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EDUCATION

1968-72: Brown University. A.B., magna cum laude et cum honoribus,
religious studies, 1972.

1972-76: Princeton University, Ph.D., religion, 1976.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1975-2018: Department of Religion, Princeton University

Associated Faculty Status: Philosophy, Politics, Center for Human Values,
Center for the Study of Religion, Program in Visual Arts, Committee for
Film Studies

1975-76: Instructor of Religion, Princeton University

1976-77: Melancthon Jacobus Instructor of Religion, Princeton University

1977-83: Assistant Professor of Religion, Princeton University

1983-88: Associate Professor of Religion, Princeton University

1988-2018: Professor of Religion, Princeton University

1989-92: Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities, Princeton University

1992-99: Chair, Department of Religion, Princeton University

2002-03: Acting Chair, Department of Religion, Princeton University

2010-11: Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study

2011- 15: Chair, Committee for Film Studies, Princeton University

2018-present: Professor of Religion, Emeritus, Princeton University

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ENDOWED LECTURES

Phi Beta Kappa (1972)

Harvey A. Baker Fellowship (1972-75), awarded by Brown University to a
graduating senior for the pursuit of graduate studies

Class Orator, Brown University Commencement (1972)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the
Ph.D. (1979-80)

John Witherspoon Bicentennial Preceptorship, Princeton University (1981-84)

Andrew Mellon Professorship in the Humanities (1989-92)
 American Academy of Religion Award for Book Excellence, for *Ethics after Babel* (1989)
 The Niebuhr Lectures, Elmhurst College (1992)
 The Efroymson Lectures, Hebrew Union College (1997)
 Project Co-Director (with P. Adams Sitney), "Cinema and Religious Expression," sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion (2000-2001)
 American Academy of Religion Award for Book Excellence (2004) for *Democracy and Tradition*
 The John Albert Hall Lectures, University of Victoria, B.C., Canada (2005)
 The Priestley Lectures, University College, University of Toronto (2006)
 The Jellema Lectures, Calvin College (2006)
 The Stone Lectures, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007)
 The Bartlett Lecture on World Peace, Yale University (2008)
 Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2008)
 Graduate Mentoring Award, Princeton University (2009)
 President's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University (2010)
 The Jack and Lewis Rubin Lecture, Auburn Theological Seminary (2012)
 The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Lecture, Chicago (2012)
 The Gifford Lectures, Edinburgh University (2017)
 The American Lectures in the History of Religions, AAR (2019): NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, Duke, UNC Greensboro, Wake Forest.
 Kellogg Biennial Lecture in Jurisprudence, Library of Congress (Oct. 2022).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, member
 American Academy of Religion
 --President (2007); Co-Chair of Task Force on Governance (2008)
 Board of Trustees, Anthology Film Archives (2009-2011)
 Associate Editor, Journal of Religious Ethics (ending 2020)
 --formerly Chair of Board of Trustees and Contributing Editor
 Editorial Advisory Board, Encyclopedia of Ethics
 Co-editor (with Wayne Proudfoot and Nicholas Wolterstorff), Cambridge University Press Series on Religion and Critical Thought
 Editorial Board, Princeton University Press (2000-2004)
 --Chair (2004)
 Board of Trustees, Princeton University Press (2000-2004)
 Finance Committee, Princeton University Press (2002-2004)
 Editorial board member for various academic journals

BOOKS

The Flight from Authority: Religion, Morality, and the Quest for Autonomy. Vol. 1 in the series, Revisions, ed. Alasdair MacIntyre and Stanley Hauerwas. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1981. Paperback edition, 1987.

Ethics after Babel: The Languages of Morals and Their Discontents. Boston: Beacon Press, 1988. U.K. edition, James Clark, 1990. Paperback edition, 1990. Winner of the 1989 American Academy of Religion Award for Excellence. Expanded edition published in 2001, Princeton University Press, with a new postscript by the author.

Democracy and Tradition (Princeton: Princeton University Press in association with Hebrew Union College Press, 2004). Paperback edition, 2005. Winner of the 2004 American Academy of Religion Award for Excellence.

Grammar and Grace: Reformulations of Aquinas and Wittgenstein, edited by Robert MacSwain and Jeffrey Stout (SCM Press, 2004).

Blessed Are the Organized: Grassroots Democracy in America (Princeton University Press, 2010). Paperback edition, 2012.

