

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

1956 University of California, Berkeley      B.A. Philosophy/ B.A. English  
1959 Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.    M.A. History of Ideas  
1962 Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.    Ph.D. History of Ideas

### EMPLOYMENT

1962-present San Francisco State University (Professor since 1981)

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

1964 Post-Doctoral Research Grant, Folger Shakespeare Library  
1983 Nexa Research Award  
1988 Research and Professional Development Award, San Francisco State University  
1989 Research Grant, Francisco State Faculty Research and Development  
1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Giambattista Vico,  
Emory University

### ARTICLES

- 1979 "Creative Activity in Vico and the Secularization of Providence," Studies in Eighteenth Century Culture, Vol. 9, Ed. Roseann Runte (University of Wisconsin Press, 1979) 337-57.
- 1980 "Giambattista Vico and Humanistic Knowledge," Humanities 1980, (California Humanities Association).
- 1982 "A Genetic Interpretation of Divine Providence in Vico's New Science," Journal of the History of Philosophy, Vol. XX, No. 2, April, 1982, 151-169.

- 1987 "The Legitimacy of Hans Blumenberg's Conception of Originary Activity," Annals of Scholarship, Vol. 5, No. 1, Fall, 1987, 3-36.
- 1993 "Derrida, Vico, Genesis, and the Originary Power of Language," The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation, Vol. 34, No.1, Spring, 1993, 65-84.
- 1994 "The Secularization of Origins in Vico and Nietzsche," Personalist Forum, Vol. 10, no. 2, Fall, 1994, 133-48.
- 1996 "Situating Vico Between Modern and Postmodern," Historical Reflections/ Reflexions Historiques, Vol. 22, no. 3, 1996.
- 1996 "Philosophy as *Poiesis* in Vico and Nietzsche," Proceedings of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas Conference, 167-96
- 1996 "Raising the Questions Philosophy Doesn't Ask," Magazine, College of Humanites, SFSU
- 1999 "Embodying the Eye of Humanism: Giambattista Vico and the Eye of Ingenium," SITES OF VISION: THE DISCURSIVE CONSTRUCTION OF VISION IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, Edited by David Michael Levin (Cambridge: M.I.T. Press, 1997) 205-42.
- 2005 Article on Vico and Law for ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND SOCIETY, ed. David S. Clark
- 2013 "The Divinity of Human Making and Doing in the Eighteenth Century," A Companion to Enlightenment Historiography, Brill series on Historiography, Ed. Sophie Bourgault and Robert Sparling, Leiden/Boston, 401-436

#### REVIEW ARTICLES

- 1977 Review of Giambattista Vico's Science of Humanity, Ed. Giorgio Tagliacozzo and Donald Phillip Verene (Baltimore, 1976), Journal of the History of Philosophy, Vol. XV No. 4, Oct. 1977, pp. 471-7.
- 1978 Review of Giambattista Vico's Science of Humanity and Social Research, Vol. 43, No. 3 and 4, Fall and Winter, 1976, International Studies in Philosophy, X, 1978, pp. 149-162.

- 1979 Review of Vico research in the 1970's, in Forum Italicum, Vol. 13, No. 2, Summer, 1979, pp. 258-65.
- 1985 Review of New Vico Studies, Vol. 1, 1983, in Journal of the History of Philosophy, Vol. XXIII No. 3, July 1985, pp. 429-31.
- 1988 "Hans Blumenberg's Use of *Verum/Factum*: A Vichian Perspective," review of Hans Blumenberg, Legitimacy of the Modern Age, New Vico Studies, Vol. V, 1987, pp. 149-56.
- 1989 "Secular Theology in the Modern Age," review-article of Amos Funkenstein, Theology and the Scientific Imagination, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, LVI/4, 1989, pp. 741-50.
- 1989 "Funkenstein's Vichian Reassessment of *Verum/Factum* for the Modern Age," review-article of Amos Funkenstein, Theology and the Scientific Imagination, New Vico Studies, Vol. VI, 1988, pp. 105-11.
- 1992 Review of Jose Faur, Golden Doves with Silver Dots: Semiology and Textuality in the Rabbinic Tradition, New Vico Studies, Vol. X, 1992, 129-32.
- 2007 Review of Tzvetan Todorov, Imperfect Garden: The Legacy of Humanism, Philosophy and Literature (Johns Hopkins University Press).
- \_2014 Review of Aryeh Botwinick, Michael Oakeshott's Skepticism, Telos

#### PUBLIC LECTURES

- 1976 "Giambattista Vico and the Historical Conception of Human Nature," De Bellis Collection Library, SFSU
- 1990 "Vico's Deconstruction of Philosophy," Philosophy Club, SFSU
- 1995 "THE POSTMODERN: Raising the Questions Philosophy Doesn't Ask," Conference on Postmodernism, SFSU
- 1996 "A Postmodern Interpretation of Vico," U.C. Berkeley
- 1999 "The Alien Humanism of Giambattista Vico," Philosophy Club, SFSU

