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CURRENT POSITION: Professor of Politics, Oberlin College

Chair, Department of Politics 1998-2005
Professor, 1994
Associate Professor, 1986
Assistant Professor, 1982
Instructor, 1979

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Professor, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, University of Leiden School of Law, Den Haag, 2005-2006.

Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Non-Proliferation Bureau, 1978-1979.

Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, Research Associate, Post-Graduate Research Political Scientist, Political Science Department and Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1973-1977.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1982 (Political Science).

Examination Fields

International Relations, Public Administration, Political Theory

Dissertation (International Politics) "Dual Mandate: Safeguards and Technology Transfer in the International Atomic Energy Agency." Advisor: Prof. Ernst B. Haas

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1975 (Political Science).

Thesis (Political Theory) "Continuity and Change: the Case of Francis Bacon."
Advisor: Prof. Hanna Pitkin

B.A. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1973 (Political Science).

RESEARCH FIELDS

International Organization and Law
International Humanitarian Law
War Crimes and Truth Commissions
Palestinian Refugees
South African Politics
Nuclear and Conventional Arms Control

COURSES TAUGHT

International Politics
International Organization
War, Weapons and Arms Control
North-South Relations
Middle East Politics
Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
Research Seminar topics 1979-2006:
International Energy Politics, International Arms Transfers, International Politics of Refugees,
Transition in South Africa, International Environmental Issues, International Human Rights Law,
International Criminal Law

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Judge, Semi-finals, 29th Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, Grotius Centre, Leiden
University School of Law, The Hague, 23-29 April, 2006.
Oberlin College Research Status Appointment, 2000-2001 for project entitled, "Evolution of an
International War Crimes Regime."
Powers Travel Grant for research in South Africa on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2000).
Oberlin R & D Grant for travel and research to Jordan, West Bank and Gaza, summer 1999.
European Center for Contemporary Middle East Research (CERMOC) travel and research grant, West
Bank and Gaza, spring/summer 1999.
European Center for Contemporary Middle East Research (CERMOC), travel grant, third annual
UNRWA research conference, Amman, Jordan, October, 1998.
Mellon Foundation grant: mentor of post-doctoral visiting assistant professor and one course per year
release for course development 1998-'99, 1999-2000.
McGregor-Oresman Teaching Assistant, international environmental issues research, summer, 1997.
Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship for creative non-fiction writing, 1996.
Fulbright Research Award Alternate, South Africa Program 1992-93.
Oberlin R & D Grant for travel to South Africa, 1991-92.
Oberlin R & D Grant for research at the U.N. Vienna International Centre, summer 1989.
James Malone Faculty Fellowship, National Council for U.S.-Arab Relations. Travel to Iraq and the
United Arab Emirates, March, 1989
Grant from University of Michigan, Program for Inter-Institutional Cooperation in Area Studies (PICAS)
for work at the Center for Near East and North African Studies, January, 1989.
Dana Teaching Assistance Grant, North-South political economy course, academic year 1987-88.
Oberlin R & D Grant for research in Washington and London, summer-winter, 1987.
Dana Research Assistance Grant for Arms Control course bibliographical work. Summer, 1987.
Oberlin R & D Committee Grant for tape transcriptions, UNRWA research project. Fall, 1986.
Dana Research Assistance Grant for UNRWA bibliographical research help. Summer, 1986.
Sloan Foundation course development grant, Arms Control and International Negotiation Summer, 1986.

Grant from Foundation for Middle East Peace (Washington, D.C.), UNRWA research project. 1985-86. Oberlin R & D Grant, 1985-86, used in support of research project: "Role and Record of the UNRWA". Charles E. Culpeper Fellowship for 1985-86: "Role and Record of the UNRWA."

Grant, Oberlin College Dean's office, for research in Vienna, Jordan, West Bank, Gaza, Summer, 1984. Fully funded participant in Sloan Foundation-funded MIT/Harvard workshop, "Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control", July 12-22, 1983.

