

## ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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### ***Academic Employment***

Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Binghamton University, The State University of New York, 1990 – present.

Co-Director, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, 2016 – present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kenyon College, 1988-1990.

### ***Areas of Research Specialization***

Genocide and Mass Atrocities; Political Theory; Philosophy of International Law and International Relations; Critical Theory; Transitional Justice; Continental Philosophy

### ***Areas of Teaching Competence***

Ethics; Philosophy of Law, Continental Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy

### ***Fellowships and Visiting Positions***

Visiting Professor, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Department of Political Science, Bogota Colombia, 2017

Visiting Professor, Cornell Law School, Fall 2015

Visiting Fellow, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, November 2015

Research Fellow, Institute for German Cultural Studies, Cornell University, 2009.

Oliver Smithies Lecturer and Fellow, Balliol College, Oxford University, 2006-2007.

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Justice, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University, 2006-2007.

Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2004-2005.

Research Fellow, Institute for German Cultural Studies, Cornell University, 1999-2000.

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, 1993-1994.

Fulbright Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Johann Wolfgang Goethe- Universität, Frankfurt, 1986-1987.

## ***Degrees***

Ph.D. Philosophy, Boston College, 1989.

MA (by resolution) Oxford University, 2006.

MA Philosophy, Boston College, 1985.

AB, Magna cum laude with Highest Honors in History, Kenyon College, 1983.

## ***Publications***

### *Authored Books*

Authoritarianism: Three Inquiries in Critical Theory (co-authored with Wendy Brown and Peter E. Gordon), University of Chicago Press, 2018.

The Ends of Solidarity: Discourse Theory in Contemporary Ethics and Politics. The State

University of New York Press, 2008.

Melancholy Dialectics: Walter Benjamin and the Play of Mourning. University of Massachusetts Press, 1993. Second Edition, University of Massachusetts Press, 2001. Introduction reprinted in David M. Rasmussen and James Swindal, eds., Critical Theory, Sage Publications, 2003. Chapter 6 reprinted as “Los desechos de la historia,” in Adolfo Chaparro, editor, Los límites de la estética de la representación, Rosario 2006. [List of published reviews available on request]

### *Edited Books*

Espen Hammer, Peter E. Gordon, and Max Pensky, editors, The Blackwell Handbook to Adorno, Blackwell, 2020.

Jürgen Habermas, Time of Transitions: Political Essays, edited, translated, and with an introduction by Ciaran Cronin and Max Pensky. Polity Press, 2006.

Old Europe, New Europe, Core Europe: Transatlantic Relations after the Iraq War, edited by Daniel Levy, Max Pensky, and John Torpey. Verso, 2005. Translations into Turkish (2005), Japanese (2006), Spanish (2006) and Chinese (2007, 2009).

Globalizing Critical Theory, edited and with an introduction by Max Pensky. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.

Jürgen Habermas, The Postnational Constellation. Political Essays. Edited, translated, with an introduction by Max Pensky. Polity Press, 2001.

The Actuality of Adorno. Critical Essays on Adorno and the Postmodern. Edited and with an introduction by Max Pensky. The State University of New York Press, 1997.

Jürgen Habermas, The Past as Future. Edited and translated by Max Pensky, Forward by Peter Uwe Hohendahl. University of Nebraska Press, 1994.

