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**Education**

<i>Princeton University</i>	<i>Ph.D. (Philosophy),</i>	<i>1971-1975</i>
Ph.D. thesis:	<i>The Evidence of the Senses</i>	
Thesis advisor:	Richard Rorty	
<i>Brown University</i>	<i>B.A., M.A. (Philosophy)</i>	<i>1967-1971</i>

**Career Summary**

*The Atlas Society*

<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>2008-</i>
<i>Chairman and Senior Fellow</i>	<i>2005-2008</i>

Conduct research, writing, and teaching on a range of philosophical and cultural topics.  
As chair of the board of trustees, oversee board responsibilities.

<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>1990-2004</i>
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Founded the Center as a nonprofit organization sponsoring research and education in Objectivism, the philosophy originated by novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand. Hired and managed staff; oversaw all aspects of programs, fund-raising, and administration; produced books and articles; lectured on philosophical and cultural topics.

<i>Brandeis University, Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy</i>	<i>1989-90</i>
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Taught logic, epistemology, philosophy of psychology.

<i>Free-lance writer, editor, and speaker</i>	<i>1984-89</i>
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Wrote a textbook in logic (*The Art of Reasoning*) as well as many articles on public issues, especially for *Barrons Business Magazine*; lectured on college campuses and gave numerous talks for professional and civic organizations.

<i>Vassar College, Assistant Professor of Philosophy</i>	<i>1975-84</i>
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Taught courses in epistemology, political philosophy, ethics, philosophy of mind, logic, and the history of philosophy. Helped create interdisciplinary Cognitive Science program. Served on college curriculum committee.

**Other professional activities**

Guest lecturer, Philosophy of Freedom course, University of Arizona, 2003, 2005, 2007

Consultant to film adaptation projects for *Atlas Shrugged* (2000-)

Visiting Lecturer, Cognitive Science, Vassar College, 2003

Member, American Philosophical Association

Participant, Liberty Fund colloquia, Jan 1992, Sept 1992, Feb 1999, Nov 2003, May 2009

Co-founder, Ayn Rand Society (special interest group affiliated with APA)

Manuscript referee, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior, Social Philosophy and Policy, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*

Fellow, Council for Philosophical Studies Institute on Psychology of Mind (dir. Jerry Fodor), Summer 1981

### **Books**

*Laissez Parler: Freedom in the Electronic Media* (with Roger Donway), Studies in Social Philosophy and Policy, #1; Transaction Books, 1985

*The Evidence of the Senses*, Louisiana State University Press, 1986.

*The Art of Reasoning: A Textbook in Applied Logic*, W.W. Norton, 1988; 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed., 1998; 4<sup>th</sup> rev. ed. in process

*The Art of Reasoning: Readings for Logical Analysis* (with Stephen R.C. Hicks), W.W. Norton, 1994; 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed., 1998; 4<sup>th</sup> rev. ed., in process

*Unrugged Individualism: The Selfish Basis of Benevolence* (Washington, DC: The Objectivist Center, 1996)

*A Life of One's Own: Individual Rights and the Welfare State* (Washington, DC: Cato Institute, 1998)

*The Contested Legacy of Ayn Rand: Truth and Toleration in the Objectivist Movement* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2000)

### **Academic articles**

"Still Deferring to Descartes?" Review of *Mind: A Brief Introduction*, by John Searle, *Cerebrum*, Winter 2005. <http://www.dana.org/news/cerebrum/detail.aspx?id=864>

"Public Obligations to HIV/AIDS Patients," *Health Care Analysis* 10: 37-48, 2002.

