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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Philosophy, Harvard University, 1977  
A.B. Philosophy, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1971 (High Honors)  
B.S. Mathematics, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1971 (Highest Honors)

### **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

University of Michigan-Dearborn (Chancellor, 2000-2018)  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (Professor of Public Policy, 2018-cont.)  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (Professor of Sociology, 2010-cont.)  
University of Michigan-Dearborn (Professor of Philosophy (2000-cont.)  
Bucknell University (Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Philosophy, 1996-2000)  
Colgate University (Associate Dean of the Faculty, 1993-1996)  
Colgate University (Professor of Philosophy, 1992-96; Associate Professor, 1985-92; Assistant Professor, 1979-85)  
Harvard University Center for International Affairs (Visiting Scholar, 1989-1991; Associate, 1991-1995)  
Wellesley College (Visiting Associate Professor, 1985-87)  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Assistant Professor, 1976-79)

### **RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Honorary adviser to the Rural Development Research Center of the Central Plains, Xuchang University, Xuchang, Henan (May 2013-2018)  
Central China Normal University (Visiting Professor of Political Science, 2012-2018)  
Faculty Associate, Inter-University Consortium for Social and Political Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2000-cont.  
Faculty Associate, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2004-cont.  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, University of Michigan, 2008-cont.  
Associate, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 1991-95  
1992 Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award for *Varieties of Social Explanation*  
Social Science Research Council/MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in International Peace and Security, 1989-91  
Visiting Scholar, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 1989-91  
National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1987  
Colgate University Sabbatical Leave, 1986-87  
Colgate University Junior Faculty Leave, 1982  
Harvard University Teaching Fellowships, 1973-76  
Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellowship, 1971-72  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1969

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of the social sciences; international ethics; philosophy of history; philosophy of economics; rational choice theory  
Social and political philosophy; contemporary moral theory; Asian studies

### **BOOKS** (10)

*A New Social Ontology of Government* (Palgrave, 2020)  
*New Directions in the Philosophy of Social Science* (Rowman & Littlefield) (2016)  
*New Contributions to the Philosophy of History* (Springer, Methodos Series, 2010)

- The Future of Diversity: Academic Leaders Reflect on American Higher Education*, edited by Daniel Little and Satya Mohanty (Palgrave, 2010)
- The Paradox of Wealth and Poverty: Mapping the Ethical Dilemmas of Global Development* (Westview Press, 2003)
- Microfoundations, Method, and Causation: Essays in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (Transaction Publishers, 1998)
- On The Reliability of Economic Models: Essays in the Philosophy of Economics*, edited (Kluwer Academic Publishing, 1995)
- Varieties of Social Explanation: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Science* (Westview Press, 1991; Persian translation, 1998; Kindle edition, 2012; iBooks edition, 2012)
- Understanding Peasant China: Case Studies in the Philosophy of Social Science* (Yale University Press, 1989; revised and expanded Chinese edition, Jiangsu People's Publication House, 2008)
- The Scientific Marx* (University of Minnesota Press, 1986)

Academic blog: *Understanding Society* [www.undsoc.org](http://www.undsoc.org) (since November 2007)

### **EDITORIAL**

- Editorial board, *Philosophical and Historical Perspectives on the Social Sciences*, book series, Springer (2012-2018)
- Editorial board, *Social Science History* (2012-2017)
- Book review editor for works on comparative/transnational themes, *Journal of Asian Studies* (2009-2013)
- Guest editor, Special volume, "Philosophical Marxism," *Topoi* (1996)
- Guest editor, Symposium, "New Perspectives on the Chinese Rural Economy," *Republican China* (1992)

