

## Curriculum vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 1995-1996 Department of Government, Harvard University  
Visiting Fellow
- 1994-1995 Institute of Comparative Law, McGill University  
Visiting Fellow
- 1989-1994 Columbia University  
M. Phil. and Ph. D. in Political Science  
Dissertation *Pragmatic Liberalisms; Embedding Toleration in Polycultural Societies*  
Thesis director: David Johnston
- 1986-1989 McGill University  
Masters in Political Science  
Masters Thesis: *Walter Benjamin: Models of Experience and Visions of the City, a study of Das Passagenwerk*  
Thesis director: Charles Taylor
- 1983-1985 McGill University  
BA (specialties in political theory and Soviet/East European studies)
- 1981-1983 Carleton University  
Courses in philosophy and political science

### PUBLICATIONS

- (2010) "Thoreau" in Mark Bevir (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (New York; Sage Publications)
- (2009) "The Spaces of Capitalism" (Review Essay) *Political Theory* 37 (6) (December) 823-837
- (2009) Review of "China's New Confucianism," *The China Quarterly*, 198 464- 465.
- (2009) "Thoreau's Alternative Economics" in Jack Turner (Editor) *A Political Companion to Thoreau* University of Kentucky Press (forthcoming). Same as 1998 "Thoreau's Alternative Economics."

- ✓ (2003) "Another Kind of Political Science; Christopher Alexander on Democratic Theory and the Built Environment." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 36:5 (December 2003): 1053-1072.
- ✓ (2001) "Thoreau on Democratic Cultivation" in *Political Theory* 29 no.2 (April 2001): 153-189.
- (1999) "Bette Evans on the Free Exercise of Religion" in *Constitutional Affairs*. 5 no. 1 pp. 107-9, (Book review).
- (1999) "Modernity and Cultural Vulnerability; Should Ethnicity Be Privileged?" In Ronnie Beiner (ed.) *Theorizing Nationalism*, New York; State University of New York Press: pp. 141-165. (Same as "Plural Cultures" below).
- (1998) "Thoreau's Alternative Economics; Work, Liberty, and Democratic Cultivation," In *American Political Science Review* 92, no. 4. (December 1998): 1-12.
- (1998) "Social Movements as Nationalisms," in J. Couture, K. Nielsen & M. Seymour (eds), *Rethinking Nationalism, The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (Supplementary Volume 22): 505-547.
- (1997) "Plural Cultures, Contested Territories; A Critique of Kymlicka," in *The Canadian Journal of Political Science* XXX, no 2 (June 1997): 211-234.
- (1995) "John Rawls, Mikhail Bakhtin and the Praxis of Toleration," in *Political Theory* 23, no. 1 (February 1995): 101-127.
- (1995) "Une critique du nationalisme culturaliste," in Francois Blais et. al. (eds.) *Liberalismes et nationalismes; Philosophie et politique*. Laval: Les presses de l'Université Laval.
- (1994) "Le libéralisme politique et le refus de l'assimilation," in *Lekton* 4, no. 1 (Printemps 1994): 9-40.
- (1992) "Jürgen Habermas and Pluralist Political Theory," in *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 18, no. 1 (Dec 1992): 81-102.
- (1992) "Jacques Rupnik et l'Autre Europe," in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (March 1992): 178-181. (Book Review)
- (1988) "Habermas on Arendt and Arendt on Politics," in *The McGill Journal of Political Studies*, 7 (Spring 1988): 55-75.
- (1987) "On Greek Self-Fashioning: A Review of Michel Foucault's 'L'usage des plaisirs,'" in *The McGill Journal of Political Studies*, 6 (Spring 1987): 1-20.

## UNDER REVIEW

"Chinese Political Thinking" Mark Bevir (Ed.) *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Theory*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"A Defense of Environmental Counterculture" – complete – included in dossier

Democratizing Aristocratic Resources – book manuscript – one chapter (of four) finished – second chapter well along

*Seven Pathways to Citizenship* – book manuscript – three 1/2 chapters completed

*Thoreau and the Confucians* (book manuscript) – ½ complete

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

(2010) On Militant Humanism Re:Enlightenment Conference, New York University April 22-24<sup>th</sup>.

(2005) "Getting Beyond the Civil Rights Model of Multiculturalism; On Renato Rosaldo and W.E.B. Du Bois" Mediating Acts of Citizenship Conference, Montreal, Quebec, October 2005.

(2005) "The Idea of the Ethical Module in 'Sixties Practical Philosophy'" at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Oakland CA, March 2005.