Nations of Souls: Religion in Western Political Thought (tentative title), under contract with Princeton University Press, based on a series of six Gifford Lectures, delivered at the University of Edinburgh in May of 2017 (manuscript in progress).

The Cinematic Sacred (tentative title), based on the 2007 Stone Lectures and a 2019 lecture series in the history of religions, sponsored by the American Academy of Religion (manuscript in progress).

CAMBRIDGE SERIES ON RELIGION AND CRITICAL THOUGHT

Co-editor (with Wayne Proudfoot and Nicholas Wolterstorff), Cambridge University Press Series on Religion and Critical Thought

Including the following edited volumes:

1. Van Harvey, *Feuerbach and the Interpretation of Religion*. 1997
2. Nicholas Wolterstorff, *John Locke and the Ethics of Belief*. 1996
3. Jennifer A. Herdt, *Religion and Faction in Hume's Moral Philosophy*. 1997
4. Richard J. Bernstein, *Freud and the Legacy of Moses*. 1998
5. David Lamberth, *William James and the Metaphysics of Experience*. 1999
6. John Bowlin, *Contingency and Fortune in Aquinas's Ethics*. 1999
7. Timothy P. Jackson, *Love Disconsolated*. 1999
8. William D. Hart, *Edward Said and the Religious Effects of Culture*. 2000
9. Amy Laura Hall, *Kierkegaard and the Treachery of Love*. 2002

This series has been revived under the editorship of Stephen Bush, Keri Day, and Molly Farneth.

ARTICLES

1. "In Quest of Standards of Judgment." *Paideia* 1 (March 1975), pp. 6-10.
2. "Metaethics and the Death of Meaning: Adams' Tantalizing Closing." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 6/1 (Spring 1978), pp. 1-18.
3. "Buddhism Beyond Morality: A Note on Two Senses of Transcendence." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 6/2 (Fall 1978), pp. 319-326.
4. "Redirecting Inquiry in the Religion-Morality Debate." *Religious Studies* 16/2 (Spring 1980), pp. 229-237.
5. "Weber's Progeny, Once Removed." *Religious Studies Review* 6/4 (October 1980), pp. 289-295.
6. "What is the Meaning of a Text?" *New Literary History* 14 (1982), pp. 1-12.
7. "The Problem of Meaning: A Reply to Belsey." *New Literary History* 14 (1982), pp. 183-184.
8. "The Philosophical Interest of the Hebrew-Christian Moral Tradition." *The Thomist* 47/2 (1983), pp. 165-196.
9. "Moral Abominations." *Soundings* 66/1 (1983), pp. 5-23.
10. "The Voice of Theology in Contemporary Culture." In *Religion and America: Spirituality in a Secular Age*, ed. Mary Douglas and Steven M. Tipton (Boston: Beacon Press, 1983), pp. 249-261.
11. "Holism and Comparative Ethics: A Response to Little." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 11/2 (Fall 1983), pp. 301-316.
12. "Virtue among the Ruins: An Essay on MacIntyre." *Neue Zeitschrift für systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 26/3 (1984), pp. 256-273.
- 13-16. Entries on "Behaviorism," "Idealist Ethics," "Positivism," and "Tradition in Ethics," in *Dictionary of Christian Ethics*, ed. James F. Childress and John Macquarrie (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1986), pp. 57, 288-290, 487, 629-631.
17. "The Relativity of Interpretation." *The Monist* 69/1 (1986), pp. 103-118.
18. "Liberal Society and the Languages of Morals," *Soundings* 69/1-2 (1986), pp. 32-59.

