

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctorate: Oxford University, UK, 1981, DPhil in politics. Thesis: *The Social and Political Thought of the British Idealists*. (Concentration: Political Theory) Supervisor: Alan Ryan.

Graduate: Haifa University, Israel, MA in Political Science (cum laude), 1975. Thesis: *The Concept of Political Obligation in Locke's Political Thought*. (Concentration: Political Theory)

Undergraduate: Haifa University, Israel, BA in Political Science and Judaic Studies (cum laude), 1972

TEACHING POSITIONS

1998-99 - present Associate Professor of Political Science, Arizona State University.

1994-95 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Arizona State University.

1993-94 Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, The College of William and Mary.

Spring 1993 Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, Syracuse University.

1991-92 Research Associate and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Law and Society Program) Binghamton University (State University of New York).

1988-1991 University Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of Political Science Haifa University, Israel.

PUBLICATIONS

"Rights that Bind: T. H. Green on Rights and Community," in Maria Dimova-Cookson & W. J. Mander, eds., *T. H. Green: Ethics, Metaphysics and Political Philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2006), pp. 236-261.

"A Liberalism of the Common Good: Some recent books on the moral and political theory of T.H. Green," *British Journal of Politics & International Relations, Special Issue: British Idealism*, 7(1) (February 2005): 126-142.

"T. H. Green's community of rights: an essay on the complexity of liberalism," *Political Ideologies*, 8(3) (October 2003): 269-287.

Avital Simhony & David Weinstein, eds., *The New Liberalism: Reconciling Liberty and Community* (Cambridge University Press, 2001).

“T. H. Green's Complex Common Good: Between Liberalism and Communitarianism,” in Avital Simhony & David Weinstein, eds., *The New Liberalism: Reconciling Liberty and Community* (Cambridge University Press, 2001) pp. 49-68.

Avital Simhony & David Weinstein, “The New Liberals and the Liberal-Communitarian Debate,” in Avital Simhony & David Weinstein, eds., *The New Liberalism: Reconciling Liberty and Community* (Cambridge University Press, 2001), pp. 1-25.

“T. H. Green,” entry in the *Reader's Guide for the Social Sciences* (2001).

“T.H. Green and Henry Sidgwick on the ‘Profoundest Problem of Ethics’,” W. J. Mander, ed., *Anglo-American Idealism 1865-1927* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 2000).

“Review Article: Colin Tyler, *Thomas Hill Green and the Philosophical Foundations of Politics*,” *Bradley Studies*, 5/1 (1999): 87-106.

“Was T.H. Green a Utilitarian?,” *Utilitas*, 7/ 1 (1995): 122-44.

“T.H. Green: The Common Good Society,” *History of Political Thought*, 14/2 (1993): 225-40.

“Beyond Negative and Positive Freedom: T.H. Green’s View of Freedom,” *Political Theory*, 10/1 (1993): 28-54.

“Idealist Organicism: Beyond Holism and Individualism,” *History of Political Thought*, 12/3 (1991): 514-35.

“On Forcing Individuals to be Free: T.H. Green’s Liberal Theory of Positive Freedom,” *Political Studies*, 39/2 (1991): 303-20.

“T.H. Green and the Morally Justified Society,” *History of Political Thought*, 10 (1989): 481-98.

REPRINTS

“Commitment to the Common Good: T.H. Green’s Social and Moral Theory,” in William Sweet, ed., *The moral, Social and Political Philosophy of the British Idealists* (Imprint Academic, 2009). This essay is a reprint of “T. H. Green's Complex Common Good: Between Liberalism and Communitarianism.” It appeared originally in Avital Simhony & David Weinstein, eds., *The New Liberalism: Reconciling Liberty and Community* (Cambridge University Press, 2001).

The following articles have been reprinted in John Morrow, ed., *T. H. Green International library of essays in history of political and social thought* (Ashgate, 2007):

(1) “T.H. Green: The Common Good Society,” *History of Political Thought*, 14/2 (1993): 225-40.

(2) “Beyond Negative and Positive Freedom: T.H. Green’s View of Freedom,” *Political Theory*, 10/1 (1993): 28-54.

(3) “On Forcing Individuals to be Free: T.H. Green’s Liberal Theory of Positive Freedom,” *Political Studies*, 39/2 (1991): 303-20.