Oberlin R & D Grant, Spring 1983. "The Rise or Demise of the International Disarmament Conference." Curriculum Enrichment Grant, "Lecture and Colloquium Series on Science and Society", Spring 1982. Dissertation research fellowship and maintenance, Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1977-1978. Research Apprenticeship, University of California, Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, 1975-76.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Building the International Criminal Court, (New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, forthcoming 2008).

Heart of Whiteness: Afrikaners Face Black Rule in the New South Africa, (with June Goodwin). (New York: Scribner, 1995) pp. 416.

Refugees unto the Third Generation: UN Aid to Palestinians. (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse Univ. Press, 1995) pp. 330.

International Nuclear Technology Transfer: The Dilemmas of Dissemination and Control. (New Jersey: Rowman & Alanheld, 1984) pp. 240.

Articles and Chapters

"Do Truth Commissions Promote Accountability or Impunity? The Case of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission," in M. Cherif Bassiouni, ed., *Post Conflict Justice* (Transnational Publishers, 2002) pp. 325-344.

"U.S.-Israeli Relations" in Cleveland Council on World Affairs, *Global Focus* (Cleveland, May, 1999).

"Development of UNRWA's Bureaucracy 1950-1991", non-circulating proceedings of the Third Annual Conference, European Center for Contemporary Middle East Research (CERMOC), *UNRWA: A History Within History* (Beirut, 1999) pp. 63-72.

"The Afrikaners After Apartheid", *Current History* Vol. 95, no. 601 (May, 1996) pp. 216-221.

"Who Killed Steve Biko?" with June Goodwin, *The Nation* (November 13, 1995) pp. 565-568.

"Arms Control and Disarmament", *Global Agenda: Issues Before the 46th General Assembly* (Lexington, MA: Lexington Press, 1991) pp. 75-92.

"Assisting the Palestinian Refugees: Progress in Human Rights?", Manuel Adler and Beverly Crawford, eds., *Progress in Post-War International Relations* (Columbia University Press: 1991) pp. 359-402.

"Arms Control and Disarmament", *Issues Before the 45th General Assembly* (Lexington, MA: Lexington Press, 1990) pp. 69-82.

Introductory section for the United Nations Public Information Office's press briefing package on the 1990 Review Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (UN: 1990).

"Facing New Challenges: UNRWA and the Intifada", U.S. Committee for Refugees, *World Refugee Survey: 1989 In Review* (USCR: 1990) pp. 25-29.

"Dominance Without Hegemony: The US and the International Atomic Energy Agency", Margaret Karns and Karen Mingst, eds., *The United States and International Organizations* (Unwin and Hyman: Boston, 1990) pp. 57-89.

"Arms Control and Disarmament", *Issues Before the 44th General Assembly* (Lexington, MA: Lexington Press, 1989) pp. 59-70.

"Between Occupier and Occupied: UNRWA in the Gaza Strip and West Bank", *Journal of Palestine Studies* Vol. XVIII, no. 3 (Spring 1989) pp. 60-75.

"The 1985 NPT Review Conference: Positive Steps or Damage Limitation?", Paul Viotti, ed., *Arms and Conflict Control* (Boulder CO: Westview Press, 1986) pp. 84-95.

"Educating the Palestinians: the UN Relief and Works Agency", *Yankee Forum: the Journal of the Connecticut Council for Social Studies* (No. 5, 1984).

"Conventional Lessons from Nuclear Export Policy," *Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives*, Vol. IV, no. 1 (Summer, 1984) pp. 69-82.

Editor and co-author, U.C. Berkeley Institute of International Studies, "Nuclear Waste Management and Non-Proliferation", U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Report AC6AC725 (1977) pp. 222.

Scholarly Book Reviews

Uri Bar-Joseph, *Intelligence Intervention in the Politics of Democratic States: The United States, Israel, and Britain*. International Journal of Middle East Studies (Spring, 1997).

