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### Education

Ph.D. 1989      Yale University, Philosophy, Danforth Fellow  
B.A. 1975      Vassar College, Philosophy, Phi Beta Kappa

### Teaching Career in Philosophy

Connecticut College (Professor 2005-present, Associate 1995-2005, Assistant 1989-1995)  
Yale University Summer Session Faculty (2005-present)  
Wesleyan University's Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Summer 2003  
Visiting Associate Professor, Yale University, Spring 2003  
Lecturer, Yale University, Spring 1988; 1988-1989  
Instructor, Vassar College, 1981-87  
Teaching Assistant, Yale University, 1979-81

### Publications

#### Books

"**Foreword**" to the republication of Hans Jonas's *The Phenomenon of Life*  
(Northwestern University Press, 2001)

**Editor, *Mortality and Morality: A Search for the Good After Auschwitz***  
(Northwestern University Press, 1996). My compilation of Hans Jonas's later essays  
includes a 40-page Introduction, "Hans Jonas's Exodus: From German Existentialism to  
Post-Holocaust Theology."

***The Fragile "We": Ethical Implications of Heidegger's Being and Time***  
(Northwestern University Press, 1994).

#### Articles

**"Heidegger, Buber and Levinas: Must We Give Priority to Authenticity or Mutuality or Holiness?,"** in Proceedings from the Dublin conference, "Discovering the 'We': the Phenomenology of Sociality" (forthcoming, *Contributions to Phenomenology* series, Springer, 2014)

**"Evolution and the Meaning of Being: Jonas, Heidegger and Nihilism,"** in the French journal *Alter* (forthcoming, 2014)

**"Is Aging a Gift?: Bioconservatism and the Ethics of Gratitude,"** forthcoming in a volume, *Global Ethics and Moral Responsibility* (Ashgate, forthcoming 2014), edited by Holger Burckhart and John-Stewart Gordon.

**"Metaphysics after 'the End of Metaphysics': Recovering 'the Good' from Heidegger,"** in *Phenomenology and Ethics* (Lexington Press, 2012), edited by Jeremy Wisniewski.

**"Eichmann in Athens: Hannah Arendt, Emmanuel Levinas and the New Problem of Evil,"** in *Phenomenology and Ethics* (Lexington Press, 2012), edited by Jeremy Wisniewski.

**"The Responsibility of Thinking in Dark Times: Hannah Arendt versus Hans Jonas,"** in *The Graduate Faculty Journal* of the New School (Spring, 2008). Also available in a German volume of critical essays about Jonas's work: *Mensch, Gott, Welt* (Rombach Verlag, 2008).

**"Emmanuel Levinas and the Judaism of the Good Samaritan,"** in *Levinas Studies* (Volume 3, 2008).

**"Overcoming Heidegger's Nihilism: Hans Jonas versus Leo Strauss,"** in *Heidegger's Jewish Followers: Essays on Hannah Arendt, Leo Strauss, Hans Jonas, and Emmanuel Levinas*, edited by Samuel Fleischacker (Duquesne University Press, 2008).

**"Natural-Law Judaism?: the Genesis of Bioethics in Hans Jonas, Leo Strauss and Leon Kass,"** *The Hastings Center Report* (May-June 2006). This essay has been republished in two volumes: *Humanity before God: Jewish, Christian and Islamic Faces of Contemporary Ethics* (Fortress Press, 2006), edited by William Schweiker of the University of Chicago, and *Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life: the Legacy of Hans Jonas* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006), edited by Norbert and Hava Samuelson.

**"Jewish Philosophies After Heidegger: Imagining a Dialogue between Jonas and Levinas,"** in a compilation of the 2000 Hannah Arendt Lectures at the New School for Social Research, *The Graduate Faculty Journal* (2001). A shorter version is published as "Jewish Philosophies After Heidegger: Levinas and Jonas on Responsibility" in *Civil Responsibilities: Global Perspectives*, edited by Winston Davis (University of Virginia Press, 2001)

**"Does Environmental Ethics Need A Metaphysical Grounding?,"** *The Hastings Center Report* (Special Issue on the Legacy of Hans Jonas, 1995). Reprinted in a volume edited by David Macauley, *Minding Nature: Philosophers of Ecology* (Guilford Publications, 1996).

**"Hans Jonas's Diagnosis of Nihilism: the Case of Heidegger,"** *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (March 1995).

**"Authenticity and Recognition: A Review Discussion of Charles Taylor's Recent Work,"** *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, (September 1993).

**"Understanding and Blaming: Problems in the Attribution of Moral Responsibility,"** *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (March 1993).

### Select Invited Lectures

"Evolution and the Meaning of Being: Jonas, Heidegger and Nihilism," for an international colloquium in Santiago, Chile, "La Fenomenologica de la vida de Hans Jonas," at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile; also delivered for an international conference commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Hans Jonas, "L'Éthique a L'Épreuve de la Technique dans la Pensee de Hans Jonas" at the Sorbonne in Paris, France (October, 2013)

"Heidegger, Buber and Levinas: Must We Give Priority to Authenticity or Mutuality or Holiness?," a Keynote Address to the Dublin conference, "Discovering the 'We': the Phenomenology of Sociality" sponsored by the Irish Research Council (May, 2013); also delivered at Vassar College in honor of the retirement of Prof. Mitchell Miller (September, 2013)

"Cosmic Imaginaries: Why Save the Earth?" for the University of Kentucky Philosophy Dept. lecture series (September, 2011)

"Hannah Arendt and the Burden of 'Meaning'," German Studies Association panel on Hannah Arendt (September, 2011)

"Jewish Responses to the Legacy of Heidegger," to the Hans Jonas Workshop sponsored by the Tikvah Fund under the directorship of Leora Batnitzky at Princeton University (June, 2010).

