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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2000-	Professor of Political Science
2008-12	Abraham Lincoln Professor of Political Philosophy
1990-2K	Associate Professor of Political Science
1983-90	Assistant Professor of Political Science
1987-88	John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Fellowship (Twelve-month paid research leave)
1980-83	Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Scholar Department of Political Science University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

PERSONAL

Born in Toronto, Canada (19 April 1952) Canadian Citizen; Naturalized US Citizen (21 November 2008)

Home address: 58 Park Street	
	Orono ME 04473
Telephone:	(207) 866-7034

EDUCATION

PhD 1981 Dissertation:	Boston College <i>Athenian Democracy, Empire, and the Problem of</i> <i>Tyranny: A Study of Thucydides.</i> (Supervisor: Christopher J. Bruell)
PhD Languages:	French and Classical Greek
BA 1975	University of Toronto

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book Chapter (under contract)

Revision for publication of a 70-page manuscript on "Regime Change in Classical Sparta," which is an expansion of a paper "**The Spartan Alcibiades: Brasidas in Thucydides'** *War*" presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago. A twelve-page draft was presented at the 10th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas at the University of Malta, July, 2006; a five-page version, "Political History and Liberal Education," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Core Texts and Courses in Chicago, April 2006.

New Edition of Book (in negotiation)

Preparation of first paperback edition of **Political Philosophy and the Human Soul: Essays in Memory of Allan Bloom** (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995) with a "Preface to the Paperback Edition: Allan Bloom at 80" and "Updated Notes on the Contributors."

Director, Program in Western Civilization and American Liberty Lecture Series Administering a program funded by a grant from DonorsTrust, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, to present a Distinguished Guest Lecture Series annually.

BOOKS

Masters and Slaves: Revisioned Essays in Political Philosophy. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001)

Political Philosophy and the Human Soul: Essays in Memory of Allan Bloom. Co-editor with Thomas L. Pangle, and contributing author. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1995)

Love of Glory and the Common Good: The Political Thought of Thucydides. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1992; 2nd printing, 2004)

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

An Introduction to Martin Heidegger: "Radical-Committed" Anti-cosmopolitanism In Lee Trepanier and Khalil M. Habib (eds.) *Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization: Citizens Without States* (University Press of Kentucky, 2011):161-83.

Historicism, Relativism, and Nihilism versus American Natural Right in *Casablanca* In James F. Pontuso (ed.), *Political Philosophy Comes to Rick's:* Casablanca and *American Civic Culture*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2005):35-46.

Machiavelli's Inhuman Humanism in *The Prince* In Michael Palmer, *Masters and Slaves: Revisioned Essays in Political Philosophy* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001):79-97.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS (continued)

Kings, Philosophers, and Tyrants in Plato's *Republic* In *Political Philosophy and the Human Soul* (1995):121-48.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Historicism, Relativism, Nihilism, and American Natural Right in *Casablanca The Maine Scholar: A Journal of Ideas and Public Affairs 16* (Winter 2004):155-168. Revised for publication in *Political Philosophy Comes to Rick's*.

The Closing of the American Mind, Political Philosophy, and American Political Science, *The Maine Scholar: A Journal of Ideas and Public Affairs 10* (Autumn 1997): 117-27. Revised for publication in *Masters and Slaves*.

The Master Fool: The Conspiracy of Machiavelli's *Mandragola* (with James F. Pontuso), *Perspectives on Political Science 25* (Summer 1996):124-32. Revised for publication in *Masters and Slaves*.

The Citizen Philosopher: Rousseau's Dedicatory Letter to the *Discourse on Inequality. Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy 17* (Fall 1989):19-39. Revised for publication in *Masters and Slaves.*

Machiavellian virtù and Thucydidean aretē: Traditional Virtue and Political Wisdom in Thucydides. The Review of Politics 51 (Summer 1989):365-85. Reprinted in Masters and Slaves.

Mastering Slaves or Mastering Science?: An Aristotelian Reprise. *The Maine Scholar: A Journal of Ideas and Public Affairs 1* (Autumn 1988):219-30. Revised for publication in *Masters and Slaves*.

Thucydides' History as Political Theory.

Teaching Political Science: Politics in Perspective 15 (Spring 1988):108-114. Revised for publication in *Love of Glory and the Common Good*.

Love of Glory and the Common Good.

American Political Science Review 76 (December 1982):825-36. Revised for publication in *Love of Glory and the Common Good*.

