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- Education:** Yale College, B.A., summa cum laude, 1966
Cornell University, Ph.D., in Government, 1971
Study in Paris, France 1969-70
- Languages:** French, Latin, Greek, and German
- Academic Awards, Fellowships and Grants:** AFS foreign exchange student to France, 1961-62
National Merit Scholar, 1962-66
Andrew D. White History Prize, 1963
Phi Beta Kappa, 1964
Berkeley Classics Prize, 1966
Graduated summa cum laude, Yale, 1966
Danforth Foundation Graduate Fellow, 1966-71
Herbert H. Lehman Fellow, 1966-70
Andrew D. White Fellow, 1966-69
Visiting Scholar, Centre Universitaire Internationale, Paris, France, 1969-70
Earhart Foundation Fellow, 1970-71
Earhart Foundation summer research grant, 1972
Claremont McKenna College summer research grants, 1973, 1974, 1983, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation project grants, 1986-88, 1990-92
Bradley Foundation Research Fellowship Program grant, 1987-2004
- Professional Experience:** Professor of Political Science, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, 1990--; Government Department chair, 1992-5, 2001; Associate Professor, 1979-90.
Claremont Graduate School Faculty, 1973-75, 1982--; Avery Fellow, 1988--.
Associate Director for Special Initiatives, Division of General Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C., 1984-85.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1975-77, Associate Professor, 1977-79, Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.
Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, Fall 1977.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Claremont Men's College, Claremont, California, 1972-75.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1971-72.

Publications: Books

Gorgias and Phaedrus by Plato, translated with introduction, notes, and interpretative essays by James H. Nichols, Jr. (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 1998.) The *Gorgias* and *Phaedrus* have simultaneously been published as two separate paperbacks, also from Cornell University Press.

From Political Economy to Economics --- And Back?, edited by James H. Nichols, Jr. and Colin Wright (San Francisco: Institute for Contemporary Studies, 1990).

Introduction to the Reading of Hegel by Alexandre Kojève, translated from French by James H. Nichols, Jr. (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1980; reissue of original Basic Books edition of 1969).

Epicurean Political Philosophy: The De rerum natura of Lucretius, by James H. Nichols, Jr. (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1976).

Publications: Articles and Book Chapters

"The Civic Rhetoric of Isaiah Berlin," in *Pluralism Without Relativism: Remembering Sir Isaiah Berlin*, edited by João Carlos Espada and Marc Plattner (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2004).

"Political Economy and the Development of Liberalism" in *The Liberal Tradition in Focus: Problems and New Perspectives*, edited by João Carlos Espada, Marc F. Plattner, and Adam Wolfson (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000).

"Rethinking Politics for the Next Generation of Liberalism" in *Liberalism in the New Millennium*, edited by Bradley C.S. Watson (Latrobe, PA: Center for Economic & Policy Education, 2000).

"Fostering Civic Virtue through Understanding Politics," posted at <http://www.icspress.com/>.

"Rhetoric," "Pragmatism," "John Dewey," and "William James" in *The Encyclopedia of Democracy*, 4 vols., edited by Seymour Martin Lipset (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1995).

"Platonic Reflections on Philosophic Education" in *Political Philosophy and the Human Soul: Essays in Memory of Allan Bloom*, edited by Michael Palmer and Thomas L. Pangle (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 1995).

"Technology in Classical Thought" in *Technology in the Western Political Tradition*, edited by Arthur M. Melzer, Jerry Weinberger, and M. Richard Zinman (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1993).

"Political Economy and the Problems of Political Philosophy" in *From Political Economy to Economics --- And Back?*, edited by James H. Nichols, Jr. and Colin Wright (San Francisco: Institute for Contemporary Studies, 1990).

"Pragmatism and the U.S. Constitution" in *Confronting the Constitution*, edited by Allan Bloom (Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute, 1990).

"Plato's *Laches*" translated with notes and an interpretive essay, in *The Roots of Political Philosophy: Ten Forgotten Socratic Dialogues*, edited by Thomas S. Pangle (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1987).

"Human Rights Abroad and at Home" in *Human Rights in Our Time: Essays in Memory of Victor Baras*, edited by Marc F. Plattner (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1984).

"On the Proper Use of Ancient Political Philosophy: A Comment on Stephen T. Holmes's 'Aristippus in and out of Athens.'" *American Political Science Review*, March 1979.
 Translation from French of Alexandre Kojève's "The Emperor Julian and his Art of Writing" in *Ancients and Moderns*, edited by Joseph Cropsey (New York: Basic Books, 1964).