19. "A Lexicon of Postmodern Philosophy," *Religious Studies Review* 13/1 (1987), pp. 18-22.
20. "Naturalism," in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Mircea Eliade (New York: Macmillan, 1987), vol. 10, pp. 314-318.
21. "David Tracy's Plurality and Ambiguity," *Theology Today* 44/4 (1988), pp. 503-508.
22. An excerpt from *Ethics after Babel*, *This World* 21 (Spring 1988), pp. 59-77.
23. "Homeward Bound: MacIntyre on Liberal Society and the History of Ethics," *Journal of Religion* 69/2, pp. 220-232.
24. "Response," in a book symposium on *Ethics after Babel* in *Theology Today* 46/1, pp. 69-73.
25. "Justice and Resort to War: A Sampling of Christian Ethical Thinking," in *Cross, Crescent and Sword*, edited by James Turner Johnson and John Kelsay (Greenwood Press, 1990), pp. 3-33.
26. "Ism-Mongering," *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, edited by D. M. Yeager (1990), pp. 55-62.
27. "Ramsey and Others on Nuclear Ethics," in *Journal of Religious Ethics* 19/2 (1991):209-237.
28. "Modernity without Essence," *Soundings* 74/3-4 (Fall/Winter, 1991):525-540.
29. "Truth, Natural Law, and Ethical Theory," in *Natural Law Theory: Contemporary Essays*, edited by Robert P. George (Clarendon Press, 1992), pp. 71-102.
30. "On Having a Morality in Common," in *Prospects for a Common Morality*, edited by Gene Outka and John P. Reeder (Princeton University Press, 1993), pp. 215-32.
31. "The Rhetoric of Revolution," in *Religion and Practical Reason*, edited by Frank E. Reynolds and David Tracy (SUNY, 1994), pp. 329-62.
32. "Commitments and Traditions in the Study of Religious Ethics," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 25.3 (25th Anniversary Supplement, 1998), pp. 23-56.
33. "Hans Frei and Anselmian Theology," in *Ten Year Commemoration to the Life of Hans Frei (1922-1988)*, edited by Giorgy Olegovich (New York: Semenenko Foundation, 1999), pp. 24-40.

34. "Walzer on Exodus and Prophecy," in *Ethical Monotheism, Past and Present: Essays in Honor of Wendell S. Dietrich*, edited by Ted Vial and Mark Hadley (Providence, R.I.: Brown Judaic Studies, 2001), pp. 307-338.
35. "Theses on Black Nationalism," in *Is It Nation Time?* edited by Eddie Glaude, Jr. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002), pp. 234-256.
36. "Moral Abominations," reprint of *Ethics after Babel*, chap. 7, in *Theology and Sexuality: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, edited by Eugene F. Rogers, Jr. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002), pp. 137-153.
37. "Radical Interpretation and Pragmatism: Davidson, Rorty, and Brandom on Truth," in *Radical Interpretation in Religion*, edited by Nancy Frankenberry (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 25-52.
38. "How Charity Transcends the Culture Wars: Rogers and Others on Same-Sex Marriage," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 31.2 (2003): 169-180.
39. "Not of This World: Stanley Hauerwas and Liberal Democracy," *Commonweal* 130.17 (October 10, 2003): 14-20.
40. "Breaking the Waves," in *The Hidden God: Film and Faith*, edited by Mary Lea Bandy and Antonio Monda (New York: The Museum of Modern Art, 2003), 215-222.
41. "Virtue and the Way of the World: Reflections on Hauerwas," in *The Sources of Public Morality—On the ethics and religion debate*, edited by Ulrik Nissen, Svend Andersen, and Lars Reuter (LIT Verlag, 2003), pp. 59-74.
42. Contribution to a Symposium on *Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate* by John H. Evans, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 24/1 (Spring/Summer 2004): 187-191.
43. "Thoughts on Religion and Politics," in *One Electorate under God? A Dialogue on Religion and American Politics*, edited by E.J. Dionne Jr., Jean Bethke Elshtain, and Kayla M. Drogoz (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 2004), 194-199.
44. (with Noah Stout), "Cinema Arcadia," *Film Comment*, Vol. 40, No. 5 (Sept./Oct. 2004):64-65.
45. "Religious Premises in Political Argument," in *Religion in the Liberal Polity*, edited by Terence Cuneo (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2005), 157-172.

46. "Responses to Five Papers on Democracy and Tradition," in *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 87.3-4 (Fall/Winter 2004) [actually published in July 2005]: 367-402.
47. "A Conversation We Ought To Be Having over Adoption," in *The Morality of Adoption: Social-Psychological, Theological, and Legal Perspectives*, ed. Timothy P. Jackson (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005): 117-127.
48. "Comments on Six Responses to *Democracy and Tradition*," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.4 (December 2005): 709-744.
49. "Survivors of the Nations: A Response to Fergusson and Pecknold," *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 59 (2006): 210-234.
50. "The Spirit of Democracy and the Rhetoric of Excess," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 35.1 (March 2007): 3-21.
51. "On Our Interest in Getting Things Right: Pragmatism without Narcissism," in *New Pragmatists*, edited by Cheryl Misak (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2007), 7-31.
52. "A House Founded on the Sea: Is Democracy a Dictatorship of Relativism?" *Common Knowledge*, 13:2-3 (Spring-Fall 2007): 385-403.
53. "Socrates, Euthyphro, and Nielsen," in *Reason and Emancipation: Essays on the Philosophy of Kai Nielsen*, edited by Michel Seymour and Matthias Fritsch (New York: Humanities Books, 2007), 19-27.
54. "A Prophetic Church in a Post-Constantinian Age: The Implicit Theology of Cornel West," *Contemporary Pragmatism* 4.1 (June 2007): 39-45.
55. "Rorty at Princeton," *New Literary History*, 39.1 (Winter 2008): 29-33.
56. "2007 Presidential Address: The Folly of Secularism," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 76 (September 2008): 533-544.
57. "The Folly of Secularism," reprinted in *Princeton Theological Seminary Bulletin*, vol. 29 (2008): 82-94.
58. "Was ist die Bedeutung eines Textes?" *Moderne Interpretationstheorien*, edited by Tom Kindt and Tilmann Köppe (Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2008), 226-247. (A German translation of "What Is the Meaning of a Text?")
59. "Adams on the Nature of Obligation," in *Metaphysics and the Good: Themes from the Philosophy of Robert Merrihew Adams*, edited by Samuel Newlands and Larry M. Jorgensen (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 368-387.

