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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lafayette College: Professor, Department of Government and Law, 2002–. Courses taught:
Introduction to Political Theory, African American Political Thought, Politics of Fashion,
Political Theory through Literature (seminar)

Lafayette College: Acting Department Head, 2015-2016.

Lafayette College: Associate Professor, Department of Government and Law, 1992-2002.

National Humanities Center: Fellow, August 1993-July 1994.

Rutgers University: Visiting Professor, Political Science Department, Spring 1995. Graduate
Seminar: Pragmatism and Politics.

Lafayette College: Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Law, 1986-92.

North Carolina State University: Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department,
1985-86.

Reed College: Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, 1984-85.

University of California, Berkeley: School of Education, Scholars-in Residence Program, 1983-
84. Project: “The Nature of the Black Underclass, 1883-1983.”

Princeton University: Lecturer, Department of Politics, 1982-83.

ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), Jonesboro and Little
Rock, Arkansas: Organizer and Editor, 1976-78.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Princeton University, Political Philosophy Program, Politics Department, January 1984.

M.A., Princeton University, Politics Department, June 1980.

B.A. (with honors), Cowell College, Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, June 1976.

DISSERTATION

“Local Autonomy in Early American Politics: Decentralist Ideas and Practices, 1630-1789.”

Advisors: Sheldon S. Wolin, John H. Schaar, Jeffrey Tulis. January 1984.

PUBLICATIONS

Book (work in progress): “John H. Schaar’s Lectures on American Political Thought.” Drafted lectures can be found at <https://lafayette.academia.edu/JoshuaMiller>

Book: (work in progress): “The Politics of Fashion”

Transcribed Lecture: “Two Foundings: an Unpublished Lecture by John H. Schaar,” *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, volume 10, number 4, Fall 2021. I edited, annotated, and revised the lecture.

Book: *Democratic Temperament: The Legacy of William James* (University Press of Kansas, 1997).

Book: *The Rise and Fall of Democracy in Early America, 1630-1789: The Legacy for Contemporary Politics* (Penn State Press, 1991).

Article: Miller, Joshua (2007). “Conservative Democracy in the expanded *Politics and Vision*.” *Theory and Event* 10 (1).

Article: “Fashion and Democratic Relationships,” *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association* (January 2005).

Article: (2002). “Beauty and Democratic Power.” *Fashion Theory: The Journal of Dress, Body & Culture*. 6. 277-297. 10.2752/136270402790577659.

Essay: "Truth in the Experience of Political Actors: William James and Democratic Action," in *The Prism of the Self: Philosophical Essays in Honor of Maurice Natanson*. Edited by Steven Galt Crowell (Kluwer, 1995).

Article: "Direct Democracy and the Puritan Theory of Membership." *The Journal of Politics* 53, no. 1 (1991): 57–74. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2131720>.

Article: "No Success Like Failure: Existential Politics in Norman Mailer's *The Armies of the Night*," *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association* 22:3 (Spring 1990).

Article: "The Ghostly Body Politic: *The Federalist Papers* and Popular Sovereignty." *Political Theory* 16, no. 1 (1988): 99–119. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/191649>.

Book Review: Paul J. Croce, *Young William James Thinking*, *Journal of American History*, Volume 105, Issue 4, March 2019, Pages 1013–1014, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jahist/jaz056>

Book Review: *Blacks in and out of the Left*. By Michael C. Dawson. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013. 242p. \$24.95." *Perspectives on Politics* 12, no. 3 (2014): 731–32. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S153759271400187X>.

Review Essay: (2007). Sympathy for the Devil: Exorcising Democracy. *Political Theory*, 35(3), 364-370. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591707299817> (Original work published 2007)

Book Review: *A Tocqueville for Our Time*, by Cheryl B. Welch and Laura Janara. *Political Theory* 32, no. 4 (2004): 580–84. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4148110>.

Encyclopedia Entry: "Sheldon S. Wolin," *American Political Scientists: A Dictionary*, first and second editions, ed. Glenn H. Utter and Charles Lockhart (Greenwood Press, 2002).