Publications: Reviews

Review of *The Restless Mind: Intellectuals in Politics*, by Mark Lilla, in *Academic Questions*, Vol 15, No.4 (Fall 2002).
 "God and Mammon," a review of *Economics as Religion: From Samuelson to Chicago and Beyond*, by Robert H. Nelson, in *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (Spring 2002).
 "Right, Law, and Justice at the End of History," a review of *Outline of a Phenomenology of Right*, by Alexandre Kojève, tr. by Bryan-Paul Frost and Robert Howse, in *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol. 1 No. 4 (Summer 2001).
 Review of *Polis and Politics: Essays in Greek Moral and Political Philosophy*, edited by A. Loizou and H. Lesser, in *Ancient Philosophy* 14 (1994).
 Review of Michel Launay's *Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Écrivain Politique*, in *American Political Science Review*, September 1977.
 Review of Gertrude Himmelfarb's *On Liberty and Liberalism: The Case of John Stuart Mill*, in *The New Leader*, February 17, 1975.
 Review of Bernard Crick's *In Defense of Politics*, in *American Political Science Review*, December 1974.

Other Professional Activities:

Lecture, "The Thought of Alexandre Kojève: Hegelian System or Postmodern Irony?" presented at Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich, Germany, June 2004.
 Participant, Ethics and Public Policy Center conference on "American Muslims," Washington, D.C., June 2003.
 Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and Responsibility in Epicurean Philosophy"; Essex Junction, Vermont, October 2002.
 Moderator, panel at a Salvatori Center conference on "The Ethical Dimensions of Biotechnology: Current Issues and Future Prospects," Claremont McKenna College, April 2002.
 Discussant on panel "Philosophical Theology in Classical Political Thought" at APSA annual meeting, San Francisco, September 2001.
 Discussant on panel "Plato and Aristotle on the Rhetoric of Deception" at APSA annual meeting, San Francisco, September 2001.
 Presented a paper entitled "On Leo Strauss's Intellectual Engagement with Alexandre Kojève and Its Relation to *Natural Right and History*" at a conference on "Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*: Contexts and Subtexts" at the University of Chicago, May 11-13, 2001.
 Participant in a conference on "Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*: A Reassessment" at Michigan State University, April 20-22, 2001.
 Speaker on the panel "Roundtable on Christopher Bruell's *On the Socratic Education*" at APSA annual meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.
 Commentator, panel on "Freedom and Justice in Classical Political Thought" at APSA annual meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.

- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Plato on Liberty, Religion, and Politics"; Alexandria, VA, April 2000.
- Lecture on "The Rational Historicism of Alexandre Kojève" on Panel IV: The Challenge of Historicism, at the conference "Contemporary Obstacles to Leo Strauss's Experiment: Is a return to classical political philosophy possible today?" at St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM, November 1999.
- Lectured on "Rethinking Politics for the Next Generation of Liberalism" at a Civitas Forum on "Liberalism in the New Millennium" at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA; October 1999.
- Lecturer on "The Civic Rhetoric of Isaiah Berlin" for one of the Cursos da Arrábida, on "Pluralism without Relativism: Remembering Sir Isaiah Berlin," in Arrábida, Portugal; October 1999.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and Excellence"; Palm Springs, CA, Sept.-Oct. 1999.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Religion and Politics in Plato and Sophocles"; Aspen, CO, August 1999.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "The Classical Understanding of Tyranny"; New Orleans, January 1999.
- Lecturer on "From Political Economy to Economics --- And Back?" for one of the Cursos da Arrábida, on "Liberalism, Old and New," in Arrábida, Portugal; October 1998.
- Lectured on "Fostering Civic Virtue through Understanding Politics" in an APSA Short Course (sponsored by the Institute for Contemporary Studies New Civics Project), course entitled "Teaching Civic Virtue: A Workshop on Citizenship" at the annual meeting of the APSA in Boston, September 1998.
- Participant, Salvatori Center conference on "Criminal Justice, Philosophy, and Punishment," at Big Bear, CA, June 1998.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty, Virtue and Vice from Mandeville to Smith," Palm Springs, CA, February 1998.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and the Common Good," Palm Springs, CA, January 1998.
- Participant, conference on "Political Philosophy and Contemporary Political Life: The Achievement of Leo Strauss," Santa Monica, CA, October 1997.
- Lecture on "Platonic Reflections on Education, Philosophic and Rhetorical" and seminar on "Economics or Political Economy?: Reflections on the Relation between Economic Science and Politics," Centre de Recherches Politiques Raymond Aron, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May-June, 1997.
- Participant in conference on "The Challenge of Corruption," sponsored by the National Strategy Information Center and the Institute for Contemporary Studies, Hacienda San Antonio, Colima, Mexico, March 1997.
- Participant in conference on "Local Community Solutions to Problems of Development and Governance," sponsored by the National Strategy Information Center and the Institute for Contemporary Studies, Hacienda San Antonio, Colima, Mexico, March 1996.
- Participant in conference on "Insecurity and Urban Life," sponsored by the National Strategy Information Center and Sir James Goldsmith, Hacienda San Antonio, Colima, Mexico, March 1995.
- Commentator, panel on "Rousseau: On the Politics of Identity and Community," Western Political Science Association convention, Albuquerque, N.M., March 1994.
- Service on Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation's Academic Advisory Panel, 1992-1994.

