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Educational Background

B.A., Radcliffe College, Social Studies, 1969
Ph.D., Harvard University Political Science, 1973

Teaching Positions

Chair, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2004-2010
Senator Joseph S. Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government, 2001 to 2016
Faculty Fellow, Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2003-4
Henry Merritt Wriston Professorship, Brown University, 1997- 2001
Chairperson, Political Science Department, Brown University, 1989-95
Professor, Brown University, 1980-2000
Liberal Arts Fellow, Harvard Law School, 1992-93
Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1988-89
Visiting Professor, Harvard University, Department of Government,
Fall, 1985
Associate Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University,
1977-80
Henry LaBarre Jayne Assistant Professor, Department of Government,
Harvard University, 1973-77

Publications

Books

A Lot of People are Saying: The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy, with Russell Muirhead
(Princeton University Press, 2019)

Good Neighbors: The Democracy of Everyday Life in America (Princeton University Press, 2016)

On the Side of the Angels: An Appreciation of Parties and Partisanship (Princeton University Press, 2008)

Membership and Morals: The Personal Uses of Pluralism in America (Princeton University Press, 1998) Winner of the APSA David Easton Prize.

Another Liberalism: Romanticism and the Reconstruction of Liberal Thought (Harvard University Press, 1987)

Bentham's Theory of the Modern State (Harvard University Press, 1978). Chinese edition 2018,

Edited Works:

Guest editor and contributor, *Daedalus*, “Witnessing Climate Change”, *Daedalus* 149 (4) (Fall 2020)

Editor and contributor with Martha Minow, *Breaking the Cycles of Hatred: Memory, Law, and Repair* (Princeton University Press, 2002)

Editor and contributor, with Robert Post, *Civil Society and Government* (Princeton University Press, 2002)

Editor and contributor, *Obligations of Citizenship and Demands of Faith: Religious Accommodation in Pluralist Democracies* (Princeton University Press, 2000)

Editor, *Thoreau: Political Writings, Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought* (Cambridge University Press, 1996; China University of Political Science and Law Press, 2002)

Editor and Contributor, *Liberalism and the Moral Life* (Harvard University Press, 1989; paperback edition 1991; Spanish language edition: Ediciones Nueva Vision of Buenos Aires, 1993)

Ms. in Progress

Ungoverning, with Russell Muirhead

Articles and Book Chapters: 2000-2022

[Thoughts on Uncivil Civil Society 2021: Imperiling, and Defending, Democracy in the United States](#), HistPHil, Posted May 18, 2021

“The Democracy of Everyday Life in Disaster: Holding Our Lives in Their Hands”, in [Democratic Theory](#), Volume 7 (2020): Issue 2 (Dec 2020) pp. 69-74: Democracy in the Time of COVID-19. Guest Editors: Afsoun Afsahi, Emily Beausoleil, Rikki Dean, Selen A. Ercan, Jean-Paul Gagnon

With Russell Muirhead, “Conspiracy in America”, [American Educator](#), ed. Leo Casey, Fall, 2022

“The New Conspiracism: Public and Private Harm and Immunity from the Law”, in Austin Sarat, editor, *Law and Illiberalism* (University of Massachusetts Press: 2022) 102-132.

All Our Imperatives: Response to Ashwini Vasanthakumar, “Pluralism in Political Obligation” in *New Conversations*, Ruth Chang and Amia Srinivasan, editors (forthcoming, Oxford University Press.)

With Russell Muirhead, “The Political Theory of Parties and Partisanship: Catching Up” Annual Review of Political Science Vol. 23, 2020: open access:
<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-polisci-041916-020727>

“Conspiracism and Delegitimation,” with Russell Muirhead, Matthew Landauer, Jeffrey Tulis, and Nadia Urbinati, *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 19 no. 1 (March 2020): 142-174.

“The Democracy of Everyday Life in Disaster: Holding Our Lives in their Hands”, Democratic Theory, Vol. 7 #2, Winter, 2020: 69-84

“The Soft Power of Neighbors: Proximity, Scale, and Responses” in *Political Theory and Architecture*, ed. Duncan Bell and Bernardo Zacka, Bloomsbury Academic: 2020.

