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Degrees: Ph.D. (in philosophy), Columbia University, 1966.
A.B., Columbia College, 1963.

Administrative
Positions:

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,
The Graduate School and University Center,
The City University of New York, 1984-1992.

Acting President,
The Graduate School and University Center,
The City University of New York, 1991.

Dean of Graduate Studies,
The Graduate School and University Center,
The City University of New York, 1983-1984.

Director, Division of General Programs,
National Endowment for the Humanities, 1982-1983.

Acting Director for Humanities,
The Rockefeller Foundation, 1981-1982.

Associate Director for Humanities,
The Rockefeller Foundation, 1979-1981.

Program Officer,
Exxon Education Foundation, 1978-1979.

Chairman, Department of Philosophy,
University of Vermont, 1973-1980.

Chairman, Educational Policy Committee,
Washington Square College,
New York University, 1971-1973.

Co-Chairman, Committee on Curricular Merger,
Washington Square and University Heights Colleges,
New York University, 1973.

Director of Graduate Studies,
Department of Philosophy,
New York University, 1972.

Director of Undergraduate Studies,
Department of Philosophy,
New York University, 1971-1973.

Faculty
Appointments:

The Graduate School and University Center,
The City University of New York,
Ph.D. Program in Philosophy,
Professor, 1983-

University of Vermont, Department of Philosophy,
Adjunct Professor, 1980-83;
Professor, 1973-1980.

New York University, Department of Philosophy.

Associate Professor, 1971-1973;
Assistant Professor, 1968-1971.

Vassar College, Department of Philosophy,
Assistant Professor, 1966-1968.

University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy,
Visiting Professor, 1967.

Dartmouth College, Department of Philosophy,
Visiting Instructor, 1966.

Books
Authored:

Fate, Logic, and Time
Yale University Press, 1967.
Reprinted by Ridgeview Publishing Company, 1982.

A New Introduction to Philosophy
Harper & Row, 1971.
Reprinted by University Press of America, 1986.

The Eclipse of Excellence: A Critique of American Higher Education
(Foreword by Charles Frankel)
Public Affairs Press, 1973.

Education and the Democratic Ideal
Nelson-Hall Company, 1979.

Saints and Scamps: Ethics in Academia
Rowman & Littlefield, 1986.
Revised Edition, 1994.

Philosophical Explorations: Freedom, God, and Goodness
Prometheus Books, 1989.

Puzzles & Perplexities: Collected Essays
Rowman & Littlefield, 2002.

Books
Edited:

Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics: From Plato to Wittgenstein
(with Frank A. Tillman)
Harper & Row, 1969.

The Philosophical Foundations of Education
Harper & Row, 1970.

Philosophy of Religion
Harper & Row, 1970.

Classics of Western Philosophy
Hackett Publishing Company, 1977.
Second Edition, 1985.
Third Edition, 1990.
Fourth Edition, 1995.
Fifth Edition, 1999.
Sixth Edition, 2002.

New Studies in the Philosophy of John Dewey
The University Press of New England, 1977.

Scholars Who Teach: The Art of College Teaching
Nelson-Hall Company, 1978.

Contemporary Philosophy of Religion
(with David Shatz)
Oxford University Press, 1982.

Reason at Work: Introductory Readings in Philosophy
(with Patricia Kitcher and George Sher)
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1984.
Second Edition, 1990.
Third Edition (also with Peter J. Markie) 1995

- THIS EDITION (also with Peter S. Markie), 1990.
Morality, Responsibility, and the University: Studies in Academic Ethics
Temple University Press, 1990.
- Affirmative Action and the University: A Philosophical Inquiry
Temple University Press, 1993.
- Twentieth Century Ethical Theory
(with Joram G. Haber)
Prentice Hall, 1995.
- The Affirmative Action Debate
Routledge, 1995.
Second Edition, 2002.
- Classics of Modern Political Theory: Machiavelli to Mill
Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Classic and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Education
McGraw-Hill, 1997.
- Ethics: History, Theory, and Contemporary Issues
(with Peter Markie)
Oxford University Press, 1998.
Second Edition, 2001.
- Exploring Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology
Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Classics of Political and Moral Philosophy
Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Questions about God
(with David Shatz)
Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Morality and Public Policy
(with Tziporah Kasachkoff)
Prentice Hall, 2003.
- Knowledge and Reality
(with Maureen Eckert and Robert Buckley)
Prentice Hall, 2003.
- Philosophy for the 21st Century: A Comprehensive Reader
Oxford University Press, 2003.