"Rand and Objectivity," *Reason Papers*, Number 23, Fall 1998

"Evidence and Justification," *Reason Papers*, Volume 16, Fall 1991

"Liberalism and Free Speech" (with Roger Donway), in Judith Lichtenberg (ed.) *Democracy and the Mass Media*, Cambridge University Press, 1990

"Information, causality, and intentionality," commentary, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 9, (1986)

"The Making of a Criminal," *The Sciences*, March/April 1986

"A Theory of Abstraction," *Cognition and Brain Theory* 7, Winter 1984

"Life, Liberty and Property," *Social Philosophy and Policy* I, Spring 1984

"The Psychology of Abstraction" (with Janet Krueger), *Journal for Theory of Social Behavior* 14, March 1984

"The Primacy of Existence," *The Objectivist Forum*, October & December 1981

"The Specificity of Perception," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 40, Spring 1980

### **Academic lectures**

"Rand vs. Hayek on Abstraction," Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas conference, April 2010

"The Content of Perception," University of Arizona philosophy department, Nov 2005

"What is Knowledge?" 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Greek Philosophy," Samos, GREECE, August 2000

Panelist, "Human Rights Discourse and Poverty," Washington College of Law, April 2000

- “Liberty versus Welfare Rights,” Vassar College, Dec 1998; West Point Military Academy, Jan 1999
- “Perceptual Appearance: Realism vs. Representationalism,” Ayn Rand Society, Washington, December 1988; Stanford University, April 1991
- “Realism and the Problem of Perceptual Appearances,” Center for the Ecological Study of Perception and Action, University of Connecticut, January 1989
- “Universals and Induction,” two lectures at GKRH conferences, Dallas and Ann Arbor, March 1989 [tape available]
- “Scepticism,” York University, Toronto, February 1987 [tape available]
- “Free Will and Causality,” two lectures at The Portland Institute, October 1986 [tape available]
- “The Primacy of Existence” and “The Epistemology of Perception,” The Jefferson School, San Diego, July 1985 [tape available]
- “Free Speech and the Electronic Media: a Free Market Approach,” Amherst College, April 1985
- “Perceptual Foundations of Knowledge,” Oxford University, May 1984; Amherst College, April 1986; San Francisco State University, February 1987; Trenton State College, February 1989
- Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Western meeting, Cincinnati, April 1984
- “Positive Rights and the First Amendment,” American Culture Association, Toronto, April 1984
- “The Unfairness Doctrine,” Yale Law School, May 1983
- “Contextualism and Social Norms,” New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Meeting, May 1982

### **Other publications**

- “The Facts of Life,” *The New Individualist*, Summer 2009
- “Obama’s Era of Responsibility,” *The New Individualist*, Summer 2009
- “The Fourth Revolution,” *The New Individualist*, Spring 2009
- “Capitalist Heroes,” *Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 10, 2007 [commentary *Atlas Shrugged* for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary]
- “Can Reporters Handle the Truth,” *The New Individualist*, April 2007
- “Mad, Hot Ballroom,” *The New Individualist*, June 2005 [movie review]
- “Ayn Rand,” in *New Encyclopedia of Unbelief*, Prometheus Books, 2007
- “Objectivism,” *Encyclopedia of Libertarianism*, forthcoming
- “Generosity in the Service of Self-Interest,” *Fraser Forum*, Dec 2004-Jan 2005
- “Superhero Me!” *Navigator*, Nov 2004 [movie review, *The Incredibles*]
- “Interview with Charles Murray,” *Navigator*, April 2004
- “Art and Ideals,” *Navigator*, Jan-Feb 2004
- “The Party of Modernity,” Cato Policy Report, May/June 2003; and *Navigator*, Nov 2003
- “Museum of Capitalism,” *Navigator*, June 2003
- “Ban Government Racism, not Discrimination,” *Navigator*, Jan-Feb 2003
- “The War Against Modernity,” *Navigator*, May 2002
- Review of *Ayn Rand and Business*, *Navigator*, Feb 2002
- “The Assault on Civilization,” *Navigator*, Oct 2001
- “The Corruption of Democracy,” *Navigator*, April 2001
- “Supply Side Ethics,” *Navigator*, March 2001

