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Curriculum Vitae

Committee on Social Thought
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Employment:

- 1996-present: John U. Nef Distinguished Service Professor, Committee on Social Thought and Department of Philosophy, The University of Chicago
- 1995-1996: Kingman Brewster Professor of the Humanities, Yale University
- 1986-1995: Professor of Philosophy, Yale University
Chair, Department of Philosophy (1988-1990)
- 1985–1986 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Yale University
- 1979–1985 Fellow, Clare College, Cambridge
- 1982 –1985 Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge
- 1979-1982 Assistant Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge
- 1978-1979 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Yale University
- 1977-1978 Research Fellow, Trinity Hall, Cambridge

Education:

- 1978 The Rockefeller University, Ph.D. in Philosophy
- 1973 The University of Cambridge, B.A. Philosophy (M.A., 1976)
- 1970 Yale University, B.A. in History
- (1995 Graduate, Western New England Institute of Psychoanalysis)

Publications:

Books

Radical Hope: Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006)

Freud (New York: Routledge, 2005)

Freud: L'invention de l'inconscient (French edition: Paris: Groupe Eyrolles, 2006)

Therapeutic Action: An Earnest Plea for Irony (New York: Other Press, 2003)

L'azione terapeutica: Quando la conversazione produce un cambiamento psicologico (Milan: Apogee, 2007) (Italian translation)

Happiness, Death and the Remainder of Life, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000)

Mutluluk, Ölüm ve Yaşmin Artakalani, (Turkish edition: Istanbul: Metis Yayınlan, 2006)

Open Minded: Working Out The Logic of the Soul, (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998);

La Psicoanalisi E I Suoi Nemici (Italian edition: Milano, Italia: McGraw-Hill Libri Italia, 1999);

Turkish edition: Istanbul: Okuyan Yayınevi, 2002.

Japanese edition: Ribun Shuppan (2004)

Love and its Place in Nature, (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1990: Paperback edition: Noonday Press, 1991; British edition: London: Faber and Faber, 1992; second edition: Yale University Press, 1999);

L'Amour et sa place dans la nature, (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1995)

Aristotle: The Desire to Understand, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988);

Aristóteles, El Deseo de Comprender (Spanish Edition: Madrid: Alianza Editorial, S.A., 1994)

Aristóteles: o desejo de entender (Brazilian edition: São Paulo: Discurso Editorial (2006)

Aristotle and Logical Theory, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1980)

Research Articles:

- “Mythic Justice” (to appear in a volume on Plato’s *Republic*, ed. J. Annas and R. Kamtekar, Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- “Ethics and the Problem of Communication: A Strategy for Reading *Diary of a Bad Year* by John Coetzee” (to appear in *Coetzee and Philosophy*, P. Singer and A. Leist eds., forthcoming)
- “What is it to be deprived of a world?” (to appear in *Transcendental Arguments* ed. M. Sacks, Cambridge University Press, 2009. To appear also in Italian translation in *La Societa' degli Individui*, 2008)
- “Working Through The End of Civilization”, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* 88: 2007: 291-308. Translations: “Das Ende der Zivilisation durcharbeiten”, *Zeitschrift für psychoanalytische Theorie und Praxis* 22.1, 2007: 33-53; “Den Untergang einer Kultur durcharbeiten”, *Psyche* 61.4, 2007: 345-367; “Elaborar o fim de uma civilização”, *Revista Brasileira de Psicanálise* 41.1, 2007: 137-153; “Perlaborer la fin de la civilisation”, *Revue française de psychanalyse* 71: 831-851 (2007).
- “The Illusion of a Future: The Rhetoric of Freud’s Critique of Religious Belief”, *On Freud’s The Future of an Illusion*, Contemporary Freud: Turning Points: M.K. Lowy and S. Akhtar eds. (London: International Psychoanalytic Association, 2008)
- “Socratic Method and Psychoanalysis”, in *The Blackwell Companion to Socrates*, S. Rappe and R. Kamtekar eds. (Oxford and New York: Blackwell, 2006). French translation: “Méthode socratique, ironie et constitution du soi”, *Cahiers Parisiens* 3, 2007, pp. 211-233.
- “Myth and Allegory in Plato’s *Republic*”, in *The Blackwell Companion to Plato’s Republic*, G. Santas ed. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006). This is a revised version of: “The Efficacy of Myth in Plato’s *Republic*”, *Boston Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 2004.
- “The Idea of a Moral Psychology: Psychoanalysis in Britain in the Twentieth Century”, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* (October, 2003) Reprinted with revisions as “Psychoanalysis and the Idea of a Moral Psychology: Memorial to Bernard Williams’ Philosophy”: *Inquiry* 47: 1-8 (October, 2004)
- “Avowal and Unfreedom”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, LXIX. No. 2, September, 2004, pp. 448-454