60. "Excellence and the Emersonian Perfectionist," part one of an interview with Ron Kuipers, *The Other Journal* (September 1, 2009): <http://theotherjournal.com/article.php?id=864>.
61. "Blessed Are the Organized: Solidarity, Finitude, and the Future of Pluralistic Democracy," part two of an interview with Ron Kuipers, *The Other Journal* (September 9, 2009): <http://theotherjournal.com/print.php?id=867>.
62. "Anyone Dominated by a Foreign Master Is Still a Slave," interview with Yulia Netesova, *The Russian Journal*, issue 21, vol. 35 (September 11, 2009).
63. "Rorty on Religion and Politics," in *The Philosophy of Richard Rorty*, ed. Randall E. Auxier and Lewis Edwin Hahn (Chicago and LaSalle, Illinois: Open Court, 2010): 523-545.
64. "The Folly of Secularism," reprinted in *The Good Society*, vol. 19, no. 2, (2010): 10-15.
65. "Pragmatism and Democracy: Assessing Jeffrey Stout's *Democracy and Tradition*," edited by Jason Springs, with contributions by Cornel West, Richard Rorty, Stanley Hauerwas, and Jeffrey Stout," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. 78, no. 2 (June 2010), 413-448. Stout's remarks appear on 431-442 and 445-446.
66. "Moral Abominations," an excerpt from *Ethics after Babel*, reprinted in *Religion in Legal Thought and Practice*, ed. Howard Lesnick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010): 333-336.
67. "How Charity Transcends the Culture Wars," reprinted in *Religion in Legal Thought and Practice*, ed. Howard Lesnick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010): 343-347.
68. "Moral Disagreements," an excerpt from *Ethics after Babel*, reprinted in *Religion in Legal Thought and Practice*, ed. Howard Lesnick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010): 512-513.
69. "Cornel West and the President: What Are We Really Talking about? *Huffington Post* (May 26, 2011) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-stout/cornel-west-obama_b_867436.html
70. "The Character of Cornel West," *Huffington Post* (May 30, 2011) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-stout/the-character-of-cornel-w_b_868794.html
71. "How Can We Take Back the Economy from the Elites? Organize," an interview with Nathan Schneider, *Religion Dispatches* (August 2, 2011).

72. "The Temptations of Theory," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 95/2 (2012): 168-178.
73. "The Spirit of Pragmatism: Bernstein's Variations on Hegelian Themes," *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 33/1 (2012): 185-246.
74. "Pastors and Flocks," *International Journal of Public Theology* 6 (2012): 516-527, being a reprint, with a new introduction, of the author's *Blessed Are the Organized*, chapter 16.
75. "Pastors and Flocks," in *Yours the Power: Faith-Based Organizing in the USA*, edited by Katie Day, Esther McIntosh, and William Storrar, December 2012, being a reprint, with a new introduction, of *Blessed Are the Organized*, chapter 16.
76. "The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power: A Reading of Emerson's 'Experience'," in *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* (35.1), January 2014: 3-24.
77. "Christianity and Class Struggle," *The Kuyper Center Review*, Vol. 4, ed. John Bowlin (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014): 40-53.
78. "What Is It That Absolute Knowing Knows?" *Journal of Religion* 95.2 (2015): 163-182.
79. "Lincoln's Religion: An Ambiguous Legacy," *Commonweal* (June 3, 2016): 12-18.
80. "Public Reason and Dialectical Pragmatism," in *Pragmatism and Naturalism: Scientific and Social Inquiry after Representationalism*, ed. Matthew Bagger (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018), 170-220.
81. "Dialogical Democracy: King, Michnik, and the American Culture Wars," in *The Long 1989: Decades of Global Revolution*, ed. Piotr H. Kosicki and Kyrill Kunakhovich (Budapest, Hungary: Central European University Press, 2019), 91-121.
82. "The Ironies of Proximate Justice," in *The Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr*, ed. Robin Lovin and Joshua Mauldin (Oxford University Press, 2021), 603-610.
83. "Rorty's Pragmatisms: How To Tease Them Apart and What To Make of Them," in *Handbuch Richard Rorty*, ed. Martin Müller (Springer VS, 2023): 957-975.