### *Articles and Book Chapters [\* = peer reviewed]*

59. "After Impunity: The Anti-Impunity Norm, The Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace, and the Future of International Criminal Law," *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, forthcoming.\*
58. "Adorno and the Future," in Henry Pickford and Martin Shuster, editors, The Oxford Handbook on Adorno, forthcoming.\*
57. "Genocide and Jurisgenesis," in Anna Jurkevits, editor, In Search of the Concrete Universal: The Critical Theory of Seyla Benhabib, Columbia University Press, forthcoming.
56. "Critical Theory and War," in Anders Engberg-Pedersen, editor, War and Literature, Cambridge University Press, 2023.\*
55. "Aesthetic Truth and Natural History in Adorno's *Aesthetic Theory*," *New German Critique* (2021) 48 (2 (143)): 23–41.\*
54. "Jewishness and Jurisgenesis: On Seyla Benhabib's *Exile, Statelessness, and Migration*," (review essay) *Philosophy and Social Criticism* vol. 46, issue 1, 2020.\*
53. "Of Humanitarians and Straw Men: On Rajan Menon's The Conceit of Humanitarian Intervention (review essay), *Journal of Genocide Research* 21.1, 2019.\*
52. "Critique and Disappointment," in Espen Hammer, Peter E. Gordon, and Max Pensky, editors, The Blackwell Handbook to Adorno, Blackwell, 2020.
51. "Impunity: A Philosophical Analysis," in Morten Bergsmo, editor, Philosophical Foundations of International Criminal Law, vol. 2, CILRAP Publishing, 2019.\*
50. "In Search of the Negative in Rahel Jaeggi's *Kritik von Lebensformen*," in Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta, editors, From Alienation to Forms of Life: The Critical Theory of Rahel Jaeggi, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2018.
49. "Western Marxism: Revolutions in Theory," in Peter Gordon and Warren Breckman, Editors, The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought, 2019.\*
48. "Toward a Critical Theory of Death: Adorno on Dying Today," *Journal of Adorno Studies* 1.1, Spring 2016.\*
47. "Two Cheers for the Impunity Norm," Philosophy and Social Criticism, Winter-Spring 2016.\*
46. *Jus Post Bellum* and Amnesties," in Larry May, ed., Jus Post Bellum, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

45. "Solidarity with the Past and the Work of Translation," (with a reply by Jürgen Habermas) in Craig C. Calhoun, Jonathan Van Antwerpen and Eduardo Mendieta, eds., Habermas and Religion, Polity Press, 2014.
44. "Anti-Dialectics: Arnold Gehlen and the Fate of Conservative Philosophical Anthropology in Germany," in Peter Hohendahl and Erhard Schuetz, eds., Konservative politische Kultur nach 1945 in Deutschland und in die USA, Peter Lang, 2012.
43. "Cosmopolitan Memory," in Gerard Delanty, ed., Routledge Handbook of Cosmopolitanism, Routledge, 2012.\*
42. (with Mark Freeman) "The Amnesty Controversy in International Law," in Leigh Payne and Francesca Lessa, eds., Amnesty in the Age of Human Rights Accountability: Comparative and International Perspectives, Cambridge University Press, 2013. Portuguese translation in Marcello Torelly et. al., eds., A Anistia na Era da Responsabilização – o Brasil em perspectiva internacional e comparada," Ministry of Justice of Brazil, 2011.
41. "Three Kinds of Ruin: Heidegger, Benjamin, and Sebald," in Poligrafi, 2011.
40. "Habermas's Intellectual Contexts," in Barbara Fultner, ed., Habermas: Basic Concepts, Acumen, 2011.
39. "Critical Theory and World Politics," in D.S.A. Bell, editor, Ethics and World Politics, Oxford University Press, 2010, pp 35-55.\*
38. "Social Solidarity and Intersubjective Recognition: Axel Honneth's Struggle for Recognition," in Danielle Petherbridge, ed., Axel Honneth: Critical Essays with a Reply by Axel Honneth, Brill, 2011, pp 125-154.\*
37. "Contributions to a Theory of Storms: Historical Knowing and Historical Progress in Kant and Benjamin," The Philosophical Forum, vol. XLI, nos. 1 & 2, Spring/Summer 2010, pp 149-174.\*
36. "Transition, Amnesty, and Social Trust: Lessons from South Africa," in Joseph Lewandowski, editor, Trust and Transitions: Social Capital in a Changing World, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2009.
35. "Pragmatism and Solidarity with the Past: Mead, Benjamin and the Ends of Memory," in Chad Kautzer and Eduardo Mendieta, editors, Pragmatism, Nation, and Race: Community in the Age of Empire, University of Indiana Press, 2009.
34. "Critical Theory and the Politics of Memory," in Philosophy Today, Vol. 52, Fall 2008, 114-

124.\*

33. "Amnesty on Trial: Impunity, Accountability, and the Norms of International Law," in Ethics and Global Politics 1:1-2, June 2008.\*

32. "Two Cheers for Cosmopolitanism: Cosmopolitan Solidarity as Second-Order Inclusion," in Journal of Social Philosophy Volume XXXVIII Number 1, Spring 2007, 165-185.\*

31. "Geheimmittel: Dialectical and Advertising Images in Benjamin's Arcades Project," in Andrew Benjamin and Beatrice Hanssen, eds., Walter Benjamin Studies Vol. II: The Arcades Project, Continuum Press, 2007.\*

30. "El pasado es otro pueblo. Un argumento a favor de los derechos postumos como limitaciones normativas a las amnistias," Wilson Herrera, trans., in Camila de Gamboa Tapias, editor, Justicia Transicional: Teoria y Praxis, Rosario 2006.