Editorial
Projects:

- Issues in Academic Ethics
(general editor of series)
Rowman & Littlefield, 1993-
- Academic Ethics
(advisory editor)
The Monist, vol. 79, no. 4, 1996.
- Critical Essays on the Classics
(general editor of series)
Rowman & Littlefield, 1997-
- Blackwell Philosophy Guides
(general editor of series)
Blackwell Publishers, 1999-
- Blackwell Readings in Philosophy
(general editor of series)
Blackwell Publishers, 2001-

Articles:

- "Fatalistic Arguments"
The Journal of Philosophy, vol. LXI, no. 10, 1964.

- "Time, Truth, and Ability"
with Richard Taylor under the name "Diodorus Cronus,"
Analysis, vol. 25, no. 4, 1965.
Reprinted in Introductory Readings in Metaphysics, ed.
Taylor, Prentice-Hall, 1978. Richard
- The Book of Job: The Great Dissent"
The Reconstructionist, vol. XXXI, no. 16, 1965.
- "An Unanswered Paradox"
Analysis, vol. 26, no. 6, 1966.
- "Chance"
The Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 1967.
- "The Irrelevance to Religion of Philosophical
Proofs for the Existence of God"
American Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 6, no. 2, 1969. Reprinted in Philosophy in
the Age of Crisis, ed. Eleanor Kuykendall, Harper & Row, 1970; God, Man, and
Religion: Readings in the Philosophy of Religion, ed. Keith E. Yandell, McGraw-
Hill, 1973; Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology, ed. Louis P. Pojman,
Wadsworth, 1987; and Contemporary Perspectives on Religious Epistemology, eds.
R. Douglas Geivett and Brendan Sweetman, Oxford University Press, 1992.
- "Is There an Analytic Philosophy of Education?"
The Philosophical Foundations of Education,
ed. Steven M. Cahn, Harper & Row, 1970.
- "A Supreme Moral Principle?"
The Reconstructionist, vol. XXVI, no. 3, 1970.
- "The Existence of God and the Problem of Evil"
Introductory Philosophy, (2nd ed.),
eds. Frank A. Tillman, Bernard Berofsky, and
John O'Connor, Harper & Row, 1971.
- "Does Man Have Free Will?"
Philosophical Issues: A Contemporary Introduction,
eds. James Rachels and Frank A. Tillman,
Harper & Row, 1972.
- "A Puzzle Concerning the Meno and the Protagoras"
The Journal of the History of Philosophy,
vol. XI, no. 4, 1973.
- "The Collegiate Caucus Race"
Measure, no. 22, 1973.
- "The Content of a Liberal Education"
The Idea of a Contemporary University,
eds. Sidney Hook, Paul Kurtz, and Miro Todorovich,
Prometheus Books, 1974.
- "A Clockwork Orange is not about Violence"
Metaphilosophy, vol. 5, no. 2, 1974.
- "Is Liberal Education Relevant?"
Measure, no. 28, 1974.
- "Philosophical Reflections on Evaluation"
The American Journal of Medicine, vol. 57, no. 2, 1974.
- "Statements of Future Contingencies"
Mind, vol. LXXXIII, no. 332, 1974.
- "If At First You Don't Succeed, Quit"
The New York Times, Op-Ed Page, December 29, 1974.
Reprinted in The Boston Globe, The Minneapolis Tribune, The Seattle Post-
Intelligencer, the Council for Basic Education Bulletin, and other newspapers and
periodicals.
- "Utopia U."
Diagonalia (a publication of the University of Michigan's
College of Literature, Science and The Arts) April 1975

College of Literature, Science and The Arts, April, 1975.