- “Tax Cuts are Unfair? It Just Ain’t So,” *The Freeman*, July 1999
- “Two Strains of Altruism,” *Navigator*, Oct 1998
- “The Autobiography of an Idea,” *Navigator*, Volume 1, Number 6, Feb 1998 [Review of *The Journals of Ayn Rand*]
- “The State of the Culture, 1997,” *Navigator*, Volume 1, Number 1, Sept 1997
- “Ruled—Or Principled?” *IOS Journal*, Volume 6, Number 6, Feb 1997; republished as “A Short Course in Rule-Breaking,” *The New Individualist*, Spring 2009
- “The Liberal Joyride,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 6, Number 4, Oct 1996
- “I Don't Have To,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 6, Number 1, April 1996
- “Is Tolerance a Virtue?” *IOS Journal*, Volume 5, Number 5, Feb 1996
- “Responsibility and Happiness,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 5, Number 3, Sept 1995
- “The Spirit of Entitlement,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 5, Number 1, April 1995
- Review of *Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality*, by Robert P. George, *The Defender*, Volume II, Number I, March 1995
- Review of *The Moral Sense*, by James Q. Wilson, *The Cato Journal*, Volume 13, Number 3, Winter 1994
- “The Entrepreneurial Life,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 4, Number 4, Dec 1994; rev. version, “Life: Your Adventure in Entrepreneurship,” *The New Individualist*, Summer 2009
- “The Politics of Virtue,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 4, Number 3, Sept 1994
- “Altruism and Capitalism,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 3, Number 5, Jan 1994
- “The Rights Angle,” *Reason*, January 1994 [health care policy]
- “Is Medical Care a Right? The RIGHT Answers,” *The Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia*, Volume 82, November 1993
- “Free Medicine,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 3, Number 3, Sept 1993
- “The Best Within Us,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 3, Numbers 1 & 2, March & May 1993
- “Gekko Echo,” *Reason*, February 1993 (with Jeff Scott) [myth of the 1980s as a ‘decade of greed’]
- “The Next Four Years,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 2, Number 3, Winter 1993
- Review of *Liberty and Nature*, by Douglas B. Rasmussen & Douglas J. Den Uyl, *Liberty*, Volume 5, Number 6, July 1992
- “A Turn for Deduction,” *The Baker Street Journal*, Volume 42, Number 1, Dec 1992
- “Food For Thought,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 2, Number 1, Summer 1992
- “Peikoff’s Summa,” *IOS Journal*, Volume 1, Number 3 (Spring 1992) [Review of *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*, by Leonard Peikoff]
- “Rich vs. Poor?” *Barron’s*, December 24, 1990 [egalitarianism]
- “Hands Off Child Care,” *Barron’s*, January 2, 1989 [subsidized day care]
- “Those Card-Carriers,” *Barron’s*, October 17, 1988 [ACLU and economic freedom]
- “Leftist Brain Trust,” *Barron’s*, April 18, 1988 [Institute for Policy Studies]
- “The Untouchables,” *Barron’s*, February 29, 1988 [Social Security reform]
- “Let Bad Enough Alone,” *Barron’s*, May 18, 1987 [minimum wage laws]
- “Arms and the Man,” *Barron’s*, March 30, 1987 [draft, national service]
- “Teaching Cognitive Science to Undergraduates: Report of the Sloan/Vassar Conference,” Vassar College, 1986

