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POSITIONS

Tufts University, Department of Political Science, Chair, 2006-

Tufts University, Department of Political Science, Professor, 2007-

Tufts University, Department of Political Science, Associate Professor, 1997-2007

Tufts University, Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor, 1991-1997

EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D., Political Science, 1990

Dissertation: "Recasting Conservatism" (Supervisors: Allan Silver, Columbia University; Rogers Smith, Yale University) Oral Examination Fields: Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics, American Politics

M.Phil., Political Science, 1986

M.A., Political Science, 1985

Oxford University

Visiting Student, St. Antony's College, 1986-88

Yale University

Visiting Student, 1983-84

University of Wisconsin

B. A. Sociology, 1975

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

Reforming Liberalism: J. S. Mill's Use of Ancient, Religious, Romantic and Liberal Moralities, Yale University Press, 2006

Recasting Conservatism: Oakeshott, Strauss, and the Response to Postmodernism, Yale University Press, 1994 (published in paperback in 1997)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Oakeshott as a Conservative," in *The Essential Oakeshott*, eds. Paul Franco and Cory Abel, eds. University Park: Penn State University Press, forthcoming.

"Strauss and Straussianism: From the Ancients to the Moderns?" *Political Studies* 57 (October 2009): 592-616.

"Building Bridges to the Continent: J. S. Mill's Theory of Justice," *History of Political Thought* XXIX (Winter 2008): 635-661.

"J. S. Mill and the Politics of Liberty and Wisdom," in *The Bicentennial Conference: John Stuart Mill, 1806-2006*, eds. Valentin Muresan and Christian Ducu, Bucharest: Bucharest University Press, 2008: 146-180.

"Cultivating the Individual and Society: J. S. Mill's Use of Ancient and Romantic Dialectics" *History of Political Thought* 27 (Spring 2006): 91-121

"Reforming Reformed Religion: J. S. Mill on the Enlightenment's Natural Religion." *American Political Science Review* 100 (February 2006): 15-27

"The Legacy of Michael Oakeshott," *Political Theory* 27 (February 1999): 131-139

"Mill on Liberty and Religion: An Unfinished Dialectic," in *Mill and the Moral Character of Liberalism*, ed. Eldon Eisenach, University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1998: 213-58.

"Plato, Nietzsche, & Strauss," *Political Science Reviewer* 26 (1997): 397-433

PUBLICATIONS (continued)**Book Reviews**

Review of Paul Franco, *Michael Oakeshott: An Introduction* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004) in *Claremont Review of Books* (Fall 2005)

Review of Fred Appel, *Nietzsche Contra Democracy* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999) in *American Political Science Review* (Winter 2000)

Review of *Cambridge Companion to Mill*, ed. John Skorupski in *American Political Science Review* (Winter 1999)

“A Philosopher for Our Time,” review of *Revolt Against Modernity: Leo Strauss, Eric Voegelin, and the Search for a Postliberal Order* by Ted McAllister in *The Wall Street Journal*, June 20, 1996

ACADEMIC HONORS AND GRANTS

Summer Scholars Program, Tufts University, 2008

Honored Faculty, Tisch College, 2007

Mellon Senior Faculty Fellowship, Tufts University, 2000

Phi Beta Kappa (honorary member), Tufts University, 1995

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, Princeton University, 1995

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Stanford University, 1990-91

Eisenhower and Roberts Fellow, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, 1986-88

Presidential Fellow, Columbia University, 1982-85

TEACHING AWARDS

Last Lecture, Tufts Class of 2009

Lillian and Joseph Leibner Award for Distinguished Teaching and Advising, Tufts University, 2000

Excellence in Teaching Award, American Political Science Association, 2000

Undergraduate Initiative in Teaching Award (UNITE), Tufts University, 1996

SELECTED COLLOQUIA AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair and discussant on panel entitled, "Competing Conceptions of Liberty," at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

Organized and moderated panel entitled, "Mill and the Classic Liberal Tradition," at the "John Stuart Mill Bicentennial Conference, 1806-2006," University of London, London, England, April 6, 2006

Chair and discussant on panel entitled, "Machiavelli and Montesquieu," annual conference of the New England Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 12, 2004

Paper and Lecture presented, "Cultivating the Individual and Society: J. S. Mill's Use of Ancient and Romantic Dialectics," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, October 5, 2004

"Joseph Hamburger on John Stuart Mill," conference sponsored by the Liberty Fund, Montreal, Canada, September 17-19, 2004

Paper and Lecture presented, "Understanding and Overcoming Plato," Olin Lecture Series, Boston College, March 20, 2002

