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Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, Kant, German Idealism, 19th century philosophy

University Education

Oriel College, Oxford University, 1972-1974, B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

London School of Economics and Political Science, 1974-1975

Wolfson College, Oxford University, 1975-1980, D.Phil. in Philosophy.

University Employment

Syracuse University, 2001 to present

Harvard University, Spring 2002

Indiana University, Bloomington, 1990-2001

Yale University, 1993-94

University of Colorado, Boulder, Spring 1987

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Spring 1986

University of Pennsylvania, 1984-85

Oxford University Modern Languages Faculty, 1977-80

Fellowships

Thyssen Research Fellowship, 1981-1983, Free University, Berlin, West Germany

Humboldt Research Fellowship, 1988-1990, Free University, Berlin, West Germany

Guggenheim Research Fellowship, 1994-1995, London and Berlin

NEH Faculty Fellowship, 1999-2000, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Awards and Prizes

For Research

Thomas J. Wilson Prize, for best first book from Harvard University Press, 1987.

Honorable Mention for the Forkosch Prize, for best book in intellectual history, 1987.

Second Prize Winner of the Napoleonic Studies Literary Prize, 2002

Choice Outstanding Academic Book 2006 (for *Schiller as Philosopher*)

For Teaching

Citation by the University of Colorado, Spring 1987, for excellence in teaching.

Outstanding Young Faculty Award, 1992-93, Indiana University, awarded for excellence in teaching and research.

Student Choice Award, 1996, Indiana University, awarded for excellence in teaching by the students of Indiana University.

Publications

Monographs

- 1) *The Fate of Reason: German Philosophy from Kant to Fichte*. Harvard University Press, 1987. Paper edition 1993.
- 2) *Enlightenment, Revolution & Romanticism: The Genesis of Modern German Political Thought, 1790-1800*. Harvard University Press, 1992. Japanese translation Hosei University Press, 2011.
- 3) *The Sovereignty of Reason: The Defense of Rationality in the Early English Enlightenment*. Princeton University Press, 1996.
- 4) *German Idealism: The Struggle against Subjectivism, 1871-1800*. Harvard University Press, 2002. Paper edition 2008.
- 5) *The Romantic Imperative: The Concept of Early German Romanticism*. Harvard University Press, 2003. Paperback edition 2006. Korean translation 2011.
- 6) *Hegel*. Routledge Philosopher Series. Routledge 2005. Korean, Turkish and Persian translations.
- 7) *Schiller as Philosopher*. Oxford University Press, 2005. Paperback edition 2006.
- 8) *Diotima's Children: German Aesthetic Rationalism from Leibniz to Lessing*. Oxford University Press, 2009. Paperback edition 2010.
- 9) *The German Historicist Tradition*. Oxford University Press, 2011.
- 10) *Late German Idealism: Trendelenburg and Lotze*. Forthcoming 2013, Oxford University Press.

Anthologies

- 1) *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel*. Cambridge University Press, 1993. Editor.
- 2) *The Early Political Writings of the German Romantics*, Cambridge University Press, 1996. In the series: Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought. Editor and Translator.
- 3) *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel and Nineteenth Century Philosophy*. Cambridge University Press, 2008. Editor.

Articles

- 1) 'Kant's Intellectual Development, 1746-1781, in *The Cambridge Companion to Kant*. Ed. Paul Guyer, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991. pp. 26-61.
- 2) 'Hegel and the Problem of Metaphysics', Introduction to *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993. pp. 1-24.
- 3) 'Hegel's Historicism', in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993. pp. 270-300.
- 4) 'Hegel's History of Philosophy', the introduction to the Bison Books edition of Hegel, *History of Philosophy*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1994. Volume I, pp. xi-xl.