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (72)**

- "The continuing need for unmasking," *The American Sociologist* (2020)
- "The three analytic disciplines," *Research Handbook on Analytical Sociology*, edited by Gianluca Manzo (Edward Elgar, in process)
- "Are organizations adaptive?," *Social Functions: Their metaphysics, explanatory power, and normative dimension*, edited by Rebekka Hufendiek, Daniel James, and Raphael van Riel (Routledge, 2020)
- "Ontology of causation," *Detecting Causation*, edited by Fedra Negri and Alessia Damonte (TBA, in process)
- "Social Ontology De-dramatized," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (2020)
- "Organizations as actors: Microfoundations of organizational intentionality," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (2020)
- "Action et agence dans l'histoire", *Les défis du collectif*, edited by Aurélien Allouche and Raphaël Küstler (Hermann, forthcoming)
- "University leadership for inclusion and engagement", *Philosophy for the Real World: An Introduction to Field Philosophy with Case Studies and Practical Strategies*, edited by Robert Frodeman and Evelyn Brister (Routledge, 2020)
- "Meanings and mechanisms: An actor-centered approach to historical explanation", *Explanation in Action Theory and Historiography: Causal and Teleological Approaches*, edited by Gunnar Schumann (Routledge, 2019)
- "Positivism" and "Post-positivism", *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*, edited by Paul Atkinson, Sara Delamont, Richard Williams and Alex Cernat (SAGE, 2019)
- "Historians in a world of complexity", *De Filosoof*, Utrecht University Department of Philosophy (2018)
- "Rational life plans?," *The Mystery of Rationality: Mind, Beliefs and Social Science* edited by Gérald Bronner and Francesco Di Iorio (Springer, 2018)
- "Heterogeneity, plasticity, and mechanisms: Comments on Olsen", *Frontiers of Social Science: A Philosophical Reflection*. ed. / Michiru Nagatsu; Attilia Ruzzene. (Bloomsbury, 2018)
- "Entangling the Social: Comments on Alexander Wendt, *Quantum Mind and Social Science*", *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (2018)
- "Disaggregating Historical Explanation: The Move to Social Mechanisms," *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Mechanisms* edited by Phyllis Illari and Stuart Glennan, (Routledge 2017)
- "Microfoundations," *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Social Science*, edited by Lee McIntyre (Routledge, 2017)
- "Sociological Perspectives on Social Structure", Kathleen Odell Korgen, ed., *Cambridge Handbook of Sociology* (Cambridge, 2017)

- “Calibrating the utility of rational choice institutionalism,” *Sociologica* (2017)
- “Contribution to *Sand and Water*,” *Sand and Water*, edited by Robert Pledge (2016)
- “Guiding and modelling quality improvement in higher education institutions,” *Quality in Higher Education* (2016)
- “Fallibilism and Ontology in Tuukka Kaidesoja’s Critical Realist Social Ontology,” *Journal of Social Ontology* (2015) ([link](#))
- “Character and historical interpretation,” Iskra Fileva, ed. *Character: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford University Press (2016)
- “Mechanisms and Method,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (2015)
- “Supervenience and the Social World,” *Metodo* (2015)
- “Jon Elster and the social sciences,” Claudio Lopez-Guerra and Julia Maskivker, eds. *Democracy, Rationality and Justice*. Cambridge University Press (2014)
- “Actor-Centered Sociology and the New Pragmatism,” Julie Zahle and Finn Collin, eds., *Individualism, Holism, Explanation and Emergence*. Springer (2014)
- “Rawls and Economics,” Jon Mandle and David Reidy, eds., *A Companion to Rawls*, Wiley and Sons, (2014)
- “Nation, region, and globe: Alternative definitions of place in world history,” *Journal of Global Studies*, (2014)
- “Disaggregating Historical Explanation: The Move to Social Mechanisms in the Philosophy of History,” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, July 1, 2013. Invited discussion article. (2013)
- “More challenges for social mechanisms,” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, August 6, 2012. Invited discussion article. (2012)
- “Responses to Commentators on Analytical Sociology and the Rest of Sociology,” *Sociologica* (2012)
- “Analytical Sociology and the Rest of Sociology,” *Sociologica* (2012)
- “Explanatory Autonomy and Coleman’s Boat,” *Theoria* (2012)
- “Social Mechanisms and Scientific Realism: Discussion of ‘Mechanistic Explanation in Social Contexts’ by Johannes Persson”, *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, February 9, 2012. Invited discussion article. (2012)
- “Causal Mechanisms in the Social Realm,” *Causality in the Sciences*, Phyllis Illari, Federica Russo, Jon Williamson (eds.) (Oxford University Press, 2011)
- “Political Power and Social Class,” *SAGE Handbook of Philosophy of Social Science*. Jesús Zamora and Ian Jarvie, eds. (2011)
- “Methodological Individualism,” *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, Mark Bevier, ed. (Sage, 2010)
- “Action in History and Social Science,” *A Companion to the Philosophy of Action*, Constantine Sandis Tim O’Connor, eds. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)
- “Philosophy of Sociology,” *Philosophy of the Special Sciences*. Fritz Allhoff, ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)
- “Institutions, Inequality and Well-being: Distributive Determinants of Rural Development”, *Capabilities, Power, and Institutions: Toward a More Critical Development Ethics*. Stephen Esquith, ed. (Penn State Press, 2010)
- “The Heterogeneous Social,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences: Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*. Chrysostomos Mantzavinos, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- “Autobiographical Essay,” *The Philosophy of the Social Sciences: 5 Questions*. Christoph Schmidt-Petri and Diego Rios, eds. (Vince Press, 2008)
- “Eurasian Comparisons,” *Social Science History* (2008)
- “Marxism and Method,” *Twentieth-Century Marxism: A Global Introduction*, edited by Howard Chados and David Walker (Routledge, 2007)
- “Levels of the Social,” *The Philosophy of Anthropology and Sociology*, edited by Mark Risjord and Stephen Turner (Elsevier Science, 2006)
- “Explaining Large-Scale Historical Change,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (2000)
- “Multiple Goals in the Liberal Arts: A Reply to Joseph Wagner,” *Interchange* (1998)
- “Recent Developments in Philosophical Marxism,” *Topoi* (1996)
- “Causal Explanation in the Social Sciences,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (Supplement, 1995)
- “Is Anthropology a Science?”, *Anthropology Newsletter* (1995)
- “Current Issues in the Epistemology of Economics” in *On the Reliability of Economic Models*, edited by D. Little (Kluwer Academic Publishing, 1995)
- “On the Reliability of CGE Economic Models” in *On the Reliability of Economic Models*, edited by D. Little (Kluwer Academic Publishing, 1995)