- “Resuming the Conversation: An Essay on Psychoanalysis and Philosophy”, The Textbook of Psychoanalysis, A. Cooper, G. Gabbard, E. Person eds. (The American Psychiatric Association Press, 2004).
- “Give Dora a Break!”, in *Erotikon: Essays on Eros Ancient and Modern* ed. S. Bartsch and T. Bartscherer, University of Chicago Press, 2005
- “On the Desire to Burn My Work”, in *Erotikon* op. cit. “Glück”, in *Zum Glück*, ed. Susan Neiman and Matthias Kross, Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 2004, pp. 43-78.
- “Love’s Authority”, *Contours of Agency: Essays in Honor of Harry Frankfurt*, S. Buss ed., (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2002)
- “Jumping from the Couch: An Essay on Phantasy and Emotional Structure”, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* (June, 2002)
- “A l’attaque de notre sexualité. L’auto-disruption de notre vie émotive”, Freud: le moi contre sa sexualité, Pierre-Henri Castel ed., Presses Universitaires de France, 2002
- “Confidentiality as a Virtue”, in Confidentiality, Psychoanalysis, Ethics and the Law, (C. Levin, A. Furlong, M.-K. Lowy, eds.; The Analytic Press, 2003).
- “Truth in Psychoanalysis”, Whose Freud? The Place of Psychoanalysis in Contemporary Culture (Peter Brooks ed., New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000)
- “Introduction” to Hans Loewald, The Essential Loewald: Collected Essays and Books of Hans Loewald, (Hagerstown, Maryland: University Publishing Group, 2000)
- “The Heterogeneity of the Mental”, (Mind, 1996)
- “Deux images de l’amour, en philosophie et en psychanalyse”, Revue Française de Psychanalyse 3, 1996
- “The Introduction of Eros: (Reflections on the Work of Hans Loewald)”: The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 44:3, 1996
- “Testing the Limits: The Place of Tragedy in Aristotle’s Ethics”, Aristotle and Moral Realism, (R. Heinemann ed., London: University College Press, 1995)
- “Inside and Outside The Republic,” Phronesis, 1992.
- “Plato’s Politics of Narcissism,” *Virtue, Love and Form: Essays in Memory of Gregory Lasts, Apeiron*, 1994.

“An interpretation of transference”, International Journal of Psycho-Analysis 74:4, August, 1993). “Eine Interpretation der Übertragung”, PSYCHE 9/10: October 1999. (A translation of “An Interpretation of Transference”).

“On Reflection: The Legacy of Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy,” Ratio, 1989.

“Katharsis”, Phronesis, 1988; reprinted in Aristotle’s Poetics, ed. Amelie Rorty, Princeton University Press, 1992.

“Transcendental Anthropology”, in Subject, Context and Thought, J.H. McDowell and P. Pettit, eds., Oxford University Press, 1986.

“Active Episteme”, Mathematics and Metaphysics: Proceedings of the Xth Symposium Aristotelicum 1984 (Bern: 1986).

“The Disappearing ‘We’” Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume, 1984.

“Ethics, Mathematics and Relativism”, Mind 92, 1983. (Reprinted in Moral Realism, G. Sayre McCord, ed. Cornell University Press, 1989)

“Leaving the World Alone”, The Journal of Philosophy 91, 1982.

“Aristotle’s Philosophy of Mathematics”, The Philosophical Review 91, 1982.

“A Note on Zeno’s Arrow”, Phronesis 26, 1981.

“Aristotelian Infinity”, Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society 80, 1980.

“Aristotle’s Compactness Proof”, The Journal of Philosophy 76, 1979.

“Sets and Semantics”, The Journal of Philosophy 74, 1977.

Reviews, etc:

review of Bernard Williams, *Philosophy as a humanistic discipline*, *Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming, 2008).

“The Slippery Middle” in A. Honneth, *Reification* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008).

Times Literary Supplement, review of Malcolm Schofield, *Plato: political philosophy* (August 24, 2007)

London Review of Books, review of Alasdair MacIntyre, *The tasks of philosophy and Ethics and Philosophy* (November 2, 2006)

Times Literary Supplement, review of *Søren Kierkegaard: A Biography*, by Joakim Garff, (January 26, 2005)

New York Times Book Review: review of *The Ethics of Memory* by Avashai Margalit (February 9, 2003)

Slate Magazine: The Breakfast Table, with Andrew Sullivan, week of August 24, 2001

New York Times Book Review, review of Amin Maalouf, *In the Name of Identity: Violence and the Need to Belong* (November 25, 2001)

Times Literary Supplement: Best Books of 2001, review of Richard Moran *Authority and Estrangement* (December 7, 2001).