- Gould Faculty Lecture, "Allan Bloom's Contribution to American Higher Education," Claremont McKenna College, March 1994.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and the Idea of Public Service," sponsored by Utah State University's Institute of Political Economy, Jackson Hole, WY, September 1993.
- Participant in conference on Rousseau sponsored by John M. Olin Center for Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of Democracy, University of Chicago, May 1993.
- Participant in "Roundtable: Pragmatism and the New Deal," a panel at the American Political Science Association convention, Chicago, September 1992.
- Lecture, "Platonic Reflections on Philosophic Education," delivered at a conference on "The Purpose of the University," at the University of Chicago, May 1992.
- Lecture, "Plato's *Phaedrus*," delivered at St. John's College, Santa Fe, April 1992.
- Gould faculty presentation, "Rhetoric Then and Now," Claremont McKenna College, April 1992.
- Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and Responsibility," Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, September 1991.
- Lecture, "The Epicurean Political Philosophy of Lucretius" given at Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich, Germany, July 1991.
- Participant, conference on "Modern Conception of Progress," Michigan State University, May 1991.
- Paper, "Philosophy, Persuasion, and Politics: Plato's View" presented at American Political Science Association convention, San Francisco, September 1990.
- Participant in conference on "Heroes and Heroism," University of Chicago, May 1990.
- Discussant on panel about "End of History," Southwest Political Science Association convention, Fort Worth, March 1990.
- Panelist and outside reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990.
- Lectured on Plato's *Gorgias*, Boston College, December 1989.
- Lectured on "Technology in Classical Thought," Michigan State University, Nov. 1989.
- Chaired panel and served as discussant, "Ancient Perspectives on Modernity" at Western Political Science Association Convention, Salt Lake City, March 1989.
- Participant in faculty seminar on the welfare state, Claremont Colleges, Claremont, California, fall semester 1988.
- Discussant on panel "Masters and Disciples in Political Theory" at American Political Science Association convention, Washington, D.C., September 1988.
- Lecture and seminar on "John Dewey's Pragmatism and the U.S. Constitution," University of Chicago, March 1988.
- Co-organized and co-chaired conference on "What Is Political Economy?: Some Issues at the Foundation." Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, November 1987.
- Participant on panel, "Teaching Political Theory," at Western Political Science Association convention, Anaheim, California, March 1987.
- Participant in conference on "Commerce and Culture" at National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, September 1982.
- Paper, "Socrates and Gorgias," presented to panel at American Political Science Association convention, Denver, September 1982.
- Participant in Conference, "Democratic Capitalism," Public Affairs Conference Center, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, April 1982.
- Lecture, "The Politics of Science," sponsored by Francis Bacon Foundation, Claremont, California, January 1982.

Commentator on panel on women and politics at Western Political Science Association convention, San Francisco, March 1980.
Research Associate, Salvatori Center for the Study of Freedom, Claremont McKenna College, 1978-1985, and editor of *Claremont Journal of Public Affairs*, 1980-1984.
Presentation, "Current Opinions as Obstacles to the Teaching of Ancient Political Philosophy," to panel at Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1978.
Organized and chaired a symposium on human rights, at the Graduate Faculty of the New School, New York, N.Y., April 1978.
Lecture, "Political Rhetoric," presented at Boston College, Boston, February 1978.
Commentator on panel on Plato at American Political Science Association convention; San Francisco, California, September 1975.
Consultant to California Congressional Recognition Program, 1974-75.
Lecture, "Reflections on Statesmanship," concluding a series of lectures on statesmanship, principally American; Claremont, California, May 1973.
Paper, "Rousseau and Lucretius," presented at American Political Science Association convention, New Orleans, September 1973.

Work in Progress:

Alexandre Kojève: Wisdom at the End of History, for a series of books on 20th Century Political Thinkers being published by Rowman and Littlefield.