29. "Solidarity as Fact or Norm?" in Philosophy and Social Criticism 32:7, Fall 2006.\*

28. (With John Torpey and David Levy) Editors' Introduction to Old Europe, New Europe, Core Europe: Transatlantic Relations After the Iraq War, edited by Daniel Levy, Max Pensky, and John Torpey. Verso, 2005.

27. "Dreamtime, Memory, Destruction: Walter Benjamin's Urban Renewal," in Cities Spring-Summer 2005.\*

26. Habermas's Political Profile: A Review and Critique of Matustik," in Radical Philosophy Review, Spring-Summer 2005. (long review essay)

25. "Natural History: the Life and Afterlife of a Concept in Adorno," in Critical Horizons, Vol. 2:5, 2005.\* Reprinted in Danielle Petherbridge, editor, Contemporary Perspectives in Critical Social Philosophy, Brill 2005.

24. "Is Critical Theory a Theory of Globalization? Is Globalization Theory Critical?" in Max Pensky, editor, Globalizing Critical Theory, Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.

23. "Benhabib's Claims: Multicultural Democracy and Critical Social Theory" in Constellations 11:4, June 2004, pp. 258-265.\*

22. "Method and Time: Walter Benjamin's Dialectical Images," in David Ferris, editor, The Cambridge Companion to Walter Benjamin, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004, pp. 177-198.

21. "The Relevance of the Past: Between Construction and Debt," in Intertexts, volume 7 number 2, Fall 2003, pp 131-143.\*
20. "Beyond the Message in a Bottle: The Other Critical Theory," (review essay), in Constellations 10:1, March 2003, pp. 135-144.
19. "Between Rights and Hospitality: Cosmopolitan Democracy, Nation, and Cultural Identity," in Peter Uwe Hohendahl and Jaimey Fischer, eds., Critical Theory: Current State and Future Prospects , Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2001, pp. 175-204.
18. Editor's introduction to Jürgen Habermas, The Postnational Constellation. Political Essays, Polity, 2001, pp. vii-xviii.
17. "Habermas and Power," in Alan Scott and Kate Nash, editors, The Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology, Oxford: Blackwell, 2001, pp. 49-60.\*
16. "Cosmopolitanism and the Solidarity Problem: Habermas on National and Cultural Identities," Constellations, Spring 2000.\* Reprinted in David M. Rasmussen and James Swindal, eds., Critical Theory (NY: Sage Publications, 2003).
15. "Truth and Interest: On Habermas's 'Afterword' to Nietzsche's Theory of Knowledge," in Babette E. Babich, editor, Nietzsche's Epistemological Writings and the Philosophy of Science. Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Kluwer, 1999, pp. 265-273. Reprinted in Babette E. Babich, editor, Habermas, Nietzsche, and Critical Theory (Amherst, NY: Humanities Books, 2004), pp 69-80.
14. "Minimal Adorno. On Hohendahl's Anti-systematic Reading." (Review essay) In New German Critique, Winter/Spring 1998-99.
13. "Jürgen Habermas and the Antinomies of the Intellectual." In Peter Dews, ed., Habermas: A Critical Reader. Basil Blackwell, 1999, pp. 211-240.
12. "Walter Benjamin." Article-length encyclopedia entry. In Michael Kelly, general ed., The Encyclopedia of Aesthetics, Oxford University Press, 1998, pp. 254-258; second revised edition 2013.
11. "Third Generation Critical Theory." Blackwell's Encyclopedia of Continental Philosophy. Basil Blackwell, 1998.
10. "Schmitt and Anti-Schmitt." German Society and Politics, (review essay) Winter/Spring 1997-1998.

