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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 2004-
; *Chair*, 2006-

Elizabeth Todd Professor, Goucher College, 2000-2004; *Professor*, Department
of Political Science, 1997-2004; *Chair*, 1994-2004; *Associate Professor*, 1993-
97; *Assistant Professor*, 1988-92; *Associate Director*, Honors Program, 1994-99;
Director, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, 1992-93, 1996-97

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Political Science, 1986
Siena College, *magna cum laude*, 1979

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Enchantment of Modern Life: Attachments, Crossings, and Ethics, Princeton
University Press, 2001

Thoreau's Nature: Ethics, Politics, and The Wild, Modernity and Political
Thought Series, Sage Publications, 1994; Second edition, Rowman and
Littlefield, 2002

Unthinking Faith and Enlightenment: Nature and the State in a Post-Hegelian Era,
New York University Press, 1987

Book manuscript under review by Duke University Press, "Vital
Materiality: The Political Life of Things"

Edited Books

The Politics of Moralizing, co-edited with Michael Shapiro, with Introduction,

Routledge, 2002

In the Nature of Things: Language, Politics, and the Environment, co-edited with William Chaloupka, with Introduction, University of Minnesota Press, 1993

Concepts of Life, co-edited with Paola Marrati and Todd Myers, Stanford University Press, forthcoming 2009

Articles and Essays

“A Vitalist Stop on the Way to a New Materialism,” in *New Materialisms*, eds. Diana Coole and Samantha Frost, Duke University Press, forthcoming 2009

“From Nature to Matter,” in *Second Nature: rethinking the Natural Through Politics*, eds. Crina Archer, Laura Ephraim, and Lida Maxwell, forthcoming 2008

“Metallic Materialism,” in *Concepts of Life*, eds. Jane Bennett, Paola Marrati, Todd Meyers, Stanford University Press, forthcoming 2008.

“Matérialismes métalliques,” trans. P. Marrati, *Rue Descartes*, no. 59, February 2008

“Edible Matter,” *New Left Review*, no. 45, May/June 2007

“Modernity and Its Critics,” *Oxford Handbook of Political Science*, eds. John Dryzek, Bonnie Honig, Anne Phillips, Oxford University Press, 2005

“In Parliament with Things” in *Radical Democracy: Politics Between Abundance and Lack*, eds. Lars Toender and Lasse Thomassen, Manchester University Press, 2005

“The Agency of Assemblages and the North American Blackout,” *Public Culture*, vol. 17, no. 3, Fall 2005; Reprinted in *Political Theologies: Public Religions in a Post-Secular World*, eds. Hent deVries and Lawrence E. Sullivan, Fordham University Press, 2006.

“The Force of Things: Steps toward an Ecology of Matter,” *Political Theory*, vol. 32, no. 3, June 2004

“Approaches to Contemporary Political Theory,” *Handbook of Political Theory*, eds. G. Gaus and C. Kukathas, Sage Publications (London), 2004

“The Moraline Drift,” in *The Politics of Moralizing*, Routledge, 2002

“Commodity Fetishism and Commodity Enchantment,” *Theory & Event*, vol. 5.1, Winter 2001

“Political Theory and ‘Weak Ontology,’” *Theory & Event*, vol. 4.2, Spring 2000

- “The Order of Nature in Lucretius and Nanotechnology,” *Strategies*, Spring 2000
- “Mouths, Bodies, and the State,” co-authored with W. Connolly, in *Willful Liberalism*, eds. B. Honig and D. Mapel, University of Minnesota Press, 2002
- “Kafka,” *Dictionary of Existentialism*, ed. H. Gordon, Greenwood Press, 1999
- “Thoreau, Latour, and the Finesse of Nature/Culture,” *Annals of Scholarship*, vol. 12, no 3/4, 1998
- “The Enchantment of Modernity: Paracelsus, Kant, and Deleuze,” *Cultural Values*, April 1997
- “How is it, then, that we still remain barbarians?: Foucault, Schiller, and the Aestheticization of Ethics,” *Political Theory*, November 1996; Reprinted in *Michel Foucault*, ed. K. Racevskis, G.K. Hall, 1999
- “Kafka, Genealogy, and the Spiritualization of Politics,” *Journal of Politics*, August 1994
- “Primate Visions and Alter-Tales,” in *In the Nature of Things*, 1993
- “Coetzee, Kundera, and the Politics of Anonymity,” in *Politics and Irony*, eds. J. Seery and D. Conway, St. Martin's Press, 1992
- “Deceptive Comfort: The Power of Kafka's Stories,” *Political Theory*, February 1991
- “On Being a Native: Thoreau's Hermeneutics of Self,” *Polity*, Nov 1990