New York Times Book Review, review of Blake Eskin: *A Life in Pieces: The Making and Unmaking of Benjamin Wilkomirski* (February 24, 2002)

New York Times Book Review, review of Alain de Botton, *The Consolations of Philosophy*, (May 14, 2000)

New York Times Magazine, Roundtable discussion on the inner life in America today:, (May 7, 2000)

New York Times Book Review, “Book End” Essay: “Freud’s Second Thoughts” (February 27, 2000)

New York Times Book Review, review of Daniel Mendelsohn, *The Elusive Embrace: Desire and the Riddle of Identity* (July 4, 1999)

New York Times Book Review, review of Alexander Nehamas, *The Art of Living: Socratic Reflections from Plato to Foucault*, (September 27, 1998)

New York Times Book Review, review of James Carville, ...*And the Horse He Rode In On: The People vs. Kenneth Starr*, and David Maraniss, *The Clinton Enigma: A Four-and-a Half Minute Speech Reveals This President’s Entire Life*, (September 20, 1998)

Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, review of Frederick Crews’ The Memory Wars, (44:2, 1996)

Yale Review, review of Iris Murdoch, *The sovereignty of the good*, (1992)

Times Literary Supplement, review of Leonard Shengold, *Soul Murder*, (August 24, 1990)

Times Literary Supplement, review of Hans Loewald, *Sublimation*, (July 7, 1989)

Times Literary Supplement, review of T. Honderich, ed., Moral Objectivity: A Tribute to John Mackie, (October 1985)

London Review of Books, review of Charles Taylor, *Philosophical Papers*, (September 19, 1985)

Times Literary Supplement, review of Colin McGinn, *The Character of Mind*, (March 11, 1983)

Times Literary Supplement, review of J.L. Ackrill, *Aristotle the Philosopher*, (March 12, 1982)

Times Literary Supplement, review of Roy Harris, *The Language Myth*, (October 2, 1981)

Times (London) Higher Educational Supplement, review of John Findlay, *Kant and the Transcendental Object*, (1981)

Times (London) Higher Educational Supplement, review of Z. Van Straaten, ed., *Philosophical Subjects: Essays Presented in Honour of P. F. Strawson*, (January 16, 1981)

Times Literary Supplement, review of Israel Scheffler, *Beyond the Letter* and of John Searle, *Expression and Meaning*, (March 7, 1980)

The New York Times Book Review, review of Stanley Cavell, The Claim of Reason, (December 2, 1979)

The New York Times Book Review, review of Thomas Nagel, *Mortal Questions*, (April 22, 1979)

Awards and Honors:

Gradiva Award: National Association for Psychoanalysis: Best article on the subject of psychoanalysis in 1995: "The shrink is in", The New Republic, December 25, 1995.

Gradiva Award: National Association for Psychoanalysis: Best Psychoanalytic Book of 1998 for Open Minded: Working Out the Logic of the Soul.

Gradiva Award: National Association for Psychoanalysis: Best Psychoanalytic Book of 2000 for Happiness, Death and the Remainder of Life.

Heinz Hartmann Award, 1992, New York Psychoanalytic Institute: Best Psychoanalytic Publication for *Love and its Place in Nature: a Philosophical Interpretation of Freudian Psychoanalysis*.

Eric T. Carlson Award for Outstanding Contribution to the History of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Cornell Medical School, 2004.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, 1987-88

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, 1984-85.

Research Fellowship, Trinity Hall, 1977-78. (Prize Fellowship awarded as the result of a competition).

Robert Greene Cup, 1973. (Awarded by Clare College to one graduating student each year for academic distinction)

Mellon Fellowship, 1970-72. (For two years study at Clare College, Cambridge).

Current Work-Related Activities

Faculty, Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis

Faculty, Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis

Editorial Board, *Raritan*

Editorial Board, *American Philosophical Quarterly*

American Psychoanalytic Association: Task Force on Research and Development

The University of Chicago Templeton Foundation Network

Lectures:

Harvard University: The Tanner Lectures on Human Values, November 4-6, 2009

University of Bristol: Keynote Speaker: Conference on Classical Myth and Psychoanalysis, September 4-6, 2009.