9. "The Limits of Solidarity. Habermas, Levinas, and the Moral Point of View," in Amos Nascimento, ed., A Matter of Discourse: Community and Communication in Contemporary Philosophies. Avebury Press, 1998, pp. 129-150.
8. "Adorno's Actuality," editor's introduction to The Actuality of Adorno. Critical Essays on Adorno and the Postmodern. The State University of New York Press, 1997.
7. "Ghost Stories. Remembrance and Justice in Derrida and Habermas," in Lenore Langsdorf and Stephen Watson, eds., Phenomenology, Interpretation and Community. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy 19. The State University of New York Press, 1996, pp. 237-251.\*
6. "Tactics of Remembrance. Proust, Surrealism, and the Origin of the *Passagenwerk*," in Michael Steinberg, ed., Walter Benjamin and the Demands of History. Cornell University Press, 1996, pp. 164-189.
5. "Universalism and the Situated Critic," in Stephen K. White, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Habermas. Cambridge University Press, 1995, pp. 67 – 94.
4. "Choosing Your Mask: On Adorno's Aesthetic Theory." New German Critique 63, Fall 1994, pp. 161 – 179.\*
3. Review essay of John McCole, Walter Benjamin and the Antinomies of Tradition. German Society and Politics No. 30, Fall 1993, pp. 104 – 108.
2. "The Use and Abuse of Memory. Habermas, 'Anamnestic Solidarity' and the *Historikerstreit*." Philosophy and Social Criticism vol. 15, no. 4, 1990, pp. 351 – 380. Reprinted in David M. Rasmussen and James Swindal, eds., Habermas (NY: Sage Publications, 2001).\*
1. "Habermas's *Schadensabwicklung*." German Society and Politics no. 13, Spring 1988, pp. 45 – 50.

### **Public Scholarship and Journalism**

Panelist, "Crisis in Tigray," Alliance for Peacebuilding Podcast, December 2021

Panelist, "Justice for All" Podcast, May 20, 2020

"What is Genocide, and Who is Committing It Now in the Middle East?" *The Hill*, October 17, 2023.

"Why is the UN's Response to Myanmar's Rohingya Persecution So Powerless?" *The Globe Post*, July 11, 2019.

Panelist, "Impunity in Myanmar," *Global Journalist*, NPR, October 15, 2018.

"United Nations Report Documents Genocide Against the Rohingya: Now What?",



*The Conversation*, September 5, 2018.  
 Preventing Crimes Against Humanity in the U.S.” *The Conversation*, June 22, 2018. (with Nadia Rubaii)  
 “Warning Signs of Mass Violence – in the U.S.?” *The Conversation*, August 21, 2017. (with Nadia Rubaii)  
 “Are State Department Cutbacks a Major Setback for Genocide Prevention?” *The Conversation*, July 31, 2017. (with Nadia Rubaii)

### ***Professional Papers and Presentations***

132. “Genocide and Jurisgenesis,” Critical Theory Round Table (online), December 11, 2020.
131. “The Rohingya Genocide: Policy Alternatives and Public Pressure,” Middlebury College, May 8 2021.
130. “Toward a Critical Theory of Political Hope,” Czech Academy of Social Sciences, Annual Conference, May 28, 2019.
129. “Ordinary Perpetrators,” Hamilton College, March 7, 2019.
128. “Adorno, Natural History, and Aesthetic Experience,” Harvard University, Department of History, February 28, 2019.
127. Commentary on Seyla Benhabib, “Exile, Statelessness, Migration,” American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29, 2018.
126. “Kluge and Air War,” International Conference on Alexander Kluge, Institute for German Studies, Cornell University, October 11, 2018.
125. “Security Services as Potential Atrocity Perpetrators in SGLACs,” Lehman College, Workshop on Atrocity Prevention in the Americas, November 28, 2018.
124. “Partnerships in Genocide Education,” Higher Education Partnerships, Cartagena, Colombia, September 26 2018.
123. “Is the Battle Against Impunity Worth Winning?” Dean’s Distinguished Lecture, Harpur College, Binghamton University, November 2017.
122. “The Special Jurisdiction for Peace and International Law: Analyzing Colombia’s Legal Experimentalism,” University of Essex, Transitional Justice Network, September 2017.
121. “Adorno and Tocqueville on the End of Democracy,” University of Essex, Critical Theory Colloquium, September 2017.
120. “Tocqueville, Adorno, and Critical Theory,” Keynote, Czech Academy of Social Sciences, Prague, May 2017.
119. “Walter Benjamin’s Case Studies,” International Walter Benjamin Society, Oxford, UK, September 2017.
118. “Amnesty and Sovereignty,” Departments of Law and Philosophy, University of Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, March 2017.
117. “Constitutional Challenges to Peacemaking in Colombia,” Pontifical University of Javeriana, Department of Political Science, Bogota Colombia March 2017.
116. “Adorno, Lateness, Critical Theory,” Conference on Adorno’s *Negative Dialectics at 50*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 2016.

