Gaukroger, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Descartes’s Meditations* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005).

“Hope, Fear and the Politics of Immortality in Spinoza”, in *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, ed. Tom Sorrell and G.A.J. Rogers (Oxford University Press, 2005).

“Spinoza’s Theory of Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources”, *Mededelingen vanwege Het Spinozahuis*, no. 87 (2005).

“Cordemoy and Occasionalism”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2005): 37-54.

“Descartes’ Soul, Spinoza’s Mind”, in *Receptions of Descartes*, ed. Tad Schmaltz (Routledge, 2005).

“Baruch Spinoza”, for the *Encarta\_encyclopedia* (London: Websters International Publishing, 2005).

“Gersonide, Spinoza et les vérités éternnelles”, *Les études philosophiques* (2004)

“Louis de la Forge”, for the *Thoemmes Dictionary of Philosophy* (London: Thoemmes, 2004).

“Is Spinoza a Jewish Philosopher?”, *Studia Spinozana* 13 (1997 [2003]).

"Spinoza and the Downfall of Cartesianism", in Thomas Lennon, ed., *Cartesian Views* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2003).

"Spinoza and Philo: On the Alleged Mysticism in the *Ethics*", in B. Inwood and J. Miller, eds., *Hellenistic Philosophy and the Early Modern Period* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

"Eternity and Immortality in Spinoza's *Ethics*", *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 26 (2002).

"Spinoza", in Steven Nadler, ed., *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy* (Blackwell Publishers, 2002).

"Baruch de Spinoza", in Edward Zalta (ed.), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/spinoza/>).

"Gersonides on Providence: A Jewish Chapter in the History of General Will", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 61 (2001): 37-57.

"Spinoza in the Garden of Good and Evil", in Elmar Kremer, ed., *The Problem of Evil in Early Modern Philosophy* (University of Toronto Press, 2001). A French version appears in *Philosophiques* (2002).

"Malebranche", for *The Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2nd edition, ed. Lawrence Becker (Routledge, 2001).

"The Excommunication of Spinoza: Trouble and Toleration in the 'Dutch Jerusalem'", *Shofar* 19 (2001): 40-52.

"Baruch Spinoza: Lens Grinder, Heretic", invited essay for the *Journal of Ophthalmology*, October 2000.

"Nicolas Malebranche", for *The Blackwell Guide to Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Nietzsche*, ed. Steven Emmanuel (Blackwell Publishers, 2000).

"Antoine Arnauld", in *The Encyclopedia of the Scientific Revolution* (Garland Publishing, 2000).

"Connaissance et causalité: Esquisse d'une histoire", *XVIIIème Siècle* 51 (1999), 335-45.

"Knowledge, Volitional Agency and Causation in Malebranche and Geulincx", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 7 (1999), 263-274..

"Continuous Creation and the Activity of the Soul: Louis de la Forge and the Development of Occasionalism", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 36 (1998): 215-231.

"Doctrines of Explanation in Late Scholasticism and in the Mechanical Philosophy", invited essay for *The Cambridge History of Seventeenth Century Philosophy*, M. Ayers, D. Garber, and A. Gabbey, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Articles on Antoine Arnauld, Nicolas Malebranche, Louis de la Forge, Géraud Cordemoy, and Simon Foucher, for the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Routledge, 1998).

"Descartes' Demon and the Madness of Don Quixote", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 58 (1997), 41-55. A French version appears in *Laval théologique et philosophique* 53 (1997), 605-616.

Critical Notice of Gordon Baker and Katherine Morris, *Descartes' Dualism* in *Philosophical Books* 38 (1997), 157-164.

"Occasionalism and the Mind-Body Problem", *Oxford Studies in the History of Philosophy*, vol. 2: Studies in Seventeenth Century European Philosophy, M.A. Stewart, ed. (Oxford University Press, 1997).

"'No Necessary Connection': The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", *The Monist* 79 (1996), 448-466.