Forthcoming essay:

"Callings," invited essay for a volume on "The American Scholar."

SHORT REVIEWS

The Divine Image: The Foundation of Christian Morality by Keith Ward. *Religious Studies Review* 3/4 (October 1977), p. 266.

Meaning and the Moral Sciences by Hilary Putnam. *Religious Studies Review* 5/2 (April 1979), p. 149.

Language and Responsibility by Noam Chomsky. *Religious Studies Review* 6/1 (January 1980), p. 49.

The Moral Status of Animals by Stephen Clark. *Religious Studies Review* 6/1 (January 1980), p. 52.

History of Christian Ethics, Vol. 1, by George Wolfgang Forell. *Ethics* 91/2 (January 1981), pp. 328-329.

Essays on Aristotle's Ethics edited by Amelie Oksenberg Rorty. *Religious Studies Review* 8/2 (April 1982), p. 170.

Authority in Morals: An Essay in Christian Ethics by Gerald J. Hughes. *Religious Studies Review* 9/1 (1983), p. 59.

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion by Kai Nielsen. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 22/4 (1983), pp. 396-397.

Philosophical Explanations by Robert Nozick. *Journal of Religion* (January 1985), pp. 133-134.

Cosmogony and Ethical Order, ed. Robin Lovin and Frank Reynolds. *Religious Studies Review* 12/2 (1986), p. 147.

Philosophy in History: Essays in the Historiography of Philosophy, ed. Richard Rorty, J. B. Schneewind, and Quentin Skinner. *Religious Studies Review* 13/3 (1987), pp. 233-234.

Suffering Presence by Stanley Hauerwas. *Theology Today* 44/1 (1987), pp. 124-126.

Moral Relativity by David Wong. *Religious Studies Review*.

The Cunning of Modern Religious Thought by David S. Pacini. *Journal of Religion*.

Whose Keeper? Social Science and Moral Obligation, by Alan Wolfe. *Dissent* (Summer 1990):407-410.

A Catholic Modernity?: Charles Taylor's Marianist Award Lecture, ed. James L. Heft. *Philosophy in Review/Comptes Rendus Philosophiques* 21/6 (December, 2001):431-433.

What We Owe to Each Other, by T. M. Scanlon. *Common Knowledge* 8/2 (Spring 2002):420.

SELECTED LECTURES

"The Religion-Morality Problem: Metaphilosophical Reflections," University of Illinois (Urbana), April 1976.

"Kantian Hermeneutics and Religious Ethics: The Role of Conceptual Analysis in Historical Inquiry," American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, December 1977.

"Comparative Religious Ethics," Amherst College, October 1978.

"MacIntyre's Dramatic Narratives," American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 1978.

"Frankena on Religion, Morality, and Logical Dependence," Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, May 1981, Douglass College, New Brunswick, N.J.

"What is the Meaning of a Text?" American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, December 1981.

"Moral Abominations," Yale University, April 1982.

"Virtue Among the Ruins," Department of Philosophy, University of Houston, April 1983.

"Reflections on Donagan," Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, June 1983.

"McCann on Habermas," Society of Christian Ethics, Philadelphia, January 1984.

"Justice and War," Alumni Day Lecture, Princeton University, February 1984.

"Reflections on Virtue and War," American Academy of Religion, November 1985.

"Yearley on Mencius and Aquinas," University of Chicago, October 1986.

"Liberal Society and Its Discontents," University of North Carolina, Greensboro, March 1987; Steel Center, Conway, Arkansas, February 1988; University of Rochester, March 1988; Lehigh University, May 1988.

"Relativity and Rabbinical Reasoning: A Response to Howard Eilberg-Schwartz," University of Chicago, October 1987.