With Russell Muirhead, “The Ethics of Partisanship” in *Political Ethics: a Handbook*, ed. Edward Hall and Andrew Sabl, Princeton University Press, 2022.

With Russell Muirhead, “Speaking Truth to Conspiracy: Partisanship and Trust” in Conspiracy and Conspiracy Theories in Democratic Politics, special issue, *Critical Review*, May 10, 2016, edited Alfred Moore.

With Russell Muirhead “Political Parties in the Constitutional Order”, *The Oxford Handbook on the United States Constitution*, edited Mark Tushnet, Mark Graber, and Sanford Levinson (forthcoming).

“Governing Beyond Imagination: The World Historical Sources of Democratic Dysfunction”, forthcoming, Boston University Law Review Vol. 94 no. 3, May 2014: 649-667.

“Political Incorporation in America: Immigrant Partisans”, with Andrea Tivig, Citizenship Studies Volume 18, Issue 2, February 2014, pages 125-140.

“Partisanship and Independence: The Peculiar Moralism of American Politics” special issue Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy ed. Matteo Bonotti and Veit Bader.

“*Political Incorporation in America: Immigrant Partisans*” with Andrea Tivig,, *Citizenship Studies* April, 2014, (Vol. 18, No. 2).

“The Partisan Connection”, with Russell Muirhead, California Law Review Vol. 3, March, 2012

“Groselock’s Original Position”, Perspectives on Politics, September, 2012, Vol. 10 no. 3 780-782.

“No Labels”, for Decision 2024, Democracy: A Journal of Ideas Issue #25, Summer 2012

“Civil Society and Government” with Charles Lesch, in The Oxford Handbook of Civil Society, Oxford University Press, 2011.

“Lost Causes: Comment on Aziz Rana ‘Two Faces of American Freedom’”, [Cornell Law Review](#), October 2011: 107-120.

“Strange Attractors: How Individualists Connect to Form Democratic Unity” in John Seery, ed., *A Political Companion to Walt Whitman: Democratic Vistas Today*, University of Kentucky Press, 2010.

“A Political Theory of Partisanship”, John C. Green, ed. *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2010

“Faith in America: Political Theory’s Logic of Autonomy and Logic of Congruence”, *Religion and Democracy in the United States*, ed. Alan Wolfe and Ira Katznelson, Princeton University and Russell Sage, 2010.

“Responsible Congress and Political Time” *Boston University Law Review* Volume 89 Number 2 - April 2009: 715

“Thoreau’s Democratic Individualism”, *A Political Companion to Henry David Thoreau*, ed. Jack Turner, University Press of Kentucky, 2009.

“Okin’s Liberal Feminism as a Radical Political Theory”, in *Toward a Humanist Justice: The Political Philosophy of Susan Moller Okin*, ed. Debra Satz and Rob Reich, Oxford University Press, 2009

“Free Association: Traveling Ideas and the Study of Political Equality” in *The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives*, Gary King, Kay Schlozman and Norman Nie, ed. Routledge, 2009

“Banning Parties: Religious and Ethnic Parties in Multicultural Democracies”, [Law and Ethics of Human Rights](#) 17, 2007.

“Chinese Scholars’ Rocks”, in *Evocative Objects: Things to Think With*, ed. Sherry Turkle (MIT Press, 2007); reprinted in “Voices of Contemporary Glass”, Corning Museum of Glass.

“Civil Societies: Liberalism and the Moral Uses of Pluralism”, *Civil Society and Democracy* (Oxford University Press India); originally published in [Social Research](#), Vol. 61, No. 3 (Fall, 1994)

“Replacing Foundations with Staging: “Second Story” Concepts and American Political Development” in *Nature and History in American Political Development: A Debate* (Harvard University Press, 2006).