"'Tange montes et fumigabunt': Arnauld face aux théodicées de Leibniz et Malebranche", *Chroniques de Port-Royal* 44 (1995), 323-334. (An English version is published in *Interpreting Arnauld*, edited by E. Kremer [Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1996].)

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## 6. PRESENTATIONS

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“Is Spinoza An Anti-Semite?”, presented at the Amsterdam Festival “Bevrijdend Denken van Spinoza tot Nu”, organized by the Amsterdam Spinoza Kring, November 2024.

“Who Needs the Bible Anyway? Reason, Revelation and Piety in Spinoza”, presented at the conference “Reason and Revelation in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy”, Princeton University, October 2024.

“Why Spinoza Is Still Relevant: Freedom and Toleration in the World Today”, panel at the Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam, May 16 2024.

“Menasseh ben Israel and Maimonides on Human Freedom”, conference on “The Rabbis of Early Modern Amsterdam: Challenges, Achievements, Legacies”, The Jewish Museum, Amsterdam, May 15-16, 2024.

“Spinoza on the Unity of the Virtues”, keynote lecture at Oxford Student Conference on Spinoza, Pembroke College, Oxford University, May 7, 2024.

“Why Spinoza Is Still Relevant: Freedom and Toleration in America Today”, panel at the Center for Jewish History, New York, March 31, 2024.

“Is Spinoza’s *Ethics* a Theological-Political Treatise?”, invited for the conference “Spinoza y el concepto de teología política”, Departamento de Historia de la Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, November 27–28, 2023.

“*La force qu'a l'ame de mouvoir le corps*: The Complicated Case of Louis de La Forge”, invited for the conference “Cartesianism and the Philosophy of Mind”, Finnish Institute in Rome, April 2023.

“Spinoza on Friendship”, for the Association het Spinozahuis, Leiden, Netherlands, October 2022.

“*Herem* vs. Excommunication”, conference on “Spinoza’s *Herem*”, Princeton-Bucharest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, April 2022.

“What Is It With Early Modern Philosophy?”, invited for the conference “Philosophy Throughout Its History”, University of Notre Dame, April 2022.

“Author Meets Critics: *Think Least of Death: Spinoza on How to Live and How to Die*”, Early Modern Philosophy Group, Johns Hopkins University, January 2022.

“Spinoza and Amsterdam's Art World: A Literary Liaison”, London Spinoza Circle Workshop: “Spinoza and Dutch Culture”, May 2021.

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“Spinoza vs. Aristotle on Friendship”, part of a symposium sponsored by the North American Spinoza Society, at the meetings of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, April 2021.

"How Should We Teach the History of Modern Philosophy?", part of a panel presentation "Teaching the History of Philosophy", at the meetings of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, February 2020.

"Spinoza on Desire and the Good", Toronto Spinoza Workshop, University of Toronto, September 2018.

"Grotius and Menasseh ben Israel", presented to a conference "The Intellectual Lives of Hugo Grotius", Princeton University, May 2018.

"Spinoza and Menasseh ben Israel: Facts and Fictions", keynote address at a conference "Meeting Spinoza: Books, Letters, Networks, Personal Encounters", Utrecht University, October 2017.

"Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture", presented to the conference "Spinoza and Modern Jewish Thought", University of Washington, May 2017.

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"Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture", for a Spinoza conference (in honor of Piet Steenbakkers) at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, September 2016.

"Spinoza on Good and Evil", for the Colloquium Spinoza France/Etats-Unis, Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne, June 2016.

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"Spinoza and Maimonides on the Intellectual Love of God", for the NYU Modern Philosophy Conference, November 2015.

"The Art of Cartesianism: The Illustrations of Clerselier's Edition of Descartes's *Traité de l'homme*", for a conference on "Art and Science in the Early Modern Low Countries", Amsterdam (Rijksmuseum/Huygens Institute/Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen), September 2015.

"Louis de la Forge and the Mind-Body Problem: A Guide for the Perplexed", for a conference on "Occasionalism", Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy, April 2015.

