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Executive Editor, *History and Theory*

Education

1998	Ph.D., History, UCLA
1993	M.A., History, UCLA
1989	B.A., Humanities, University of California Berkeley

Employment

2011	Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University
2006	Associate Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University
2001	Assistant Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University
2000-2001	Assistant Professor of History, Iowa State University
1999- 2000	Lecturer, Department of History, UCLA
1999	Lecturer, Department of History, Loyola Marymount University

Fellowships and Awards

2012	Meigs Grant
2010	Directeur d'études invité, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris
2008	Albritton Center for the Study of Public Life grant for "Historical and Critical Studies" (aka "Theory") initiative.
2006	<i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i> Morris D. Forkosch prize for the best book in intellectual history published in 2005 (<i>Generation Existential: Heidegger's Philosophy in France 1927-1961</i>).
2006	Raymond E. Baldwin Lecture Fund for May 2007 conference "Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines"
2006	Mellon Consortium Faculty Workshop Grant for May 2007 conference "Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines"
2005	Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellow
2004	Small Meigs Grant
2004	Wesleyan University Project Grant (Category III)
2003	Carol A. Baker '81 Memorial Prize
2001	Wesleyan University Project Grant (Category III)
1998	J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Award: France.
1997	UCLA Department of History Dissertation Writing Stipend.
1996	UC Humanities Research Institute Scholars in Residence Fellowship.
1995	U.C. Berkeley Center for German and European Studies Research Fellowship.
1995	UCLA Critical Theory in Paris Program Fellowship.
1994	Monkarsh Award.

Publications

Generation Existential: Heidegger's Philosophy in France, 1927-1961, September 2005, Cornell University Press. Paperback edition, 2007. Chinese translation with author's foreword (Beijing: New Star Press/Xin Xing, July 2008).

Presence: Philosophy, History and Cultural Theory for the 21st Century, a volume co-edited with Ranjan Ghosh, November 2013, Cornell University Press.

"To Atone and to Forgive: Jaspers, Jankélévitch/Derrida and the possibility of forgiveness" in *Jankélévitch and Forgiveness*, Alan Udoff ed., February 2013, Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield.

"Academic Journals in the Digital Era: An Editor's Reflections", *Perspectives on History*, 50:9/ December 2012.

"The Trojan Horse of Tradition", introduction to *History and Theory* Theme Issue on "Tradition and History", Volume 51, No. 4, December 2012.

"Back to Where We've Never Been: Heidegger, Levinas, Derrida on Tradition and History", *History and Theory*, Volume 51, No. 4, December 2012.

"The New Metaphysics of Time", introduction to *History and Theory* Virtual Issue, August 2012.
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291468-2303/homepage/virtual_issue__the_new_metaphysics_of_time.htm

"In/finite Time: tracing transcendence to Emmanuel Levinas's Talmudic lectures", *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* special issue on Emmanuel Levinas, Volume 20, Number 3 (2012).

"Of Jews and Humanism in France", *Modern Intellectual History* volume 9, Number 2, (August 2012).

"The Letter on Humanism: Reading Heidegger in France", in *Situating Existentialism*, Robert Bernasconi and Jonathan Judaken eds. (June 2012, Columbia University Press).

"A Perfect Past? Tony Judt and the Historian's Burden of Responsibility", *French Historical Studies*, Volume 35, Number 1 (Winter 2012).

"Freud and Levinas: Talmud and Psychoanalysis Before the Letter", *Freud's Jewish World*, Arnold Richards ed., (New York: Macfarland Press, January 2010).

"Presence in Absentia", *Storia della Storiografia*, n. 1 / 2009, 55 (June 2009).

Review of François Cusset, *French Theory: How Foucault, Derrida, Deleuze, and Co. Transformed the Intellectual Life of the United States*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2008-09-07
(<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=14085>)

"Interdisciplinary Studies at the Crossroads," *Liberal Education*, Winter 2008, Vol. 94, No. 1.

Review essay of Allan Bass, *Interpretation and Difference: The Strangeness of Care* (Stanford University Press, 2006), *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association* 56, 3, Fall 2008.

“Haunting History: Deconstruction and the Spirit of Revision,” *History and Theory*, Volume 46, No. 4, December 2007, pp. 113-143.

“New Gods Swelling the Future Ocean,” *History and Theory*, Volume 46, No. 3, October 2007, pp. 446-457.

“The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas” in *After the Deluge: New Perspectives in French Intellectual and Cultural History*, Julian Bourg, ed., Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield, 2004.

“Kojève and Fanon: The Fact of Blackness and the Desire for Recognition” in *French Civilization and Its Discontents*, Tyler Stovall and George Van Den Abbeele, ed., Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

“Ethics Beyond the Body: Descartes and Heidegger in Emmanuel Levinas’s *Totality and Infinity*” in *Paroles Gelées*. vol. 17, no.2, 1999.

Current Projects

The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas (book length monograph)

“Not Yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida and the ‘ontology’ of Being-Jewish”, for *Traces of God: Derrida and Religion*, edited by Edward Baring and Peter Gordon for Fordham University Press.