- 2001 "Hannah Arendt, Pariah Among Jews," *Academica Judaica*, SFSU
- 2001 "Borges and Vico: On Reading the Past Through the Present," SFSU
- 2001 Interview on Hannah Arendt, KPFA
- 2001 "Heidegger on Technology and Domination," Anarchist Conference, Mission Cultural Center, SF
- 2001 "Hannah Arendt on Human Action, Thoughtfulness, Evil," SFSU
- 2003 Three lectures at public showings of The Vico Collection, an exhibit of photographs and letterpress by Jack Stauffacher and Dennis Letbetter, inspired by the first edition of the *New Science*
- 2003 "The Creative Word: Vico on the Divinity of Human Language," De Bellis Library, San Francisco State University
- 2005 Panel Discussion on Hannah Arendt and Martin Heidegger, San Jose Repertory Theater presentation of "Hannah and Martin"
- 2006 University of Nevada, Reno
1. Lecture for the Core Humanities Faculty: "Heidegger, Nietzsche, Vico, and the Poetic Setting Up of Worlds"
  2. Leonard Lecture for the Philosophy Department: "The Mythic Origins of Modern and Postmodern"
- 2006 SFSU Program in Critical Social Thought:  
Second Annual Symposium: The Thought of Walter Benjamin  
"Benjamin and the Language of Creation"
- 2007 Public Lecture on Marxism and Postmodernism  
The Institute for the Critical Study of Society, Niebyl-Proctor Library
- 2008 Presentation and Discussion with Steve Martino, University Press Books, Berkeley, on *Forms in the Abyss: A Philosophical Bridge Between Sartre and Derrida*, 2006, Temple University Press,
- 2008 Guest Lecturer on Hannah Arendt, NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
- 2009 Guest Lecturer on Hannah Arendt, NEHSUMMER INSTITUTE, SAN DIEGO STATE

UNIVERSITY

- 2011 Public Lecture on Derrida's *Specters of Marx*  
The Institute for the Critical Study of Society, Niebyl-Proctor Library
- 2013 Public Lecture on Hannah Arendt and the Eichmann Controversy  
Beth El Synagogue, Berkeley, CA

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 1965 "Anthropological Implications of Sixteenth Century Calvinist Theories of Rebellion," Northern California Society for Renaissance Studies, UC Davis.
- 1978 "The Mythic Source of Vico's Conception of Man as Creator," International Conference: Vico/Venezia, Venice, Italy.
- 1978 "Creative Activity in Vico and the Secularization of Providence," Society for the Study of the History of Philosophy, Chicago.
- 1979 "Bacon and Vico: On Divine and Human Making," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta.
- 1979 "Bacon and Vico: On Divine and Human Making," Northern California Society for Renaissance Studies, Berkeley
- 1983 "Self-Knowledge and Selfhood in the Autobiographical Writings of St. Augustine, Descartes, Vico," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, New York.
- 1986 "Giambattista Vico and the Artefactuality of the Real," International Association of Philosophy and Literature, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 1987 "The Legitimacy of Hans Blumenberg's Legitimacy of the Modern Age," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Cincinnati.
- 1987 "The Legitimacy of Hans Blumenberg's Legitimacy of the Modern Age," Northern California Renaissance Conference, San Francisco.
- 1988 "Vico, St. Augustine, and Blumenberg's Reoccupation Thesis," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Knoxville.
- 1989 "Derrida, Vico, Genesis, and the Originary Power of Language," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, New Orleans.
- 1989 "Inhabiting the Labyrinth: Originary Activity in Hans Blumenberg, Jacques Derrida and Giambattista Vico," International Association of Philosophy and Literature," Emory University.
- 1989 "Habermas's Modernist Misreading of Vico's Philosophy of History," Northeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies," West Virginia.

- 1992 "Vico's *Giganti* and Derrida's Nomads: An Addendum to Historiographical Models in Hayden White and Hans Blumenberg," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Seattle.
- 1992 "*Verum et Factum Convertuntur and the Artefactuality of the Real*," International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Berkeley.
- 1993 "Contemporary Critiques of the Enlightenment's Instrumentalization of Reason," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Providence.
- 1993 "The Embodied Eye: Vico and the Originary Language of the Jewgreek," International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.
- 1994 "Thinking-Making History Poetically" International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Edmonton.
- 1996 "The Cyclical Shape of Finitude in Vico and Nietzsche," International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht.
- 1996 "Vico, Heidegger, and the Poetic Setting Up of Worlds," American Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- 2004 "An Uncanny Reading of Vico's *New Science*," Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, San Francisco.
- 2004 "THE CREATIVE WORD: Vico's Conception of Divine and Human Making," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Boston.
- 2006 "Colliding Worlds: Reading Vico Through Postmodern Lenses," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Montreal
- 2006 "Vico and the Mythic Construction of New Sciences," at the conference entitled MYTH AND THE NEW SCIENCE, Bristol, England
- 2007 "Vico on the Role of Rhetoric in Legal Pedagogy," Law, Culture and the Humanities Conference, Boalt Hall, UCB
- 2009 "BEGINNINGS IN VICO/VICO AS BEGINNINGS," California Interdisciplinary Consortium for Italian Studies Annual Conference, Stanford University

## ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

2007 ART AS SOCIAL PRAXIS: The Bettina Stockton Memorial Symposium

2013 THREE LECTURES ON ZIONISM, Beth El Synagogue, Berkeley, CA

2013-15 Organize and Conduct Monthly Reading Groups on the Writings of Hannah Arendt,  
Beth El Synagogue, Berkeley, CA

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## BOOKS

Fall, 2003 *Vico's Uncanny Humanism: Reading the New Science Between Modern and  
Postmodern*, Cornell University Press