FORTHCOMING

“Good-based Liberalism without Consequentialism: TH Green (Hobhouse & Raz), *Collingwood and British Idealism*. Special Issue: Utilitarianism and the New Liberalism, (December 2009)

CURRENT RESEARCH

My present research project is a book entitled *Liberalism, Rightly Understood: The Tradition from T.H. Green to John Rawls*. Challenging the conventional wisdom—that whatever else liberalism is, it is, beyond question, a type of individualism—is the task before me. To accomplish this task is to cast liberalism in new progressive light, largely unseen by standard scholarship. The main thesis of the book is that liberal mutualism, not liberal individualism, runs through modern liberalism’s main protagonists from T. H. Green through L. T. Hobhouse, John Dewey, Joseph Raz, John Rawls and others of their ilk. These leading liberal theorists advocate—unlike libertarianism with its one-sided individualism, and socialism with its over socialized sociability—a kind of mutualism: a normative theory premised on the claim that individuality and sociality are essentially complementary, each shaping the other and dependent on it, each incapable of independent existence. For liberals believe that every individual’s personality is woven of both individuality and sociality. How does the mutualist supposition shape modern liberalism? What would be the most effective approach to getting a good handle on liberal mutualism?

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

March 2007: Successful application for an external grant. I was selected—March 7, 07—for faculty-fellowship (August 2007- May 2008) by the Murphy Institute for Ethics and Public Policy at Tulane University. Declined it, sadly, I did for personal reasons.

June 2006: AZ Humanities Council. PI: Marilyn Dantico; co-PIs: Dan Arreala, Chris Lukinbeal (both of the Geography Dept.), and Avital Simhony. Amount: \$3,025 (maximum awarded), plus 3K (matched by the political science department), and \$2,850 (nearly matched by the department of geography). Completion date: Late Spring 07. Apart from producing a documentary, we shall give 3 community presentations (required by AZ Humanities Council).

Fall 2000: First alternate for the *Erasmus Senior Fellowship for Fall 2000*, Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame.

CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA

By invitation: “JS Mill’s *On Liberty*: A Liberal Manifesto?,” a paper presented to the International Workshop: “JS Mill’s *On Liberty* – The Universality of *On Liberty*: Politically, Ethically, and Regionally,” Department of Global Economic Studies International Graduate School of Social Sciences Yokohama National University, September, 4-5, 2009.

By invitation: Liberty Fund Colloquium: “Organized by Gerald Gaus of the philosophy department, University of Arizona, January 18-21, 2007, Le Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

By invitation: *Liberty Fund colloquium*: “Individualism, Liberty, and Order in Hobbes’s ‘Leviathan’”, organized by Jerry Gaus of the philosophy department, Tulane University, November 18-21, 2004, Le Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Rethinking the Liberal Tradition: J. S. Mill and T. H. Green”, paper presented in a panel I organized for the *Western Political Science Association*, March 11-13, 2004, Portland. It was a contribution to a panel I co-organized: “Family Resemblances: Rethinking the Liberal Tradition”.

By invitation: *Liberty Fund Colloquium*: “Hayek on Liberty”, organized by Eric Mach of the philosophy department, Tulane University for the Liberty Fund, November 20-22, 2005, Westward Resort, Tucson, Arizona.

“Reclaiming Liberal Communitarian Tradition: From T.H. Green to John Rawls”, paper presented to the *International Conference on Anglo-American Idealism*, August 20-25, 2003 at the Olympic Centre for Philosophy and Culture, Pyrgos of Elia, Greece.

Presented the same paper in the *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, August 27-31, 2003, Philadelphia in a panel entitled “Rethinking the Idealist, Communitarian and Pluralist Traditions in Political Thought”.

By invitation: A participant in a Symposium on the *New Liberalism: Reconciling Liberty and Community*, edited by Avital Simhony and David Weinstein (CUP, 2001), *the International Conference on Anglo-American Idealism*. (See above).

By invitation: “T. H. Green's Community of Rights: An Essay on the Complexity of Liberalism”, a plenary speaker in a conference on *T. H. Green and Contemporary Philosophy*, Manchester-Harris College, Oxford University, Sept. 2-4, 2002.

By invitation: *Liberty Fund colloquium*: “Social Development and Individual Freedom in Nineteenth Century Political Thought”, organized by Gerald Gaus of Tulane University. July 21-23, 2002,

“Liberalism, Justice and the Common Good”, paper presented at the *APSA* meeting in San-Francisco, Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2001.

“The Reconciliation Project: T. H. Green and Henry Sidgwick”, paper presented at the *International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS) Conference* at Wake Forest University, March 24-26, 2000.

By invitation: “On defending liberal common good: Green & Rawls”, paper presented at the *British Idealism Conference*, June 27-28, 2000, University of Wales at Cardiff.

“T.H. Green and Henry Sidgwick on the ‘Profoundest Problem of Ethics’”, paper presented at the *international conference on Anglo-American Idealism 1865-1927*, Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, 4-6 July 1997.

“Liberalism without Individualism: T.H. Green's Common Good Liberalism”, paper presented at the *91th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Chicago Hilton, August 31-September 1, 1995.

“Was T.H. Green a Utilitarian?”, paper presented at *The Fourth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (ISUS)*, Chuhoh University, Tokyo, Japan, August 26-29, 1994.

AWARDS

Won the Political Science Department Outstanding Teaching Award for 2000-2001, and was a co-winner, for 1998-1999.