"Spinoza, Maimonides, and Prophecy", for a conference on "Spinoza, Judaism, and Politics", University at Buffalo, November 2013.

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"Leibniz, Spinoza, and God", Leibniz session at the American Academy of Religion meetings, Chicago, December 2012.

"Maimonides and Spinoza on Prophecy", Association for Jewish Studies meetings, Chicago, December 2012.

"Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*", at the conference "Spinoza and the Theological-Political Complex", University of Toronto, October 2012.

"The Lives of Others: The Ethics of Spinoza's *Ethics*", at the Spinoza Mini-Conference, Ohio State University, October 2012.

"Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*", keynote lecture for the Quebec Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Sherbrooke, September 2012.

"Arnauld et le meilleur des mondes possibles", for round-table discussion of the French translation of *The Best of All Possible Worlds* (see authored books), Séminaire Descartes, Université de Paris 1-Panthéon, May 2012.

“Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”, Keynote Speaker, New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, November 2011.

“Consciousness Among the Cartesians”, invited for a conference “Early Modern Conceptions of Consciousness”, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2011.

“Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”, for conference on Spinoza at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands), October 2010.

“Who Will Write the Lives of the Philosophers? Reflections on Spinoza (and Others)”, invited speaker for conference on “Philosophical and Intellectual Biography and Autobiography”, Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, March 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, invited keynote speaker for Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of New Mexico, February 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, invited for Bradshaw Conference: A Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University, December 2009.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence”, invited for New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, May 2009.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence”, invited for South Central Seminar for Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, October 2008.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence”, invited for conference “The General Will (A Conference in Honor of Patrick Riley)”, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2008.

“Spinoza and Secular Judaism”, for the Academy for Jewish Philosophy, at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meetings, Baltimore, December 2007.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, for a conference “Leibniz and Spinoza”, Princeton University, September 2007.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, Humboldt University Spinoza Workshop, Berlin, Germany, June 2007.

“Spinoza and the Science of Consciousness”, for a conference “Spinoza and the Sciences”, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, June 2007.

“Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, for a conference “Interpreting Spinoza”, University of Michigan, May 2007.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, for “Spinoza Day”, Princeton University, January 2007.

“Spinoza and Religious Fundamentalism”, invited presentation for a conference “Beyond Belief: Science, Religion, Reason and Survival”, Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA, November 2006.

“Is Spinoza an Atheist?”, Association for Jewish Studies meetings, Washington DC, December 2005.

“Causalité et nécessité”, invited for a conference “Descartes e Kant”, in Lecce, Italy, November 2004.

“Reply to Edwin M. Curley and Tad Schmaltz”, in an “Author Meets Critics” session devoted to *Spinoza’s Heresy*, at the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) meetings, Pasadena, CA, March 2004.

“Eternal Truths and the World-to-Come: Spinoza’s Jewish Roots”, invited for a conference on “Eternal Truths in Early Modern Philosophy”, University of Calgary, May 2003.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Divine Providence”, invited for a conference “Spinoza: Between Jerusalem and Athens”, UCLA, February 2003.

“Does Jewish Studies Take Philosophy Seriously?”, invited panelist for “Jewish Studies and the University”, Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University, April 2002.

“Les vérités éternels et l’autre monde: les racines juives de Spinoza”, invited paper for the Centre Nationale de la recherche scientifique, Paris, February 2002.

“Descartes’s Soul, Spinoza’ Mind”, invited paper for a conference “Receptions of Descartes”, Duke University, March 2002.

“Spinoza and Gersonides on Immortality”, Association for Jewish Studies meetings, Washington, D.C., December, 2001.

“Spinoza vs. the Rabbis”, invited paper for a conference “Rabbinic Culture and its Critics: Jews, Heretics, Apostates and Others in Medieval and Early Modern Times”, Ohio State University, October 2001.

“Knowledge and Causation”, Symposium on Early Modern Philosophy, University of California-Irvine, July 2000.