- “Microfoundations of Marxism” in *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*, edited by Michael Martin and Lee McIntyre (MIT Press, 1994)
- “Development Traps in Traditional and Modern China” in *Culture, Politics, and Economic Growth: Experiences of East Asia*, edited by Richard Harvey Brown (Studies in Third World Societies, 1993)
- “Evidence and Objectivity in the Social Sciences,” *Social Research* 60:2 (1993)
- “On the Scope and Limits of Generalizations in the Social Sciences,” *Synthese* 97:2 (1993)
- “Jon Elster” in *New Horizons in Economic Thought: Appraisals of Leading Economists*, edited by Warren Samuels (Edward Elgar Publishing, 1992)
- “New Perspectives on the Chinese Rural Economy,” *Republican China* (1992)
- “Rational-Choice Models and Asian Studies,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 50 (1991)
- “Socialist Morality: Towards a Political Philosophy for Democratic Socialism” *Social Philosophy & Policy* 6 (1989); also in *Socialism*, edited by Ellen Frankel Paul (Basil Blackwell, 1989)
- “Marxism and Popular Politics: The Microfoundations of Class Struggle,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy Supplementary Volume* 15 (1989)
- “Testing the Testers: A Reply to Barbara Sands and Ramon Myers' Critique of G. William Skinner's Regional Systems Approach to China” (coauthored with Joseph Esherick), *Journal of Asian Studies* 48 (1989)
- “Collective Action and the Traditional Village,” *Journal of Agricultural Ethics* 1 (1988)
- “Dialectics and Science in Marx's *Capital*,” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 17 (1987)
- “The Scientific Standing of *Capital*,” *Review of Radical Political Economics* 17 (1986)
- “Historical Materialism and *Capital*,” *Topoi* 5 (1986)
- “Does Marx Have a Theory of Capitalism?,” *The Social Science Journal* 22 (1985)
- “Reflective Equilibrium and Justification,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 22 (1984)
- “Abstraction and Theory: Marx's Method for Social Science,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 20 (1982)
- “Rationality, Ideology, and Morality in Marx's Social Theory,” *Social Praxis* 8 (1981)
- “Countervailing Tendencies and Falsifiability in *Capital*,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 42 (1981)