Alcibiades and the Question of Tyranny in Thucydides. Canadian Journal of Political Science 15 (March 1982):103-24. Reprinted in *Masters and Slaves*.

REFEREED PROCEEDINGS

Regime Change in Ancient Sparta

Selected Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (Tampa, FL: University of Southern Florida Press, 2011).

Regime Change in Ancient Sparta *Archives of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies* (Athens, Greece: 2011).

Political History as Political Theory The European Mind, Vol.1, Part 1 (Valletta, Malta: University of Malta Press, 8/2010).

BOOK REVIEWS

Susan Orr, Jerusalem and Athens: Reason and Revelation in the Work of Leo Strauss. American Political Science Review 90 (June 1996):412-13.

Hobbes's Thucydides and Thucydides Himself: Review of Laurie M. Johnson, *Thucydides, Hobbes, and the Interpretation of Realism. The Review of Politics 57* (Spring 1995):339-42.

Thucydides on Enduring Ambition. **Review of Steven Forde**, *The Ambition to Rule: Alcibiades and the Politics of Imperialism in Thucydides*. *The Review of Politics 52* (Summer 1990):469-72.

George Parkin Grant's *English-Speaking Justice*. *American Review of Candian Studies 15* (Autumn 1985):351-53.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Are Conservatives Discriminated Against on College Campuses? Yes.
The NEA Higher Education Advocate 22 (December 2004):11.
Preface.
Political Philosophy and the Human Soul (1995): vii-viii.
The Writings of Allan Bloom (bibliography).
Political Philosophy and the Human Soul (1995):269-72.
Periclean Democracy and Athenian Tyranny in Thucydides.
Explorations: A Journal of Research and Public Service at the University of Maine 6 (1991):16ff. (Abstract of first book manuscript.)
A Progress Report: Education in Ethical Issues of Political Life.
DEA NEWS: For Teachers of Political Science 12 (Winter 1977): 4.

TEACHING INTERESTS: Normative Political Theory History of Political and Social Thought Politics, Literature, and Film Western Cultural Tradition

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (University of Maine (1983-) (All courses originally developed in whole [POS] or in part [HON] by me.)

LAS 101	First-Year Seminar: God, Love, and Death (Developed Spring 2002; revised for Spring 2003 in a program of interdisciplinary, multimedia seminars for first-year students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; program cancelled in 2003.)
POS 100	American Government (3 times in the 1980's)
POS 201	Introduction to Political Theory (every semester)
POS 301	Classical Political Thought (every third semester)
POS 303	Early Modern Political Thought (every third semester)
POS 304	American Political Thought (on occasion)
POS 305	Late Modern Political Thought (every third semester)
POS 401	Seminar in Political Theory: -The American Founding (twice in the 1980's) -Political Thought of Shakespeare (5 times since 1990) -Political Thought of Thucydides (5 times since 1990) -Nietzsche and Postmodern Thought (2006; new in 1999)
POS 498 POS 499	Independent Study (many students, many topics, over decades) Capstone Experience in Political Science (2006; many individual cases)
HON 101- 102	Western Civilization I-II: From Antiquity to Modernity A one-year sequence taught myriad times in the Honors Program
HON 111- 112	Civilizations: Ancient and Medieval in the Honors College (First year of two-year expansion of HON 101-102; since 2002)
HON 190	Honors Directed Summer Readings: -Shakespeare (1987) -Plato and Xenophon (1996)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued)

HON 315 Honors Tutorial: -Plato and Machiavelli (1987) -Nietzsche and Postmodern Times (1995) -Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* (2000) -Thucydides (2001) -Shakespeare's Roman and English History Plays (2006-07) -The Political Thought of Shakespeare (2012)

Killam Postdoctoral Scholar (University of Alberta, 1980-83)

POL S 201	Introduction to Government	(full-year undergrad)
POL S 310	History of Political Thought	(full-year undergrad)
POL S 414	Theories of Politics and Society	(grad/undergrad seminar)
POL S 416	Analysis of Political Ethics	(grad/undergrad semonar)
POL S 612	Classical Political Philosophy	(graduate seminar)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS (Selected)

2007-12	Continuing Grant from Donors Trust, Inc . to establish and administer Program in Western Civilization and American Liberty.
2006	Outstanding Faculty Award: Teaching and Advising , College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine.
2005	Post-Tenure Faculty Merit Award (awarded to less than 25% of the full- time faculty of the University of Maine once every four-year period.)
2004	Invited by the Director of the United States Office of Personnel Management , on behalf of President George W. Bush, to serve on the Review Board to evaluate the Government's Career Senior Executives for the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive , "one of the highest honors the President can bestow" (quotation taken from the invitation letter of 7/13/2004).