Reviews and Review Essays:

- “Gal’s Signs & Symptoms,” *American Book Review*, Summer 2003
- “Coole’s Negativity and Politics,” *Political Theory*, April 2002
- “Heilke’s Nietzsche’s Tragic Regime,” *American Political Science Review*, June 1999
- “Tierney’s The Value of Convenience,” *Political Theory*, May, 1996
- “The Wild Thoreau,” *Canadian Review of American Studies*, Winter 1995
- “Smith’s Hegel’s Critique of Liberalism,” *Journal of Politics*, Nov 1990
- “Winner’s The Whale and the Reactor,” *Political Theory*, Nov 1987
- “Jordan’s The State: Authority and Autonomy,” *Political Theory*, November 1986

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Book Review Editor, *Political Theory*, 2003-

Advisory Board, Book Series, "Reappraising the Political, eds. Jon Simons and Simon Tormey, Manchester University Press, 2003-

Advisory Board, *Culture and Politics: An International Journal of Theory*, 2004-
Visiting Professor, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Fall 2003

International Advisory Editor, Book Series: "Taking on the Political,"
Edinburgh University Press and New York University Press, 1998-2001

Editorial Board, *Critical Horizons*, 1999-

Editorial Board, *borderlands*, 2000-

Executive Committee, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA, 2002-05

Visiting Fellow, Department of Politics, University of Nottingham, May 2007

Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Philosophy, Australian National University, January-April 2000

Member, Book Award Committee, Foundations of Political Thought, APSA, 2001-02

Coordinating Editorial Committee, *Theory & Event*, 1999-

Advisory Board, Ashworth Centre for Social Theory, University of Melbourne, 1998-

Program Chair, Foundations of Political Theory Panels, American Political Science Association, 1997 (29 panels)

Visiting Fellow, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, May-August 1997

Book Review Editor, *Theory & Event*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996-99

Scholar-of-the-Year Award, Goucher College, 1995

Dean's Summer Research Award, Goucher College, 1998, 1995, 1993

National Humanities Center Summer Fellow, 1992

Beatrice Aitchison Research Grant, 1989

American Political Science Association Seminar Fellow, 1989

National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar Fellow, 1986

University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, 1983-85

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Ecological Sublime,” Tate Symposium on the Sublime, Tate Britain, October 19, 2007

“Metallic Materialism,” American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 18, 2008

“Physique of the Public,” Goldsmith’s, University of London, June 6, 2008

“Ecological Materialism,” keynote, Critical Political Theory Conference: Capitalism, Faith, Nature, University of Essex, U.K., June 12-13, 2008

“Impersonal Affect,” Conference on Passions and Democracy, Cini Foundation, Venice, Italy, June 19-20, 2008

ADemocratic Assemblages, or ‘Small Agencies and their Accumulated Effects,’” American Political Science Association, August 2007

“Latter-Day Vitalism and the Embryonic Stem Cell Debate,” keynote, Conference on Stem Cell Identities, Governance and Ethics,” University of Nottingham, May 2007-05-31

“The Culture of Life,” Political Theory Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, April 2007-05-31

“Impersonal Affect,” Roundtable on “Mediation/Ethics,” Pembroke Center, Brown University, March 2007

“What is Vital Force?,” Conference on New Materialisms, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2007

“From ‘Nature’ to ‘Material’: A Short History of Vital Force,” keynote, Graduate Student Political Theory Conference on *Second Nature*, Northwestern University, February 2007

“Enchanted Materialism and the Political-Theological,” Conference on “Living Together: Love, Religion, and Politics for the 21st Century,” Fordham University, January 2007

“The Enchantment of Matter,” Department of English, University of Indiana, Bloomington, October 2006

“Bergson’s élan vital and Driesch’s entelechy,” Department of Political Science, University of Maryland, February 2006

“On Lists: Walt Whitman, Gilles Deleuze, and Wim Wenders,” Department of Geography, Distinguished Overseas Seminar Scheme, November 2005

