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**Academic Posts**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, 2011-present (assistant professor 2005-2011); Associate Director of the Montesquieu Forum for the Study of Civic Life.

Visiting Professor, Institute of Politics, Catholic University of Portugal, May 2014 (co-taught a graduate seminar on Karl Popper and Leo Strauss).

Visiting Professor, MIT, Department of Chemical Engineering/Experimental Study Group (taught two courses: Ethics for Engineering and The Foundations of Science and Technology), Spring 2009; frequent lecturer at MIT on the relation of science to politics.

Post-doctoral fellowship, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, 2004-2005; taught the sequence "Quest for Justice."

Lecturer, University of Chicago, 2001-2004.

**Education**

Ph.D., Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, 2004

M.A., Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, 2001

M.S., Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1998

Awarded the highest honor on comprehensive exams

B.A., Belmont Abbey, 1996

Graduated *summa cum laude* from the Honors Program

Baccalaureate, Classics Lycée, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1993

Thesis: translation of Vegetius's *De Re Militari*.

**Books**

*Strauss on Science: Thoughts on the Relation Between Natural Science and Political Philosophy* (SUNY Press, December 2016; paperback June 2017); reviewed in *Interpretation* 44.1 (review essay by Nathan Dinneen) and in *History*, January 2018 (The Journal of the Historical Association).

*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).

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 Gopal Balakrishnan, Zygmunt Bauman, John McCormick, Heinrich Meier, Krzysztof Michalski, Piotr Nowak.

*Enlightening Revolutions: Essays in Honor of Ralph Lerner*, editor (Lexington Books, 2006; issued in paperback in 2007).

### Books in Preparation

A translation of, and a commentary on, Bacon's *Wisdom of the Ancients: The Roots of Modern Technological Science*

*Plato on Piety: Ancient Philosophical Lessons for Modern Times*

### **Articles/Book Chapters**

"The Conquest of Nature in Bacon's *Wisdom of the Ancients*," in *Mastery of Nature*, ed. Trout (2018)

"On the Origin of Modern Political Philosophy," in *Toward Natural Right and History*, ed. Minkov/ Colen (2018)

"Benardete's Archaeology of Soul," in *The Eccentric Core*, ed. Ronna Burger and Patrick Goodin (St. Augustine Press, 2017).

"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 th* with toughness and clarity *e 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).

The Human Good and the Problem of Bacon's Intention, *Interpretation: a Journal of Political Philosophy* (Summer 2008, vol. 35, no. 3).

## 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

*More than 30 conference participations and invited public lectures* on, among others, Aristotle. Francis Bacon, Descartes, G.E. Lessing, Platonic dialogues, Carl Schmitt, Heidegger ([list upon request](#)).

Directed and taught in a one-week seminar for Chicagoland high school teachers on the history and political theory of the American Founding, Roosevelt University (and Newberry Library), **2010-2018**.

Organizer of, and presenter at, a conference on "the Mastery of Nature": [mastery.mit.edu](http://mastery.mit.edu).

## **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.

NEH \$25,000 grant to develop a course on happiness.

Academia.edu (frequently in the top 1% or 2%); 400 readers; 200 *engaged* readers; more than 40 citations.

Departmental teaching award, 2016-17.

## **Other Service**

Member of advisory board, Benjamin Franklin Program, MIT.

Senior Fellow, Franklin Project, MIT.

Manuscript reviewer for University of Chicago Press; SUNY Press; Brill; Palgrave & McMillan.

Article reviewer for *Review of Politics*; *Interpretation*; *History of Political Thought*, *Review of Metaphysics*.

Tenure cases reviewer (University of Texas, Rockefeller University).