115. "Tocqueville, Adorno, and Critical Theory," Keynote Address, Critical Theory Roundtable, Pennsylvania State University, November 2016.
114. "Theory Transfer and Communicative Action," Cornell University, Department of German Studies, September 2016.
113. Criticism and the View from (Nearly) Nowhere: On Forst's Normativität und Macht, Czech Academy of Social Sciences, Prague, May 2016.
112. "Adorno, Disappointment, Late Philosophy," Association for Adorno Studies, University of Montreal, April 2016.
111. "In Search of the Negative in Jaeggi's Kritik von Lebensformen, Penn State University, Department of Philosophy, April 2016.
110. "Two Cheers for the Impunity Norm," PPL Conference, Binghamton University, April 2016.
109. "Spooky Action at a Distance: Kafka's Laws of Spacetime," University at Buffalo, Department of Judaic Studies, April 2016
108. "Die Wiederkehr der marxistischen Philosophie und die Ursprünge der frankfurter Schule," Nietzsche-Zentrum, Postdam Germany, January 2016
107. "Impunity, Accountability, and Discourse," Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, December 2015
106. "Is the Fight Against Impunity Worth Winning?" National University of Ireland, Centre for Human Rights, December 2015
105. Discussant, "Critiques of Capitalism," Critical Theory Roundtable, Yale University, October 2015
104. "Is the Fight Against Impunity Worth Winning?" Istanbul Seminars, "Philosophers Across the Bosphorus," May 2015
103. "Another Enlightenment: The *Philosophes* and the Idea of Moral Progress in History," Czech Academy of Social Sciences, May 2015
102. "Amnesty," Columbia University, Political Concepts Conference, March 2015
101. "Amnesty and Sovereignty," Yale University, Political Theory Workshop, November 2014
100. "Derrida's Spectral Politics," Cornell University, Departments of Comparative Literature and Judaic Studies, Conference on "Specters of Marx at 20," November 2014
99. Respondent, Panel on "Human Rights and Democratic Legitimacy," American Political Science Association, August 2014
98. "*Jus Post Bellum*, Punishment, and International Law," Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, May 2014
97. "Is Anyone Accountable? Revisiting Democratic Accountability for Global Governance Institutions," Keynote Address, University of Guelph, "The Limits of Civil Society" conference, September 2013, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014.
96. "Adorno and the Philosophy of Death," International Society for Adorno Studies, Philadelphia, March 2013
95. "More Life!: Is Life Expectancy a Mal-distributed Good?" University of Minnesota Center for the Humanities conference, "Re-Imagining Enlightenment," November 2012.

94. "A Critical Theory of Death?" Critical Theory Roundtable, Toronto, September 2012.
93. "Remembering Reification in the *Theory of Communicative Action*," Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, May 2012.
92. "*Jus Post Bellum* and Retribution," Department of Philosophy, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, May 2012, Stockholm Centre for the Study of War and Peace, Inaugural Conference, May 2014.
91. "Adorno, Gehlen, and Natural History," Inaugural Conference, Adorno Studies Association, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University, March 2012.
90. "Amnesties and *Jus Post Bellum*," Vanderbilt University, Workshop on *Jus Post Bellum*, August 2011.
89. "Arnold Gehlen and the Origins of Post-War German Conservative Political Thought," Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2011.
88. "Solidarity with the Past and the Work of Secular Translation," Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy, February 2011.
87. "Posthumous Interests and the Duty to Remember," University College Dublin, School of Philosophy, October 2010.
86. "The Status of Domestic Amnesties for International Crimes under International Criminal Law," St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford, October 2010.
85. "Solidarity with the Past and the Work of Translation: Reflections on Memory Politics and the Post-Secular," New York University Institute for Public Knowledge/Social Science Research Council Workshop, October 2009.
84. Comment, "The Origins of Postwar Conservative Political Thought in Germany and America," Cornell University, October 2009.
83. "The Old Question Raised Again, and Again," The Gillian Rose Memorial Lecture, University of Sussex, UK, April 2009.
82. "The Normative Foundation of the International Criminal Law: Three Rival Narratives," Centre for Transitional Justice, University of Oxford, UK, April 2009.
81. Comment on Amy Allen and Lenny Moss, "The Futures of Critical Theory," invited panel, American Philosophical Association Eastern Convention, December 2008.
80. "Fate-Based Learning: Kant, Benjamin, and the Critique of Moral Progress," Cornell University, "The Legacy of Kant in an Age of Crisis," October 2008; University of Minnesota, Department of Comparative Literature, November 2008.
79. "Amnesty and the Rule of Law," Cornell University Law School, October 2008.
78. "Melancholia and Philosophical History," Brown University, Department of French Studies, April 2008; University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Studies, November 2008.
77. "Amnesty Policies as Human Rights Violations," Department of Philosophy, Concordia University, Montreal CA, November 2007.
76. "Memory Politics and the Future of Critical Theory," Keynote Address, Conference on the Future of Critical Theory, Rome Italy, May 2007; Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, November 2007.
75. "Amnesty and International Law: The Role of the ICC in Africa," Annual Oliver Smithies

