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HIGHER EDUCATION

A. Degrees

McGill University (September 1994-December 2001)

- PhD (December 2001) in Political Science
- Dissertation Title: “Isaiah Berlin’s Liberal Pluralism” (passed with distinction).
- Major Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Government (Developing)
- Minor Field: International Relations

University of Toronto (September 1993-August 1994)

- M.A. with honors in Political Science
- Major Fields: Political Theory, International Relations

University of Toronto (September 1986-May 1991)

- B.A.(h) in Political Science and English Literature

EXPERIENCE

A. Teaching

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (September 2006-Present)

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

Concordia University (September 2002–May 2005)

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

B. Other

New York University (June 2005-September 2006)

- Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

C. Listing of courses, with numbers and titles, taught at UMass Dartmouth ordered by semester/academic year

- **Fall 2010**
 - PSC450: World Political Issues and Ideas: the Politics of Multiculturalism
 - PSC354: Contemporary Political Thought
 - PSC352: Classical Political Thought
- **Spring 2009**
 - PSC321: American Political Thought II
 - PSC251: World Political Issues and Ideas: Political Ethics in the War Against Terror (honors)
 - PSC171: Introduction to Political Theory
- **Fall 2008**
 - PSC354: Classical Political Thought
 - PSC352: Contemporary Political Thought
 - PSC171: Introduction to Political Theory
- **Spring 2008**
 - PSC250: Introduction to Political Philosophy
 - PSC251: World Political Issues and Ideas: Political Ethics in the War Against Terror (honors)
 - PSC321: American Political Thought II
- **Fall 2007**
 - PSC 400: Seminar in American Politics and Ideas: the Politics of Pluralism
 - PSC 354: Contemporary Political Thought
 - PSC 352: Classical Political Thought
- **Spring 2007**
 - PSC 321: American Political Thought II
 - PSC 250: Introduction to Political Philosophy (honors)
- **Fall 2006**
 - PSC 354: Contemporary Political Thought
 - PSC 352: Classical Political Thought

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Scholarship and Professional Activities:

PUBLICATIONS

a. Books

Targeting Terrorists: a License to Kill? (Ashgate Press, Ethics and Global Politics Series, 2008)

Frontiers of Diversity: Explorations in Contemporary Pluralism, Editor (Rodopi Press, 2005)

The Metamorphosis of War: Concepts, Cases, Critique, Editor (Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, forthcoming 2010)

b. Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Upholding the Principle of Distinction in Counterterror Operations: A Dialogue”
Journal of Military Ethics 9:1 (forthcoming, January 2010)

“Predator Drone Strikes on Al Qaeda and Taliban Targets in Pakistan: The Pros and Cons for a Policy of Targeted Killing,” *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* 1:1 (Summer 2009), co-written with Brian Williams, p. 7-26.

“Conflict, Identity and Creation: Isaiah Berlin and the Normative Case for Pluralism,”
Partial Answers 7:1 (January 2009), p. 109-32.

“Terminating Terror: the Legality, Politics and Ethics of Targeting Terrorists,” *Theoria* 114 (2007), p. 1-27.

“Film as Ethical Argument: Evaluating Munich’s Case Against Targeted Killing,” *Film and Philosophy*, Volume 11 (2007), p. 121-38.

“Isaiah Berlin and the Plurality of Histories: Two Concepts of Karl Marx,” *Rethinking History* 10:1 (March 2006), p. 75-93.

“Prince Harry: Shakespeare’s Critique of Machiavelli,” *Interpretation* 33:1 (Fall 2005), p. 19-43; being republished in *Shakespeare Criticism*, Volume 125 (forthcoming September 2009).

“The Mirror Crack’d – History Reflected by Hollywood,” *Academic Exchange Quarterly* 9:2 (Summer 2005), p. 11-15. (with Paul D’Amboise)

“Re-Visiting Berlin: Why Two Liberties are Better than One,” *Politics and Ethics Review* 1:2 (2005), p. 138-57.