- 5) 'Hegel: A Non-Metaphysician! A Polemic', in *The Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain*. 32 (1995), pp. 1-13.
- 6) 'Early Romanticism and the Enlightenment', in *What is Enlightenment?*, ed. James Schmidt. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996. pp. 317-29.
- 7) 'Skepticism, Nihilism and Romanticism: Early Skeptical, Religious and Literary Responses to Kantian Philosophy', in *The Columbia History of Western Philosophy*, ed. Richard Popkin. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997. pp. 518-24.
- 8) 'Nathaniel Culverwell', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume II, 750-2.
- 9) 'Cambridge Platonism', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume II, 182-5.
- 10) 'Hamann', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume IV, 213-17.
- 11) 'Herder', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume IV, 378-84.
- 12) 'Wilhelm von Humboldt', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume IV, 541-2.
- 13) 'Friedrich Schlegel', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998), Volume VIII, 529-31.
- 14) 'Romanticism', *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (1998), Volume VIII, 348-51.
- 15) 'The Context and Problematic of post-Kantian Philosophy', in *A Companion to Continental Philosophy*, ed. Simon Critchley. London: Routledge, 1998. pp. 21-34.
- 16) 'Schiller', *Oxford Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* (1998), Volume IV, 224-9.
- 17) 'Hamann', *Oxford Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* (1998), Volume II, 352-55.
- 18) 'Herder', *Oxford Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* (1998), Volume II, 394-6.
- 19) 'Friedrich Schlegel', *Oxford Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* (1998), Volume IV, 233-35.
- 20) 'A Romantic Education: The Concept of *Bildung* in Early German Romanticism', in *Philosophers on Education*, ed. Amelie Rorty. London: Routledge, 1998. pp. 284-99.
- 21) 'German Idealism and the Enlightenment', in *The Cambridge Companion to German Idealism*, ed. Karl Ameriks. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000. pp. 18-37.
- 22) 'Jacobi's *Briefe über die Lehre von Spinoza*', in *A New History of German Literature*, ed. David Wellbery. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004. pp. 418-424.
- 23) 'Die deutsche *Frühromantik*', in *Philosophie, Kunst, Wissenschaft. Gedenkschrift Heinrich Kutzner*. Königshausen & Neumann, 2000. pp. 38-52.
- 24) 'Two Concepts of Reason in German Idealism', *German Idealism Yearbook*. Volume I (2003), pp. 15-27.
- 25) 'Early Romanticism and Education', in *The Philosophy of Education*, ed. Randall Curren. Oxford: Blackwell, 2003. pp. 130-42.
- 26) 'Fichte and Maimon', in *Solomon Maimon: Rational Dogmatist, Empirical Skeptic*, ed. Gideon Freudenthal. Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2003. pp. 233-248.
- 27) 'Hegel and *Naturphilosophie*', in *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* 34 (2003), 135-47.
- 28) 'Berlin and the German Counterenlightenment', in *Isaiah Berlin's Counterenlightenment*, eds. Joseph Mali and Robert Wokler (Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society, 2003), pp. 105-116.

- 29) 'Schleiermacher's Ethics', in *The Cambridge Companion to Schleiermacher*, ed. Jacqueline Marina. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. pp. 53-72.
- 30) 'Hegel and Hegelianism', in *Encyclopedia of Nineteenth Century Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys. London: Routledge, 2005. pp. 188-93.
- 31) 'Moral Faith and the Highest Good', in *The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. pp. 588-629.
- 32) 'The Highest Good: An Old Problem Revisited', in *The End of Philosophy?, Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Student Conference at the University of New Mexico*. April 8, 2006. pp. 38-54.
- 33) 'Kant and *Naturphilosophie*', in *The Kantian Legacy in Nineteenth Century Science*, eds. Michael Friedman and Alfred Neuman. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2006. pp. 7-26.
- 34) 'The Paradox of Romantic Metaphysics', in *Philosophical Romanticism*, ed. Niklas Komprimidis. London: Routledge, 2006.
- 35) 'Dark Days: Anglophone Scholarship since the 1960s', in *German Idealism: Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Aspen Hammer. New York: Routledge, 2007, pp. 70-90.
- 36) 'Historicism', in *Oxford Handbook of Continental Philosophy*, ed. Brian Leiter and Michael Rosen. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. pp. 155-179.
- 37) 'A Lament', Schiller Bicentennial Lecture, Yale University, in *Friedrich Schiller: Playwright, Poet, Philosopher, Historian*, ed. Paul Kerry. Bern: Lang, 2007. pp. 233-50.
- 38) 'Schiller as Philosopher: A Reply to My Critics', *Inquiry* 51 (2008), pp. 63-78.
- 39) 'Emil Lask and Kantianism', *The Philosophical Forum* 39 (2008), pp. 283-95.
- 40) 'Historicism and Neo-Kantianism', *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 39 (2008), 554-64.
- 41) 'Normativity in Neo-Kantianism: Its Rise and Fall', *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 17 (2009), 9-27.
- 42) 'Morality' in Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*, in *The Blackwell Guide to Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*, ed. Kenneth Westphal. Oxford: Blackwell, 2009. pp. 162-74.
- 43) 'Mathematical Method in Kant, Schelling and Hegel', in *Discourse on a New Method*, eds/ Mark Domski and Michael Dickson. Chicago: Open Court, 2009. pp. 243-58.
- 44) 'Max Stirner and the End of Classical German Philosophy', in *Politics, Religion and Art: Hegelian Debates*, ed. Douglas Moggach. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2011. pp. 281-300.
- 45) 'Hegel and Ranke: A Re-Examination', in *A Companion to Hegel*, eds. Stephen Houlgate and Michael Baur. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2011. pp. 332-350.
- 46) 'Nineteenth Century Plato Scholarship', in *The Continuum Companion to Plato*, ed. Gerald Press. London: Continuum, 2012. pp. 284-86.
- 47) 'Trendelenburg and Spinoza', in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, eds. Y. Melamed, and E. Foerster. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. pp. 232-47.
- 48) 'Philosophical Responses to the French Revolution', coauthored with Pamela Edwards, in *The Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, eds. Allen Wood and Susan Hahn. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. pp. 601-622.
- 49) 'Hegel and Hegelianism', in *The Cambridge History of Nineteenth Century Political Philosophy*, eds. Gregory Claeys and Gareth Stedman-Jones. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011. pp. 110-46.