- Lecture, Balliol College, Oxford University, May 2007.
74. "Amnesty and Solidarity: The Case of South Africa," Annual Oliver Smithies Lecture, Balliol College, Oxford University, May 2007.
  73. "The Ethics of Amnesty," Annual Oliver Smithies Lecture, Balliol College, Oxford University, May 2007.
  72. "Bodily Integrity and Moral Harm: Habermas and Deontology," University of Exeter, EGENIS Program, May 2007.
  71. "Amnesty and Sovereignty in International Criminal Law," Keele University, April 2007.
  70. "Genetic Technology and the Limits of Civil Society: Habermas on Normative Constraints in New Genetic Technologies," University of Exeter, EGENIS Workshop, Department of Philosophy, November 2006.
  69. "Two Cheers for Cosmopolitan Solidarity," University of Exeter, Department of Politics, November 2006.
  68. "Against Amnesty," University of Exeter, November 2006, New School University, Department of Politics, April 2006.
  67. "Justice versus Amnesty," Balliol College, Oxford University, November 2006.
  66. Comment on J.C. Berendzen, "Horkheimer's Materialism," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, New York, NY, December 2005.
  65. "Religious Identity in the New Germany: A Model for European Integration?" "The Present and Future of Franco-German Relations," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies and Einaudi Center for European Studies, November 2005.
  64. Comment on David Ingram, *Rights, Democracy, and Fulfillment in the Era of Identity Politics*, Book Panel, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, October 2005.
  63. "Schmitt, Agamben, and the Exception to International Law," German Studies Association, Milwaukee Wisconsin, September 2005.
  62. "Tocqueville and the Phantom Public Sphere," Keynote, "Tocqueville in Ithaca", Cornell University, Program in Economy and Society, September 2005.
  61. "The Past is Another People: Posthumous Rights as Normative Constraints in Transitional Societies," Keynote, Conference on Transitional Justice and Collective Memory, University of Rosario, Faculty of Law, Bogota Colombia, August 2005.
  60. "Solidarity Clauses and Constitutional Extension: The Case of the European Union Constitution," Cornell University, Department of Philosophy, April 2005
  59. "Global Rule of Law, Global Exception? Kant and Schmitt on Cosmopolitan Law," Binghamton University, Department of Comparative Literature, April 2005.
  58. "Philosophical Anthropology and Critical Social Theory: The History and Prospects of a Troubled Relation," University of Notre Dame, Conference on "Philosophical Anthropology Reviewed and Renewed," May 2005.
  57. "Marxist Ontology and Philosophical Anthropology: Materialism and the Limits of the Human," American Comparative Literature Association, Pennsylvania State University, March 2005.
  56. "Problems with the Past: Restitution, Reparation, and Social Time." Villanova University,

