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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (1988) Harvard University, political science. Dissertation: "Religion and Political Economy in Adam Smith." Advisors: Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr. and Judith Shklar.

M.A. (1985) Harvard University, political science.

B.A. (1976) Middlebury College, political science major, Phi Beta Kappa.

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

2009. *Straussophobia: Defending Leo Strauss and Straussians against Shadia Drury and Other Accusers*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2009.

2004. "Adam Smith's Invisible Hands," *Econ Journal Watch* 1, no. 3 (Winter 2004): 381-412. <<http://www.econjournalwatch.org/pdf/MinowitzComment1December2004.pdf>>

2000. "Political Philosophy and the Religious Issue." In Mark Blitz and William Kristol, eds., *Educating the Prince: Essays in Honor of Harvey Mansfield* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000), pp. 142-75.

2000. Review of *One By One From the Inside Out: Essays & Reviews on Race and Responsibility in America* by Glenn C. Loury. *Explore* (Winter 2000): 28-31.

1998. "The Ethics of Impeachment," *San Jose Mercury News*, 12/20/98, C1, C3.

1997. "Prince Versus Prophet: Machiavellianism in Frank Herbert's *Dune* Epic." In Donald M. Hassler and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *Political Science Fiction* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1997), pp. 125-47.

1993. *Profits, Priests, and Princes: Adam Smith's Emancipation of Economics from Politics and Religion*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1993.

1993. "Machiavellianism Come of Age? Leo Strauss on Modernity and Economics," *The Political Science Reviewer* 22 (1993): 157-97.

1991. "Crimes and Controversies: Nihilism from Machiavelli to Woody Allen," *Literature/Film Quarterly* 19 (July, 1991): 77-89.

1991. Review of *The Political Theory of Conservative Economists* by Conrad P. Waligorski. *The Review of Politics* 53 (Spring 1991): 418-21.

1989. "Invisible Hand, Invisible Death: Adam Smith on War and Socioeconomic Development," *Journal of Political/Military Sociology* 17 (Fall 1989): 305-15.

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1992 - present: Associate Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

2000-01: Co-Director of Environmental Studies Institute, Santa Clara University.

1994-99: Chair of Political Science Department, Santa Clara University.

1988-92: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

1985-88: Acting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

1978-83: Teaching Fellow in Government, Harvard University.

### **Courses Taught at SCU:**

Introduction to Political Philosophy	Seminar: Adam Smith
History of Political Philosophy I	Seminar: Marx & Marxism
History of Political Philosophy II	Seminar: Political Theory & Science Fiction
History of Political Philosophy III	Thesis-Writing Seminar for Honors Students
American Political Thought I	Directed Readings (Political Economy; Catholic Social Thought; Utopianism; Machiavelli)
Environmental-Studies Capstone Seminar	

### **SELECTED PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2008. Referee of grant application (about Adam Smith) for the H.B. Earhart Foundation.

2008. Directed podcast on executive power at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (January).

2007. "Diversity at a Jesuit University." Presentation to the Markkula Center (February).

2005. Referee of manuscript on Adam Smith for *Polity*.

2005. "Ethical Values and the Future of the U.S. Involvement in Iraq." Presentation to the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (October).

2003. "The Ethical Implications of the California Recall Election." Presentation to the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (September).

2003. Referee for Rowman & Littlefield on book manuscript, *Civil Peace and the Quest for Truth: First Amendment Freedoms in Political Philosophy and American Constitutionalism*.

2001. "Deconstructing Diversity: Justice, Multiculturalism and Affirmative Action in Catholic Higher Education." Lecture and panel discussion for Santa Clara University's Sesquicentennial Celebration (May).

- 1997-98. Referee of manuscripts on Adam Smith for the *American Political Science Review* and *Polity*.
- 1996-98. Referee for tenure reviews at Texas Tech and Utah State Universities.
1997. Chaired panel on “50 Years of Political Philosophy: The Contributions of Strauss, Rawls, Feminism, and Post-Modernism” for the annual convention of the NCPSA (Northern California Political Science Association). Berkeley (May).
1996. “From Providence to Nature: The Historical Rhetoric of Adam Smith.” Paper delivered at annual convention of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco (August).
- 1994-96. Referee of manuscripts on Adam Smith for the *American Political Science Review*, the *Review of Politics*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.
- 1994-96. President, Northern California Political Science Association (NCPSA).
1995. “Environmental Themes in Science Fiction.” Lecture delivered for the *Institute on Ecology* at Santa Clara University (February).
1995. “What Deans Need to Know About Environmental Studies.” Presentation to the American Academy of Academic Deans. San Francisco (January).
- 1993-94. Program Director, Northern California Political Science Association.
1994. “Antiquity, Religion, and *Das Adam Smith Problem*.” Paper presented at the annual convention of the Southern Economics Association. Orlando (November).
1994. “Ethical Issues Raised by Propositions 184 & 187.” Presentation to the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (October).
1994. Chaired panel on “Citizenship, Democracy, and Political Theory” for the annual convention of the Northern California Political Science Association. Santa Clara (May).
1993. Referee of manuscript on economic democracy for *Polity* (July).
1993. “The Deflection Thesis Revisited.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans (March).
1991. Referee of manuscript on *Centesimus Annus* for *Polity* (September).
1991. Chaired panel and delivered paper on “Democratic Futures and the Democratic Past” for the annual convention of the NCPSA. Stockton, California (May).
1990. Panelist for roundtable discussion—“Is Marxism Still Relevant?”—at the annual convention of the NCPSA. Santa Clara (May).