“Is Vitalism Dead? Hans Driesch, George W. Bush, and Stem Cells,”
Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, September 2005

“Agency and the North American Blackout,” Program in Women,
Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, December 2004

“The Agency of Assemblages,” Globalization and Political Theology
Conference, University of Amsterdam, June 2004

“Distributive Agency,” Experimenting with Intensities Conference, Trent
University, Peterborough, Ontario, May 2004

“In Parliament with Things,” British Political Studies Association,
Apr 2003

“Toward An Ecological Materialism,” Albany Political Theory Group,
April 2002

“The Moraine Drift,” American Political Science Association, 2001

“Commodity Ethics and Spiral Repetition,” Plenary Speaker, Honors
Ethics Conference, University of South Florida, April 2001

“The Magical Worlds of Paracelsus and Kant,” Cosmopolitiques
Conference, Center for Arts and Humanities, SUNY Albany, April 2000
“The Disenchantment of Nature and Culture?” Philosophy Faculty
Seminar, Australian National University, March 2000

“Commodity Enchantment and Commodity Fetishism,” Obscene Power
Conference, University of Southampton, December 1999

“Affects and Ethics in Schiller and Foucault,” Conference on Ethics and
Politics, University of Essex, December 1999

“The Enchanted Materialism of Ancient Atomism,” Virginia Conference
on Political Thought, October 1999

“Commodity Enchantment,” American Political Science Association 1999

“Ethics and Enchantment,” Conference on Religion and Secularization,
Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy, May 1999

“The Disenchantment Tale in Max Weber and Hans Blumenberg,”
American Political Science Association, 1998

“Is Modernity Disenchanted?” Department of Political Science,
Northwestern University, Spring 1998

“De Rerum Natura: The Primary Pictures of Epicurus and
Nanotechnology,” Western Political Science Association, 1998

“The Ethical Role of Enchantment,” American Political Science Association, 1997

“Hybridity and Enchantment,” Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series, University of Sydney, June 1997

“Techno-chantments,” Ashworth Centre for Social Theory, University of Melbourne, 1997

“Inter-Species Crossing in Tournier, Kafka, and Deleuze,” Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, July 1997

“Thoreau, Latour, and the Finesse of Nature/Culture,” Midwest Political Science Association, 1997

“Thoreau and Re-Enchantment,” Americas Abroad Conference, Dartmouth College, May 1996

“Cynicism and Varieties of Enchantment,” APSA, 1996

“What's the Relationship Between Aesthetics and Politics?” WPSA, 1995

“Schiller, Foucault, and the Aestheticization of Ethics,” APSA, 1994

“Kafka's Penal Colony,” Department of Political Science, University of South Florida, 1994

“Thoreau and a Postmodern Sensibility,” University of Virginia Conference on Political Thought, 1994

“I Was Charmed and No Mistake: The Politics of Thoreau's Anti-Politics,” WPSA, 1994

“Tocqueville, Thoreau, and Violence,” Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, 1994

“Kafka and the Spiritualization of Politics,” Department of Rhetoric, University of California at Berkeley, 1993

“The Uncanny in Kafka's 'Great Wall of China,’” Conference on Detraditionalisation, University of Lancaster, 1993

“Kafka's Genealogical Idealism,” Department of German, University of Calgary, 1993

“Nature, Politics, and Forgetting,” Seven College Consortium Conference, Otter Crest, Oregon, 1992

“Donna Haraway, Primate Visions, and Alter-Tales,” APSA, 1991

“Henry Thoreau's Political Poetics,” Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, 1991

“The Native and the Cyborg,” APSA, 1990

“The Power of Kafka's Stories,” APSA, 1989

“The Environmental Question and Related Territory,” Department of Social Ecology, College of the Atlantic, 1989

“Kafka and Power,” Baltimore Philosophy Group, 1989

“The Trial of the Self: Thoreau and Kafka on Individuality and Power,” WPSA, 1989

“Literature and the Politics of Anonymity,” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, 1988

“J.M. Coetzee and the Politics of Anonymity,” APSA, 1987

“Environmental Ethics and the Problem of Otherness,” APSA, 1986

TEACHING AREAS

History of Political Thought
Contemporary Political Thought
Environmentalism and Philosophy of Nature
American Political Thought

References available upon request.