- "The Strange Case of John Shmarb: An Aesthetic Puzzle"
with L. Michael Griffel, The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, vol. XXXIV, no. 1, 1975. Reprinted in Puzzles about Art: An Aesthetics Casebook, eds. Margaret P. Battin, John Fisher, Ronald Moore, and Anita Silvers, St. Martin's Press, 1989.
- "Reviewing Your ABC's"
Learning and the Law (a publication of the American Bar Association), vol. 2, no. 2, 1975.
- "The Myth of the Royal Road"
The Andover Review, vol. II, no. 2, 1975.
Also in Today's Education (The Journal of the National Education Association), vol. 65, no. 3.
- "A Challenge to Our Faculties"
Measure, no. 38,
- "There's No Percentage in College Grades"
with Patricia Kitcher, The Chronicle of Higher Education, vol. XIII, no. 4, 1976.
- "Religion Without Supernaturalism"
Shiv'im: Essays and Studies in Honor of Ira Eisenstein, eds. Ronald Brauner and Fredric Kazan, Ktav Publishing House, 1976.
- "Cacodaemony"
Analysis, vol. 37, no. 2, 1977.
- "Random Choices"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, vol. XXXVII, no. 4, 1977.
- "Why Johnny Can't Fail: Grade Inflation in Our Schools"
NEASC Notes (a publication of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges), Oct./Nov., 1977.
- "The Uses and Abuses of Grades and Examinations"
Scholars Who Teach: The Art of College Teaching, ed. Steven M. Cahn, Nelson-Hall Company, 1978.
Reprinted with revisions in Peter J. Markie, A Professor's Duties: Ethical Issues in College Teaching, Rowman & Littlefield, 1994.
- "Ten Commandments for Teachers"
The Reconstructionist, vol. XXXIV, no. 5, 1978.
- "Improving College Teaching"
National Forum (The Phi Kappa Phi Journal), vol. LXIX, no. 1, 1979.
- "Elitism and Populism in American Education"
Proceedings of the General Education Seminar (a publication of Columbia University), vol. 9, 1980-81.
- "Restoring the House of Intellect"
American Educator (The Journal of the American Federation of Teachers), vol. 5, no. 3, 1981.
- "Tangled Ivy"
The New Republic, April 18, 1981.
Reprinted in On Campus (a publication of the American Federation of Teachers), vol. 1, no. 2, 1981.
- "Rethinking Requirements"
The College Board Review, no. 122, 1982.
Also in Philosophy of Education 1981: Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society, ed. Daniel R. DeNicola, Philosophy of Education Society, 1982.
- "The Art of Teaching"
American Educator vol 6 no 3 1982.

- American Education, vol. 6, no. 3, 1982.
- "The Pursuit of Excellence"
A pamphlet published by the Division of Honors,
University of California at Los Angeles, 1982.
- "The Authority of the Teacher"
Academe (Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors), vol. 68,
no. 3, 1982.
- "Ethics in the Academic World"
University (a publication of New York University),
vol. 2, no. 2, 1982.
- "A Sculptor in Snow"
Sidney Hook: Philosopher of Democracy and Humanism,
ed. Paul Kurtz, Prometheus Books, 1983.
- "The Ethical Thicket of Academic Autonomy"
The Chronicle of Higher Education, vol. XXV, no. 21, 1983.
Reprinted in Points of View on American Higher Education, vol. I, ed. Stephen H.
Barnes, The Edwin Mellon Press, 1990.
- "Religion Reconsidered"
Reason at Work: Introductory Readings in Philosophy,
eds. Steven M. Cahn, Patricia Kitcher, and George Sher, Harcourt Brace
Jovanovich, 1983. Reprinted in Twenty Questions of Philosophy, eds. Robert C.
Solomon, Meredith W. Michaels, and Lee Bowie, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich,
1988.
- "Two Cheers for The Paideia Proposal"
Harvard Educational Review, vol. 53, no. 4, 1983.
- "Teaching Introductory Philosophy"
Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy (a publication of the American Philosophical
Association), Fall, 1986. Reprinted in In the Socratic Tradition: Essays on
Teaching Philosophy, ed. Tziporah Kasachkoff, Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.
- "A Puzzle about Divestiture"
Analysis, vol. 47, no. 3, 1987.
Reprinted in Robert L. Simon, Neutrality and the Academic Ethic,
Rowman & Littlefield, 1994.
- "Faculty Members Should be Evaluated by Their Peers,
Not by Their Students"
The Chronicle of Higher Education, vol. XXXIV, no. 7, 1987.
- "How to Improve Your Teaching"
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Kasachkoff, Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.
- "Introduction"
John Dewey: The Later Works, vol. 13,
ed. Jo Ann Boydston, Southern Illinois University Press, 1988.
- "The Challenge of Hume's Dialogues"
Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy, November, 1988.
- "On Academic Ethics"
The Miami Herald, Viewpoint Page, January 22, 1989.
- "Colleges Should Be Explicit About Who Will Be Considered for Jobs" The Chronicle of
Higher Education, vol. XXXV, no. 30, 1989.
- "A Note on Divestiture"
Analysis, vol. 49, no. 3, 1989.
Reprinted in Robert L. Simon, Neutrality and the Academic Ethic,
Rowman & Littlefield, 1994.
- "The Wife of Lear"
The Shakespeare Newsletter, vol. XXXVIII, no. 3-4, 1989.
- "Fate, Logic, and Time"
Metaphysics: Classic and Contemporary Readings