#### **ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES** (23)

- “Philosophy of History,” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Byron Kaldis, ed. (Sage, 2013)
- “Microfoundationalism,” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Byron Kaldis, ed. (Sage, 2013)
- “Philosophy of History,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, Duncan Pritchard, ed. New York: Oxford University Press (2012)
- “The Chinese Peasant, 1800-1900,” *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, Scribners/Gale (2009)
- “The Chinese Peasant and the Chinese Revolution,” *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, Scribners/Gale (2009)
- “Development,” “Marxism,” “False Consciousness,” *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* second edition (Macmillan, 2008)
- “Philosophy of History,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2007; revised 2011; revised 2020)
- “Marxism and the Status of Women,” *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*, edited by Fedwa Malti-Douglas (Macmillan Reference, 2007)
- “Philosophy of Economics,” *The Philosophy of Science: An Encyclopedia* (Routledge, 2005)
- “Causal Mechanisms,” “Verification,” “Explanation,” “Gini coefficient,” “Inequality measurement,” “Counterfactual,” “Endogenous Variable,” and “Exogenous Variable” in *Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*, edited by Michael Lewis-Beck, Alan Bryman, and Tim Futing Liao (Sage Publications, 2004)
- “Philosophy of the Social Sciences,” “Ethnography,” “Ethnology,” and “Ethnomethodology” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, edited by Robert Audi (Cambridge University Press, 1995)

#### **PANELS ORGANIZED** (23)

- “Historical Methods and Social Science Insights,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 2015
- “Region, Space, and Rule,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 2015
- “New Thinking About Method for Historical Social Science,” Social Science History Association, Toronto, November 2014
- “Wenkai He, *Paths Toward the Modern Fiscal State*,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2013
- “Making Things With Social Science,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2013
- “Book panel: Before and Beyond Divergence,” Social Science History Association, Boston, November, 2011
- “New Perspectives on Method,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2010

- “Book panel: The Chinese Cultural Revolution as History,” Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009
- “The Historicity of Structure and Action,” Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009
- “Higher Education and Socio-Cultural Change,” Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009
- “Power and Social Change in China,” Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008
- “Book session on CK Lee, *Against the Law*,” Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008
- “Persistence and Change in Large Social Patterns,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2007
- “Book Session: Kathleen Thelen, *How Institutions Evolve*,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2007
- “New Approaches to the Philosophy of History,” Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 2006
- “Book Session: William Sewell, *Logics of History*,” Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 2006
- “Diversity and Excellence in American Higher Education: The Road Ahead,” Future of Minority Studies, Cornell University, June 2005
- “Causal Mechanisms in Historical Sociology,” Social Science History Association, Portland, OR, November 2005
- “Eurasian Comparisons,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, October 2004
- “Identities and Politics,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, October 2003
- “Transportation, Migration, and Networks: Evolving Patterns of Historical Dynamics,” Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October 2002
- “Equity and Well-Being in Economic Development,” Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Spring 1996
- “Recent Perspectives on the Chinese Rural Economy, 1885-1935,” Association for Asian Studies (April 1992)