University of Toronto: Center for Ethics: "The Ethics of Catastrophe", March 2009

Jonathan Lear: Curriculum Vitae: January, 2008

Baltimore and Washington Psychoanalytic Institutes: The Paul Gray Lecture, March, 2009

UCLA: Department of Philosophy, February 6, 2009

NYU: Department of Philosophy: The Lewis Burke Frumkes Lecture, November 17, 2008

University of Sussex, Brighton UK: Invited Lecturer: Conference on Literature and Philosophy, June 12, 2008

Rutgers University: Humanities Institute: "The Question of the West": "Cultural Vitality and the Question of Irony", May 5-6, 2008

Notre Dame Philosophy Department: April 25, 2008

American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division): Author Meets Critic: *Radical Hope*, March 20-22, 2008.

Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis, Indiana), "What is Radical Hope?" March 7-8, 2008

University of Arizona: Philosophy Department: Conference on Plato's Republic: "Mythic Justice", February 15-16, 2008

University of Southern California: Law School: "What is it to be deprived of a world?", November 30, 2007

University of Montana, The Presidential Lecture: "What is it to be deprived of a world?", November 1, 2007.

Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency Montana: "Radical Hope", November 2, 2007

University of Essex and University of London: Conference on Transcendental Philosophy: "What is it to be deprived of a world?" September 18-19, 2007

Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis: "Four Ways of Looking at One Moment: A Question About Technique", September 8, 2007: "

International Psychoanalytic Association, Biennial Meeting, Berlin, July 27, 2007: Keynote Speaker: "Working Through the End of Civilization".

Union Theological Seminary: Barry Ulanov Memorial Lecture: "Radical Hope". April 11, 2007

William Alanson White Institute, New York: invited speaker: “Dreaming of the End of Civilization,” February 23, 2007

University of Michigan: Native American Program: “The Transformation of Courage”, February 8, 2007

Austen Riggs Center / Erik Erikson Institute: Friday Night Guest Lecture Series, “Dreaming of the End of Civilization”, February 2, 2007

American Psychoanalytic Association: annual meeting: Committee on Research and Training, Invited Lecturer: “Radical Hope”, January 2007.

British Psychoanalytic Association: Our Freud, Their Freud: December 8-10, 2006

Columbia University Psychoanalytic Institute: Robert Leibert Lecture: “Radical Hope” December 5, 2006

Oxford University: Graduate Student Conference: Keynote Speaker: “Radical Hope”, November 10-11, 2006.

Yale University: Directed Studies Program: Invited Speaker: “Myths and allegories in Plato’s *Republic*”, October 5, 2006

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio: “Irony” and “Myth and allegory in Plato’s *Republic*.” September 21-22, 2006

NYU Post-Doctoral Psychoanalytic Program, September 15, 2006: “Our vulnerability as cultural animals: some philosophical and psychoanalytic perspectives”

Trinity College, University of Dublin, Department of Philosophy: The Donnellan Lectures, April 25, 27, 29, 2005: “Authenticity, subjectivity and the collapse of meaning”

University of Toronto: Department of Philosophy: Conference on Plato’s Psychology: “Socratic Irony and Psychic Structure”, April 15, 2005

American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division): Memorial Session for Richard Wollheim: “The bodily ego”: March 27, 2005

University of California Berkeley: Commentator on Tanner Lectures 15-17 March, 2005

San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute: 1. “How can irony change the soul?”, 2. “The concept of transference in psychoanalysis. 3. “Subjectivity, Authenticity and the Collapse of Meaning”. March 12-14, 2005

Wellesley College: Department of Philosophy: Annual Lecture: “How can irony change the soul?”, February 24, 2005

University of New Mexico: Department of Philosophy: The Brian O’Neil Lectures: 1: “How can irony change the soul?” and “Subjectivity, authenticity and the collapse of meaning”, February 3-4, 2005.

Swarthmore College: Department of Philosophy: Faculty Colloquium: “How can irony change the soul?”; Departmental Lecture, “Subjectivity, authenticity and the collapse of meaning” January 20-21, 2005

The Seattle Psychoanalytic Institute: The PEL Lecture: “Subjectivity, Authenticity and Our Commitment to Values”. December 2, 2004

University of Washington, Seattle: Department of Psychiatry: Grand Rounds: “The therapeutic action of psychodynamic psychotherapy”. December 2, 2004

University of Pennsylvania, Humanities Center: “The ethics of dream-interpretation”, November 17, 2004

University of Chicago: Department of Psychiatry: Grand Rounds: “Irony as a therapeutic technique”, November 4, 2004

Williams College: Humanities Center: September 23, 2004

University of Helsinki, Finland, Department of Philosophy: “How can irony change the soul?”, August 5, 2004

American Philosophical Association (Central Division): Invited Speaker: Memorial Session for Donald Davidson: “Interpretation and Irrationality”, April 25, 2004

Cornell Medical School, Department of Psychiatry: Seminar on the History of Psychiatry: “The Psychological Efficacy of Myth in Plato’s *Republic*”, April 14, 2004

Cornell Medical School, Department of Psychiatry: The Carlson Lectures: April 13-14 2004

University of Arkansas, Department of Philosophy: “The efficacy of myth in Plato’s *Republic*”, April 3, 2004.