1989. “Adam Smith and Karl Marx on the Emancipation of Economics from Religion.”  
Lecture delivered to the School of Management, Brigham Young University. (October).
1989. “Strange Bedfellows: Adam Smith and Edmund Burke on Property and Markets.” Bannan  
Lecture with Francis Canavan, S.J. Santa Clara, California (April).
1987. “Women and Other Minorities.” Lecture delivered for SCU’s *Institute on the Bicentennial  
of the Constitution* (March).
1987. “Market Justice and Political Justice.” Paper presented at the annual convention of the  
NCPSA. Santa Clara, California (May).
1985. Discussant on panel, “Adam Smith on Politics & Self-Interest,” at the annual convention  
of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans (August).
1985. Chaired panel on “Theory and Practice” at the annual convention of the American Political  
Science Association. New Orleans (August).
1984. Discussant on panel, “Populism, Power, & Democracy,” at the annual convention of the  
American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. (August).

**THREE-DAY LIBERTY FUND CONFERENCES** (by invitation only)

2003. Freedom and Empire in Thucydides. Big Sky, Montana (October).
1999. Shakespeare’s English-history plays. Tucson, Arizona (January).
1998. Daniel Defoe’s *Robinson Crusoe*. Chicago (April-May).
1998. Shakespeare’s history plays. Princeton, New Jersey (February).
1995. Shakespeare’s Roman plays. Jackson Hole, Wyoming (September).
1995. Flaubert’s *Madame Bovary* and Cather’s *A Lost Lady*. Chicago (July).
1993. Karl Polanyi’s *The Great Transformation*. Richmond, Virginia (October).
1993. Adam Smith as Moral Thinker. Charleston, South Carolina (June).
1992. Edward Gibbon’s *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Houston (August).
1989. The Hobbesean Problem of Order. Jackson Hole, Wyoming (October).

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2008. “Best Senior Seminar” award from Santa Clara University political science students.

2002. Distinguished Environmental Service Award, Santa Clara University.

1988-89: John M. Olin Faculty Fellowship (funding for a 1-year research leave).

**SELECTED SERVICE AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY**

2008 – present: Member, Program Council for the new SCU Writing Center.

2005 – present: Emerging Issues Fellow, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

2004 – present: Director, Political Science Honors Program.

1992 – present: Scholar, Markkula Center For Applied Ethics.

1988 – present: Co-founder and co-organizer of the Political Theory Study Group.

1992 – 2005: Member, Environmental Studies Program Council.

2000-01: Co-Director, Environmental Studies Institute.

1998-99: Participant, Markkula Center’s Faculty Seminar on Affirmative Action.

1997-99: Member, Steering Committee of the new Center for Science, Technology, and Society.

1994-99: Chair, Political Science Department.

1993-95: Member, Planning/Steering Committee for the *Institute on Ecology*.

1993-94: Member, Western Culture Subcommittee of the College “Assessment Task Force.”

1992: Co-creator/organizer of the faculty workshop finalizing the curriculum for the SCU Environmental Studies Minor (September 15-17).

1990-92: Co-founder of the interdisciplinary committee that created the SCU Environmental Studies Minor.

1989-92: Faculty representative on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team.

1991: Participant in the Ethnic Studies Summer Workshop (June 24-28).

1986-87: Member, Planning/Steering Committee for the SCU *Institute on the Bicentennial of the Constitution*.

1986-87: Participant, N.E.H. Summer Institutes to facilitate coherence in the teaching of the core curriculum in Western Civilization.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

1986 – present: Jazz-piano performances, solo and with combos. Currently appearing with the “Med’s Mood Swings” trio.

2005 – 2009. Team Parent and/or Driving Coordinator for boys basketball teams at Henry M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto, California.

2003 – 2005. Manager and Assistant Coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball teams at JLS Middle School in Palo Alto, California.

2003 – 2005. Manager and Assistant Coach for the Palo Alto 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys “All-Net” teams in the National Junior Basketball League.

## **REFERENCES**

David DeCosse, Director of Campus Ethics Programs, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Murray Dry, Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College.

Peter A. Facione, Dean, SCU College of Arts & Sciences, 1990-2002.

Janet A. Flammang, Chair, Political Science Department, Santa Clara University.

Eric O. Hanson, Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

Philip J. Kain, Professor of Philosophy, Santa Clara University.

Daniel B. Klein, Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University.

Timothy J. Lukes, Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., William Kenan Professor of Government, Harvard University.

Peter McNamara, Associate Professor of Political Science, Utah State University.

Terri Peretti, Associate Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

William Sundstrom, Professor of Economics, Santa Clara University.