#### **INVITED PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS** (125)

- “New contributions to the philosophy of history,” Institute of Historical Research, University of London (December 2020)
- “Computational sociology and social explanation,” colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Zurich (December 2020)
- “Historiography for periods of rapid political and social change,” keynote address, Symposium on the historiography of Central and Eastern Europe. University of British Columbia, Okanagan, March 2020
- “Can ABM models accommodate supra-individual causal factors?,” EEA Boston, NYC Computational Economics & Complexity Workshop, February 2020
- “New thinking about mechanisms,” Conference on Mechanisms and Black Boxes, Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, January 2020
- “Causation in the Social Realm,” Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, January 2020
- “Collaboration, Inclusion, and Philosophy: Helping a University Relate More Fully to its Communities,” Public Philosophy Network, Philosophy from All Walks of Life, East Lansing, Michigan, October 2019
- Roundtable on Alexander Wendt, Quantum Mind and Social Science, APSA, August 2019
- “Generativity and Supervenience,” Shanxi University, June 2019
- “Social Ontology and Scientific Realism,” Shanxi University, June 2019
- “Organizational Causes of Large Technology Failures,” Shanxi University, June 2019
- “Organizations as Actors,” Asian Network for Philosophy of Social Science, Nankai University, June 2019
- “Social Ontology and Scientific Realism,” Department of Philosophy, Nankai University, June 2019
- “Organizational Causes of Large Technology Failures,” Department of Political Science, Nankai University, June 2019
- Roundtable on the Philosophy of Social Science, Department of Political Science, Nankai University, June 2019
- “Ontology of Causation,” School of Political Science, University of Milan, February 2019
- “Rational Plans of Life,” Ruhr University Bochum, January 2019
- “Can Organizations Think?,” Foundations in Social Science – Mechanisms, Actions, Functions, University of Duisburg-Essen, January 2019
- “Generativity and Emergence,” Philosophy Institute, University of Duisburg-Essen, January 2019
- “Generativity and Emergence,” School of Political Science, University of Milan, June 2018
- “Hate-based mobilization in the extreme right,” Social Science History Association, Montreal, November 2017
- “Historical foundations of the social sciences,” American Sociological Association, Montreal, July 2017

- “Plenary Session on Theory and Explanation After Positivism”, Beyond Positivism: Theory, Methods, and Values in Social Science Conference, Montreal, July 2017
- “Response to commentators,” book panel on *New Contributions to the Philosophy of Social Science*, European Network for the Philosophy of Social Science, Krakow, September 2017
- “Actors and Actions Reconsidered,” Mexican Academy of Sciences, Mexico City, August 2016
- “Actors and Actions,” International Sociological Association, Vienna, July 2016
- “Social Reform and Radical Change,” Indian National Law School University, Bangalore, April 2016
- “Social Ontology and Realism,” Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, April 2016
- “Social Ontology: Heterogeneity, Plasticity, and Contingency,” Second Biannual Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Group in India, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai (by Skype), December 2015
- “Fissioning Community,” Second Biannual Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Group in India, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai (by Skype), December 2015
- “Fissioning Community,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 2015
- “Critical Realism for Historical Social Science,” Social Science History Association, Toronto, November 2014
- “Causal Mechanisms and Social Science Methodology,” European Network for Philosophy of Social Science annual meeting, Madrid, September 2014
- “Methodological Innovations in the Eurasian Project in Family and Population,” American Sociological Association, August 2014
- “Causal Powers and Social Mechanisms,” Finnish Center for Excellence in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Helsinki University, June 2014
- “Meso-level Social Mechanisms,” Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm University, June 2014
- “A Twinge of Ethnocentrism in *The Measure of Civilization*,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2013
- “Rural Transition in China: What Do We Need to Know?,” International Conference on Rural Change and the Peasant, Central China Normal University, May 2013 (published in conference proceedings)
- “Social Issues in China’s Rural-to-Urban Transition,” Department of Economics and Management, Central China Normal University, May 2013
- “Justice Matters in Economic Development,” Xuchang University, Henan, May 2013
- “Character in History,” Character Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, May 2013
- “Actor-centered Sociology,” workshop on methodological individualism, University of Copenhagen, November 2012
- “New Perspectives on the Philosophy of History,” Department of Philosophy, University of Copenhagen, November 2012
- “Beyond Divergence: Debates about China’s Economic History,” Tsinghua University, August 2012
- “Social Mechanisms and Meso-level Causes,” plenary paper, British Society for the Philosophy of Science, University of Stirling, July 2012
- “Actor-centered Sociology,” Erasmus University, Rotterdam, May 2012
- “Causal Mechanisms in the Social Sciences,” Erasmus University, Rotterdam, May 2012
- “Disaggregating Historical Explanation: The Move to Social Mechanisms,” Society for the Philosophy of History, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division (April 2012)
- “Consolidated Quantitative History,” Social Science History Association, Boston, November, 2011
- “Justice Matters in Global Economic Development,” Beijing Forum 2011, Peking University, November, 2011; also presented at Wuhan University, Wuhan, China
- “Explaining the Social World: Mechanisms, Processes and Agency,” keynote paper, Causality and Explanation in the Sciences conference, University of Ghent, September, 2011
- “Pathways of Social Aggregation,” Aggregation Dynamics of multi-Level Actor Constellations conference, University of Bremen, June, 2011
- “Power and Class in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” invited contribution to 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary program, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, October, 2010
- “New Contributions to the Philosophy of History,” paper, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, October, 2010
- “New Contributions to the Philosophy of History,” workshop, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, October, 2010
- “Zomia and Burma: Alternative Approaches to Southeast Asian History,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2010