With Russell Muirhead, “Political Liberalism vs. “The Great Game of Politics”, [Perspectives on Politics](#) (March, 2006)

With Russell Muirhead, “Religion in the 2004 Presidential Election”, in Larry Sabato, ed. *Divided States of America: The Slash and Burn Politics of the 2004 Election* (Longman, 2005)

“Religious Parties, Religious Political Identity, and the Cold Shoulder of Liberal Democratic Thought”, in [Ethical Theory and Moral Practice: An International Forum](#) (Vol. 6 no. 1, March, 2003).

“Compelled Association”, reprinted in John A. Hall and Frank Trentmann, editors, *Civil Society* (Palgrave Press, 2004)

“Individualism: An Interview with Nancy L. Rosenblum”, The Hedgehog Review: Reflections on Contemporary Culture Spring, 2002 (Vol. 4 no. 1): 91-99.

“Democratic Families: The Logic of Congruence and Political Identity”, Hofstra Law Review, forthcoming, 2003.

“Constitutional Reason of State: The Fear Factor”, ed. Austin Sarat, *Dissent in Dangerous Times* (University of Michigan Press, 2004).

“Religious Parties, Religious Political Identity, and the Cold Shoulder of Liberal Democratic Thought”, in Ethical Theory and Moral Practice: An International Forum (Vol. 6 no. 1, March, 2003).

“Extremism and Anti-Extremism in American Party Politics” *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* Vol 12: 8450888 (Vol. 12, no. 2, 2002)

“Separating the Siamese Twins: Pluralism and School Choice” in Alan Wolfe, ed. *School Choice: The Moral Debate* (Princeton University Press: 2002)

“Democratic Justice “All the Way Down””, PEGS (2002)

“Primus Inter Pares: Political Parties and Civil Society”: 75 *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 2” 493-529 (2000)

Author with Robert Post, “Civil Society and Government: Introduction” and author, “Feminist Perspectives on Civil Society and Government” in Rosenblum and Post, *Civil Society and Government* (Princeton University Press, 2002)

“Political Parties as Membership Groups”: 100 *Columbia Law Review* 3 (April, 2000) at 813-844.

Author, “Pluralism and Integralism: Changed Conditions and Political Theories of Religious Accommodation”, and “*Amos*: Religious Autonomy and the Moral Uses of Pluralism” in Rosenblum, editor, *Obligations of Citizenship and Demands of Faith: Religious Accommodation in Pluralist Democracies* (Princeton University Press, 2000).

“Stopping Short by Stopping with Schools”, *Moral and Political Education: Nomos XLIII* ed. Steven Macedo and Yael Tamir (New York University Press, 2001)

“Civil Society in Contemporary Political Theory” in Richard Zinman, et al ed., *Politics at the Turn of the Century* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2001)

Forum and Response: Nancy Rosenblum’s *Membership and Morals*: PEGS: The Good Society, Vol. 9 no. 1, 1999.

“Fusion Republicanism” in Anita Allen and Milton Regan, Jr., ed., Debating Democracy’s Discontent: Essays on American Politics, Law, and Public Philosophy (Oxford University Press, 1999). Reprinted in

Andreas Hess, ed., American Social and Political Thought (New York: New York University Press, 2003): 412-416.

Recent Media and On-Line: For a full list of opinion pieces and podcasts contact the author.

Monkey Cage: Wash Post: https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/16/attorney-generals-fbi-conspiracy-theory-is-all-conspiracy-no-theory/?utm_term=.25c8ad32276a

ATLANTIC: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/04/trumps-witch-hunt-claims-arent-conspiracy-theories/586552/>

MarketWatch <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/why-you-should-care-about-todays-new-style-conspiracism-no-matter-your-politics-2019-04-25?mod=opinion>

Economist: <https://www.economist.com/open-future/2019/08/12/conspiracy-theories-are-dangerous-heres-how-to-crush-them>

Boston Globe opinion piece: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2019/08/26/the-conspiracist-logic-massacre/ompLfQfi4AFLnkung25sjN/story.html>

Populism, Demagogues, and Constitutional Democracy, America's Town Hall, National Constitution Center, December 8, 2016

“Amid Outbreaks of Populism Keep Faith with Democracy”, Philadelphia Inquirer, Dec. 5, 2016
http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20161205_Commentary_Amid_outbreak_of_populism_keep_faith_with_democracy.html

'Rigged Election' Claims Degrade Democracy. But 'Rigged System' Charges Enhance It. with Russell Muirhead, American Prospect, Nov. 7, 2016
<http://prospect.org/authors/russell-muirhead-nancy-l-rosenblum>

“Speaking Truth to Conspiracy” with Russell Muirhead, The Boston Globe, Aug 15, 2016.