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS (continued)

2003	Framed Certificate of Appreciation (Senior Skulls Honors Society) "In recognition of your ability to educate and to inspire, we thank you for being a mentor, a role model, and a friend."
2002	Post-Tenure Faculty Merit Award
2002	Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Symposium: Statesmanship and Liberty in Thucydides' <i>History</i> . Jackson Hole, Wyoming, 6-9 July 2000.
2000	Earhart Foundation Summer Fellowship Research Grant. (For preparation of publication of <i>Masters and Slaves</i> .)
1998	Invited Participant: National Conference on "Teaching the Humanities in America's Colleges and Universities." Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998.
1998	Earhart Foundation Summer Fellowship Research Grant. (For preparation of an interpretation of Machiavelli's <i>Prince</i> .)
1997	Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Symposium: War and Free Government in Thucydides' <i>Peloponnesian War</i> . Colorado Springs, Colorado 17-19 July 1997.
1996-97	Finalist, Belk Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities. University of North Carolina-Asheville.
1995	Earhart Foundation Summer Fellowship Research Grant. (For preparation of publication of <i>Political Philosophy and the</i> <i>Human Soul</i> .)
1995	Nationally Selected Participant, NEH "Rousseau and Blake: Inventing the Modern Self." Summer Seminar for College Teachers, Harvard University.
1993-94	Nationally Selected Director, NEH "The Political World of Ancient Democracy." Summer Seminar for School Teachers, University of Maine.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS (continued)

1992	Nationally Selected Participant, NEH "Law and Religion in the Bible."
	Summer Seminar for College Teachers Cornell University.
1991	Earhart Foundation Summer Fellowship Research Grant. (For preparation of an interpretation of Plato's <i>Republic</i>)
1991	Nationally Selected Participant Summer Institute for College and University Professors "Culture and Society in Periklean Athens." University of Arizona.
1989-90	Nationally Selected Director, NEH "The Political Wisdom of Thucydides." Summer Seminar for School Teachers at University of Maine.
1989	Nationally Selected Participant, NEH "Shakespeare and Politics." Summer Seminar for College Teachers University of Virginia.
1987-88	John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Fellowship. (Fifteen-month research grant to prepare several conference papers for refereed publication.)
1987	Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Symposium: Liberty and the Nature of Tyranny. Charleston, South Carolina, 19-22 March 1987.
1986	Earhart Foundation Summer Fellowship Research Grant. (To prepare publication of a refereed article on Machiavellian <i>virtù</i> and Thucydidean <i>aretē</i>)
1985	University of Maine Summer Faculty Research Grant. (To begin research comparing Machiavelli's understanding of <i>virtù</i> and Thucydides' understanding of <i>aretē</i> .)
1980-83	Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Scholarship.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS (continued)

1982	Internationally Selected Participant International Seminar in American Studies. Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. Claremont, California, 19 July13 August 1982.
1982	Internationally Selected Participant Kenyon Summer Institute. Teaching Introductory Political Science

Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 7-28 June 1982.

- 1976-80 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship.
- 1975-76 Nora Whitney Scholarship. Trinity College, the University of Toronto. To fund an academic year in France; deferred, later declined.
- 1974-75 **Charles Stephen MacInnes Political Science Tuition Scholarship.** Senior year, Trinity College, the University of Toronto.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Regime Change in Ancient Sparta

Biannual Meeting of the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture Tampa, FL, February, 2011.

The Spartan Alcibiades: Brasidas in Thucydides' War.

American Political Science Association Chicago, August 2007.

Political History and Political Philosophy.

International Society for the Study of European Ideas Valletta, Malta, July 2006.

Political History and Liberal Education.

Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference Chicago, April 2006.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

On Homer, Aristophanes, and Plato. Panel Chair and Discussant of all papers. New England Political Science Association Portland ME, April 2005.

Machiavelli's Appropriation of Classical Tropes, Myths, and Metaphors, and the Narrative of Modernity.

International Society for the Study of European Ideas Pamplona, Spain, August 2004.

On Socrates, Plato, and Xenophon. Panel Chair and Discussant of all papers. New England Political Science Association Portsmouth NH, April 2004.