Alan Richards and John Waterbury, *A Political Economy of the Middle East: State, Class, and Economic Development*. Journal of Developing Societies (Spring, 1993).

David Fischer and Paul Szasz for the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, *Safeguarding the Atom: A Critical Appraisal*; and Leonard Spector, *Nuclear Proliferation Today*. Third World Quarterly (January, 1986).

Gerald Segal, et al, *Nuclear War and Nuclear Peace*, and Daniel Frei and Christian Catrina, *Risks of Unintentional Nuclear War*. American Political Science Review (March, 1985).

George Quester, *American Foreign Policy: The Lost Consensus*. American Political Science Review (Summer, 1984).

Lawrence Freedman, *The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy*. American Political Science Review (Summer, 1983).

Popular Press Book Reviews

John Reader, *Africa: Biography of the Continent*. Cleveland Plain Dealer (August 9, 1998)

Nelson Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela*. Plain Dealer (December 4, 1994).

Gloria Emerson, *Gaza: A Year in the Intifada, A Personal Account of the Palestinian Problem*. Plain Dealer (April 14, 1991).

Shirley Hazzard, *Countenance of Truth: The United Nations and the Waldheim Case*. Plain Dealer (August 28, 1990).

James Adams, *Engines of War: Merchants of Death and the New Arms Race* and Louis Toscano, *Triple Cross: Israel, the Atomic Bomb, and the Man Who Spilled the Secrets*. Plain Dealer (June 3, 1990).

Aline, Countess of Romanones, *The Spy wore Red: My Adventures as an Undercover Agent in World War II* and *The Spy Went Dancing: My Further Adventures as an Undercover Agent*. Plain Dealer (April 8, 1990).

Graham Hancock, *Lords of Poverty*. Plain Dealer (January 20, 1990).

Seymour M. Hersh, *The Target Is Destroyed*. Dallas Times Herald (December 7, 1986).

Richard A. Stubbing with Richard A. Mendel, *The Defense Game*. Times Herald (October 12, 1986).

James Coates and Michael Kilian, *Heavy Losses: The Dangerous Decline of American Defense*. Times Herald (March 23, 1986).

Gary Sick, *All Fall Down: America's Tragic Encounter with Iran*. Times Herald (July 28, 1985).

William L. Ury, *Beyond the Hotline*. Times Herald (June 9, 1985).

Elizabeth and Robert Fernea, *The Arab World: Personal Encounters*. Times Herald (June 2, 1985).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“The U.S. Will Learn to Love the International Criminal Court,” at the March, 2007, annual meetings of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“How Political is the International Criminal Court?”, Political Science Department seminar series, University of Leiden, (2 June, 2006).

“The International Criminal Court: Under construction with too many blueprints?” Supranational Criminal Law Series, TMC Asser Institute, Grotius Centre for the Study of International Law, and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (25 January, 2006).

“From Natural to Positive Law: Regime Institutionalization and the International Criminal Court”, at the March, 2002 annual meetings of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

Panel Chair: “Judging the Courts: Problems and Prospects in the Development of International Criminal

Law, Part 1", March 24, 2002, at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

"Apartheid and After," DePaul University, Chicago, human rights law seminar of Prof.. Cherif Bassiouni, February 2001.

"Human Rights" panel participant, symposium in honor of the retirement of Political Science Robson Research Professor Ernst B. Haas, University of California, Berkeley, March 20, 2000.

"The War Crimes Regime and the Construction of Sovereignty" at the March, 2000 annual meetings of the International Studies Association, Los Angeles, California.

"UNRWA and Permanent Status Arrangements", meeting of experts convened by Royal Institute of International Affairs (London), International Development Research Centre (Canada), and the Palestinian Refugee ResearchNet, in Minster Lovell (Oxfordshire) U.K., 19-20 February, 2000.

