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Education:

1962: University of California at Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Philosophy
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1954: University of California at Los Angeles, B.S. in Chemistry.

Teaching Experience:

1998- : Wellesley College, Professor Emerita
1963- 1998: Wellesley College, Lecturer-Professor in Philosophy.
Courses taught include: Ethical Theory, Justice, Introduction to Moral Philosophy, American Philosophy, The Age of Emerson, Philosophy of Law, History of Modern Philosophy, Modern Jewish Philosophy
1959-1962: University of Oregon, Acting Assistant Professor in Philosophy.
1957-1959: University of California at Los Angeles, Acting Instructor in Philosophy.

1986, 1989: Director: NEH Summer Seminar for Secondary School Teachers. Title:
Emerson and William James: Representative Americans

Administrative and Related Experience:

Chair, Department of Philosophy (1979-82, '91-93); service on elected Wellesley College Committees: Extramural Graduate Fellowships, Faculty Benefits, Advisory Committee on the Budget, Academic Review Board, Committee Against Racism and Discrimination; Service on appointed committees: Taskforce on Affirmative Action, Institutional Review Board, Board of Admissions.
Member, 1977 Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division.

Fellowships:

Fall 1990: Sabbatical Leave supported in part by Wellesley College
Fall 1990: ACLS Fellowship
Spring 1987: Sabbatical Leave supported by Wellesley College
1982-83: NEH Fellowship for College Teachers No. FB 212 9582
1982-83: Sabbatical Leave supported in part by Wellesley College
1975-76: Fellow, Radcliffe Institute
1975-76: Sabbatical Leave supported by Wellesley College
1968-69: Early Leave supported by Wellesley College

Publications:

Books:

Editor: The Cambridge Companion to William James. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997

Articles

"Hilary Putnam's Moral Philosophy" in Maria Baghramian (ed.), Reading Putnam. London and New York: Routledge 2013
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"Varieties of Experience and Pluralities of Perspectives" in Carrette, Jeremy (ed.), *William James and The Varieties of Religious Experience*. London and New York: Routledge, 2005, pp. 149-160

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"Memory" in Malino, Jonathan (ed.), *Judaism and Modernity: The Religious Philosophy of David Hartman*. Aldershot and Burlington, VT : Ashate, 2004. pp. 198-209. (see below 2001)

"Die Einsamkeit Kohelets" (The loneliness of Kohelet") in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 5/2002 (2002), pp. 749-762

Review of Arthur Waskow (ed.), *Torah of the Earth:4000 years of Ecology in Jewish Thought in Conservative Judaism*, Vol 54, No. 2 (Winter 2002), pp.94-95

"Moralische Objectivität und Putnam's Philosophy" in Raters, M-L. and Willaschek, M. (eds). *Hilary Putnam und die Tradition des Pragmatismus*. Frankfurt/Main: Suhrkamp Verlag, 2002, pp. 225-244

"Taking Pragmatism Seriously" in James Conant and Urszula Zeglen, *Hilary Putnam: Pragmatism and Realism* (London and New York: Routledge, 2002

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"Review" of Christopher Hookway, *Truth, Rationality and Pragmatism: Themes from Peirce* in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 52 (2001)

"Die Probleme des Menschseins: Eine Antwort auf Dewey". *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 1/2001 (2001), pp. 107-116

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Review of Therese Boos Dykeman (ed.) American Women Philosopher 1650-1930, The Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 44, No. 176 (July 1994), pp. 395-397.

- "Education for Democracy" (with Hilary Putnam), Educational Theory, vol. 43, No. 4 (Fall 1993), pp. 361-376, reprinted in Hilary Putnam, Words and Life (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994)
- "Commentary on Michael Walzer: Objectivity and Social Meaning", in M.C. Nussbaum and A.K. Sen (eds.), The Quality of Life (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1993), pp. 178-184
- "William James and Our Moral Lives" in Robert W Burch and Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. (eds), Frontiers in American Philosophy, vol I (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1992)
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- "Pragmatism" entry in Encyclopedia of Ethics,(New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1992)
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- "Must We Mean What We Do?" S'vara: A Journal of Philosophy, Law, and Judaism, vol2, No. 2, 1991, pp. 52-60
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- "Weaving Seamless Webs", Philosophy 62 (April 1987), pp. 207-220
- "Poets, Scientists and Critics", New Literary History 17 (1985), pp. 17-21
- "Creating Facts and Values", Philosophy 60 (April 1985), pp. 187-204
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William James at the Boundaries: Philosophy, Science, and the Geography of Knowledge in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2009.07.13

"William James and Moral Objectivity" *William James Studies*, vol.1, No. 1, Summer 2006

"Pragmatism, Ethics and Education" entry in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Education*

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

"John Dewey's Faith" Conference in honor of John Dewey's 150th birthday hosted by the Center for Inquiry, Amherst, NY, October 2009

"Putnam's Philosophy of Religion" presented at "Putnam at 80," a conferences hosted by University College, Dublin in March 11-14, 2007

"Was James a Pragmatist?", conference on Pragmatism and the Philosophy of Technology, Tokyo, December 12-15, 2003

"Varieties of Experience and Pluralities of Perspectives" Centenary Conference in Edinburgh July 5-8 2002

"Moral Objectivity and Putnam's Philosophy", Conference: Hilary Putnam and the Pragmatist Tradition, Munster, Germany, June 14-18, 2000

"Democracy as a Way of Life: Pragmatism and Democracy" Conference: Democracy and Education in the XXIth Century: John Dewey's challenge and influence, Cosenza (Italy) April 10-13, 2000

"Some Comparison of Pragmatism and Logical Empiricism" International Symposium on the Occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Center for North American Studies (ZENAF), Jan. 21-22, 2000 in Frankfurt, Germany

"Perception: From Moore to Austin", Conference on the History of Analytic Philosophy, Tel-Aviv, January 1996.

"Perceiving Facts and Values" Conference on American Philosophy at Cerisy-LaSalle, Summer 1995

"A Second Look at Universality: A Response to Professor Apel", Sixth East-West Philosophers' Conference, University of Hawaii, August 1989

"Must We Mean What We Do?" Conference on Jewish Law, Jewish History and Critical Legal Studies, Stanford, CA, February 1989

"Objectivity Reconsidered", Conference on Quality of Life, World Institute for Development Economics Research, Helsinki, July 1988

"William James and Our Moral Lives", Frontiers in American Philosophy Conference, Texas A& M, June 1988

"Agency in Suicide", Second International Congress on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, Tel-Aviv 1986

"Some Thoughts about Health Care", V Simposio Internacional de Filosofia, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, 1984.

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"Basic Rights and Civic Friendship", Tenth Interamerican Congress of Philosophy, Tallahassee, Fla. 1981.

"The Importance of Friendship" Greater Boston Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, 1981.

"Criteria for the Ethical Allocation of Limited Health Resources", Conference on Ethical Decision Making in Health and Medical Care Management, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. 1978.

"On the Reality of Fields", American Philosophical Association, Western Division, 1970

"Seeing and Observing", American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1967.

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