(2003) "Cultures Which Hurt," at Conference on Cultural Citizenship, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany June 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

(2001) "Christopher Alexander; A Rather Important Communitarian," at The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 30-Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001.

(1999) "Thoreau's Republican Cultivator," at The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, Sept. 1-5, 1999.

(1997) "Thoreau as Philosopher of Work Crisis," and "Networks, Nations, and the Institutional Common Ground," at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting August 28-31 1997.

(1997) "Thoreau as Philosopher of Work Crisis," presented at the Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Saint John's Newfoundland June 1997.

(1996) "Everyday Life as Democratic Self-Fashioning," presented at the *American Studies Association*, Annual Conference, Kansas City, October 1996.

(1995) "Culturalist Dilemmas; On some convergences between Kymlicka and the French New Right," presented at the *Canadian Political Science Association*, Annual Conference, June 1995.

(1995) "Habermas and the Problem of the Political Unit," at the *Association of Law and Society*, Annual Conference, June 1995.

(1994) "Les Nations en diaspora," presented at the conference *Le libéralisme politique mis à l'épreuve des nationalismes contemporains*, Laval University 14-15 October 1994.

(1994) "Cultures et institutions contemporaines," at *l'Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences*, Annual Conference (May 1994).

#### **INVITED TALKS (2005-2010)**

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, The Military Mind of Florence Nightingale: An Exemplary Citizen in Five of Her Campaigns," UCLA School of Nursing / October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 UC San Diego Theory Workshop "Confucianism and Environmentalism as Generative Theories"; October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, The Military Mind of Florence Nightingale: An Exemplary Citizen in Five of Her Campaigns," UCLA School of Nursing / June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007, "Lincoln and the Roots of Reconstruction," No Citizen Left Behind Program, Pasadena/ June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 "Confucian Public Service Thinking and Modern Times" Commencement Address UCLA June 21<sup>st</sup> 2007/ November 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 "The Revolution of 1800" National History in the Schools Program, Pasadena./October 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 "Florence Nightingale as Public Citizen" UCLA School of Nursing./July 25<sup>th</sup> "The Reconstruction Amendments and their Aftermath" National History in the Schools Program, Pasadena / June 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 "Republican Themes in the Founding Period," No Citizen Left Behind Program, Pasadena / May 15<sup>th</sup> "Time Management Schemes in Two Classical Philosophers" Legatus, Santa Monica./ Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 2005 "Cultures That Mess You Up," University of New Brunswick, Fredericton / October 19<sup>th</sup> "Cultures That Mess You Up," Saint Francis Xavier University / October 20<sup>th</sup> "The Resurgence of Confucianism and the Clash of Civilizations," Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia)/ May 16<sup>th</sup> UCLA Political Science; "Getting Beyond the Civil Rights Model of Multiculturalism; On Renato Rosaldo and W.E.B. Du Bois"/ May 23<sup>rd</sup> University of Washington "Towards a New Ontology of Self-Determination: Some Parallels Between Counterculture and Agent-Based Modeling."

#### **UCLA SERVICE (current)**

Faculty Advisory Committee, Honors College  
Faculty Advisory Committee Civic Engagement Minor  
Merit Review Committee  
Undergraduate Studies Committee

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

United States Political Thinking (Puritans, Founding Fathers, Transcendentalists, Modern Progressivism and Conservatism).  
Chinese Political Thinking (Confucianism, Neo-Confucianism)  
Anglo-American Legal and Political Theory; John Rawls, Joseph Raz, Ronald Dworkin, etc.  
History of Political Thought  
Political Theory and the Politics of Identity ; minority rights, nationalism, ethnicity, race, Habermas and Discourse Ethics  
Continental philosophy in the 19th and 20th centuries: Post-structuralism, Dialogism, Frankfurt School, Hermeneutics etc.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2000-2001 UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award (campus-wide, student-nominated)

July 2003 to Present Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UCLA

July 1996 June 2003

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UCLA

#### Undergraduate Courses;

American Political Theory (PS 114 A and B) ,

Introduction to Political Theory (PS10)

Seven Pathways to Citizenship (115C)

Thinking Working Class – A Scholarly Skills Seminar for First Generation College Students (starting fall 2008).

#### Graduate Seminars:

Chinese Political Thought in English Translation

Rawls and Habermas

Cultivation Themes in Political Theory

Classics in Philosophy of the Social Science

The Frankfurt School as Readers of Max Weber

Making Decisions, Creating Character - Methods and Resources in Business Ethics (at the Anderson Business School)