“Why Monist Critique Feeds Value Pluralism: Ronald Dworkin’s Critique of Isaiah Berlin,” *Social Theory and Practice* 30:1 (January 2004), p. 105-26.

“The Limited Compatibility of Pluralism and Liberalism: Against the General Incompatibility Thesis,” *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*, 2:4 (Summer 2003), p. 257-74.

c. Review Essays in Peer Review Journals

“Lukes’s Three-Dimensional Model of Power Redux: Is it Still Compelling,” *Social Theory and Practice* 33:3 (July 2007), p. 489-500.

“The Moral Economy of Human Justice and Divine: Conflicting Commands in *the Blues Brothers, The Apostle* and *The Big Kahuna*” (Review Essay), *Contemporary Review of Justice* 7:3 (September 2004), p. 335-8.

“On the Self-Defeating Language of Martyrs and Suicide Bombers,” *Journal of Diplomatic Language* 1:1 (2004), p. 69-74.

d. Peer Reviewed Book Chapters.

“Empty Hands: Political Pluralism, Communication and Community in Ursula Le Guin’s *The Dispossessed*” in P. Stillman and L.Davis (ed.s), *The New Utopian Politics of Ursula Le Guin’s The Dispossessed* (Lexington Press, 2005), p. 283-304.

“Pluralist Imperialism: The Emergent Paradigm of U.S. Foreign Policy,” in *Frontiers of Diversity: Explorations in Contemporary Pluralism*, Avery Plaw ed. (New York: Rodopi Press, 2005), p. 45-65.

e. Book chapters.

“The Legality of Targeted Killing as an Instrument of War: The Case of Qaed Sinan al-Harethi,” in Avery Plaw and Axel Augé (ed.s), *The Metamorphosis of War* (Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, forthcoming 2009).

“Is the War on Terror Real? Should it be?” in Robert Brecher and Graeme Goldsworthy (ed.s), *War and Terror: Politics, Representation and Practice* (New York/Amsterdam: Rodopi Press, forthcoming 2009).

“Why We Would Be Better Off Without an Anti-Terrorism Act” in *In/Security: Canada Responds to the Post-9/11 World* (Burnaby: Center for Canadian Studies, Simon Fraser University, 2005), p. 231-62.

“Henri Bourassa as a Neglected Father of Canadian Nationalism,” in John McFarlane (ed.), *Canada 1900 – 1950: A Country Comes of Age* (Montreal: Zero Faute, September 2003), p. 205-17.

“The Political Economy of American Slavery,” in Cynthia Northrup (ed.), *The American Economy: A Historical Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2003), p. 458-65.

f. Book Reviews in Peer Reviewed Journals

“Charles Blattberg’s *Shall We Dance?*” *Dialogue* XLIV:4 (2005), p. 784-6.

“Qualified Evil?: Michael Ignatieff’s *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror*,” *Politics and Ethics Review*, 1:1 (2005), p. 103-6.

“Redeeming Class: Gibson-Graham, Resnick and Wolff’s *Re-Presentation of Class Analysis*,” *International Labour and Working Class History* Volume 65 (2004), p. 205-7.

“Charles Blattberg’s *From Pluralist to Patriotic Politics*,” *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2:1 (2004), Book Reviews, p. i–vi.

“William Galston’s *Liberal Pluralism*” in *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*, 3:2 (2003), p. 271-3.

“Beaud’s History of Capitalism,” *International Labor and Working Class History Journal*, Volume 64 (2003), p. 174-7.

WORK IN PROGRESS

a. Book Proposals Accepted

Precarious Equilibrium: Agonistic Liberalism and Value Pluralism, (McGill-Queen’s University Press, accepted on the basis of three sample chapters)

b. Articles in Progress

“the Anatomy of Political Theory: a Typology and Analysis Based on Representations of Structure and Change in our Moral Universe”

“King Lear as a Communitarian Critique of Justice”

RESEARCH AWARDS RECEIVED

a. Individual

2009-10 Chancellor’s Colloquium Prize (\$1000) at University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth

2009 Shortlisting for Canadian Political Science Association IR Award for Best Book of the year in International Relations (for *Targeting Terrorists*)

2008 Wilson Carey McWilliams Award (\$250) for the Best Paper at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in the Division of Politics, Literature and Film.

