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### Academic Posts

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

### Education

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

### Languages

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

### Books

- *First Readings in Ancient Philosophy: Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon, Plato, and Aristotle* (Leo Strauss's 1938-39 course at the New School), in collaboration with Emmanuel Patard (Penn State University Press, 2025).
- *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 J. Lenzner (St. Augustine Press, 2024).
- *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

- “Richard H. Kennington on Modern Science and Politics,” in *Guardians of Inquiry*, edited by Glenn Ellmers (forthcoming).
- “Strauss and Pascal,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 55, no. 1 (winter 2025).
- “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

- Review of *Philosophy as Knowledge of the Whole*, ed. William Wood, *Interpretation* (Summer 2025).
- 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 Theologieggeschichte /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 100 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.

## Distinctions

- Recipient of a \$769,000 Department of Education grant to develop courses on the American Founding for high school teachers.
- 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 (ten volumes planned)
- NEH grant to develop a course on happiness.
- Teaching award at Roosevelt, 2016-2017, 2020.
- Member of the editorial board of *Kronos – Philosophical Journal* (<https://kronos.org.pl/english/>)
- Member of the editorial board, *European Journal of Political Philosophy*