“Spinoza in the Garden of Good and Evil”, invited paper for a conference “The Theodicy Problem in Early Modern Philosophy”, University of Toronto, September 1999.

“Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?”, invited paper for a symposium, “New Perspectives on Spinoza”, at the Eastern Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association, December 1998.

“Connaissance et causalité: esquisse d’une histoire”, invited paper for a meeting of the Equipe Cartésienne, Sorbonne, Paris, May 1997.

“The Excommunication of Spinoza: Trouble and Toleration in the Dutch Jerusalem”, invited paper for a conference on “Toleration in Early Modern Europe”, University of Chicago, April 1997.

“The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume”, invited paper presented to a conference “The Medieval Legacy in Early Modern Philosophy”, University College, London, November 1996.

"Cartesianism and the Activity of the Soul", invited paper for the Seventeenth Century Philosophy Study Group, British Society for the History of Philosophy, London, November 1996.

"Descartes et Cervantes: Le malin génie et la folie de Don Quichotte", invited paper presented to a conference on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Descartes' birth, Université de Laval, Quebec, September 1996.

"Les Cartésiens et l'activité de l'âme", invited paper for a conference honoring the work of Henri Gouhier, at the Sorbonne, Paris, May 1996.

""Tange montes et fumigabunt": Arnauld face aux théodicées de Leibniz et Malebranche", invited paper presented to a conference commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Arnauld's death, Sorbonne, Paris, October 1994.

""Tange montes et fumigabunt": Arnauld and the Theodicy Problem", invited paper presented to a conference commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Arnauld's death, University of Toronto, September 1994.

"Choosing a Theodicy: The Leibniz-Malebranche-Arnauld Connection", paper invited by the Leibniz Society presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (meetings in Kansas City, May, 1994).

"Descartes and Occasional Causation", Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago, December 1992.

"Ideas and Representation in Malebranche", invited paper for symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (meetings in Portland, Oregon, March, 1992).

"Arnauld and the Fourth Set of Objections", presented to the Descartes conference "Six Objectors to Six Meditations: 350 Years Later", at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (March, 1992).

"Occasionalism and Mechanism", Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago, December 1990.

"Occasionalism and General Will in Malebranche", invited paper presented to a conference on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (May, 1989).

"Intentionality in the Arnauld-Malebranche Debate", presented to the conference "Ideas: Sensory Experience, Thought, Knowledge and their Objects in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy", University of Iowa (April, 1989).

"Is There a Primary/Secondary Distinction Among Berkeley's Ideas?", presented to the International Berkeley Society, at the Eastern Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C. (December, 1988).

"Reid and Arnauld", presented at the Thomas Reid Conference, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland (September, 1985).

## 6.2. Invited Lectures and Colloquium Talks

“Spinoza on Toleration Revisited”, invited keynote lecture for the conference “Tolerance and Tension: New York and Amsterdam in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century”, New York Historical Society, November 15, 2025.

“Spinoza on Toleration Revisited”, The Hague, Netherlands, October 2025 (invited by The Hague Spinoza Foundation, keynote lecture for celebration of Spinoza Month).

“Spinoza on the Unity of Virtue”, Washington University, St. Louis, April 2025.

““*Homo homini Deus, Homo homini lupus*: Spinoza on Human Nature and Human Relations”, John Jay College, CUNY, April 2025.

“Spinoza on the Unity of Virtue”, Purdue University, October 2024.

“Five Themes From Spinoza”, Lehigh University, April 2024.

“Five Themes From Spinoza”, Bowdoin College, March 2024.

“Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?”, Mary Olive Woods Lecture, Western Illinois University, September 2023.

“*Caute et les vertus de l’homme libre*”, presented to the Séminaire Spinoza, Université de Paris 1-Panthéon/Sorbonne, June 2023.

“Rembrandt and the Rabbi”, University of Oklahoma Presidential Dream Course Public Lecture, May 2023.