"Hans Frei and Anselmian Theology," American Academy of Religion, November 1987.

"Critical Distance: Michael Walzer and Social Criticism," Society of Christian Ethics, January 1988.

"Revolution and the Limits of Moral Reasoning," University of Chicago, April 1988.

"Homeward Bound: MacIntyre on Liberal Society and the History of Ethics," American Political Science Association, September 1988; Brown University, September 1988; Lehigh University, December 1988.

"Beyond Modernity?" Harvard University, November 1988.

"Justice, Resort to War, and the Diversity of Christian Ethics," Rutgers University, March 1989.

"Pragmatic Reflections on the End of Modernity," University of Virginia, February 1989; University of Colorado at Boulder, October 1989.

Response to Christopher Hill's Tanner Lecture on Human Values, University of Michigan, Fall 1991.

"Reflections on Socrates and Euthyphro," lecture sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, December 1991.

"Was Jesus a Great Moral Teacher?" in the Distinguished Lecture Series, Oberlin College, March 1992.

"Jesus" and "Exemplary Lives and Experimental Selves," the Niebuhr Lectures, Elmhurst College, April 1992.

"The Critical Theorist and Her Other: Reflections on Benhabib," Society of Christian Ethics, January 1996.

"The First Student-Athlete," Princeton University, spring 1997.

"The Ethics of Piety," the Efroymson Lectures, Hebrew Union College, spring 1997.

"Piety, Democracy, and the Question of Character," University of Richmond, spring 1998.

"The Ethics of Example," University of Virginia, spring 1998.

"The Question of Character," West Virginia University, March 1999.

"Radical Interpretation and Pragmatism: Davidson, Rorty, and Brandom on Truth," Dartmouth College, October 2000.

"Virtue and the Way of the World: Reflections on Hauerwas," Societas Ethica, Berlin, August 2001.

"Virtue and the Way of the World: Reflections on Hauerwas," lounge seminar, Department of Religion, Princeton, October 2001.

"The Question of Character," American Maritain Association, Princeton, October 2002.

"A Response to Evans's Playing God?" Society of Christian Ethics, January 2003.

"Jocks and Nerds: Origins and Consequences of the Student-Athlete Ideal," Villanova University, March 2003.

"Virtue and the Way of the World: Reflections on Hauerwas," Villanova University, March 2003.

"Virtue and the Way of the World: Reflections on Hauerwas," Princeton Theological Seminary, spring 2003.

"A Conversation We Ought To Be Having about Same-Sex Marriage," Emory University, March 2003.

"The Ethics of Piety: A Reading of the *Euthyphro*," Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University, September 2003.

"Socrates, Euthyphro, and Nielsen," Concordia University, October 2003.

"A Response to Finnis," Conference on Faith and the Challenges of Secularism, Princeton University, October 2003.

"Categories and Commitments in the Study of Religion," Reflections on the Study of Religion Conference, Princeton University, October 2003.

"*Democracy and Tradition*: a Response to Hauerwas, Rorty, and West," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2003.

- "Reflections on the Field of Ethics," Harvard University, January 2004.
- "Remarks on Religion and Politics," Nassau Presbyterian Church, February 2004.
- "My Adolescent Sublime," University of Richmond, April 2004.
- "Democracy and Tradition," University Seminar, Columbia University, April 2004.
- "Same-Sex Coupling and the Cultural Sources of Bias," Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, August 2004.
- "The Spirit of Democracy" and "A Response to Critics" in a conference on *Democracy and Tradition*, University of Tennessee, October 6-9, 2004.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," University of Notre Dame, November 4-5, 2004.
- "The Christian Case for Radical Democracy: Reflections on Cornel West," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 22, 2004.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Columbia Legal Theory Workshop, November 29, 2004.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Yale Center for Faith and Culture, April 7, 2005.
- "The Ethics of Piety," Yale University, Department of Philosophy, April 8-9, 2005.
- John Albert Hall Lectures, University of Victoria, B.C., Canada, October 26 and 27, November 2 and 3, 2005.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," New College, Sarasota, Florida, January 31, 2006.
- Priestley Lectures, University College, University of Toronto, February 7-9, 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Arizona State University, February 22-23, 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Central Michigan University, February 28, 2006.
- Jellema Lectures, Calvin College, March 1-2, 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy and the Rhetoric of Excess," Duke University, March 31, 2006.
- "Rorty on Religion and Politics," Temple University, April 6, 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," LaSalle University, April 7, 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Georgia State University, April 26, 2006.