Book Review: Miller, Joshua I. *Henry Adams: The Historian as Political Theorist*. By James P. Young. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001. 314p. \$35.00." *Perspectives on Politics* 1, no. 1 (2003): 177–79. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S153759270342015X>.

Review Essay: on Hoopes and Festenstein, *Pragmatism and Political Theory*. *Political Theory*, 29(1), (2001).145-148. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591701029001010>

Book Review: Robert H. Wiebe, *Self-Rule: A Cultural History of American Democracy*. *America*, July 20-27, 1996.

Book Review: Richard Ellis, *American Political Cultures*. *William and Mary Quarterly*, *The William and Mary Quarterly* 51, no. 3 (1994): 590–92. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2947464>.

Book Review: *Liberty/Liberté: The American and French Experiences* by Joseph Klaitis, Michael Haltzel, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 25, no. 1 (1994): 145–46. <https://doi.org/10.2307/206138>.

Book Review: *Toward a Usable Past: Liberty Under State Constitutions*. Edited by Paul Finkelman and Stephen E. Gottlieb. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 24, no. 1 (1993): 158–60. <https://doi.org/10.2307/205126>.

Book Review: Jennifer Nedelsky, *Private Property and the Limits of American Constitutionalism: The Madisonian Framework and Its Legacy* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 22, no. 3 (1992): 530–31. <https://doi.org/10.2307/205016>.

Book Review: “Republican Theorists Recalled and Reexamined,” Review of *Republican Theorists Recalled and Reexamined*, by Bruce James Smith. *The Review of Politics* 47, no. 4 (1985): 622–25. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1407080>.

Review Essay: “The Revival of American Liberalism,” *Worldview*, May 1985.

Solicited Letter: “Pure and Simple” [a brief commentary on Maryanne Robinson’s essay on the Puritans in *Harper’s Magazine* (August 2022)], *Harper’s Magazine* (October 2022)

PAPERS AND PANELS

Paper: “African American Fashion as Symbolic Politics,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 2019; Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2019.

Paper: “Sheldon Wolin’s Vision: Participatory Community to Fugitive Democracy,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 2017.

Paper: “Sheldon Wolin’s Vision: Participatory Community to Fugitive Democracy,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 2016.

Paper: “Fashion, Tradition, and Democracy,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 2010.

Paper: "Fashion, Tradition, and Democracy," for "Interpreting Fashion," George Washington University's *Global Humanities Center's Third Annual Spring Symposium*, April 2008.

Paper: "Black Fashion as Political Form," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 2007.

Paper: "African American Fashion as Resistance," Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2006.

Paper: "Dressed for Revolution: Fashion as Political Protest," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 2005.

Paper: "Conservative Democracy in the expanded *Politics and Vision*," Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 2005.

Paper: "Fashion and Democratic Relationships," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 2002.

Paper: "Fashion and Inequality: A Variety of Approaches," Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 2002.

Paper: "Beauty and Democratic Power," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 2001.

Paper: "Beauty and Power," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 1999.

Paper: "Feminist or Misogynist?: Veblen's Critique of Fashion," International Veblen Association, Annual Meeting, New School for Social Research, March 1999.

Paper: "Fashion and Tradition in Edith Wharton's *House of Mirth*," Faculty Research Seminar, Lafayette College, February 1998.

Paper: "Thorstein Veblen's Critique of Fashion," American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 1997.

Paper: "William James's Theory of Revolution," Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 1996.

Paper: "Democratic Temperament: William James on Mutual Respect," Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 1995.

Paper: “William James and Democratic Education,” Department of Government, University of Texas, Austin, December 1994.

Paper: “James and Gender,” Seminar on Race and Gender, National Humanities Center, May 1994.

Paper: “William James: Truth in the Experience of Political Actors,” Philosophy Department, Tulane University, February 1994.

Paper: “William James on Action and Toleration,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1992.

Paper: “Direct Democracy and the Puritan Theory of Membership,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 1988.

Paper: “No Success Like Failure: Existential Politics in Norman Mailer’s *The Armies of the Night*,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1987.

Paper: “Community and Justice: A Basic Dilemma of the Civil Rights Movement,” Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 1986.

Paper: “Democracy and the Politics of Experience in Antifederalist Political Thought,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 1984.