Paper presented, "Reforming Liberalism: Mill's Challenge to Kant," on the panel entitled "Kant and Liberalism," at the annual conference of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 16, 2001

Paper and Lecture presented, "Theories of Moral Sympathy: Adam Smith and J. S. Mill," Olin Lecture Series, University of Toronto, January 29, 1999

Roundtable Participant, "Postmodern Platos," book by Catherine Zuckert, at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 28, 1997

"The Platonic Trilogy: *Statesman*, *Theatetus*, *Protagoras*," conference sponsored by the Liberty Fund, Minneapolis, MN, May 7-10, 1997

SELECTED COLLOQUIA AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (continued)

Chair and respondent for panel, "The Political Philosophy of Alexis De Tocqueville," New England Political Science Association, New London, Connecticut, April 12, 1997

"Plato on Courage," conference sponsored by the Liberty Fund, Colorado Springs, January 22-24, 1997

Organized and moderated roundtable on "Declaration of Independence and the Idea of Equality," at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2, 1996

Organized panel, "Mill and Liberalism," and presented paper, "Mill on Liberty and Religion: An Unfinished Dialectic," for annual conference of American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1, 1995

Paper and lecture presented, "Strauss and Straussianism on Machiavelli." The John M. Olin Center for Inquiry in to the Theory and Practice of Democracy and Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, April 20, 1994

Organized panel, "Visions of Liberty" and presented paper, "Leo Strauss and Liberalism," annual conference of American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2, 1993

Chair and discussant on panel entitled, "Liberty in Mill and Nietzsche's Thought," annual conference of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, R. I., April 10, 1993.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY TALKS

"Last Lecture," April 22, 2009

Debate: "Is Experiential Learning a Necessary Part of a Liberal Arts Education," November 15, 2008.

"Tufts and Liberal Education: Will Socrates Be Killed Again?" Tufts' Greek Alumni Alliance, Athens, Greece, May 23, 2007

"Higher and Lower Learning at Tufts," Tufts' Boston Alumni Alliance, December 6, 2006

"Wisdom and the Modern University, *Phi Beta Kappa* Ceremony, Tufts University, April 28, 1996

COURSES

Western Political Thought I & II
Liberalism and Its Philosophic Critics
Liberty, Morality & Virtue
Political Philosophy of Jean Jacques Rousseau
Political Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche
Political Philosophy of Leo Strauss

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, 2006—

Chair, Committee on Graduate Education, 2006-2009

Member, Committee on Graduate Education, 1997-98

Chair, Colcord Lecture Series, 2006-2009

Chair, Search Committee for position in Political Theory, 2009

Chair, Search Committee for position in Comparative Politics, 2005

Member, Search Committee for position in Political Theory, 2004

Member, Search Committee for position in Comparative Politics, 2000

Chair, Search Committee for position in Political Theory, 1995

Preparator, Promotion of Ioannis Evrigenis to Associate Professor, 2009

Preparator, Promotion of Vickie Sullivan to Full Professor, 2004

Preparator, Promotion of Vickie Sullivan to Associate professor, 1997

Chair, Belfer Committee, which awards best paper written in political science for academic year, 2000-2003, 2006

Member, Belfer Committee, 2004-2005, 2007

Member, Methodology Committee, 1991-96

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Fletcher-PS Committee on Graduate Education, 2007-2009

Member, Faculty Research Awards Committee, 2002-2006

Chair, Task Force on Civic Engagement in International Relations Program, 2004-2007

Member, Leibner Award in Teaching Excellence Committee, 2002-

Member, Steering Committee in *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1997-2007

Member, Core Faculty in International Relations, 1992-

Member, Executive Committee, International Relations Program, 2004-

Member, Tufts-in-Talloires Committee, 1999-2004

Chair, World Civilization Committee, 1996-98

Member, World Civilization Committee, 1993-98

INTER-UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

External Examiner for dissertation committee: Department of Political Science, University of Toronto (twice), 2001.

Dissertation Committee: Department of Political Science, Claremont-McKenna College, 2007--

EXTERNAL REFEREE

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
History of Political Thought
Journal of Politics
Political Studies
Polity
Review of Politics

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

University of Chicago Press
Cornell University Press
St. Martin's Press
University of Kansas Press
University of Toronto Press
Yale University Press

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa, Tufts University, 1997-

Member, American Political Science Association, 1991-

Member, New England Political Science Association, 1992-

Participant, Program on Constitutional Government in the Department of Government, Harvard University, 1995-

Member, Michael Oakeshott Association, 2001-

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French (reading)