- "Democracy and Tradition," Emory University, April 2006.
- "Democracy and Tradition," Industrial Areas Foundation, Los Angeles, July 2006.
- "Remarks on Coles," American Political Science Association, September 2006.
- "The Spirit of Democracy," Lebanon Valley College, October 2006.
- "Democracy Still Matters," American Academy of Religion, November 2006.
- "Democracy, Religion, and Secularism," Industrial Areas Foundation, New Orleans, January 2007.
- "Mending the Fire," Lehigh University, April 2007.
- "A Light That Shines in the Darkness: Evil, Egotism, and the Sacred in Film," Stone Lectures, Princeton Theological Seminary, September-November 2007.
- "The Folly of Secularism," AAR Presidential Address, San Diego, California, November 2007.
- "It's a Boy: How Militarism Corrupted the Republic," Bartlett Lecture, Yale Divinity School, October 2008.
- "Rorty on Religion and Politics," Brown University, March 2009.
- "It's a Boy! How Militarism Corrupted the Republic," Brown University, March 2009.
- "Practicing Strong Democracy," University of North Carolina, Greensboro, March 2009.
- "Response to Cortés, Moses, and Watkins," Princeton University, April 2009.
- "On Mark Johnston's *Saving God*," Princeton University, September 2009.
- "Religion and Politics in Belarus, Afghanistan, and Central Asia," Princeton University, October 2009.
- "Religion and Democracy in the Age of Obama," Swarthmore College, November 2009.
- "President Obama, Race, and the Future of American Politics," Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, April 2010.
- "Response to Bonnie Honig's *Emergency Politics*," American Academy of Religion, November 2010.

"*Blessed Are the Organized*," with Jarrett Kerbel, Labyrinth Books, November 2010.

"Markopoulos and *Eniaios*," Museum of the Moving Image, February 2011.

"The Ironies of Relative Justice," in a panel on "The Niebuhrian Moment," University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, February 2011.

"Oprah in the Astrodome," in a conference on celebrity and humanitarianism, Yale University, February 2011.

"A Response to David Bromwich, Ernesto Cortes Jr., and Emilie Townes," in a panel on *Blessed Are the Organized*, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, March 2011.

"Hitchcock's Shadow," Thursday Seminar, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, May 2011.

"The Problem of Point of View in Social Theory," Board of Trustees, Institute for Advanced Study, May 2011.

"A Response to Isis Leslie, Romand Coles, David Kim, and Stephen White," in a panel on *Blessed Are the Organized*, American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2011.

"On Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street," Muslim Students Association, Princeton University, December 2011.

"Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt*," UCLA, February 2012.

"Christianity and Class Struggle," Kuyper Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2012.

"How Do We Create a Just Economy?" Jack and Lewis Rubin Lecture, Auburn Theological Seminary, May 2012.

"*Shadow of a Doubt*: Hitchcock on Freud, Augustine, and Horrendous Evil," New York University, October 2012.

"The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power: A Reading of Emerson's 'Experience,'" Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, November 2012.

"What Is It That Absolute Knowing Knows?" Session on "The New Hegel and Religious Studies," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012.

"A Response to Bretherton, Cady, Honig, and Kelsay." Session on *Blessed Are the Organized*, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012.

- “The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power: A Reading of Emerson’s ‘Experience,’” Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought,” Chicago, November 2012.
- “*Shadow of a Doubt*: Hitchcock on Freud, Augustine, and Horrendous Evil,” University of Chicago Divinity School, January 2013.
- “The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power: A Reading of Emerson’s ‘Experience,’” University of Vermont, March 2013.
- “The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power: Ethics and Politics in Emerson’s ‘Experience,’” Humanities Council, Princeton University, September 2013.
- “Ends and Means in the Struggle for a Just Economy,” University of Notre Dame, October 2013.
- “Struggle for Justice: Blessed Are the Organized,” Lee Institute, Saint Louis.
- “Yours the Power,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 2013.
- “Paul Ramsey’s Contributions to Christian Ethics,” Millsaps College, December 2013.
- “Walking in Our Sleep: Thoughts on Thoreau,” Loyola University (Maryland), March 2014.
- “Ethics and Politics in the Study of Religion,” Stanford University, May 2014.
- “Congregations for Justice,” California Lutheran University, November 2014.
- “Philosophy and the Study of Religion,” American Academy of Religion, November 2014.
- “Judaism and the Study of Religion,” American Academy of Religion, November 2014.
- “How To Name Social Ills,” Religion and Power Conference, Princeton University, March 2015.
- “Dialectical Pragmatism and Public Reason,” New School University, March 2015.
- “On Some Uses of the Term *Religion*,” Wars of Religion Conference, Princeton University, April 2015.
- “Burke and the Cinematic Sublime,” Bromwich Symposium, Yale University, May 2015.