50) 'Romantik und Idealismus', in *Die Aktualität der Romantik*, eds. Michael Forster and Klaus Vieweg. Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2012. pp. 47-64.

51) 'Trendelenburg and Spinoza', in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, eds. Y. Melamed and E. Foerster. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. pp. 232-247.

Reviews

1) Manfred Kuehn, *Scottish Common Sense in Germany, 1760-1800*, for *Eighteenth Century Studies*. Volume 22 (1989), pp. 632-5.

2) 'The Absolute I', review of Daniel Breazeale, *Fichte: Early Philosophical Writings*, for *The Times Literary Supplement*, No. 4488, April 7-13, 1989. p. 373.

3) Laurence Dickey, *Hegel: Religion, Economics and Politics of the Spirit*, for *The Philosophical Review*, Volume XCIX, October 1990, pp. 637-9.

4) 'Reconstructing Kant', review of John Zammito, *The Genesis of the Critique of Judgment*, for *The Times Literary Supplement*, July 23, 1993.

5) 'Existence First, Knowledge later', review of Andrew Bowie, *Schelling and Modern European Philosophy* for *The Times Literary Supplement*, No. 4810, June 9, 1995, p. 33, columns 1-4.

6) *Theoretical Philosophy 1755-1770, Immanuel Kant*. Translated and edited by David Walford in collaboration with Ralf Meerbote, in *The Philosophical Review*, Vol 104, April 1995, pp. 277-9.

7) *Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi: The Main Philosophical Writings and the Novel Allwill*, edited and translated by George di Giovanni. *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. 105, April 1996.

8) 'Homesick Hidalgo', review of Stephen Nadler, *Spinoza*, and Margaret Gullan-Whur, *Within Reason: A Life of Spinoza*, for *The Times Literary Supplement*, June 25, 1999, No. 5021, pp. 4-5.

9) Guenter Zöllner, *Fichte's Transcendental Philosophy* and Wayne Martin, *Idealism and Objectivity*. *Mind*, Volume 1098 (2000), pp. 668-76,

10) Sally Segwick, *The Reception of Kant's Philosophy*, *Mind*, Volume 110 (2001), 553-8.

11) Rudolf Makkreel and Sebastian Luft, eds., *Neo-Kantianism in Contemporary Philosophy*, in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012), 145-6.

12) *Nineteenth Century Philosophy: Revolutionary Responses to Existing Order*, eds. Alan Schrift and Daniel Conway. *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, 2011.08.32.

Lectures

Keynote Addresses

1) March 5, 1999, 'Isaiah Berlin on the Counterenlightenment', Plenary Address, Indiana University, 'The Seat of Power: Positions of Authority in German Literature and Culture'.

2) November 5, 2005, 'Schiller as Philosopher Today', Keynote Address for a Schiller Conference held at the Beinecke Library, Yale University.

3) March 1, 2006, 'The Concept of German Idealism', Keynote Address for a conference on "Philosophy and Religion as a Matter of Life", Copenhagen, Denmark.

4) April 8, 2006, 'The Highest Good', Keynote Address for Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of New Mexico.

5) October 14, 2011, 'Historicism', Keynote Address for The Atlantic Region Philosophers Association, New Brunswick, Canada.