“Climate and the Candidates” with Robert Jay Lifton, Huffington Post, June 10, 2016.

WBUR Open Source, Christopher Lydon, “American Hearts and Minds”, June 9, 2016.

Bernie Sanders Post-Nevada, And The Problem Of Political Hubris with Jane Mansbridge, WBUR Cognicenti, May 27, 2016
<http://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2016/05/27/bernie-sanders-after-nevada-nancy-l-rosenblum-and-jane-mansbridge>.

BBC4 “Thinking Aloud: Good Neighbors” July 2, 2016.

Good Neighbors on Consider This with Stuart Campbell, KZYX Public Radio, July 21, 2016.

“Anything but Partisanship” Dissent Upfront, October 16, 2009: <http://dissentmagazine.org/online>

The Moral Distinctiveness of Party ID, Cato Unbound: http://www.cato-unbound.org/2009/02/02/nancy_rosenblum/the_moral_distinctiveness_of_party_id

Awards, Fellowships, Honorific Positions

Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award, Harvard University, 2016

Member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, 2004

Board Member of the Russell Sage Foundation.

Fellow, Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law and Justice, NYU Law School, 2012-13.

Vice-President, American Political Science Association, 2010

Walter Channing Cabot Fellow 2010 award for scholarly eminence for *On the Side of Angels: An Appreciation of Parties and Partisanship*.

David Easton Award: Foundations of Political Theory Group, APSA, August 2002 for *Membership and Morals: The Personal Uses of Pluralism in America*.

Honorary Degree, Kalamazoo College, 1993

Harvard Law School Liberal Arts Fellowship, 1992-93

Bunting Institute Fellow, Radcliffe College, 1988-9

National Endowment of the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 1980

National Endowment of the Humanities, Summer, 1975

Harvard University Toppan Prize awarded for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Science, 1975

Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship, 1969-1972

Named Lectureships 2002-present:

Irving Howe Memorial Lecture, “The New Conspiracism: Its Danger and Its Absurdity”, October, 2019

The Sullivan Lecture, Georgetown University, “The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy”, May 2, 2019

Mellon Lecture, Mahindra Humanities Center, February 25, 2016.

Brian Barry Lecture, London School of Economics, May 21, 2015.

Lee Lecture, All Soul’s College, Oxford University, May 28, 2014.

John Graham Wootton Lecture, Tufts University, “Good Neighbor Nation: The Democracy of Everyday Life in America”, May 3, 2013.

Moffett Lecture, Princeton University, “Good Neighbor Nation: The Democracy of Everyday Life in America”, March 7, 2013.

“Partisanship and Independence”, Public Lecture, NYU Law School, November, 2012.

Gage Colloquium Lecturer, Miller Center, UVA, October, 2011

Patrick Henry Lecture, Johns Hopkins University, April, 2010

David Aaron Lecture, Dartmouth College, March, 2010

Storrs Lectures, Yale Law School, May, 2006: “On the Side of the Angels: Glorious Traditions of Antipartyism and Moments of Appreciation”

Wesson Lectures, Stanford University, April, 2006: “On the Side of the Angels: Glorious Traditions of Antipartyism and Moments of Appreciation”

Gilbane Lecture, Brown University, April 20, 2005: “Partisanship and Independence: The Moral Distinctiveness of Party ID”

Olin Lecture, University of Chicago, March 27, 2005. “Partisanship and Independence: The Moral Distinctiveness of Party ID”.

The Robert S. Stevens Lecture, Cornell University Law School, March 26, 2002.

The Priestley Lectures, University College, University of Toronto, January 14, 15, 16, 2002: “Party ID: Political Parties and Democratic Identity”

Seminar and Conference Presentations/ Conferences Organized by NLR (recent only)

SSRC Working Group on Climate Change Workshop, co-chair with Robert Keohane, Princeton University, Nov. 10-12, 2016.