“*Caute: Some Reflections on Spinoza’s Virtue*”, Sive Natura, University of Bologna, Italy, March 2023.

“Spinoza on Friendship”, Department of Philosophy, University of Groningen, Netherlands, October 2022.

“*Caute: Reflections on Spinoza’s Virtue*”, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, October 2022.

“Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?”, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, April 21, 2022.

“Spinoza as Moral Philosopher”, The Rotelli Lectures (five lectures), Universita Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, Italy, March 2022.

“Spinoza, Jefferson and the Separation of Church and State”, for the lecture series “Itineraries of Political Theology”, Università di Pisa and Università di Firenze, November 2021.

“The Specter of Spinozism: Malebranche, Arnauld, Fénelon”, History of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Groningen, December 2020.

"The Specter of Spinozism: Malebranche, Arnauld, Fénelon", London Spinoza Circle, November 2020.

"The Specter of Spinozism: Malebranche, Arnauld, Fénelon", University of California-San Diego, November 2019.

"Spinoza on Good and Bad", San Diego State University, November 2019.

"Spinoza and Toleration", Killeen Chair Lecture, St. Norbert College, October 2019.

"Spinoza's *Ethics* as Theological-Political Treatise", Amsterdam Centre for Political Thought, University of Amsterdam, May, 2019.

"Spinoza and Menasseh ben Israel", Menasseh ben Israel Institute, Amsterdam, May, 2019.

"Malebranche's Miracles", Department of Philosophy, Ca' Foscari-University of Venice, May 2019.

"Spinoza and Menasseh ben Israel", Department of Philosophy, University of Pisa, May 2019.

"Spinoza's *Ethics* as Theological-Political Treatise", Department of Philosophy, University of Pisa, May 2019.

"Does Desire Track Goodness?", Department of Philosophy, Université de Québec à Montréal, February, 2019.

"Malebranche's Miracles", Early Modern Philosophy Study Group, Montreal, February, 2019.

"Spinoza et Menasseh ben Israel: Faits et Fictions", Université de Paris 8, March 2018.

"Spinoza face au Dieu de Leibniz", Université de Paris 1/Panthéon-Sorbonne, March 2018.

"Malebranche et les miracles", Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, March 2018.

"Spinoza Athée?", Synagogue Copernic, Paris, March 2018.

"Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture", Van Leer Institute, Hebrew University, Israel, November 2017.

"Spinoza as Moral Philosopher", Hebrew University, Israel, November 2017.

"Spinoza on Good and Evil", University of Haifa, Israel, November 2017.

"Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture", Jerome S. Cardin Memorial Lecture, Loyola University, Maryland, November 2017.

"Spinoza's *Ethics* as a Theological-Political Treatise", Brooklyn College, September 2017.

"Cordemoy and Occasionalism", Early Modern Philosophy Workshop at the University of Minnesota, March 2017.

"Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture", Macalaster College, March 2017.

"Spinoza on Good and Evil", The McCracken Lecture, Michigan State University, April 2016.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza" and "Spinoza on Lying and Suicide", The Brian O'Neill Memorial Lectures, University of New Mexico, February 2016.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza: The Latest View", Thomas Hunter Honors College Distinguished Lecture, Hunter College, CUNY, November 2015.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza: The Latest View", The American Academy in Rome, April, 2015.

"Act and Motivation in Spinoza", Carleton College/St. Olaf College, February 2015.

"What Makes A Right Action Right: Act and Motivation in Spinoza", University of Georgia, November 2014.

"La Forge et la causalité: un guide pour les égarés", Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne, April 2014.

"Spinoza, Maïmonide, et la prophétie", Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, April 2013.

"Acte et motivation dans la philosophie morale de Spinoza", Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, April 2014.

"The Ethics of Spinoza's *Ethics*", Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, April 2014.

"Spinoza's *Herem*", The Sullivan Lecture, Fordham University, November 2013.