- Principled Divestiture and Moral Integrity, eds. Ronald C. Hoy and L. Nathan Oaklander, Wadsworth, 1991.
- "Principled Divestiture and Moral Integrity"
Analysis, vol. 51, no. 2, 1991.
 Reprinted in Robert L. Simon, Neutrality and the Academic Ethic,
 Rowman & Littlefield, 1994.
- "Academic Ethics"
Encyclopedia of Ethics,
 ed. Lawrence C. Becker, Garland, 1992.
- "Academic Values"
The Modern University: Its Present Status and Future Prospects,
 (a publication of the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust), 1994.
- "Fatalism"
A Companion to Metaphysics,
 eds. Ernest Sosa and Jaegwon Kim, Basil Blackwell, 1995.
- "Two Concepts of Affirmative Action"
Academe, vol. 83, no. 1, 1997.
- "The Curious Tale of Atlas College"
Journal of Social Philosophy, vol. XXVIII, no. 1, 1997.
- "Ethics on Campus"
Ethics for Today and Tomorrow,
 ed. Joram Graf Haber, Jones and Bartlett, 1997.
- "The Missing Step in Searches for Academic Administrators"
AAHE Bulletin, vol. 50, no. 2, 1997.
- "A Brief History of Affirmative Action"
Hispanic Journal, vol. IV, no. 47, 1998.
- "Suppose God Exists"
Philosophy and Faith,
 ed. David Shatz, McGraw-Hill, 2002.
- "Does God Know the Future?"
Questions about God,
 eds. Steven M. Cahn and David Shatz,
 Oxford University Press, 2002.

Book Reviews:

- "Charles Hartshorne, A Natural Theology For Our Time,"
The Journal of Philosophy, vol. LXIV, no. 5, 1968.
- "Eugene B. Borowitz, A New Jewish Theology in the Making,"
The Reconstructionist, vol. XXIV, no. 19, 1969.
- "O. B. Hardison, Toward Freedom and Dignity: Humanities and the Idea of Humanity,"
AAUP Bulletin, vol. 59, no. 3, 1973.
- "Sidney Hook, Pragmatism and the Tragic Sense of Life,"
The Humanist, vol. XXV, no. 4, 1975.
- "Michael Polanyi and Harry Prosch, Meaning,"
The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, vol. XXV, no. 1, 1976.
- "David Riesman and Gerald Grant, The Perpetual Dream: Reform and Experiment in the American College,"
Today's Education, vol. 67, no. 3, 1978.
- "Nicholas Rescher, Dialectics: A Controversy-Oriented Approach to the Theory of Knowledge,"
Metaphilosophy, vol. 10, no. 2, 1979.
- "Eva T. H. Brann, Paradoxes of Education in a Republic,"
Teaching Philosophy, vol. 4, no. 1, 1981.

Teaching Philosophy, vol. 1, no. 1, 1981.

"Diane Ravitch, The Troubled Crusade: American Education, 1945- 1980
The College Board Review, no. 129, 1983.

"Barbara Mackinnon, ed., American Philosophy: A Historical Anthology,"
Metaphilosophy, vol. 17, no. 1, 1986.

"Thomas Nagel, What Does It All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy,"
Teaching Philosophy, vol. 11, no. 1, 1988.

"Janet Martin Soskice, Metaphor and Religious Language,"
Nous, vol. XXIII, no. 2, 1989.

"Mortimer R. Kadish, Toward An Ethic of Higher Education,"
Ethics, vol. 103, no. 1, 1992.

"Edward Shils, The Calling of Education: The Academic Ethic and
Other Essays on Higher Education,
Ethics, vol. 109, no.1, 1998.