- February 2005.
55. "Totally Legal: The Status of Law in Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies Roundtable on The Origins of Totalitarianism, February 2005.
  54. "Global Rule of Law, Global Exception? Carl Schmitt and the Cosmopolitans," XXII World Congress on Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law, Granada Spain, May 2005.
  53. Response to Keynote, "Philosophy After 9/11," American Philosophical Association, Boston MA, December 2004.
  52. "Solidarity: The Very Concept," Critical Theory Roundtable, Montreal Canada, October 2004.
  51. "Mead, Benjamin, and the Normative Dimension of Historiographic Memory," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis TN, October 2004. Also Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, February 2005.
  50. "Global Democracy and Transnational Justice: Reply to Lara," American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2004.
  49. "Holocaust Memory and European Integration," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies, May 2004.
  48. "The Iraq War and European Identity: Is American Imperialism Good for Europe?" Cornell University, Conference on "Critical Anatomy of Empire," April 2004.
  47. "On Germany, Federalism, and Islam: The Headscarf Affair," Cornell University, Society for the Humanities, April 2004.
  46. "Public Religion and European Integration: The Case of France and Germany," Cornell University, Society for the Humanities, February 2004.
  45. "Gene Technology and the Return of Philosophical Anthropology in Germany: Reflections on an Intellectual Debate," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, November 2003.
  44. "A Constitution for Europe: Integration via Constitutional Culture?" Syracuse University, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, November 2003.
  43. "Advertising and Dialectical Images in Benjamin's *Arcades Project*," Binghamton University, Visual Culture Workshop, October 2003.
  42. "The German Greens at 20: Parliamentary Politics Inside and Out," Cornell University, DAAD Weekend Conference, September 2003.
  41. "Constitutional Scope and Sovereignty in Post-national Democratic Bodies," Yale University, Department of Government, May 2003.
  40. "Constitutional Provision and Constitutional Scope: European Perspectives on a Classic Problem," Czech Academy of Social Sciences, Prague, May 2003.
  39. "Benhabib's Claims of Culture: Multicultural Democracy and Critical Social Theory." Critical Theory Roundtable, Saint Louis University, October 2002.
  38. "Is Critical Theory a Theory of Globalization? Is Globalization Theory Critical?" Cornell University, Conference on "Globalizing Critical Theory," September 2002.
  37. "Constitutional Exclusion: The EU Constitution and Immigration Law," Johann-Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Department of Philosophy, June 2002.

36. "Habermas the Existentialist? Response to Matustik," Radical Philosophy Association, APA Eastern Convention, December 2001.
35. "Technology and Formal Fantasy," Institute for German Cultural Studies Conference, "Is There a New Technology? The Marcuse-Habermas Debate," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies, October 2001.
34. "*Vernunft, Verstand: The History of Reason in German Studies*," DAAD Tagung, Institute for German Cultural Studies, Cornell University, October 2001.
33. "National Identity and Immigration Law," Carleton University, Faculty of Law, October 2001.
32. "Immigration Law and the Ends of Social Solidarity," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Goucher College, October 2001.
31. "Can Social Solidarity Be the Object of Law? Reflections on Three Models of Normative Legislation," Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Kentucky, October 2000.
30. "Cosmopolitanism and Natural History: The Dynamic of Memory in Kant's Historical and Political Writings," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Penn State University, October 2000.
29. "Spectacles: Hegel, Adorno, and the Neverending End of Art," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies, September 2000.
28. "*Geheimmittel: Strange Solidarities in Walter Benjamin's Arcades Project*," Cornell University, Institute for German Cultural Studies, February 2000.
27. "Adorno's Negative: Sublimity and Aesthetic Negation." American Society for Aesthetics, October 1999.
26. "Geography and Catastrophe: Walter Benjamin's Cities," Society for Philosophy and Geography, American Philosophical Association Central Division Convention, New Orleans, May 1999.
25. "Between Rights and Hospitality: Cosmopolitanism, Nation and Cultural Identity," American Philosophical Association Central Division Convention, New Orleans, May 1999.
24. "Cosmopolitan Democracy and National Identity: A Conflict?" Critical Theory Roundtable, Boston, October 1998.
23. "The Ethics of World-Disclosure," Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, May 1998.
22. "World-Disclosure and Critique in Adorno," University of Essex, Cambridge-Essex-East Anglia Philosophy Triangle, May 1998.
21. "Habermasian Cosmopolitanism and Moral Asymmetry," University of Essex, Centre for Theoretical Studies, May 1998.
20. "Critique, Cosmopolis, Solidarity: The Postnational Project of Critical Theory," Cornell University, Center for German Cultural Studies, Conference on "The Future of Critical Theory," April 1998.
19. "Is There a Nationalism Worth Having?" University of East Anglia, February 1998.
18. "Remembering Natural History: Reflections on Method and Morality in Adorno." Critical Theory Roundtable, Chicago, October 1995.

17. Respondent to Ingeborg Majer, "Representing Blackness in Fassbinder's *The Marriage of Maria Braun*, Braudel Center Colloquium, BU, April 1995.
16. "The Metaphysics of Tact. Ethical Spaces Between Adorno and Levinas." International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Philadelphia, May 1995.
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- Member, Innovational Projects Board, 1992- 1993.
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