"UNRWA's Bureaucratic Evolution 1950-2000" presented (in absentia) at the European Center for Contemporary Middle East Research (CERMOC), Dead Sea, Jordan, September 1, 1999.

"Development of UNRWA's Bureaucracy, 1950-1991", CERMOC, Amman, Jordan, October 9, 1998.

"War Crimes and Truth Commissions: Constructing International Morality and Constraining the State," presented at the March, 1998 annual meetings of the International Studies Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Afrikaners Face Black Rule in the New South Africa" to the University of Miami (Florida) Center on Society and Culture, November 16, 1995.

"The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin" to the Case Western Reserve University Social Sciences Lunch Colloquium, November 10, 1995.

"The US and International Organizations" Round Table participant, International Studies Association Annual meeting, Washington, DC, April 17, 1987.

"The US and the International Atomic Energy Agency," to the Conference on the U.S. and International Organizations, Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, WI, January 29-30, 1987:

"The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Non-proliferation Regime: The 1985 NPT Review Conference and Beyond," to March, 1985 annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Washington, DC.

Discussant, "Forty Years of the United Nations: From the Multilateral Diplomacy of Sovereign Equality Toward the Politics of Value Allocation," International Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, March 5-9, 1985.

"The NPT Review Conference: Positive Steps or Damage Limitation?" to International Studies Association/Section on Military Studies, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, October 26, 1984.

"Conventional Lessons from Nuclear Export Policy Experience," International Studies Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 30, 1984.

“The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime and North-South Conflict” to International Studies Association/Midwest meeting, East Lansing, MI, November 3, 1983.

“National Decision-Making Responses to the Spread of Civil Nuclear Technology,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, September 3, 1980.

Contributed written statement on Proposed Export of Special Nuclear Material to India (NRC License Application XSNM-845) to the Natural Resources Defense Council Inc., et al submissions of July 8, 1976.

“The Transfer of Technology from the North to the South -- Agriculture and Nuclear Energy” (co-authored), to ISA/West meeting in San Francisco, CA, Spring, 1976.

Commented on ERDA 1542 Draft Environmental Impact Statement on US Nuclear Power Export Activities, comments published in the final EIS, Volume II, 1976 (co-authored).

EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (outside of Oberlin)

“Nuclear Weapons in Iran and North Korea: Where is the International Atomic Energy Agency Now?”, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, 6/7/04.

Address to “War in Iraq” forum, Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, 2/18/03.

Radio discussion of economic situation in South Africa with Alan Little, BBC/Johannesburg, and Nigel Bruce, South Africa *Financial Mail* magazine, on the “Colin Bell Show,” BBC, 9/10/96.

Lecture to Cleveland State University Continuing Education course on nationalism and international conflict, on South Africa, 3/27/96.

Radio interview on South Africa, “The Lawyer's Mailbox: Live with Attorney Charles Ware,” WEEA, Baltimore 12/29/95.

Radio interview on South Africa, “The John Anderson Show,” WCHB, Detroit 11/29/95.

Radio interview on South Africa, “The Mark Thompson Show,” WOL, Washington, D.C. 11/7/95.

Radio interview on South Africa, “The Morning Program” with Amy Goodman and Bernard White, WBAI New York Pacifica radio, 10/30/95.

“Transition in South Africa,” to the Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian) of Cleveland, 10/93.

“Our Next Mistakes in the Middle East,” to the Vermilion College Club, 4/9/91.

“International Law and the Palestinian Question” to the Church of the Covenant of Cleveland, 4/7/91.

WERE radio “Cleveland Report with Larry Robinson” discussion on Middle East events, 3/10/91.

WERE radio “Cleveland Report with Larry Robinson” discussion on Middle East events, 2/16/91.

“The Gulf War -or- Why Kill and Be Killed in the Desert?”, to the Lorain County Transportation Club,

2/12/91.

“Dynamics of Middle East Conflict,” to the Church of the Covenant of Cleveland, 9/30/90.