Invited Participant: “The Anti-Federalist Papers: the Politics of Interest or Virtue,” Liberty Fund Colloquium, September 2003, Montreal, Canada.

Invited Participant: “Montesquieu and Liberty,” Liberty Fund Seminar, March 1998, Houston, Texas.

Roundtable: Author Meets Critics: Jeffrey Becker, *Ambition in America: Political Power and the Collapse of Citizenship*, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2015

Chair and Discussant: “Grappling With Black and White Publics In Afro-American Political Thought,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2023.

Discussant: “Liberalism and the American Republic,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2019

Discussant: “Postmodern Body Politics,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 2004.

Discussant: “Civic Society and Civil Differences,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, September 1996.

Discussant: “American Constitutionalism: Intellectual Foundations and Historical Debates,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 1991.

Discussant: “New Thoughts About the Federalists,” Rutgers University, March 1987.

Discussant: “Federalism and Antifederalism in Early American Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 1986.

Discussant: “Federalism and Freedom,” Constitutionalism in America Conference on “E Pluribus Unum: Constitutional Principles and the Institutions of Government,” University of Dallas, October 1986.

Discussant: “Federalism and Antifederalism in Early American Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 1986.

In Memoriam: “John (‘Jack’) Homer Schaar.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45, no. 2 (2012): 317–20. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41433705>.

LECTURES

“The Use of Fashion for Political Change” to artists, designers, and theorists at the Omega Workshop, Rational Dress Society (New York City, February 2018).

“Fashion and Democratic Relationships,” First Year Seminar, Princeton University, November 2002.

“The Body in the Body Politic: An Approach to the Founders,” Walter B. Jones lecture series on “American Ideals in Troubled Times,” Political Science Department, North Carolina State University, April 2000.

“One Writer’s Story: Reflections on the James Book,” Lafayette College, Kirby Government and Law Society, October 1996.

“Voting and Action,” Lafayette College forum on “Why Bother to Vote? It Only Encourages Them,” September 1996.

“The Federalist Critique of Democracy,” NEH Seminar for Secondary School Teachers on America’s Founding Principles, Rutgers University, July 1996.

“James and Gender,” Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement, February 1994.

“Power in the Classroom,” Political Science Club, North Carolina State University, October 1993.

“Democratic Pedagogy,” Jones Lecture, Lafayette College, April 1993.

“The Antifederalist Conception of Democracy,” NEH Seminar for Secondary School Teachers on America’s Founding Principles, Rutgers University, July 1992.

“Vision and Politics: The Case of William James,” Lafayette College, April 1992.

Symposium on the Question: “Is ‘Political Correctness’ a Danger to Higher Education?,” Lafayette College, October 1991.

“The Implications of the Federalist-Antifederalist Debate for Racial Equality,” NEH Seminar for Secondary School Teachers on America’s Founding Principles, Rutgers University, July 1989.

“Theoretical Problems Facing Community Organizers,” Pennsylvania Public Interest Coalition, July 1988.

Symposium on Allan Bloom’s *Closing of the American Mind*, Lafayette College, December 1987.

“The Art of Teaching: A Roundtable in Memory of George Lanyi,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 1982.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Research Grant: “Organizing the Wolin Papers,” Academic Research Committee, Lafayette College, August 2005.

Summer Research Fellowship, Lafayette College, Summer 1997. Project: “Fashion and Politics.”

The Jones Lecture Award for Distinguished Teaching and Scholarship, Lafayette College, May 1992.

Summer Research Fellowship, Lafayette College, Summer 1992. Project: “William James’s Theory of Action.”

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Convener: Normative Theory Panels, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006.

Co-organizer, two panels on Sheldon S. Wolin’s expanded *Politics and Vision*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005.

Editorial Board Member, *Polity*, Winter 2000–2005.

Honors Examiner: Political Theory, Political Science Department, Swarthmore College, 1998–2002, 2006.

Manuscript Review: *American Political Thought*, *Political Theory*, *Polity*, *American Political Science Review*, *Fashion Theory*, *Journal of American History*, Penn State Press, University Press of Kansas, Duke University Press.

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