University of Arkansas, The Kremer Lecture: “How can irony change the soul?” April 2, 2003

American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division): Invited Speaker: Memorial to Bernard Williams: The idea of a moral psychology, March 27, 2004

American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division): Meet the Author: Commentator on *The play of character in Plato's dialogues* by Ruby Blondell, , March 25, 2004.

Houston Psychoanalytic Society: Invited Speaker for annual retreat: "Therapeutic action and the use of irony as a technique", March 6, 2004

Houston Psychoanalytic Society: supervision of a case study for candidates. March 5, 2004.

Yale University, The Baldwin-Dahl Lecture: "Subjectivity, objectivity and the ironic imagination", February 5-6, 2004

Catholic University of America, "How can irony change the soul?", November 21, 2003

Washington Professionals for the Study of Psychoanalysis: "Therapeutic Action: How can irony change the soul?" November 16, 2003.

Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute: Dialogues with Faculty: "The therapeutic action of psychoanalysis", November 5, 2003.

Rational Models Workshop (University of Chicago): "Interpretation and irrationality in psychoanalysis", November 4, 2003.

Western New England Psychoanalytic Society, New Haven, CT: 50th Anniversary Celebration, Invited speaker, "Subjectivity, objectivity and irony" November 1, 2003

University of Chicago Alumni Association, Los Angeles, The Harper Lecture: "How can irony change the soul?" October 25, 2003.

Yale University, Directed Studies Colloquium: Was Plato right to banish the poets? October 9, 2003

Emory University: Psychoanalytic Studies Seminar: Does evil have a psychology? September 25, 2003

Emory University: Humanities Center and Psychoanalytic Studies Program: How can irony change the soul? September, 24, 2003

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Society: The Paul Dewald Lecture: "Does evil have a psychology?: And other questions for the new world". September 19, 2003.

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Society: Scientific Meeting: "Gray versus Loewald versus Gray and Loewald" September 18, 2003

Boston Psychoanalytic Institute, “Irony and the therapeutic action of psychoanalysis”, September 10, 2003

British Psychoanalytical Society: ‘The Freudian Century’: The Impact of Psychoanalysis in Twentieth-Century Britain’: “Psychoanalysis and the Idea of Moral Psychology”, May 16-17, 2003

Toronto Psychoanalytical Society (Annual Day): Keynote Speaker: “The Therapeutic Action of Psychoanalysis”, April 26, 2003

Boston College: The Lowell Lecture: “Psychoanalysis and the world after 9/11”, March, 12, 2003

University of Connecticut Law School, “The Mythic Defense of Justice in Plato’s Republic”, February 26, 2003

Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute: Annual Conference: “Women in Psychoanalysis”: Keynote Speaker: “Melanie Klein and the Introduction of Envy” February 21, 2003

Center for Psychoanalytic Studies, Chicago: “Subjectivity, Objectivity and Irony in Psychoanalysis”, February 20, 2003

Princeton University, The Tanner Lectures on Human Values: commentator on “Humanistic Psychiatry” by Jonathan Glover, February 12-14, 2003

Claremont Graduate School, Humanities Division: Conference on “Imagining Minds”: Keynote Speaker, “The Ironic Imagination: Therapy, Psychoanalysis, Life”, February 6, 2003

University of Michigan, Classics Department: The Gerald Else Memorial Lecture: “Plato on the Efficacy of Myth”, January 17, 2003

Columbia University, Teachers College: “Plato on the Battle for Hearts and Minds”, December 6, 2001.

Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 25th Anniversary Lecture Series, “The Efficacy of Myth in Plato’s Republic”, Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, November 21, 2002

New York University Law School: Conference on the work of Carol Gilligan: Invited speaker: November 8, 2002

University of Chicago, Division of the Humanities: Humanities Weekend: “The Battle for Hearts and Minds”: Keynote Speaker: “Plato on the battle for hearts and minds”, October 26, 2002

Yale University: Slifka Center for Jewish Life: Discussion of Susan Neiman's Evil in Modern Thought, September 23, 2002.

Duke University, Department of Politics: "Plato on the Battle for Hearts and Minds", September 13, 2002.