Professional
Addresses:
(selected)

"A Modern Misinterpretation of Fatalism"
Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, 1966. Abstract
in The Journal of Philosophy, vol. LXII, no. 19, 1966.

"The Aims of Examinations and Grades"
Annual Meeting of the College Entrance Examination Board, 1970.

"A Clockwork Orange is not about Violence"
Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, 1972.

"Philosophical Reflections on Evaluation"

Annual Invitational Conference of the American Board of
Internal Medicine, 1973.

"Are Universities Capable of Change?"
University of Pennsylvania's Intercollegiate Conference on Undergraduate
Education, 1973.

"Comments on William E. Mann's 'The Divine Attributes'"
Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association,
1973.

"Comments on Laurence D. Houlgate's 'Resentment and Liberty'"
Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, 1975.

"Why Johnny Can't Fail: Grade Inflation in Our Schools"
Regional Meeting of the New England Association of Schools
and Colleges, 1977.

"Excellence and Evaluation"
Conference on Values Issues in Education, University of Delaware's Center for the
Study of Values, 1978.

"The Problem of Grade Inflation"
Annual Meeting of the Educational Records Bureau, 1978.
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"The Fall of the House of Intellect"
Teachers College Lecture Series, 1980.

"John Dewey, The Democratic Ideal, and the Public School"
Annual Commemorative Conference of the Bicentennial Conference
of the Thirteen Original States Fund, Inc., 1980.

"Elitism and Populism in American Education"
General Education Seminar at Columbia University, 1981.

"Rethinking Requirements"
Annual Meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society, 1981.

"The Pursuit of Excellence"

- Naumberg Memorial Lecture, University of California at Los Angeles, 1982.
- "Ethics and University Life"
Ethics Colloquium of the Humanities Council of New York University, 1982.
- "Comments on Brian O'Connell's 'Private Philanthropy and the Social Good'"
Conference of Bowling Green State University's Social Philosophy and Policy Center, 1985.
- "Comments on Vartan Gregorian's and Gregory Ulmer's 'Normalization, Power, and the University'"
Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium's Conference on the Philosophy of the Human Studies, 1985.
- "Ethics In Academia"
Columbia University Seminar in Higher Education, 1987.
- "The Search for Excellence in American Higher Education"
Minerva Lecture, Union College, 1987.
- "Academic Virtues and Vices"
Symposium II of the University Center in Georgia, 1987.
- "Excellence, Education, and Democracy"
Morris Epstein Forum on the Arts, Yeshiva University, 1987.
- "How to Improve Your Teaching"
Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, 1987.
- "Professorial Ethics"
Meeting of the University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York, 1988.
- "Ethics in Academia"
Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools, 1988.
- "Saints and Scamps"
Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, 1988.
- "Ethics in Academia"
International Conference on the Teaching of Philosophy of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 1988.
- "Ethics in Higher Education"
Conference on Ethics Education, State University College at Buffalo, 1988.
- "The Academic Vice President as Faculty Leader"
Meeting of the Academic Affairs Resource Center of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, 1988.
- "The Ethics of the Professoriat"
Convocation, Florida International University, 1988.
- "Saints and Scamps"
Annual Meeting, Northeast Region, National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators, 1989.
- "Ethical Issues in Teaching"
Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching, Indiana University, 1990.
- "The Responsibilities of Professors"
Conference on Ethics and the University, Wayne State University's Center for Academic Ethics, 1990.
- "Academic Values"
The Sixth Kenan Convocation, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1993.
- "Teaching Future College Teachers"
Conference on Teaching and Learning, Michigan State University, 1996.

Professional

Activities:
(selected)

- President, The John Dewey Foundation, 1983-
- Member, Board of Officers,
American Philosophical Association, 1985-1990.
- Chair, Standing Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy,
American Philosophical Association, 1985-1990.
- Member, Standing Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession,
American Philosophical Association, 1985-1990.
- Member, Editorial Board,
Public Affairs Quarterly, 1987-1995.
- Member, Fellowship Selection Committee,
American Council of Learned Societies, 1990.
- Member, Visiting Committee of the
College of Arts and Sciences and Library,
University of Miami, 1990-1991.
- Member, Board of Directors,
Association for Philosophy of Education, 1997-
- Delegate, American Philosophical Association,
American Council of Learned Societies, 1998-2002.

Association
Memberships:
(selected)

- Phi Beta Kappa.
- American Philosophical Association.
- American Association of University Professors.