Editor’s Choice for 2005, *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, for “The Mirror Crack’d – History Reflected by Hollywood.”

Nomination for CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award, 2003.

Nomination for *Prix D’Excellence de L’Académie des Grands Montréalais*, 2002.

RESEARCH GRANTS RECEIVED

a. Individual

Joseph P. Healey Grant (\$8300) from the University of Massachusetts. 2009-10.

Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$75 056), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. 2005-7.

Doctoral Fellowship (\$62 000), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. 1995-1998.

Publication Subvention Grant (\$1000) from the Provost's Office of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for the final preparation of the manuscript of *The Metamorphosis of War: Concepts, Cases, Critique*.

Publication Subvention Grant (\$1000) from the Provost's Office of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for final preparation of the manuscript of *Targeting Terrorists: a License to Kill?*

Ten Travel Grants to Present Research from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (from \$500 to \$1000/each). 2006-8.

Two Travel Grants from the Canadian Political Science Association to present research at the Annual Meeting. 2003 and 2004 (approximately \$500/each).

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT GRANTS RECEIVED

a. Individual

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth Professional Development Grant (\$500) to attend the American Philosophy Teachers Association Annual Meeting. 2008.

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth Professional Development Grant (\$500) to attend the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. 2008.

University of Massachusetts Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development Grant (\$1000) to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum for PSC 250: Political Ethics in the War on Terror and to coordinate the participation of other faculty. 2007.

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Professional Development Grant (\$500) to attend the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

a. Works presented

“Vindicating the Principle of Distinction in the Fight Against Terror,” International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress, July 12-5, Santiago, Chile.

“The Anatomy of Political Theory: a Typology and Analysis Based on Representations of Structure and Change in our Moral Universe,” and “Vindicating the Principle of Distinction in the Fight Against Terror,” at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, Ontario.

“Vindicating the Principle of Distinction in the Fight Against Terror,” New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 22-4, 2009, New York, New York.

“The Legality of Targeted Killing as an Instrument of War: The Case of Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi,” and “Vindicating the Principle of Distinction in the Fight Against Terror,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 15-18, 2009, New York, New York.

“Value Pluralism, Identity Conflict and Genius,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory (APT), October 9-12, 2008, Wesleyan University, Middleton Connecticut.

“Genius, Identity Conflict and Value Pluralism: Isaiah Berlin’s History of Ideas and the Normative Case for Value Pluralism,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 28-31, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Value Pluralism, Identity Conflict and Genius,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), University of British Columbia, June 4-6, 2008, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

“The Legality of Targeted Killing as an Instrument of War: The Case of Qaed Sinan al-Harethi,” presented at the Fifth Global Conference on War, Virtual War and Human Security, May, 5-7, 2008, Budapest, Hungary.

“Genius, Identity Conflict and Value Pluralism: Isaiah Berlin’s History of Ideas and the Normative Case for Value Pluralism,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA), Annual Meeting, April 25-6, 2008, Providence, Rhode Island.

“King Lear as a Communitarian Critique of Justice,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory (APT), University of Western Ontario, October 11-13, 2007, London, Ontario.

“Licensed to Kill: the Practice and Politics of Targeted Killing,” and “Munich Revisited: Reevaluating the Wrath of God,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 28-September 2, 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

“Against Distributive Justice,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Justice Studies Association (JSA), June 7, 2007, Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island.

“Is the War on Terror Real? Should it be?” presented at the Fourth Global Conference on War, Virtual War and Human Security, May 3, 2007, Budapest, Hungary.

“Is the War on Terror Real? Should it be?” presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association (NYSPSA), April 20, 2007, Poughkeepsie, New York.

“Terminating Terror: The Ethics, Legality and Politics,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association/International Studies Association – NorthEast (NEPSA/ISA-NE), November 10, 2006, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Lukes’ Radical View of Power Redux: Is it Still Compelling?” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, September 3, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Fighting Terror Ethically and Legally: the Case of Targeting Terrorists,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), June 3, 2006, Toronto, Ontario.