- “‘Making’ the Future: The Scope and Limits of Social Change,” keynote presentation, Future of Minority Studies, Cornell University, July 2010
- “David Crocker’s Development Ethics,” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics,” Cincinnati, March 2010
- “Skinner’s Spatial Imagination,” Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2010
- “Agency, Identity, and Purposiveness,” Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009
- “How High-Quality Regional Public Universities Enhance Opportunity,” Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009
- “Philosophy of X: How Philosophy and the Messy Social World Intersect,” Keynote, Conference on Development Ethics, Michigan State University, April 2009
- “Thinking Social Ontology,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Emory University, March 2009
- “The Mechanisms of Power: A Conceptual Analysis,” Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008
- “Against the Law: Comments on CK Lee,” Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008
- “Plasticity of the Social,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2007
- “An Ontology of Change in Kathleen Thelen’s *How Institutions Evolve*,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2007
- “The Heterogeneous Social: New Ontological Foundations for Social Explanation,” Conference on Explanation in the Social Sciences: Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice, Herdecke, Germany, June 2007
- “Agents, Structures, and Social Contingency: New Thinking About the Foundations of the Social Sciences,” Tsinghua-DDM lecture, Tsinghua University, April 2007
- “Agents, Structures, and Social Contingency: New Thinking About the Foundations of the Social Sciences,” Northwest University (Xian, China), April 2007
- “Epistemological Issues in Economic History,” Peking University School of Economics, April 2007
- “New Developments in the Chinese Social Sciences,” Conference on Mapping Difference: Structures and Categories of Knowledge Production, Duke University, June 2006
- “New Approaches to the Philosophy of History,” Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 2006
- “Equity and Excellence from Three Points of Reference,” Diversity and Excellence in American Higher Education: The Road Ahead, Future of Minority Studies conference, June 2005
- “Rural Development and Inequality,” Conference on Ethics and Development: The Capability Approach in Practice, Michigan State University, April 2005
- “Causal Mechanisms in Comparative Sociology,” Social Science History Association, Portland, OR, November 2005
- “Kin, Class and Identity: Microfoundations for Social Identities,” School of Criticism & Theory, Cornell University, June 2004
- “Eurasian Historical Comparisons,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, October 2004
- “Replies, Author meets critics session on *The Paradox of Wealth and Poverty*,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, March 2004
- “Mentalités, Identities, and Practices,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, October 2003
- “Transportation as a Large Historical Factor,” Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October 2002
- “Development Ethics: Justice, Well-being, and Poverty in the Developing World,” Center for Ethics and World Societies, Colgate University, February 2002
- “Towards a Global Civil Society,” International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April, 2003; Consular Corps of Detroit, April, 2002; Keynote address, Association for Muslim Social Scientists, Dearborn, Michigan, October 2001; International Business Forum of Detroit, February, 2002
- “Social Kinds and Comparative Research,” Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2002
- “Causation in Meso-History,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2001
- “Historical Concepts, Social Ontology, Macrohistory,” Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, October, 2000
- “Explaining Largescale Historical Change,” Social Science History Association, Fort Worth, November, 1999; Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, St. Louis, April, 1999
- “Equality in International Ethics: Comments on Debra Satz,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December, 1998
- “Interests and Collectivities: Microfoundations for Collectivities,” SSRC Conference on Sovereignty, Notre Dame, April, 1997