“Peace Process or Paralysis?” Case Western Reserve University “Summer in the Country” lecture series *Unravelling the Middle East Conflict*, 6/27/90.

“After Nine.” Public radio program on Lebanon. WCPN Cleveland, 9/7/89.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academic Council on the United Nations System
American Association of University Professors
American Political Science Association
American Society for International Law
Arms Control Association
Cleveland Council on World Affairs
International Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal manuscript reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, East-West Center's Asia-Pacific Issues, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Palestine Studies.

Book manuscript reviewer:

Ashgate Publishers, Rutgers University Press, Routledge Publishing, University of Kentucky Press, University of Wisconsin Press.

Ph.D. thesis reviewer, Australian National University Dept. of Political Science, 2001.

Tenure reviewer, University of Oregon, Eugene, Dept. of Political Science 1997, Colby College, 1990.

NSF graduate research fellowship selection panel: Political Science, International Relations,

Geography and Urban and Regional Planning

Reader, subject expert panel, The Noma Award for Publishing in Africa

Committee on Teaching, Academic Council on the United Nations System

Nominating committee, International Studies Association/Midwest 1984-'85

Panel organizer and chair, International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, "Security Implications of North-South Technology-Transfer," March 30, 1984.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE SERVICE

College Faculty Council 1988-89, 2001-2002, 2002-2004, 2007-2009

Chair, Middle East and North Africa Studies Committee 2007-

Member, International Studies Concentration Committee 2007-

Founding Chair, International Studies Concentration Committee, 1997-2000, 2001-2005

Mediation Committee, 2006-2007

Member, Ad hoc committee on Middle East and North Africa recruitment and planning, 2001-2002, 2005, 2007

Chair, Department of Politics, 1998-2005

Extra-departmental tenure process observer, Gender and Women's Studies, fall 2004

Coordinator, Oberlin-Kalamazoo College-University of Michigan Collaboration Project, 2001-2005

Faculty member, Strategic Planning Task Force, January, 2004 – March, 2005

Elected member, Dean of Arts and Sciences search committee fall, 2004 (resigned)
Elected member, General Faculty Planning Committee 2003-2005
Elected member, General Faculty Council 1998-1999
Coordinator, Williams-Smith Symposia on Free Enterprise and Democracy
Member, President's ad hoc committee on a Teaching Masters program 2003-2005
Member, First Year Seminar Program Committee 2001-2004
President's ad hoc committee on campus climate (conflict management) 2003-2005
Faculty presenter to off-campus Alumni meetings and Admissions groups
Nominator and Presenter, Honorary Degrees at Graduation 2000, 2002
Faculty mentor, junior faculty mentoring program 2001-2005
Environmental Studies Committee, 1996-1998, 1999-2005
Committee on Off-Campus Study, 1997-2000; Chair, 1999-2000
Program Reviewer, Oberlin-in-Strasbourg Program, 1998-1999
Educational Plans and Policies Committee planning subcommittee on international studies, 1996
Ford Foundation "Crossing Borders" initiative ad hoc steering committee 1997-1999
Co-organizer of King-Crane Commission symposium, 1996-1998
Nominations Committee, 1996-1998
Peters Hall rededication ad hoc planning committee 1994-1995
Chair, Salary System Reform Committee, 1989
Government Department Honors Coordinator, 1986-1991
Soviet Studies Committee, 1987-1990
Judaic and Near East Studies Committee, 1985-1991, 1996-1998
Council on Campus Relations and Sexual Harassment, 1988-1990
Committee on Academic Standing and Advising, 1987-1988
United Way Faculty Coordinator, 1986
Third World Studies Committee, 1980-1986
Ad hoc Committee for Implementation of the Tenure Report, 1985
College Committee on Shareholder Responsibility, 1984-1985
College Committee on Social and Political Concerns, 1982-1983

REFERENCES

Available on request.