American Psychological Association Annual Meeting: Chicago: Keynote Speaker for Division 39: "The Therapeutic Action of Psychoanalysis: Possibility for New Possibilities", August 23, 2002

Washington (D.C.) Psychoanalytic Society: New Directions in Psychoanalysis: Negotiating Boundaries in Treatment: "Confidentiality as a Virtue", May 3-4, 2002

University of Chicago Alumni Association, Princeton: "Plato on the battle for hearts and minds", April 25, 2001.

American Psychological Association, Division 39: Annual Meeting: Evolving Domains: Psychoanalysis in Dialogue with Science, Culture, Technology Keynote Speaker: Waldorf Astoria: "Psychoanalysis and the New World Disorder", April 12-13th, 2002

The New School: "Plato and the battle for hearts and minds", April 6, 2002

Colorado College: "Psychoanalysis after September 11th", March 25, 2002

Harvard University: Radcliffe Institute: Conference on Psychoanalysis: "Psychoanalysis after September 11th" February 21-22, 2002

American Psychoanalytic Association, Annual Meeting: "Meet the Author": Discussion of Happiness Death and the Remainder of Life, December 21, 2001

Einstein Forum, Berlin: Keynote Speaker at Conference: "Zum Gluk": "Happiness", December 14, 2001

Penn State: The Lippin Lecture: "The Unconscious and Ethical Life", November 9, 2001

University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Department of Philosophy: "Plato on the Unconscious", October 29, 2001

Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy: "Plato on the Unconscious", October 24th, 2001

Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis and The Field Museum: Sigmund Freud: His Origins and Influence: Keynote Address, "Freud's Legacy to the 21st Century", October 19, 2001

Brent House (Episcopal Student Center): “The New Problem of Evil”, October 16, 2001

The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee: Annual Lecture: “How, then, shall we live?": “Platonic Ignorance”; September 19, 2001

Boston University, Department of Philosophy: “Psychoanalysis and the Structure of the Emotions”, September 14, 2001

The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia: “Swerve and Break: Two Forms of Unconscious Mental Functioning”, June 2, 2001

Université de Paris (Sorbonne): “*A l’attaque de notre sexualité. L’auto-disruption de notre vie émotive*”, May 5, 2001

CREA, Paris: Seminar on Transcendental Arguments: “*Transcendent et transcendental dans la psychanalyse*” May 4, 2001

The Washington Freudian Society, “Psychoanalysis and Contemporary Culture”, April 21, 2001

Columbia University: Lecture to the Faculty of the Core Curriculum: How to teach Freud, April 11, 2000

Notre Dame: “Ethics, Psychoanalysis and Other Talking Cures”, April 6, 2001

Brown University: The Pembroke Center: “Self-Disrupting Emotions”, March 13, 2001

University of California, Berkeley: Conference on Psychoanalysis and Race: “Freud’s Thoughts on Psychoanalysis and Race”, February 24, 2001

Princeton University, Conference on Model Systems, Cases, and Exemplary Narratives: “Freud on Love and Death”. December 2, 2000

The Lucy Daniels Foundation, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: “Unconscious Meaning in Democratic Political Life”, October 20-22, 2000

Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, Conference on Confidentiality, Keynote Speaker: “Confidentiality as a Virtue”, October 15, 2000

Amherst College, “The Limits of Explanation and Freud’s Postulation of the Death Drive”, September 21, 2000

Columbia University, Conference on Psychoanalysis and Philosophy, “Freud’s ‘Discovery’ of the Death Drive and the Foundational Crisis in Psychoanalysis,” September 15-16th, 2000

Johns Hopkins University, “Eros as an Instinct”, September 14, 2000

San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute: “The Psychoanalytic Significance of Hans Loewald’s Work”, June 17, 2000

British Psychoanalytical Society, Conference on Recognition: “The Death Drive and Freud’s Recognition of Aggression”, London: June 3-4, 2000

The Getty Museum, Los Angeles: “The Legacy of Freud”, May 17, 2000

American Academy of Psychoanalysis: Clinical Practice of Psychoanalysis, Keynote Speaker, Chicago, May 11, 2000

Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institutes of the American and International Psychoanalytic Associations, “Unconscious Meaning and Public Life”, April 8, 2000

Chicago Women’s Club, “The Greek Invention of Psyche-Analysis”, March 7, 2000

Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis, Symposium on Love in Psychoanalysis, New Haven, CT, February 26, 2000

The University of Cambridge: The Tanner Lectures on Human Values: “Happiness, Death and the Remainder of Life”, November 30- December 3, 1999:

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Conference on the Work of Harry Frankfurt, “Psychoanalysis and Its Discontent”, November 5, 1999

University of Chicago Alumni Association, Washington D.C.: “Unconscious Meaning in Democratic Political Life”, October 31, 1999

Yale University, Program in Directed Studies, Colloquium “Anxiety, Mourning and the Good Life: The Greek Invention of Philosophy”, October 26, 1999

Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, MA: Conference on Democracy and Citizenship: “Unconscious Meaning in Democratic Life”, October 9, 1999

Psychoanalytic Association of New York, “Restless Mind”, September 27, 1999

University of California, Berkeley: Conference on Psychoanalysis and Philosophy, September 25-26, 1999

McMaster University, Ontario, Canada: Keynote Speaker: Conference on Freud’s Civilization and Its Discontents: “Aristotle as Civilization’s Discontent”, September 23, 1999

- The Jewish Museum / 92nd Street Y: Conference on the continuing significance of psychoanalysis, “The ideal of freedom in psychoanalysis”, May 4, 1999
- The United Nations: Conference on Information, “Freud’s Legacy to the Twentieth Century”, April 22, 1999
- Manhattan Theatre Company: An Evening With Freud, (with Janet Malcolm, Wallace Shawn, Mark Strand) April 5, 1999
- The New School, Conference on the Work of Hans Loewald, Keynote Speaker, March 26-27, 1999
- The New School, “Unconscious Meaning / Public Life”, February 11, 1999
- Columbia University Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, February 8, 1999
- University of Chicago, Culture and Life Workshop, January 19, 1999
- NYU, PhD. Program in Psychoanalysis, “The psychoanalytic understanding of myth”, December 2, 1998
- Emory University, Conference on “Oedipus Today”, Keynote Speaker, November 6, 1998
- Library of Congress / Smithsonian Institution, Lecture Series on Freud, “Passions of the Mind: From Plato to Freud”, October 29, 1998
- CUNY Graduate Center, “Tragedy and the psychoanalytic understanding of the mind”, October 23, 1998
- National Public Radio, “Talk of the Nation”, program on Freud’s legacy with Sophie Freud and Frederic Crewes, October 13, 1998
- Chicago Public Radio, “Odyssey”, interview on the psychoanalytic meaning of the Clinton-Lewinsky crisis, October 12, 1998
- Boston Public Radio, “Contact”, interview on the importance of psychoanalysis, September 28, 1998
- San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute: “Where Penis Was There Subpoena Shall Be: An Analysis of the Unconscious Meanings of the Clinton-Lewinsky Affair”, September 14, 1998
- California Pacific Medical Center: Conference on Individuation: “Love and Individuation in Psychoanalysis”, September 19, 1998

The University of Chicago, Convocation Address, “Crossroads”, , June 12-13th, 1998

Conference on psychotherapy, spirituality and the evolution of mind: “Psyche and Spirit in the Psychoanalytic View of the Mind”, Santa Monica, 16 May, 1998

Columbia Psychoanalytic Institute: ““Knowingness and Abandonment: An Oedipus for Our Time”, 7 April 1998

Yale Conference on Psychoanalysis: “Truth in psychoanalysis”, 3-4 April, 1998

Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy: “Akrasia, phantasy and the concept of mind”, March 13, 1998

Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute: “The idea of a talking cure”, 25 February, 1998

Chicago Psychoanalytic Society: “Knowingness and abandonment: an Oedipus for Our Time”, 24 February, 1998

The University of Virginia: “Freud and Wittgenstein”, 8 December, 1997

Hillel, University of Chicago: “Psychoanalysis and Judaism”, 3 December, 1997

Medical Ethics Seminar, University of Chicago, “The end of talk therapy”, 2 December, 1997

Department of Psychiatry, The University of Chicago: Grand Rounds “How Phantasy Works”, 10 November, 1997.

Conference on Iris Murdoch, Liberty Fund, Minneapolis 6-9 November, 1997

Independent Women’s Forum: “Why Freud Still Matters”, Washington, D.C., 23 October, 1997

Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital; Columbia Medical School, 9 May, 1997

Post-Graduate Center for Psychoanalysis, New York. Graduation Speaker. 9 May, 1997

Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, “Reflections on Love and Its Place in Nature”, April, 1997

New York Psychoanalytic Institute, “Psychoanalysis and contemporary culture”, March, 1997

Scripps College, Claremont, California. “Sciences in Mind Lecture Series: Psychoanalysis”, 6-7 February, 1997

Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, New York. “Fantasy and the concept of mind”, 17 January, 1997

University of Chicago: Inaugural Lecture, “Irrationality and the concept of mind”, 4 December, 1996

Federation of International Psychoanalytical Association Societies: “Abandon and Abandonment: An Oedipus For Our Time”: Los Angeles, 15 November, 1996

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Ohio State University, “Oedipus and the tyranny of reason”, October, 1996

Oxford University: Conference on Morality and Ideology: “Irrationality, ideology and the concept of mind”; June 27-30, 1996