Historicism, Relativism, and Modern Natural Right in Casablanca.

International Society for the Study of European Ideas Aberystwyth, Wales, July 2002.

Historicism and Modern Natural Right in Casablanca.

Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference Montreal, April 2002.

Traditional Virtue and Political Wisdom in Thucydides. New England Political Science Association Boston, April 1989.

Moderation and the Common Good: the classic conservatism of Thucydides. American Political Science Association Washington, DC, August 1986.

Machiavellian *virtù* and Thucydidean *aretē*: Political virtue in modernity and antiquity. Northeastern Political Science Association Philadelphia, November 1985.

Is There a Case for Conservatism in Thucydides?

Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, October 1985.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Rousseau's *Patrie*: The *Dédicace* to the *Discourse on Inequality*. Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, May 1985.

Progress and Its Problems: comments on the political thought of Francis Bacon and Martin Heidegger.

New England Political Science Association Durham NH, April 1984.

Poetry and Politics: comments of Plato's Republic.

American Political Science Association Chicago, September 1983.

Slavery and Aristotle's Best Regime.

Canadian Political Science Association Vancouver, June 1983.

Thucydides Political Philosopher?

Northeastern Political Science Association New Haven, Connecticut, November 1982.

Machiavelli's Prince as Anti-Christ.

Inaugural Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, Rhodes College, April 1998. Boston College Graduate Program in Political Science, September 1993.

Love of Glory and the Common Good.

Canadian Political Science Association Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 1981.

Tragedy and Politics: comments on Shakespeare and Orwell.

Midwest Political Science Association, Cincinnati, April 1981.

Political History as an Approach to Political Thought.

Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Dallas, March 1981.

Alcibiades and the Question of Tyranny in Thucydides.

Canadian Political Science Association Montreal, Canada, June 1980.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Teaching Political Animals: How the Great Books and Great Teachers of Political Thought Contribute to a Liberal Education.

The Fifth Annual Folwell Lecture in Political Science and Pre-Law St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, October 2007.

Rousseau as an Anti-revolutionary Philosopher.

St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, October 2007.

Liberal Education is *Higher* Education. Senior College, Dirigo Pines, Orono, May 2007.

Philosophical Thought and Liberal Education.

Old Town High School (ME) Honors Lecture Series, November 2006.

Historicism, Relativism, and American Natural Right in Casablanca.

Institute for United States Studies, University of London (UK), July 2002.

A Lament for Liberal Education.

Keynote Address, Maine Educational Opportunity Association, Bar Harbor, Maine, January 2001.

The Conspiracy of Machiavell's *Mandragola*.

Boston College Graduate Program in Political Science, September 1993.

Rousseau's On the Social Contract.

Witherle Memorial Library, Castine, Maine, March 1993.

Thucydides' History and Political Theory.

Classics Club and Luncheon Seminar, UMaine, February, 1989.

Allan Bloom and The Closing of the American Mind.

Honors Center Colloquium, UMaine, November 1987.

The Political Theory of European Romanticism.

West European Romanticism Symposium. University of Maine, February 1986.

Thucydides' View of Periclean Athens.

Kenyon College, Gambier OH, April 1981. University of Dallas, Dallas TX, March 1981.

INVITED LECTURES (Honors College, University of Maine)

Nietzsche's "Truth and Lying in an Extra-Moral Sense." January 2011 (also 2010)

Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. (September 2008)

The Central Images and Myths of Plato's *Republic*. October 2011 (also 1993-2012)

The Dramatic Structure of Plato's *Symposium*. November 2010 (also 2007-09)

On Homer's Odyssey. November 2010 (also 2008-09)

On Homer's Iliad. November 2009 (also 1990).

The Meaning of Machiavelli's *Prince*. April 2012 (also 1987, 1989-2012).

Bacon, Descartes, and the Foundations of Modern Science. October 2011 (also 1996-2012).

My "Last Lecture." December 2005.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the *Discourse on Inequality*. January 1999 (also 1991-97).

Nietzsche's *On the Advantages and Disadvantages of History*. April 1997.

Nietzsche's Thus Spoke Zarathustra. April 1996 (also 1994-95).

Hegel and Dialectical History. March 1996 (also 1992-95).

The Revolution in Modern Thought. January 1995 (also 1994).

The Problem of Socrates and the Platonic Dialogues. November 1993 (also 1988-90, 1992).