"Spinoza as Moral Philosopher" (3 lectures), Università Ca' Foscari Venice (Italy), May 2013.

"The Lives of Others: Spinoza on Benevolence", Concordia University, Montreal, March 2013.

"Spinoza's God (or Nature)", Hampshire College, March 2013.

"Spinoza as Moral Philosopher" (3 lectures), The Priestly Lectures, University College, the University of Toronto, October 2012.

"La Vie des autres", École Normale Supérieure (Paris), May 2012.

"La Conscience chez les cartésiens", École Normale Supérieure (Lyon), May 2012.

"Occasionalism, General Volitions, and Divine Providence", Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, April 2012.

"The Myth of Spinoza and Secular Judaism", Department of Jewish Studies, McGill University, March 2012.

"The Ethics of Spinoza's *Ethics*", Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado-Boulder, March 2012.

"The Lives of Others: Spinoza on Benevolence", Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, December 2011.

“The Lives of Others: Spinoza on Benevolence”, Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida, October 2011.

“The Excommunication of Spinoza”, The Baumgardner-Gelbart Lecture in Jewish Studies, University of South Florida, October 2011.

“Spinoza’s Radicalism”, St. John’s College, Annapolis, October 2011.

“Spinoza and Toleration”, Department of Philosophy, Catholic University of America, November 2010.

“Spinoza and Toleration”, The Golden Age Lecture, Center for the Study of the Dutch Golden Age, University of Amsterdam, October 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, University of Amsterdam, October 2010.

“Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy and Moral Luck”, University of Stockholm, September 2010.

“Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy, and Moral Luck”, University Seminar, Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Columbia University, April 2009.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, Elton Lecture, George Washington University, April 2009.

“The Spinoza Problem”, Hendrix College and Jewish Cultural Center, April 2009.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, Duke University, November 2008.

“The Spinoza Problem”, The Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture, University of South Carolina, September 2008.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, University of Cincinnati, April 2008.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of God and Substance”, Universiy of Rome-La Sapienza, March 2008.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, University of Notre Dame, October 2007.

“The Gods of the Philosophers”, Indiana University, October 2007.

“The Gods of the Philosophers”, University of Amsterdam, June 2007.

“Three Myths About Spinoza”, University of Amsterdam, June 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of Amsterdam, May 2007.

“The Excommunication of Spinoza”, Melinda Rosenblatt Lecture, National Yiddish Book Center, April 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Brandeis University, February 2007.

“Three Myths About Spinoza”, University of California-San Diego, February 2007.

“Arnauld’s God”, McGill University, November 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of Illinois-Chicago, November 2006.

“On Spinoza’s God”, Luther College, October 2006.

“Spinoza’s Alleged Pantheism”, University of Iowa, October 2006.

“Spinoza’s Alleged Pantheism”, U.C.L.A., May 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Arizona State University, April 2006.

“Spinoza et la philosophie Juif”, three lectures given at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, March 2006.

“Le cherem de Spinoza, après 350 ans”, Musée de l’art et de l’histoire du Judaïsme, Paris, March 2006.

“Spinoza, est-il vraiment Panthéïst?”, Université de Nantes, March 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of California-San Diego, February, 2006.

“Is Spinoza an Atheist?”, Northwestern University (debate with Kenneth Seeskin), April 2005.

“Spinoza and Divine Providence”, University of Arizona, March 2005.

“Four Myths About Spinoza”, Emory University, October 2004.

“Spinoza and Divine Providence”, Marquette University, October 2004.

“Spinoza on Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources”, Stanford University, February 2004.

“Four Myths About Spinoza”, Rice University, February 2004.

“Descartes’s Soul, Spinoza’s Mind”, Universiteit van Utrecht (The Netherlands), November 2003.

“Spinoza on Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources”, Vereniging het Spinozahuis, Utrecht, November 2003.

"Four Myths About Spinoza", The Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture, University of Toronto, September 2003.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Northwestern University, February 2003.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Loyola University (Chicago), April 2002.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", University of Illinois-Chicago, March 2002.

