

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. Political Science 2000.
New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
Thesis: "The Theory and Praxis of Deep Diversity: A Study of the Politics and Thought of Charles Taylor."
- M.A. Political Science 1994.
New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
Thesis: "Nietzsche and the Question of How His Thoughts Should be Appropriated."
- B.A. Political Science 1990.
Reed College, Portland, OR.
Thesis: "Eros and Communication: Assessing Habermasian Discourse Theory from the Perspective of Marcuse."
London School of Economics, London, UK. 1988-1989

PRESENT POSITION:

Assistant Professor. California State University, Fullerton. Appointed after a national search in Fall 2003. Responsibilities include teaching and developing undergraduate and graduate courses in political thought; supervising undergraduate and graduate thesis; and serving on various academic committees.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2001-2003 *Visiting Assistant Professor.* Oregon State University, Department of Political Science. Appointed after a national search in Spring 2001. Taught a variety of original courses including *American Political Thought, Globalization, Justice and Democracy, Ancient Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Race, Gender and American Politics,* and *Introduction to Political Thought.* Supervised theses entitled *Nietzsche and Social Justice, Habermas and the Oregon Health Plan,* and *Carl Schmitt, Myth and Politics.*

2000-2001 *Visiting Assistant Professor.* University of Notre Dame. Appointed after a national search in Spring 2000. Developed and taught courses on justice, liberalism, democratic theory and the history of political thought.

1999-2000 *Visiting Assistant Professor*. Colgate University. Appointed after a national search in Spring 1999. Developed and taught courses on American political thought, philosophy and the social sciences, community and identity politics, as well as a course in Colgate's freshmen humanities program.

1997-1999 *Adjunct Professor*. Eugene Lang College, New School for Social Research. Developed and taught course, *The Politics of Recognition*, that explored current controversies involving group rights, ethnic conflict and multiculturalism as well as a course on various understandings of justice from Plato to John Rawls.

1996-1997 **Teaching Assistant**. The Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research. Supervised the work of undergraduate students in Professor James Miller's course entitled *Emerson, Nietzsche, Bataille: Beyond Good and Evil?*

ACADEMIC AWARDS :

May 2005 *Phi Sigma Alpha Distinguished Teacher Award*, California State University, Fullerton.

March 2004 *CSUF Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award*, California State University, Fullerton.

June 1999 *Erasmus Institute Summer Fellow*, Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame.

1998-1999 *Dean's Fellowship*, Eugene Lang College, New School for Social Research.

1997-1998 *New School Dissertation Fellowship*, New School for Social Research.

1997-1998 *Eugene Lang Teaching Internship Competition Winner*, Eugene Lang College.

1994-1995 *New School Scholarship*, New School for Social Research.

PUBLICATIONS :

BOOKS :

Charles Taylor: Thinking and Living Deep Diversity (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002).

Reviews published in *Political Theory* (October 2004); *Radical Philosophy* (November 2002); *Perspectives on Politics*, the new location for book reviews formerly published in the *American Political Science Review* (September 2003); *Political Studies*, official journal of the British Political Studies Association (January 2004); *Australian Journal of Political Science* (Spring 2003); *Ethics* (July 2003); *Review of Metaphysics* (March 2004); *Theoria* (December 2003); *Philosophy in Review* (2002) *Ethiek & Maatschappij* (January 2004).

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES :

"Alternative Secularisms." Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. Volume 32 (2006)

"Charles Taylor's Deeply Diverse Response to Canadian Fragmentation: A Project Often Commented On But Seldom Explored," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* Volume 36, Number 1, March 2003.

"Making the Past Useful for a Pluralistic Present: Taylor, Arendt and a Problem for Historical Reasoning," *American Journal of Political Science* Volume 46, Number 4, October 2002.

"A Dilemma More Self-Revealing Than Foreboding: Charles Taylor's Nietzschean Predicament," *Philosophy and Social Criticism* Volume 27, Number 6, 2001.

