

Articles

“John Locke’s Ambiguous attitude toward nature,” in *John Locke and the Dawn of Liberalism*, Mercer University Press, to be submitted.

“Review of *Leo Strauss on Political Philosophy*, in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 2020, vol.2.

“Max Weber,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by George T. Kurian, CQ Press, 2010.

“Historicism,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by George T. Kurian, CQ Press, 2010.

“Reading *What is Political Philosophy?*” *Perspectives on Political Science*, April-June 2010.

“Leo Strauss and Social Science,” *Cambridge Companion to Leo Strauss*, edited by Steven Smith, Cambridge University Press, 2009.

“Leo Strauss,” In *New Makers of Modern Culture*, edited by Justin Wintle, Routledge, 2007.

“Review of *Relativism and the Foundations of Liberalism*,” in *Perspectives on Politics*, 2005.

“Review of *Architects of Annihilation: Auschwitz and the Logic of Destruction*,” *Claremont Review o*

Thomas W. Smith Foundation, 2112-2114, a 3 year grant supporting graduate education.

Earhart Foundation, 2010-2011, 20% supplement for a sabbatical leave.

Earhart Foundation, 2000 Spring semester, full funding for a leave of absence.

John M. Olin Foundation, 1998-99, John M. Olin Fellow, full funding for a leave of absence. 1 166.94 584.62 Tm 0 g474.43ish P

Research Interests

The Philosophical Foundations of Liberalism: 17th and 18th Century English Political
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Boston College, Bradley Lecture series, April 2010, respondent to Wayne Ambler's paper on Aristophanes' *Birds*.

Claremont McKenna College, December 2009, Conference on Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*.

Assumption College, October 2009, Conference on Love and Honor in Shakespeare, presented "Brutus as Shakespeare's Hero."

Claremont McKenna College, June 2008, Conference on the Enlightenment and Secularism, presented "John Locke's teaching on Property."

Boston College, May 2008, Panel on the State of Political Theory

Boston College, Bradley Lecture series, September 2007. A response to David Bolotin's Introduction to Plato's *Sophist*.

American Political Science Association, September 2007. "Epistemology and Freedom."

New England Political Science Convention, May 2007. Roundtable on Thomas Pangle's *Leo Strauss: An Introduction to his Thought and Legacy*.

Boston College, Department of Philosophy's Workshop on Themes in Modern Philosophy, April 2006, presented "Epistemology and Freedom of Mind."

St. John's College, Santa Fe, September 2005, presented "Faith and Knowledge: The Problem of Causality in David Hume and Al-Ghazali."

Southern Political Science Convention, January 2005, presented "The Project of the Enlightenment in Arabian Nights."

Boston College, Bradley Lecture series, "What is Enlightened Muslim Thought?" A response to Abdou Filali Ansari.

Harvard University, Department of Government's Political Theory Colloquium, April 2002, presented "Political Science in the Age of Relativism."

University of Chicago, May 2001, participant in a conference on "*Natural Right and History*: Contexts and Subtexts."

New England Political Science Association, May 2001, chair and discussant on a panel on "Philosophy and Political Science."

Michigan State University, April 2001, presented "On the place of Strauss's Discussion of Weber in *Natural Right and History*" in a conference on "Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*: A Reassessment."

Boston College, April 2000, discussant in a symposium on religion and politics sponsored by the political science department.

American Political Science Association, September 2000, presented "Leo Strauss and Friedrich Nietzsche" on a panel on "Leo Strauss and German Thought."

St. John's College, November 1999, presented "The Challenge of Modern Social Science To Strauss's Return to Classical Political Philosophy" in a conference on "The Obstacles to Strauss's Attempt to Return to Classical Political Philosophy."

American Political Science Association, September 1999, presented "On the Meaning of Strauss's Polemic Against the Scientific Study of Politics" on a panel on "Leo Strauss and the Study of Politics."

Northeastern Political Science Association, November 1998, chair and discussant on a panel on "Morality in Different Lights."

New England Political Science Association, May 1998, discussant on a panel on Adam Smith.

American Political Science Association, September 1997, discussant on a panel on Machiavelli.

New England Political Science Association, May 1997, discussant on a panel on "Allan Bloom's *Love and Friendship*."

New England Political Science Association, May 1996, presented "What Can We Learn from Max Weber's Relativism?" on a panel on "The Problem of Twentieth Century Relativism."

Languages

Persian

German, reading knowledge.

Classical Greek

Latin