"Sur la biographie de Spinoza", Association des amis de Spinoza, Sorbonne (Paris), February 2002.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", University of Ottawa, January 2002.

"The Real and Imaginary Spinoza", Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies, Chicago, November 2001.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Columbia University, October 2001.

"Is Spinoza a Jewish Philosopher?", Koret Foundation Symposium, San Francisco Jewish Community Center, November 2000.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Washington University in St. Louis, September 2000.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Philosophy Dept. and Program in Jewish Studies, Princeton University, February 2000.

"Knowledge and Causation: Aristotelian and Cartesian Intuitions", University of California-Irvine, July 2000.

"Aristotelian and Cartesian Intuitions About Causation", as part of the Keeling Colloquium, University College London, November 1999.

"Eternity and Immortality in Spinoza's Ethics", University of Toronto, April 1999.

"Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?", Ohio State University, March 1998.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", Cambridge University, November 1996.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza and the Jews of Seventeenth Century Amsterdam", King's College, London, November 1996.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", University of Iowa, October 1996.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", Northern Illinois University, February 1996.

"Causation Among the Cartesians", University of Oklahoma, April, 1995.

"Causation Among the Cartesians", Southern Methodist University, October, 1993.

"La théorie des idées chez Malebranche", Ecole pratique des hautes études, Sorbonne, Paris, November 1992.

"La théorie des idées chez Malebranche", Université de Caen, November, 1992.

"Malebranche's Direct Realism", University of Toronto (November, 1990).

"Occasionalism and Mechanism", University of Western Ontario (November, 1990).

"Force, Mechanism, and Divine Causation", University of Wisconsin - Madison (History of Science, September, 1990).

"Occasionalism: How God Acts", University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (February, 1990).

"Occasionalism and the Mind-Body Problem", University of Wisconsin - Madison (November, 1988).

## **7. FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Vilas Research Professorship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021-present)

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2020).

The American Academy in Rome, Scholar in Residence (invited) (April 2015).

Evjue-Bascom Professorship in Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2021).

Senior Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013-2017).

Resident Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Spring 2011).

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) Named Professorship, awarded in 2008 (\$75,000 research fund award, plus named professorship: William H. Hay II Professor of Philosophy).

Pulitzer Prize Finalist, 2004 (for general non-fiction), for *Rembrandt's Jews*.

Max and Frieda Weinstein-Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies, 2004-2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, co-director (with Donald Rutherford): "Philosophy, Science, and Theology in the Seventeenth Century", University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends: 1988, 1994, 2001.

Kellett Midcareer Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, awarded in 2000-2001 (\$60,000 research fund award).

2000 Koret Jewish Book Award, in the category of Biography, for *Spinoza: A Life*.

1995 Selma V. Forkasch Prize for best article published in the *Journal of the History of Ideas* in 1994 (awarded for "Choosing a Theodicy: The Leibniz-Arnauld-Malebranche Connection").

Romnes Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, awarded 1995 (\$40,000 research fund award).

Weinstein Course Development Research Award, Jewish Studies Program, University of Wisconsin - Madison, May 1994.

Resident Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin - Madison (Fall, 1991).

Council for Philosophic Studies/National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute on Early Modern Philosophy, Brown University, 1988.

Summer Research Grants, Graduate School Research Committee, University of Wisconsin - Madison: 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1999.

**8. COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**  
**(does *not* include regular administrative or committee work for Philosophy Department, Jewish Studies, Art History or Institute for Research in the Humanities [during affiliation with the IRH])**

Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities (2018-2026)

Chair, College of Letters and Science Review Committee for the Department of Art History (fall 2025)

Advisory Board, Center for Humanistic Inquiry into Uncertainty and AI (2024-2026)

Chair, College of Letters and Science Review Committee for the Department of History (fall 2024)

Chair, Search Committee for Honors Program Faculty Director (spring 2024)

Villas Research Professorship selection committee (2023)

Postdoctoral Studies Advisory Committee (2021-2024)

Evjue-Bascom Professorship in Humanities selection committee (2022)

Mellon "Just Futures" selection committee (2020)

ACLS "Emerging Scholars" Fellowship selection committee (2019-2022)

Sawyer Seminar selection committee (spring 2020).