New York University Psychoanalytic Institute: “Eros and unknowing: the psychoanalytic significance of Plato’s Symposium”, May 11, 1996

New York University Seminar on Psychoanalysis and the Humanities: “Oedipus and the tyranny of mind”, May 2, 1996

New York University Psychoanalytic Institute: Sharf Memorial Lecture: April 27, 1996

Princeton University: “Irrationality and the concept of mind”, April 12, 1996

Chicago Area Colloquium on Ancient Philosophy: “Oedipus and the tyranny of reason”, March 30-31, 1996

Hebrew University of Jerusalem: conference on practical reason: “Psychoanalysis and irrationality”, December 28-31 1995

The New School: conference on science and methodology: December 2, 1995

New York Review of Books: debate with Frederic Crews on the status of psychoanalysis: NY Public Library, November 13, 1995

Western New England Psychoanalytic Society: “What is the Oedipus Complex?”: September 23, 1995

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, “The Psychoanalytic Significance of Plato’s Symposium”, April, 1995

Reed College, “Psyche and Polls in Plato and Aristotle”, December, 1994

New York University, “Transference as Resistance”, October, 1994

University College London, “The Place of Tragedy in Aristotle’s Ethics”, 1994

CUNY Graduate Center, “The Place of Tragedy in Aristotle’s Ethics”, 1993

King’s College, Cambridge “Eros and Knowledge”, 1994

The University of Chicago, “The erotic in psychoanalysis and philosophy”, 1994

Harvard University: “The Concept of Transference in Psychoanalysis”, 1992;

Austin Riggs Center, “Transference in theory and in clinical practice”, 1993;

Stonehill College, “Plato and Freud on the Psyche”, 1994;

University of Chicago, “Transference”, 1993;

New York Psychoanalytic Institute, Heinz Hartman Award Annual Lecture, “An Interpretation of Transference”, 1993;

New York University, “Transference”, 1993

University of California, Berkeley, “Inside and Outside The Republic” September 1991

Cornell University, “Inside and Outside The Republic” November 1991

Holy Cross, “Inside and Outside The Republic”, January, 1992

Yale University, Legal Theory Workshop, “Inside and Outside The Republic”, January 1992;

University of Colorado, Boulder, “Inside and Outside The Republic” January 1992

The University of Cambridge, Heffer Lecture, “Freud and Moral Psychology,” April 1992;

Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, New York, February 1992

Notre Dame, Neurobiology and Narrative Conference, March 1992.

University of California, Berkeley, ,” Memorial Conference of Gregory Vlastos, “Plato’s Politics of Narcissism, May, 1992

Institute of Living (Hartford), Graduation Address, “The Idea of Moral Psychology,”
June 1991

The Austen Riggs Center, “The idea of a psychological explanation”, May 1991.

University of Pennsylvania , “Catharsis: Ancient and Modern”, December ,1990

Columbia University, Society of Fellows, “What is Sex?”, October, 1990.

Amherst College, “Freud’s Theory of Catharsis”, March, 1990.

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, “Katharsis”, April, 1988

Williams College, “The Legacy of Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy”, March 1988

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “Freedom and Self-Knowledge”, June, 1987;

University of Virginia, “On Reflection”, September, 1986;

Columbia University, : On Reflection”, March, 1986.

Ohio State University, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, October 1986;

Vassar College, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, November 1986

Brown University, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, September 1985

Johns Hopkins, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, March, 1986;

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, February,
1986

University of Connecticut, “Freedom and the Triumph of Desire”, April, 1986.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Aristotle’s Conception of Substance”,
October, 1985

Symposium Aristotelicum, Sigriswill, Switzerland, “Active Episteme”, September, 1984.

Freie Universitat, Berlin, “Transcendental Anthropology”, November, 1984.

The Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society, Oxford, “The
Disappearing ‘We’”, July, 1984

University of California, Berkeley, “The Disappearing ‘We’”, December, 1983

UCLA, “Leaving the World Alone”, December, 1983

Princeton “The Disappearing ‘We’”, December, 1983

Trinity College, Dublin, “The Disappearing ‘We’”, March, 1984;

Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, “The Disappearing ‘We’”, Munich, 1984.

University of California, Berkeley, “Aristotle’s Nous”, December, 1983.

King’s College London, “On Being So Minded”, May, 1983.

Royal Institute for Philosophy, “Moral Objectivity”, London, January 28, 1983.

University College London, “The Moral Point of View”, November, 1982.

UCLA, “Ethics, Mathematics and Relativism”, February, 1982

Oxford University, Philosophical Society, “Ethics, Mathematics and Relativism”, 1981.

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