Titled Lecture Series

1) April 2007, 'Reviving Aesthetic Rationalism', O'Neill Lectures, University of New Mexico.

2) November 16, 2009, 'Historicism', The Sullivan Lecture, Fordham University, New York

3) March 31, 2011, 'Historicism', The Larwell Lecture, Kenyon College, Ohio.

Invited University Lectures

1) January 1992, McGill University, 'The Metaphysics of Hegel's Idealism'

2) April 1994, Cornell University, Department of Philosophy, 'Hegel's Idealism'

3) April 1994, Cornell University, Institute of Germanic Studies, 'The Political Philosophy of German Romanticism'

4) October 3, 1997, Fishbein Center for the History of Science, University of Chicago, 'Early German Romanticism: Attempt at a Characteristic'

5) January 11, 2000, South Stockholm College, Sweden, 'The Romantic Revolution'

6) January 12, 2000, The Academy of Arts, Stockholm, Sweden, 'Reviving the Kant-Schiller Dispute'

7) January 13, 2000, University of Stockholm, 'Kant and the *Naturphilosophen*.'

8) April 10, 2000, University of Tel Aviv, Israel, 'Berlin and the Counterenlightenment'

9) September 2002, Institute of Germanic Studies, Cornell University, 'Kant-Schiller Dispute'.

10) October 2004, Department of Philosophy, Emory University, 'Kant-Schiller Dispute'

11) November 7, 2004, Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, 'Kant-Schiller Dispute'

12) March, 2007, Texas A&M University, 'Normativity in Neo-Kantianism'.

Conference Proceedings

1) July 1988, conference on Natural Law, Göttingen University, 'Romanticism and the Natural Law Tradition'.

2) March 1992, Midwest Conference on Early Modern Philosophy, 'The Birth of Cambridge Platonism'.

3) May 1994, Midwest Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 'Reply to Phillip Clayton'.

4) December 29, 1998, 'The Long Shadow of Otto von Guericke', review of Jerome Schneewind's *The Invention of Autonomy*, in Authors Meets Critics Session of the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

5) April 2000, Drew University Conference on Friedrich Schleiermacher, 'Kant-Schiller Dispute'.

6) April 14, 2000, 'Fichte and Maimon', First International Maimon conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel..

7) November 10, 2000, 'Kant and the *Naturphilosophen*', conference on Kant and 19th century science at the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts.

8) July 2001, 'Kant and the *Naturphilosophen*', NEH Summer Institute on Early German Romanticism, Fort Collins, Colorado.

- 9) May, 2002, 'Hegel's *Naturphilosophie*', conference on Hans Christian Oersted and *Naturphilosophie*, Harvard University.
- 10) March 2003, 'Reply to My Critics', Author meets Critics Session on my *German Idealism* at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Meetings.
- 11) April 2006, 'Reply to My Critics', Author meets Critics Session on my *Schiller as Philosopher*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Meetings.
- 12) March, 2007, 'Normativity in Neo-Kantianism', conference on Normativity and Idealism, Dublin, Ireland.
- 13) February 27, 2007, 'Eros versus Dionysus', conference on 'Tragedy and German Philosophy', Boston University.
- 14) December 2007, 'Comments on Karl Ameriks *Kant and the Historical Turn*, Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association
- 15) April 25, 2008, 'Analytic Philosophy and Hermeneutics', for a conference on Hermeneutics in the Era of German Idealism.
- 16) March, 26, 2010, 'Idealism and Romanticism' for a conference on The Relevance of Romanticism, Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 17) May, 2010, 'Trendelenburg and Spinoza', for a conference on Spinoza and German Idealism at Johns Hopkins University.
- 18) November 29, 2010, 'Hermann Cohen's Discovery of the Transcendental', for a conference on The Philosophy of Hermann Cohen, Boston University.

Professional Activities

I am on the editorial board of the *Series in German Idealism*, Springer Press, and *New Studies in History and the Historiography of Philosophy*, de Gruyter Press. I am on the advisory board of the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, and the *History of European Ideas*. I review manuscripts from the *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* and *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. I also routinely review manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press and Cornell University Press.

Referees

Professor Allen Wood, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, Sycamore 026, Bloomington, Indiana, 47405. awwood@indiana.edu

Professor Michael Friedman, Department of Philosophy, Stanford University, Stanford, California, 94305-2155. mlfriedman@stanford.edu

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