"Eichmann in Athens: Hannah Arendt and the New Problem of Evil," for St. John's College, Santa Fe, N.M. (April, 2008) Earlier versions delivered at the invitation of Wesleyan University (October 2006).and Dickinson College (April, 2005).

"Is Aging a Gift?: Bioconservatism and the Ethics of Gratitude," for a conference - Phenomenology and Posthumanism - at the Simon Silverman Center for Phenomenology, Duquesne University (March, 2008)

"The Responsibility of Thinking in Dark Times: Hannah Arendt versus Hans Jonas" for the Philosophy Department Lecture Series, The New School for Social Research, New York City (September, 2007)

"Metaphysics after 'the End of Metaphysics': Recovering 'the Good' from Heidegger," about the work of Charles Taylor, written for and given as part of the Northwestern University Philosophy Department Lecture Series (May, 2004).

"Natural-Law Judaism?: the Genesis of Bioethics in Hans Jonas, Leo Strauss and Leon Kass," for the Sharpe Lectures at the University of Chicago (October 2003); also delivered at Trinity College (November 2003) and Dartmouth College (February 2004) and Arizona State University (November 2005).

"Overcoming Heidegger's Nihilism: Hans Jonas versus Leo Strauss," St John's College, Santa Fe, N.M. (April 2001)

"Jewish Philosophies After Heidegger: Imagining a Dialogue between Levinas and Jonas," for the Hannah Arendt/Reiner Schurmann Symposium in Political Philosophy, the New School for Social Research (October 2000)

"Reply" to Janette Blandford's paper, "Heidegger and the Status of *das Man*," at the annual conference of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (April 2000)

"Levinas and the Judaism of the Good Samaritan," for the Levinas and the Future of the Humanities Symposium at the University of Vermont (March 2000)

"Phenomenology and Judaism," for the conference, Addressing Levinas, at Emory University (November 1999)

"Jewish Philosophies After Heidegger: Levinas and Jonas on Responsibility," for the year-long series, Civil Responsibility: Global Perspectives, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Washington and Lee University and the 150th anniversary of its School of Law (October 1998)

"Individual Responsibility and Corporate Health Care Benefits," invited presentation for a workshop on ethical issues in managed care at the Hastings Center (March 1996).

"Richard Rorty and 'the Honorable Fascist': Do Human Rights Need A Rational Foundation?," Vassar College (February 1994) and Trinity College (April 1994).

"The Philosophy of Hans Jonas and the Emergency of Ecological Ethics Today," the University of Marburg, Germany (June 1993) and the University of Richmond (November 1993). Originally delivered in Marburg at the invitation of Hans Jonas in honor of his 90th birthday.

"Hans Jonas's Diagnosis of Nihilism: the Case of Heidegger," paper selected for presentation at a conference in honor of Hans Jonas sponsored by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (January 1992).

### **Honors and Awards**

Helen Brooks Regan Faculty Leadership Award, Connecticut College, 2013

Presented Baccalaureate Address twice at the request of the Senior Class of Connecticut College: 1998 and 2007.

Connecticut College Student Government Association Prize for Excellence in Teaching, awarded to two professors each year, May 1994.

Invited by Hans Jonas to present an American perspective on the significance of his work, at a conference in honor of Jonas's 90th birthday, sponsored by the Theological Faculty at the University of Marburg, Germany, June 1993.

NEH Summer Institute Fellowship, "Heidegger and Davidson: Critics of Cartesianism," University of California at Santa Cruz, July-August 1990.

Danforth Fellowship for Graduate Study, 1977-1981.

### **Courses Taught**

Ancient, Modern, Nineteenth Century and Contemporary Philosophy

Hegel (co-taught with Mel Woody)

Introduction to and Seminars in Phenomenology and Existentialism

American Philosophy (with emphasis on the Pragmatist tradition)

Heidegger and his Critics (Jonas, Buber, and Levinas)

Hannah Arendt

Ethics

Bioethics: Medical and Environmental

The Ethics of War in the Nuclear Age

Professional Ethics: Business, Law, Medicine and Journalism

Free Will and Responsibility

Tolerance, Intolerance and the Intolerable

Moral Disagreement and Moral Truth

The Good Society (co-taught with Jeff Singer, Psychology)

Evil

Living a Moral Life (co-taught with David Kim, Religion)

Happiness

Tragedy, Comedy, and Philosophy (a freshmen seminar)

Laughter, Humor and Comedy

Philosophy, Politics and the Human Condition: Berlin, Arendt, and Strauss

### **Significant Service to Connecticut College**

PPBC (Planning, Priority and Budget Committee): Chair (to be), 2012-13; Chair-elect, 2011-12

FSCC (Faculty Steering and Conference Committee): Chair, 2009-10; Chair-elect, 2008-09

EPC (Educational Planning Committee): Chair twice, 2002-03 and 1992-93

Philosophy Department: Chair, Spring 1997-2007 (except for Fall, 1998 and 2003-04)

Founder, Pizza and Profundity program: the Philosophy Department's speakers' series

CFC (Committee on Faculty Compensation), elected representative from the Humanities, Fall 1999-2001 and Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Special Staffing Committee, elected representative from the Humanities, 2001-02

Provost's Council, Fall 1995-Spring 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, Conn. College (President, 2008-present): Vice-President (Spring, 2008)

Dean of Faculty Review Committee (2010-11)

Dean of the Faculty Search Committee (2006-07)

PICA Advisory Board, Fall 2004-Spring 2007

CISLA, Participant in inaugural faculty and student seminars: "Tradition and Modernity" (early 1990's)

Institutional Review Board (IRB), Fall 2002-Spring 2007