"Nietzsche and Liberal Democracy: A Relationship of Antagonistic Indebtedness?" *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 5, Number 2, June 1997.

BOOK REVIEWSS :

"Review of Nancy Fraser and Axel Honneth, *Redistribution or Recognition?*" *Contemporary Justice Review* forthcoming.

"Review of Charles Taylor's *Modern Social Imaginaries*" *Perspectives on Politics* September 2004.

"Review of Ruth Abbey ed. *Charles Taylor*" *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* August 2004.

"Review of Ruth Abbey's *Charles Taylor: Philosophy Now*" *Review of Politics* Winter 2002.

WORKS IN PROGRESS :

Thinking History, Doing Politics: A Study of The Uses and Abuses of History for Political Thought (second book project). Expected manuscript completion date: Summer 2006.

"Habermas, Arendt and The Rights of Others: Thinking Through the Democratic Iterations of Seyla Benhabib" Paper scheduled to be submitted for review in January 2006.

NOTABLE PAPERS PRESENTED:

- September 2005 "Secularism beyond Liberalism." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- September 2003 "Alternative Secularisms." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.
- September 2001 "Arendt and Taylor on the Use and Abuse of History for Life." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- September 2000 "A Dilemma More Self-Revealing Than Foreboding: Charles Taylor's Nietzschean Predicament." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- October 1999 "A Side Rarely Discussed: Charles Taylor's Deeply Diverse Response to Canadian Fragmentation." New School Political Theory Colloquium, New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
- June 1999 "Between Unity and Particularity: An Introduction to the Problem of Political Fragmentation." Political Science Colloquium, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.
- September 1998 "An Unnecessary Enemy: Finding a Productive Place for Nietzsche in the Modernity of Charles Taylor." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- March 1998 "Shared Ideals, Divergent Perspectives: Taylor, Kymlicka and the Problem of Deep Diversity." Western States Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- November 1997 "Deep Diversity or Stagnant Diversity?: Some Remarks on Charles Taylor's Canadian Vision." Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- April 1996 "Foucault, Transgression and Ethics: A Distinctly Empty Relationship." Political Theory Graduate Student Conference, New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
- March 1996 "Nietzsche and Liberalism: A Relationship of Antagonistic Indebtedness?" New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Ithaca, NY.

November 1995 "Deep Sea Diving With Hannah: Deciphering the Problematics of an Arendtian Form of Narrative." Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newark, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2005-2006 Referee for *American Political Science Review*

2004-2005 Referee for *Contemporary Political Theory*

2004-2005 Referee for *Review of Politics*

2003-2004 *Referee* for *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

2001-2003 *Referee* for *Review of Politics*.

September 2004 Discussant for panel entitled *Tales of Nietzschean Responsiveness: Gratitude, Friendship, Public Health*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

March 2004 Chair for panel on Contemporary Political Philosophy. American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA.

March 2004 Discussant for panel entitled *Foucauldian (and other) Views of Modern Politics*. Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland OR.

September 2003 Discussant for panel entitled *Moral Dilemmas Of Liberalism*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

September 1999 Discussant for panel entitled **Authenticity and Ethics**. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

November 1997 Discussant for panel entitled *Liberalism and Group Rights*. Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

1994-1999 *Research Assistant* for Professor David Plotke, Department of Political Science, The Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2005-2006 Undergraduate Student Advisor, Department of Political Science, CSUF

- 2005-2006 Member of the CSUF Political Science Department International Relations and American Foreign Policy Search Committee
- May 2005 Organized and Chaired Panel, "Philosophy of Justice" CSUF Political Science Department Conference on Justice. Fullerton, CA
- May 2005 Participant, CSUF Faculty Roundtable on "What's Right with the Left: Redefining Progressive Thought in a Conservative Era." Fullerton, CA.
- May 2005 Presenter, CSUF Anthropology Conference on Globalization, Fullerton, CA.
- September 2004 Participant, CSUF Political Science Department Conference on American Democracy. Fullerton, CA.
- 2004-2005 Member of the CSUF Political Science Department Comparative Politics Search Committee
- 2004-2005 College of Social Sciences Representative to the CSUF Elections Committee
- 2003-2005 Departmental Representative to the CSUF History and Social Science Subject Matter Preparation Team.
- 2003-2004 Member of the CSUF Political Science Department Curriculum Committee.