Deconstruction and the Writing of History (book length monograph)

Presentations

“*History and Theory* in a Global Frame,” Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi, India. December 10, 2013.

“Matters of Fact and Matters of Fiction: Literature and the Historian,” keynote address for the conference “Does Literature Matter?,” University of North Bengal, India. December 4, 2013.

“The Analog Ceiling,” plenary address at the inaugural conference of the *International Network for Theory of History* held at the University of Ghent. July 10, 2013

Conference organizer for “Comparative Enlightenments,” the second exchange forum between the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences/Social Sciences in China Press and Wesleyan University/*History and Theory*. Held at Wesleyan University, May 9-11, 2013.

Invited participant, “The Franco-German Dialogue on the Philosophy of History” at Yale University, March 27, 2013.

-invited discussant on Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*

-comment on Yale Graduate student projects

Feature event: discussion of Ethan Kleinberg’s “Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” comment by Peter Eli Gordon (Harvard University) and Stefanos Geroulanos (NYU) and response by Ethan Kleinberg.

“Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” invited lecture at Claremont Graduate University, March 7, 2013.

“Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” invited lecture for UCLA Department of History’s “Future of History” series. March 6, 2013.

“Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” invited lecture at Harvard University, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies. February 19, 2013.

“Meet the Editors,” presentation and workshop on publishing in an academic journal, American Historical Association annual meeting in New Orleans, January 5, 2013.

“Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” invited lecture at the Center for the Humanities, Lehigh University, November 29, 2012.

“Back to Where We’ve Never Been,” invited lecture for the Philosophy Department, Trinity College, November 15, 2012.

“‘What is Interdisciplinarity?’ a discussion with Ethan Kleinberg, assigned reading: Kleinberg: ‘Interdisciplinary Studies at the Crossroads.’” Trinity Workshop series, Trinity College, October 18, 2012

“Seminar: ‘The New Metaphysics of Time,’ a discussion with Ethan Kleinberg, History, Wesleyan University, Executive Editor of *History and Theory*. Institute for Advanced Studies, Theorizing Early Modern Studies, University of Minnesota, Thursday, September 20, 2012.

“Emmanuel Levinas, the Holocaust, and the ‘bridge of longing’”, public lecture as part of the Yom Hashoah (Holocaust remembrance day) service at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zede, Chester CT, April 18, 2012.

“The Origins of Deconstruction: a New History,” roundtable participant at Maison Française, Columbia University held on March 29, 2012.

“Maîtres de Philosophie, Esclaves d’Histoire : les intellectuels français et le cours de Kojève sur Hegel à l’Ecole Pratiques des Hautes Etudes, 1933-39,” presented at the international conference *Philosopher à Paris dans les années 30: Kojève/Koyré* organized by the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes and held on March 17, 2011.

“L’Infini chez Levinas comme une optique du divin: Levinas contre la totalité Hégélienne et l’historicité Heideggérienne,” presented December 1, 2010 at the Université de Rouen.

“En temps fini, en temps infini,” presented November 16, 2010 at l’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

“Who is to Judge when the Courts have all Burned?”, comment on Dominick LaCapra’s “Saul Friedländer and Jonathan Littell: Historical and Literary Approaches to the ‘Final Solution’,” presented April 12, 2010 at *The Annual ‘History and Theory’ Lecture*, Columbia University.

Comment on papers by Sarah Hammerschlag and Joseph Cohen on “Derrida and Judaism” presented March 27, 2010 at *Derrida and Religion*, Harvard University.

“In/finite Time: tracing transcendence to Emmanuel Levinas’s Talmudic lectures,” presented September 25, 2009 at *Repetition with Change: The Intellectual Legacies of Dominick LaCapra*, Cornell University.

-originally presented July 1, 2008 at *Time Beyond Borders* organized by University of Haifa and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Jerusalem. <http://www.vanleer.org.il/borders/1-home.htm>

-also presented at the Wesleyan Faculty Luncheon Series, October 2008.

“To Atone and To Forgive: Jaspers, Jankélévitch and the Possibility of Forgiveness,” presented April 18, 2009 for the international conference on Vladimir Jankélévitch at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York.

“Not Yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida and the ontology of being Jewish,” presented December 7, 2008 for the conference *The Jewish Question in French Philosophy After the Holocaust* at UCLA.

"Continental Drift: My unlikely lectures on the French Reception of Heidegger in China," presented for the “COL Works in Progress Series,” Fall 2008.

“In/finite Time: tracing transcendence to Emmanuel Levinas’s Talmudic lectures”, presented July 1, 2008 at *Time Beyond Borders* organized by University of Haifa and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. <http://www.vanleer.org.il/borders/1-home.htm>

“Heidegger and Levinas: de l’être a l’autre”, public lecture held at Tong Ji University, Shanghai, April 14, 2008.

“Emmanuel Levinas: From Phenomenology to Talmud”, public lecture presented at Fudan University, Shanghai, April 16, 2008.