“Good Neighbor Nation: The Democracy of Everyday Life”, Safra Center for Ethics and Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, February 19, 2015.

“Taking Offense, Speaking Out” from “Good Neighbor Nation” ms. in progress presented at the Colloquium on Law, Politics, and Economics, NYU Law School, November 13, 2012; University Texas Political Theory Seminar, February 15, 2013; Boalt Hall/Berkeley Political Theory Seminar, February 25, 2013; NYU Philosophy Colloquium, April 4, 2013.

“Good Neighbor Nation” presented at the Straus Institute Working Paper Series, October 3, 2013 and April 9, 2013.

“Why a Philosophy of History in Which the Present Moment is World-Altering is not Hubris and is Politically Necessary for SSRC “Anxieties of Democracy: Challenges and Concepts”
“, February 2, 2013; available on the SSRC website January, 2014.

“Governing Beyond Imagination: The World Historical Sources of Democratic Dysfunction”, Boston University Law School Conference on Democratic Dysfunction, November 15, 2013.

“Anxieties of Democracy”, SSRC, October, 2013

“Democracy: The Challenge of Our Generation”, Speech to Harvard University 40th Reunion, September 27, 2013.

“Eco-Migration”, panel on Joseph Carens, The Ethics of Immigration, APSA, August 31, 2013.

Response to Lawrence Sager: “Religious Liberty on the World Stage: Equal Membership and the Possibility of Benign Partiality” Columbia University Conference on Religious Freedom, Legal Pluralism, and Democratic Constitutionalism, February 23, 2013.

“The Dual State”, APSA panel on “Post-Democracy”, September 2, 2010

Organizer, “Office and Responsibility”, conference co-sponsored by the Safra Ethics Center, Department of Government, and Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, October 11-12, 2012.

Organizer, “The Utopian Turn in Political Theory: from Diagnosis to Institutional Design”, sponsored by the Straus Institute, NYU Law School, November 30, 2012.

Professional Service: 2000-2020

Executive Committee, “Anxieties of Democracy” project, SSRC, 2013 to present
 Co-Editor, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2012-present; Associate Editor, 2007-2012
 Vice-President, American Political Science Association, 2010-2011
 President, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, 2009-2011
 Board of Directors, Russell Sage Foundation – 2007-present.
 Associate Editor, 2007-
 Editorial Board, *Political Theory*, 2009-
Journal of Law and Ethics of Human Rights, Advisory Committee
 Council, Tocqueville Society, 2001—
 Editorial Board, *Civil Society Review*
 Advisory Committee for APSA programs, 2000 - 2001
 Woodrow Wilson Award Committee, APSA 2000
 Advisory Council, Department of Politics, Princeton University 1998-2002
 Visiting Committee, Harvard Law School 2006 – 2012
 External Review Committees most recently Columbia University, Political Science, October 2014.

Harvard University Service

Provost’s Advisory Committee: 2013- 15
 Chair, Department of Government 2004 - 2010
 Search Committee, Dean, Harvard Law School 2008-9
 Search Committee, Director, Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard, 2008-9
 Committee on Appointments and Promotions: 2007 - 2012
 Committee on Professional Conduct, 2004-2009
 Executive Committee, Center for American Studies, 2002-
 Chair, Harvard Human Rights Committee, 2003-04
 Member, Standing Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Faculty Associate, University Center for Ethics and the Professions
Executive Committee/Steering Committee, CAPS
Fellowship Reviewer, Radcliffe Institute
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Policy Scholars Program Mentor/Site Visit
Participant/Fellowship Reviewer

Teaching:

Moral Reasoning 68: Legalism: Ruly and Unruly Practices
Gov. 1061: Modern Political Philosophy
Gov. 1056: Identity Politics
Gov. 2030: Concepts in Contemporary Political Thought
Gov 97. Sophomore Tutorial Course Head: "Democracy"
Gov 3006: Graduate Research Workshop in Political Theory