REFERENCES :

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First Book Synopsis:

My first book, *Charles Taylor: Thinking and Living Deep Diversity*, critically examines Charles Taylor's multifaceted encounter with the problem of political fragmentation.

A politically fragmented state is one whose members increasingly identify with the concerns of specific groups rather than the country as a whole. To address political fragmentation is to address the tension between accommodating narrowly defined groups and promoting allegiance to a larger polity. Taylor's work proves to be very insightful for understanding what fragmentation involves and what a viable solution entails because (a) Taylor generates a solution to a specific crisis of fragmentation in his native Canada, (b) he conceptually diagnosis the causes of fragmentation as well as the theoretical positions on which his solution rests, (c) he articulates the type of human agent implicated in both a crisis of fragmentation as well as solutions to it and (d) he explicates the moral terrain upon which fragmentation itself has arisen as a problem and upon which solutions to fragmentation, like Taylor's own, can be articulated.

My analysis of Taylor's philosophy and politics reveals several lessons about mediating political fragmentation in liberal democratic states. These lessons are predicated upon the following axioms: An adequate approach to political fragmentation must be sufficiently open to the myriad of particular identities that comprise a polity so that it can provide what citizens who have a given identity regard as a fair hearing of their concerns. At the same time, it must be focused on articulating a basis for solidarity among citizens. Taylor, despite his professed commitments to openness, is unable to develop a theoretical model that supports these commitments because of a series of epistemological and political tensions that plague his thought. In the last chapter of the book I offer several suggestions for alleviating these tensions. The result is a study that performs two interrelated tasks: First, it articulates a set of theoretical and political lessons about how to go about confronting political fragmentation. Second, it provides one of the first comprehensive studies of a rich and important voice in contemporary political philosophy.

Current Research:

My current book project, *Thinking History, Doing Politics*, explores the insights and pitfalls that accompany a turn to history when confronting the pluralistic features of

contemporary political life. Taking its cue from my discussion, in chapter six of *Charles Taylor: Thinking and Living Deep Diversity*, of the tensions within Charles Taylor's work on Western modernity, this second book project critically analyzes the contrasting forms of historically informed theorizing at work in the thought of Taylor and five other thinkers, Hannah Arendt, Michel Foucault, William Connolly, Seyla Benhabib and Alasdair Macintyre. By historically informed theorizing I mean a model for appropriating and narrating elements of a past so as to help address present political malaises. All six frequently deploy very distinctive forms of historically informed theorizing. All five are also deeply concerned with human plurality; each struggles to bring to light and/or mediate some of the pluralistic dimensions of contemporary ethical and political life.

Yet the convergence quickly ends as each invokes markedly different historical approaches, ranging from storytelling (Arendt and Benhabib), to genealogy (Foucault and Connolly), to an analysis of the comparative rationalities of incommensurable traditions (Macintyre), to hermeneutics (Taylor), to attack an assortment of problems that flow from the proliferation or undue curtailment of plurality in modern political life. These include: deciphering a durable basis for political authority "which employs neither history nor coercive logic as crutches" (Arendt); diagnosing "what is not or is no longer indispensable for the constitution of ourselves as subjects" living within a contemporary polity (Foucault); developing an inclusive model of democracy in light of the latter's discoveries (Connolly); arbitrating between incommensurable moral frameworks (Macintyre); as well as the problem of political fragmentation (Taylor). This book's task is to think through the strengths and limits of these specific acts of historically informed theorizing so as to generate insight into the more general problem of what doing effective historical theorizing in a contemporary pluralistic polity entails.