“Heidegger and Levinas: de l’être a l’autre”, Institute for Foreign Philosophy Western Lecture Series, Peking University, Beijing, April 25, 2008.

“Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines”, I organized an interdisciplinary conference featuring Arthur Danto, Rebecca Goldstein, Stanley Fish, David Konstan, and Susan Suleiman, May 9-10, 2007.

“Freud and Levinas: Psychoanalysis and Talmud before the letter,” presented December 3, 2006 at *Freud’s Jewish World* organized by the Leo Baeck Institute, the Sigmund Freud Archives, and YIVO (<http://www.cjh.org/freud/program.htm>).

“A note from a ‘Note on *Being and Time*’: Jean Beaufret, Jacques Derrida and Heidegger in post World War Two France” presented at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum symposium

“Legitimizing the Holocaust: Cultural Elites and Collaboration” January 16-19, 2007.

“Emmanuel Levinas’s Talmudic lectures”

-seminar at the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, Spring 2006.

“The Reception of Heidegger in France”

-public lecture at Dutton’s Books in Los Angeles, December 2005.

“Kierkegaard and Levinas, Abraham and Moses”

-presented at the Center for Humanities, Wesleyan University, Spring 2005.

“Toward the Other: Levinas and Talmud”

-presented to the Northwestern University Critical Theory Group in Paris, Fall 2004.

“The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas”

-presented at the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, Spring 2003.

“Generational Responses to Fascism”

– panel for the 2002 annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Organizer: Ethan Kleinberg

Chair/Comment: David Roberts

Participants: Ethan Kleinberg, Marla Stone, Eugene Sheppard

“A Hint of Fascism: fascist tropes in the works of Aron, Blanchot, and Sartre”

– presented at 2002 annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

“Post-Scripts to the *Letter on Humanism*”

-Chair of panel at the 2002 North American Heidegger Conference.

“Salon Culture and the Commodification of Art”

– presented at the Brunnier Art Museum in conjunction with the exhibition *From Degas to Cassatt: Impressionist Art from the Fisher Governor Foundation Collection*, Spring 2001.

“Ethics Beyond the Body: Descartes and Heidegger in Emmanuel Levinas’s *Totality and Infinity*”

-presented at UCLA Department of French conference: “*Le Corps et l’Esprit* in French Cultural Production,” Spring 1999.

“Kojève and Fanon: The Fact of Blackness and the Desire for Recognition”

-presented at UC Santa Cruz conference: “French Culture and Its Discontents,” Spring 1997.

“Emmanuel Levinas and the Philosophy of Heidegger in France”

-presented at the UCLA Department of History’s Modern European Colloquium, Spring 1996.

Professional Service and Affiliations

American Historical Association

Advisory Board, *International Network for Theory of History*

New York Area Seminar in Intellectual and Cultural History

Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual History

Society for French Historical Studies

Editorial Committee, *Il Centauro* (studies in philosophy of history), Mimesis Press, Milan.

University Service

Director, Center for the Humanities, 2012-present

Executive Editor, *History and Theory*, 2012-present

Director, Vassar-Wesleyan Paris Program, 2010-2011

Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Governing Board, 2008-2010
Center for the Humanities Advisory Board 2009-2010, 2005-2007
Committee on International Studies, 2009-2010
Executive Committee, 2008-2009
Review and Appeals Board, 2008-2009
Educational Policy Committee 2005-06
Vassar Wesleyan Paris Program review, 2005
Humanities District Advisory Group, 2002-2004
Center for the Humanities Mellon Fellow Search Committee, 2003-04

Departmental Service

Center for the Humanities

Monday Night Lecture Series, 2012-13
Redesign of Center for the Humanities Website, summer 2012
Creation of Center for Humanities Social Media sites, summer 2012
Search for Center for the Humanities administrative assistant, summer 2012
Redesign of Center for the Humanities poster/marketing,
Oversaw renovation of Center for the Humanities lobby, Administrative Assistant's and Director's offices
Center for the Humanities Mellon Post-doctoral Fellowship Search Committee, 2012-13
Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship Search Committee, 2012-13
Center for the Humanities Student Fellowship Search Committee, 2012-13

Department of History

"Future of History" working group, 2009-2012
Intellectual History field advisor, 2008-2009
European Concentration field advisor, 2006-2007
Committee to revise History 362, 2006-2007
Events Committee, 2002-03
Common Life Committee, 2001-02, 2003-2004, 2005-2006
Intellectual History major Advisor, 2002-present
Faculty Advisor for *Spectral Connections*, Spring 2002

College of Letters

Senior Thesis/Essay Coordinator, 2012-13
Acting Co-Director of COL for re-appointment case, 2012-2013
Director, College of Letters, 2007-2010
COL/Philosophy Search Committee, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2009-2010
COL/Romance Language Search Committee, 2002-03
Redesigning the COL Web Page, 2002-03, 2007-2009
COL Major Advisor 2002-present