“Turning Terror: The Ethics and Legality of Targeting Terrorists,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA), April 22, 2006, New York, New York .

“Democratic Imperialism: The Emergent Paradigm of U.S. Foreign Policy,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), September 3, 2005, Washington, D.C.

“Citizenship and the Crisis of Liberal Education: Two Concepts of Political Imagination,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), June 4, 2005, London, Ontario.

“Empty Hands: Political Pluralism, Communication and Community in Ursula Le Guin’s *The Dispossessed*,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies, October 7-10, 2004, Toronto, Ontario.

“Prince Harry: Shakespeare’s Critique of Machiavelli,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), June 3-5, 2004, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

“Why Monist Critique Fuels Pluralism: Ronald Dworkin’s Critique of Isaiah Berlin,” presented at the First Critical Conference on Pluralism, September 19-21, 2003, Oxford, England.

“Isaiah Berlin’s Normative Pluralism and Expressive Liberalism: Why Two Liberties are Better than One,” and “Why We Would Be Better Off Without an Anti-Terrorism Act,” presented to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Dalhousie University, May 28–June 1, 2003, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

“Misdefining Terror: The Failure of Canadian Policy on Terrorism Since September 11,” In/Security Conference: Canada in an International World Conference, Simon Fraser University, November 9, 2002, Vancouver, British Columbia.

“Henri Bourassa as a Neglected Father of Canadian Nationalism,” presented at the Defining Moments Conference: Turning Points in Canadian History 1900 – 1950, a collaboration of the Organization for the History of Canada and the Université de Québec à Montréal, October 4, 2002, Montreal, Quebec.

“Pluralism, Historicism and the Problem of Historical Development,” presented at the “History Matters Conference: Area Studies, Cultural Values and the History of Uneven Development,” International Labor and Working Class History Journal and the New School University, May 4, 2002, New York, New York.

“In Defense of Pluralist Liberalism,” presented at the “Crisis and Opportunity Conference” hosted by Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, New School University, May 3, 2002, New York, New York.

b. Conference Presentations forthcoming

“The Anatomy of Political Theory: a Typology and Analysis Based on Representations of Structure and Change in our Moral Universe,” at the Association for Political Theory (APT) Annual Meeting, October 22-4, 2009, in College Station, Texas.

“Sudden Justice? Evaluating the US Predator Drone Campaign in Pakistan,” at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, February 17-20, New Orleans.

c. Invited Talks

“The Evolution of Detainee Classification,” at Trends and Issues in Terrorism and the Law Conference, Southern New England School of Law, Oct. 2, 2009.

“Ethics and Counterterrorism” at Vanier College in Montreal (for which I was awarded a small honorarium), May 1, 2009.

“Death from the Skies” for Spotlight Program at University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, May 7, 2009.

“Political Struggles in Canada Continued,” Bay Path College on the topic of Canadian Politics and Theorists, January 26, 2008.

“King Lear as a Communitarian Critique of Justice,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), June 28 -30, 2007, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

“Political Struggles in Canada” for Bay Path College on the topic of Canadian Politics and Theorists, January 26, 2007.

“Authority to Intervene: States, Political Communities and the United Nations,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), July 1, 2006, Trier, Germany.