Kant on History and Morality. March 1993.

John Locke and the Declaration of Independence. January 1990 (also 1983-87, 1989).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Selected)

Chair, Maine Action Committee, United States Commission on Human Rights Federal Government Appointment; Confirmed by the US Senate (2010-2012).

Documentary Film Consultant (2009)

"In the Shadows of Casablanca" directed by Malgosha Gago (UK) Idéale Audience, Paris: a Polish-French-German-UK co-production.

Manuscript Referee (listed in order of frequency of service):

American Political Science Review	(1985-)
Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy	(2002-)
Review of Politics	(1990-)
Journal of Politics	(1994-)
Polity	(1987-97)
Canadian Journal of Political Science	(1983-90)

Book Manuscript Reviewer (2008)

Martha Taylor, St. Mary's College of Maryland, *Thucydides, Pericles, and the Idea of Athens in the Peloponnesian War*, Cambridge University Press.

Panel Organizer (2007)

"Rereading the Ancient Greek Historians." American Political Science Association Annual Conference.

Panel Organizer (2006)

"Political History and Civic Education." Association of Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference, Chicago.

Book Manuscript Reviewer (2006)

James A. Arieti and Roger M. Barrus, *Plato's Gorgias* (translation with introduction, notes, interpretive essay, glossary of Greek terms, and translation of major rhetorical speeches in Thucydides). Focus Philosophical Library, R. Pullins Company.

Book Manuscript Reviewer (2005) Mark Kremer, *The Apologies of Socrates by Plato and Xenophon*, Spence Publishers.

Panel Chair and Discussant (2005)

"Modern Problems, Ancient Solutions." New England Political Science Association.

Panel Chair and Discussant (2004)

"Socrates and Plato." New England Political Science Association.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)

Elected President, Maine Chapter, National Association of Scholars (Spring 2004-).

Editorial Board Member (2003-), Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy.

Secretary-Treasurer (Elected 1996-99) Politics, Literature and Film Organized Section American Political Science Association. Executive Committee Member (Elected 1995-96) Politics, Literature and Film Organized Section, APSA.

Panel Organizer and Chair (1997) "Statesmanship: Ancient and Modern" **APSA** Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

Book Manuscript Reviewer (1996) *Critical Essays: Plato's Republic*, edited by Richard Kraut. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Executive Council Member and **Political Theory Section Senior Co-Chair Northeastern Political Science Association** (1989-90) Annual Meeting Program Committee, **Northeastern Political Science Association**.

Panel Organizer and Chair (1990)

"On Classical Political Philosophy." **Northeastern Political Science Association**. Providence, Rhode Island, November 1990.

Executive Council Member and **Political Theory Section Junior Co-Chair** (1988-89) Annual Meeting Program Committee, **Northeastern Political Science Association**.

Panel Organizer and Chair (1989) "Leo Strauss and Modern Liberalism." **Northeastern Political Science Association**, Philadelphia, November 1989.

Grant Application Reviewer, NEH (1986) Younger Scholars Awards, Bicentennial of the American Constitution.

Conference Organizer (1984-5) **Maine Political Scientists Conference**, UMaine, April 1985.

Panel Organizer and Chair (1982), "The Political Thought of Nietzsche." **Canadian Political Science Association**, Ottawa, June 1982.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SERVICE (Selected)

Director, Program in Western Civilization and American Liberty (2007-)

Honors Program/Honors College Curriculum Development (1984-2009)

Honors Thesis Examination Committees	(1985-86, 1990, 1996-2011)
Honors Thesis Advisor	(1996-98, 2003, 2006-09)
Canadian Studies Program Executive Committee	(1983-87)
University Honors Council	(1985-87)
Chair, Committee to Review the Performance of The Director of the University Honors Program	(1986)
Council of Colleges Constitution and Bylaws Committee	(1984-85)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES SERVICE

Academic Council, Educational Policy Committee	(1989-90)
FSA 199 Faculty Academic Advisor	(1987-90)
Honors Program Advisory Committee	(1987)

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE SERVICE

Chair, Peer Committee	(2005-06, 2010-)
Chair, Bebek Scholarship Committee	(1983-1999; 2004-)
Chair, Curriculum Committee	(2003-10)
Member, Peer Committee	(1990-)
Member, Policy Advisory Committee	(1990-)
Member, Bebek Scholarship Committee	(1983-)

Myriad committees over the course of the twenty-nine years that I have been a member of the department.