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Academic Posts

- Professor of Philosophy, Roosevelt University, Chicago, 2019-present (Assistant Professor 2005-2011; Associate Professor 2011-2019)
- Associate Director of the Montesquieu Forum for the Study of Civic Life
- Visiting Professor, MIT (2009), co-founder of Science, Ethics, and Engineering Program

Education

- Ph.D. & M.A., Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, 2004
- M.S., Foreign Service and Finance, Georgetown University, 1998
- B.A., Belmont Abbey College, Political Philosophy and Economics, 1996
- Classical lycée (Sofia, Bulgaria), 1993

Books

- *Sharing Speeches and Thoughts: Correspondence of Leo Strauss and Seth Benardete*, with Ronna Burger (1952-1973) (Mercer University Press, 2024).
- *Leo Strauss on Religion*, with Rasoul Namazi (SUNY Press, 2024).
- *Strauss Uncollected English Publications: 1937-1972*, with Steven Lenzner (St. Augustine Press, 2023).
- *Piety and Philosophy in Plato's Euthyphro*, with Hannes Kerber (Penn State Press, April 2023)
- *Toward "Natural Right and History"*, co-author and co-editor with José Colen (University of Chicago Press, March 2018).
- *Mastery of Nature: Prospects and Problems*, co-author and co-editor with Bernhardt Trout (University of Pennsylvania Press, March, 2018).
- *Leo Strauss on Science: Thoughts on the Relation Between Natural Science and Political Philosophy* (SUNY Press, December 2016; paperback June 2017); review essay in *Interpretation: a Journal of Political Philosophy*.
- Strauss's *Hobbes's Critique of Religion*, introduced, translated, and interpreted, together with Gabriel Bartlett (University of Chicago Press, 2011).
- *Bacon's "Inquiry Touching Human Nature": Virtue, Philosophy, and the Relief of Man's Estate* (Lexington Books: a division of Rowman & Littlefield, May 2010); reviewed in *Review of Metaphysics* and *Review of Politics*.
- *Man and His Enemies: Essays on Carl Schmitt*, co-edited with Piotr Nowak (Byalistok University Press, 2008): editor and contributor (an essay on Strauss and Schmitt); other contributors include Zygmunt Bauman, John McCormick, Heinrich Meier, Kryzstof Michalski, Piotr Nowak).
- *Enlightening Revolutions: Essays in Honor of Ralph Lerner*, editor (Lexington Books, 2006; issued in paperback in 2007).

Articles/Book Chapters

- “Discussion: An Advertisement for the publication of Abridgements of the Essay Concerning Human Understanding and Other Philosophical Writings, 1672-1689, ed. J.R. Milton,” with Rafael Major, *Locke Studies*, vol. 23 (2022).
- “Religion and the Commonwealth,” *American Political Thought* (Winter 2021).
- “The Conquest of Nature in Bacon’s *Wisdom of the Ancients*,” in *Mastery of Nature*, ed. Minkov/Trout (2018).
- “On the Origin of Modern Political Philosophy,” in *Toward Natural Right and History*, ed. Minkov/Colen (2018).
- “Strauss on Modern Political Science: Two Previously Unpublished Manuscripts,” with R. Namazi, *Review of Politics* (Summer 2017).
- “Seth Benardete’s Archaeology of Soul,” in *The Eccentric Core*, ed. Ronna Burger and Patrick Goodin (St. Augustine Press, 2017).
- “Leo Strauss on the Theoretical and Practical Origins of Philosophy,” in *Principles and Prudence*, ed. Lynch and Marks (SUNY Press, 2016).
- “Leo Strauss on Social and Natural Science: Two Previously Unpublished Papers,” with J. Colen, *Review of Politics* (Fall 2014).
- “Francis Bacon’s *Wisdom of the Ancients*: Human Nature and the Prospects of its Situation,” in *The Early Moderns and the Wisdom of the Ancients*, ed. Colen and Nelson (Vienna: Epigram, 2014).
- L’introduction straussienne aux “études platoniciennes” in *Leo Strauss - à quoi sert la philosophie politique?*, ed. Coppens and Janssens (Paris: PUF, 2013).
- “The Problem of Natural Piety,” in *Enlightenment and Secularism*, ed. Christopher Nadon (Lexington Books, 2013).
- Chapter in, and introduction to, *Man and His Enemies* (see above).
- “Baconian Science and the Intelligibility of Human Experience: the Case of Love”, *Review of Politics* (Summer 2009).
- “An Interpretation of Heraclitus fragment B 53,” *Kronos: Metaphysics, Culture, Religion* (2008.2).
- “The Human Good and the Problem of Bacon’s Intention,” *Interpretation: a Journal of Political Philosophy* (Summer 2008, vol. 35, no. 3).
- “On the Democratic Peace,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (Summer 1998).

Reviews

- Seth Benardete, *The Archaeology of the Soul*, *Review of Politics* (fall 2013), to be reprinted as the concluding chapter of *The Eccentric Core*, ed. R. Burger (St. Augustine Press, 2016).
- Rhodri Lewis, *Language, Mind, and Nature: Artificial Languages in England from Bacon to Locke*, *Review of Politics* (Spring 2009).
- Daniel Tanguay, *Leo Strauss: an Intellectual Biography*, *Review of Metaphysics* (Fall 2008)
- Stephen McKnight, *The Religious Foundations of Francis Bacon’s Thought*, published in *Review of Politics*, vol. 69, no. 2, pp. 296-98.

- Heinrich Meier, *Leo Strauss and the Theologico-Political Problem*, in *Die Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte /Journal for the History of Modern Theology*, vol. 14, no. 2 (2007), pp. 330-34

Lectures and Presentations

- *Organizer of several major conferences. More than 50 conference participations and invited public lectures* on, among others, John Locke, Aristotle. Francis Bacon (Corpus Christi, Cambridge University, May 2022), Descartes, G.E. Lessing, Platonic dialogues, Carl Schmitt, Shaftesbury, the Bible, Heidegger.
- Directed and taught in a one-week seminar for Chicago area high school teachers on the history and political theory of the American Founding, Roosevelt University and Newberry Library, 2010-2020.

Languages

Bulgarian, Russian, Ancient Greek, Church Slavonic, Latin, German, French, Italian.

Distinctions

- Winner of the *Editorial Aster* prize for best book by a faculty at Institute of Politics, Lisbon.
- Editor-in-chief of a new series, the Papers of Leo Strauss, Penn State University Press (approximately twelve volume planned)
- NEH \$25,000 grant to develop a course on happiness.
- [Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu) (frequently in the top 1% or 2%); 2000+ readers; 500+ engaged readers; 200+ citations.
- Teaching award, 2016-2017.
- Member of the editorial board of *Kronos – Philosophical Journal* (<https://kronos.org.pl/english/>)