d. Periodical Publications

- “Craft Long Term Plan for Afghanistan,” *the Standard-Times*, December 19, 2007
- “History of Suicide Bombing Looks at Various Cases,” *Montreal Gazette*, December 18, 2004, w5.
A Review of Christoph Reuter’s *My Life is a Weapon: A Modern History of Suicide Bombing*
- “Return to The Age of Letters” *Montreal Gazette*, August 14, 2004, w7.
A Review of Isaiah Berlin, *Letters: 1928 – 46*.
- “Fighting Evil Effectively and Ethically,” *National Post and Montreal Gazette*, May. 5, 2004, w7.
A Review of Michael Ignatieff’s *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror*.
- “Complicity in Terror,” *Montreal Gazette*, April 3, 2004, Arts and Books, p. 4.
A Review of Stewart Bell, *Cold Terror: How Canada Nurtures and Exports Terror Around the World*
- “Lloyd Axworthy says that Canadians can make a Difference,” *Montreal Gazette*, September 2003, p. I2
A Review of Lloyd Axworthy’s *Navigating a New World: Canada’s Global Future*.
- “U.S. Tries ‘Empire Lite’ As Formula for Order” *Montreal Gazette*, August 23, 2003, I1
A Review of Michael Ignatieff’s *Empire Lite*
- “Tracing Canadian Tax Dollars,” *Montreal Gazette*, August 9, 2003, p. I3.
A Review of Brigitte Pellerin’s *The Road Never Travelled*
- “Rethinking Defense Policy,” *Montreal Gazette*, Saturday, July 12, 2003, I5
A review of Desmond Morton’s, *Understanding Canadian Defense*
- “Law Professor has a Warning for Canadians,” *Montreal Gazette*, Roach, June 7, J1
A review of Kent Roach’s *September 11: Consequences for Canada*
- “A Compassionate Capitalist Peers into the Future,” *Montreal Gazette*, May 10, 2003, I3
A Review of Bill Emmott’s *20:21 Vision: Twentieth Century Lessons for the Twenty-first Century*
- “The Practical Value of Philosophical Thinking,” *Montreal Gazette*, December 28, 2002, p. H3
A Review of Mark Kingwell’s *Practical Judgments*

“Bourassa’s Story of Fall and Redemption,” *Montreal Gazette*, September 14, 2002, p. H1
A Review of L. Ian MacDonald’s *From Bourassa to Bourassa: Wilderness to Redemption*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee, 2009
- Member, Awards Committee of the American Political Science Association Division on Politics, Literature and Film, 2009
- Member, Steering Committee, War, Virtual War and Human Security Project, 2008-Present
- Member, Working Group on Comparative Political Theory, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008 and 2007
- Panel Chair, Fourth and Fifth Global Conferences on War, Virtual War and Human Security, 2007 and 2008
- Panel Chair and Discussant at the 2009, 2007 and 2006 Annual Meetings of the New York State Political Science Association
- Panel Chair, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, 2007
- Referee, Ashgate Press, 2009
- Referee, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 2009, 2008, 2006 and 2004
- Referee, *Social Theory and Practice*, 2008 and 2004
- Referee, NYU Press, 2006
- Referee, *Politics and Ethics Review*, 2004
- Panel Chair, 2004 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association
- Discussant, 2003 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

a. Service to the Department

- Co-Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Student Honors Society, 2007-present
- Member, PTL Committee, 2006-Present
- Faculty Advisor for 19 Students, 2007-Present
- Supervisor of two Senior Thesis Projects, 2008-9
- Designed New Mandatory Introductory Course in Political Theory (PSC171)
- Three PTL Observations

b. Service to the College

- Member, College Curriculum Committee, 2006-Present
- Member, Speak Up, Speak Out Advisory Board, 2006-Present
- Brown Bag Faculty Research Talk, “Terminating Terror,” 2006
- Frequent Panelist, Speak Up, Speak Out Forums, 2006-9
- Public Talk for the Center for Jewish Culture, “Munich Revisited,” 2008

c. Service to the University

- Advisor, University Academic Advising Center, 2006-Present
- Member, University Judicial Board, 2007-Present
- Member, Faculty Senate, 2008-Present
- Member, Steering Committee of Faculty Senate, 2008-Present
- Member, Honors Program Committee, 2008-Present
- Reader, Honors Thesis, 2009
- Supervisor, Honors Thesis, 2010

d. Other University Service

- Faculty Advisor and Coach for University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Speech and Debate Society

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Member, American Political Science Association
- Member, Canadian Political Science Association
- Member, New York Political Science Association
- Member, International Studies Association & International Studies Association - North East
- Member, American Society of International Law