“Secularism and Democracy,” Heyman Center, Columbia University, October 2015.

“Kateb’s Lincoln and the Republican Tradition,” Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University, March 2016.

“Lincoln’s Political Religion,” Haverford College, March 2016.

“Dreyer’s *Passion of Joan of Arc*,” Princeton Theological Seminary Film Festival, October 2016.

“How To Stand for Something,” American Academy of Religion, November 2016.

“Raboteau’s Visionary Company,” Labyrinth Books, November 2016.

“Religion Unbound: Ideals and Powers from Cicero to King,” the Gifford Lectures, May 2017, University of Edinburgh.

Symposium on Stout’s Gifford Lectures, with John Bowlin, Scott Davis, and Cornel West, Royal Society of Edinburgh, May 2017.

“Religion and Politics: Doubts about the Great Separation Story,” with a response by Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto Law School, October 2017.

“Religion and Politics: Doubts about the Great Separation Story,” Yale Divinity School, with responses by Keri Day and Jennifer Herdt, November 2017.

“The Cinematic Sacred,” The 2019 American Lectures in the History of Religions, delivered at five universities in North Carolina, with an overview delivered at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The lectures discussed films by Antonioni, Breillat, Capra, Dorsky, Dreyer, Friedrich, Hitchcock, Ozu, Tarkovsky, and Von Trier.

“The Tree of Democratic Liberty,” the Kellogg Lecture in Jurisprudence, Library of Congress, October 27, 2022.

“Evils in Our Midst: A Close Reading of Hitchcock’s *Shadow of a Doubt*,” St. John’s College (Santa Fe), December 8, 2023.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE (selected)

Director of Graduate Studies, 7 yrs.

Director of I.B.M. Computer Project, 1 yr.

Departmental Representative (directs undergraduate program), 2 yrs.

Leader of Lounge Seminars, 3 yrs.

Chair, 1992-99

Acting Chair, 2002-2003

Various departmental committees

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (selected)

Committee on Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies, 2009

Search Committee for Director of Visual Arts Program, 2007-08

Assistant Coach, Men's Soccer (2 years)

Faculty Fellow, Rockefeller College, 1991-2018

Political Philosophy Committee, 1986-2018

Executive Committee, Center for Human Values, 1991-2003

Faculty Fellow, Men's Soccer, 1997- 2018

Editorial Board, Princeton University Press, 2000-04 (Chair, 2004)

Board of Trustees, Princeton University Press, 2000-04

Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Religion, 2001-03

Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows, 2002-03

Committee for Film Studies, 2002-15

Chair, Committee for Film Studies, 2011-15

Campus Life Committee, 2003-04

Committee on Visual Arts, 2005-07

Humanities Council Task Force, 2005

Faculty Committee on Athletics, 2005-2007, 2009-10

Senior Fellow, Human Values Forum

Graduate Studies Committee, Graduate School, 2011-12

Policy Sub-committee, Graduate School, 2011-12

Ethnographic Studies Certificate Program Committee, 2015-18

EXAMPLES OF COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Religion Courses:

Religion and Ethical Theory; Religion and Its Critics; Christian Ethics and Modern Society; Religion and Contemporary Philosophy: Dewey, Heidegger, and Wittgenstein; Religion in Modern Thought and Film; Rituals, Symbols, and Body Politics (with Molly Farneth).

Graduate Religion Courses:

Philosophy and the Study of Religion; Religion and the Tradition of Social Theory; Studies in Theology; Contemporary Pragmatism (with Cornel West); Studies in Religion and Morality; Values, Ideals, and Powers (with Cornel West); Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*; Emerson and Baldwin (with Eddie Glaude); Values, Ideals, and Powers (with Cornel West).

Humanities Courses:

Resistance, Rebellion, and Death; Religion in Modern Thought and Film; Visions of Transformation: Religious and Secular; The Concept of Honor; The Sporting Spirit; Sports and Value; Religion and Cinema (with P. Adams Sitney); Religion in Modern Thought and Film; Social Criticism (graduate seminar with David Bromwich).