- “Causal Explanation of Social Phenomena,” Spindel Conference in Philosophy, Memphis, October, 1995
- “Equity and Well-Being in Economic Development,” Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division (Spring 1996)
- “Normative Issues in Economic Development Practice,” Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University (Spring 1996)
- “Are There Law-Like Generalizations in Political Science?,” Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Fall 1994)
- “The Logic of Confirmation in IR Theory,” Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Spring 1994)
- “Causal Reasoning in IR Theory,” Seminar Paper, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Fall 1993)
- “Causal Inference in Political Science,” Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Spring 1993)
- “Development Ethics: Normative Issues in Development,” Center for International Studies, Princeton University (Spring 1993)
- “Microfoundations in the Human Sciences,” Colloquium Paper, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University (Spring 1993)
- “On the Scope and Limits of Generalizations in the Social Sciences,” Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, Boston University (Fall 1992)
- “Generalization and Prediction in the Social Sciences,” Philosophy Colloquium, Duke University (Fall 1992)
- “Food Security and Refugee Populations,” Conference on Refugee Populations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Fall 1992)
- “Interest and Identity: Microfoundations for Asian Studies,” Conference on Theory in Asian Studies, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Oregon (May 1992)
- “Recent Perspectives on the Chinese Rural Economy, 1885-1935,” Association for Asian Studies (April 1992)
- “Interest, Class, and Identity: Theoretical Frameworks for Asian Studies,” Association for Asian Studies (April 1992)
- “Poverty and Growth: Development Strategies that Favor the Poor,” Agrarian Studies Program Seminar Series, Yale University (1992)
- “Generalizations and Explanation in Political Science,” Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Fall 1992); Colgate University Humanities Colloquium (Fall 1992)
- “Causal Mechanisms and Causal Laws,” Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Spring 1992)
- “Rational Choice Models and Social Science Methodology,” Department of Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton (1991)
- “Poverty-First Strategies of Development for the Third World,” Conference on Labor Unions in Third-World Economic Development, University of California, San Diego (1991)
- “Putting the Poor First: Poverty-first Strategies of Economic Development,” Conference of SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Fellows in International Peace and Security, Budapest (1990)
- “Feasible Socialism,” panel on “Is There A Socialist Alternative for Eastern Europe?” with Mary Kaldor, Ferenc Miszlivetz, and Daniel Little, Conference of SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Fellows in International Peace and Security, Budapest (1990)
- “Development Traps in Traditional and Modern China,” Association for Asian Studies (1990)
- “Local Politics and Class Conflict in Peasant China,” Peasant Culture and Consciousness Conference, Bellagio, Italy (1990)
- “The Case for Democratic Socialism,” Boston University (1990)
- “Food Security, Rural Development, and International Conflict,” Conference of SSRC- MacArthur Foundation Fellows in International Peace and Security, Morelos, Mexico (1989)
- “Stagnation and Surplus in Traditional Chinese Agriculture,” New England Association for Asian Studies (1987)
- “Distributive Characteristics of Rural Development Strategies,” Kellogg Food and World Hunger Conference, Colgate University (1987)
- “Local Politics and Class Conflict: Theories of Peasant Rebellion in 19th-Century China,” New England Historical Association (1987)
- “Socialist Exploitation,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Program (1987)
- “Microfoundations of Marxism,” Southeastern Marxist Scholars Conference, Duke University (1987)
- “Understanding Peasants,” APA Central Division Program (1986)
- “Theory versus Data in Skinner’s Macroregions Argument,” Fairbank Center China Seminar Series, Harvard University (1986)



- “Methodological Individualism and Explanation in *Capital*,” APA Western Division Program (1985)  
 “Dialectics and Science in Marx's *Capital*,” APA Pacific Division Program (1985)  
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Social Science History Association (Macrohistorical Dynamics network chair 2002-2018)  
American Sociological Association  
International Development Ethics Association  
American Political Science Association  
European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences (scientific committee)

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Michigan Campus Compact annual meeting keynote speaker on “The Future of Diversity and Inclusion”  
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NAACP Western Wayne County Branch Pathbreaker Award (March 2014)  
New Detroit Closing the Gap Award (June 2010)  
Detroit Urban League Community Service Award (December 2010)