Search Committee for Associate Dean for Research, College of Letters and Science (spring 2020).

Anonymous Fund Committee (2013-present)

Mellon "New Directions" Fellowship Selection Committee (2018, 2019)

Interim Chair, Department of Art History (academic year 2018-19)

Cluster Hire Advisory Committee (Spring 2018).

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (2016-2019)

Review Committee for the Center for the Humanities (Spring 2017)

Senior Fellow Selection Committee, Institute for Research in the Humanities (Spring 2017)

Graduate School Collaborative Training Grants Committee (Summer 2016)  
Richard Ralph Winter Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (2015)  
Graduate School Mellon Summer Fellowship Committee (2015)  
Vilas Research Professorship Selection Committee (2015)  
Program Review Committee for Department of French and Italian (2014)  
Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Integrated Liberal Studies Program (2014-15)  
Solmsen Fellowship Selection Committee, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin (2013; 2015; 2016)  
Mellon Humanities Grant Advisory Committee, College of Letters and Science (2010-present)  
Bradley Faculty Fellow (2011-2012)  
Review Committee for Dean of the College and Letters and Science (spring 2010)  
Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on the Graduate School Restructuring Plan (2009-2010)  
Committee on Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2009-present)  
Chair, Department of Philosophy (2006-2010)  
Faculty Director, "Year of the Humanities" (2009-2010)  
Co-Chair, Arts and Humanities Strategic Planning Council (2008-2010)  
Faculty Compensation and Economic Benefits Commission (2008-2009)  
Search Committee for Director, Center for the Humanities (fall 2008)  
University of Wisconsin Press Committee (2005-2008)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: University of Wisconsin Press (fall 2007)  
Search Committee for Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities (spring 2007)  
Search Committee for Director, Center for the Humanities (fall 2007)  
College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Scholarships Committee (2006-2007)  
Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (2003-2006)  
Humanities Division Executive Committee (2003-2006)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: Department of Art History (2005-2006)  
Ethnic Studies Implementation Committee (2003-2004)  
Anonymous Fund Committee (2000-2003)  
Founding Director, Center for the Humanities (1999-2003)  
Hilldale/Holstrom Undergraduate Research Awards Committee (1999, 2002, 2003)  
Undergraduate Adviser, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (1995-2002)  
Memorial Library Committee (1997-2002)  
Executive Committee, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (1994-present)  
Executive Committee, Program in Religious Studies (1999-present).  
Program Review Committee: Department of History (2001).  
Search Committee for Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities (2000)  
Faculty Mentor, Chadbourne Residential Community (1997-2000)  
Graduate School Research Committee, Arts and Humanities (1997-2000).  
CIC Fellow (1999-2000)  
Chair, Committee to establish a Center for the Humanities (1999)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: Department of Comparative Literature (1998-99)  
Sesquicentennial Hiring Initiative (for Humanities Division) (Fall 1998).  
Interdepartmental Search Committees:  
    modern Islam (for History/Religious Studies, Spring 1999)  
    medieval Jewish intellectual history (for Hebrew and Semitic Studies/History/Jewish Studies).

Steenbock Awards Committee (1997, 1998)  
Graduate Fellowships Committee (1994-95, 1995-96)  
Faculty Advising Service (1990-1995)

## **9. EXTERNAL PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEES**

Philosophy Departments at the University of Toronto, Ohio State University, University of Virginia, University of California-San Diego.

Jewish Studies Program at the University of Maryland.

## **10. LANGUAGES**

French: fluent reading, writing, speaking.

Dutch: excellent reading, some speaking

Latin, Ancient Greek, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, Italian: reading knowledge.