- “Whose Ethics,” *Barron’s*, October 27, 1986 [values in education]
- “When Atlas Shrugs,” *Barron’s*, April 21, 1986 [crisis in tort law]
- “Learning the Hard Way,” *Barron’s*, February 17, 1986 [public education]
- “No Brief for Ed Meese,” *Barron’s*, November 25, 1985 [judicial activism]
- “Local Monopoly?” *Barron’s*, September 9, 1985 [local telephone competition]
- “Stalking the Criminal Mind,” *Harper’s Magazine*, August 1985; reprinted in Joseph A. Zaitchik and Roger E. Wiehe (eds.) *Human Values: Perspectives on Six Themes* (Madison, WI: Brown & Benchmark, 1993)
- “Turn Off Public TV,” *Barron’s*, June 24, 1985 [public TV and the First Amendment]
- “For Cleaner Elections,” *Barron’s*, May 13, 1985 [campaign finance reform]
- “Cable Television Unshackled,” *Barron’s*, April 22, 1985 [court decisions on municipal franchises]
- “The Vaccine Scare,” *On Principle*, April 1, 1985
- “Open Society, Open Borders,” *Barron’s*, March 11, 1985 [immigration]
- “In Praise of Homework,” *Barron’s*, December 3, 1984 [ban on knitting at home]
- “Reversing the Courts,” *Barron’s*, November 5, 1984 [DC Appeals Court blocking deregulation]
- “High Technology, Low Road,” *Barron’s*, October 8, 1984 [industrial policy]
- “Free the Airwaves,” *Barron’s*, April 2, 1984 [deregulation of TV]
- “The Big Chill” (with Roger Donway) *The Intellectual Activist*, March 31, 1984
- “Does America Still Exist?” *Harper’s Magazine*, March 1984
- “Sons of Wall Street Week,” *Barron’s*, September 5, 1983 [TV business news programs]
- “Critical Issues for Issue Ads,” *Harvard Business Review*, July/August 1982
- “Uncertain Trumpet,” *Barron’s*, April 27, 1981 [corporate advocacy ads]
- “Bad News, America,” SmithKline Forum, *Wall Street Journal*, December 4, 1980; *Newsweek*, December 12, 1980
- Review of *The Government Against the Economy*, by George Reisman, *Barron’s*, January 21, 1980
- “The Marketplace of Ideas,” *Barron’s*, January 14, 1980 [review of Friedman’s public TV series]
- Review of *Annals of an Abiding Liberal*, by John Kenneth Galbraith, *Barron’s*, November 12, 1979
- Review of *In Defense of the Corporation*, by Robert Hessen, *Barron’s*, April 23, 1979
- “The Real America,” *Barron’s*, August 28, 1978 [review of Wattenberg’s public TV series]
- “Scholars on the Block,” *Barron’s*, March 6, 1978 [academic job market]
- Review of *Gold and Iron*, by Fritz Stern, *Barron’s*, January 2, 1978
- “Distorted Picture,” and “Age of Uncertainty,” *Barron’s*, July 18 and August 1, 1977 [two-part review of Galbraith’s public TV series]
- “What’s on Public TV?” *Barron’s*, March 21, 1977
- “For Socialist Alternatives,” and “Going Public,” *Barron’s*, July 30 and August 30, 1976 [two-part article on New Left]
- “Critique of ‘Critical Choices,’” *Barron’s*, July 19, 1976 [Nelson Rockefeller’s Commission on Critical Choices]
- Review of *Full Faith and Credit*, by William Wilson, *Barron’s*, May 31, 1976
- Review of *Steel Titan*, by Robert Hessen, *Barron’s*, January 26, 1976
- “Liberty and Property,” *The Freeman*, October 1975

Review of *The Balancing Act*, by George Roche, *Barron's*, March 1975

“Justice in the Market,” *The Freeman*, January 1975

“The Necessity of Government,” *The Freeman*, April 1974

“On Economic Rights,” *The Freeman*, September 1969

### **Other lectures and public appearances (selected)**

“Is Lam Compatible with Capitalism?” Debate with Mustafa Akyol, The Donald and Paula Smith Foundation, New York City, March 2008

“The Capitalist Ideal: The Moral Vision of Atlas Shrugged,” Rockford College, Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala), Hampden-Sydney College, Oct 2007

“Objectivity in Journalism,” Mont Pelerin Society General Meeting, Guatemala City, Nov 2006

“Objectivism and Classical Liberalism,” Institute for Humane Studies, June 2006

“Using Philosophy in Persuasion,” Cato University, October 2005

“The Ideas That Promote Terrorism,” Free Muslims Against Terror rally, Washington, May 2005

“Art and Ideals,” Foundation for the Advancement of Art, New York, NY, Oct 2003

“What America Should Stand For,” Arizona Objectivists, Phoenix, AZ, March 2003

“Is Selfishness A Virtue,” debate with Dinesh D’Souza, Foundation for Economic Education, Las Vegas, May 2002

“The Assault on Civilization,” Federalist Society, Hartford, CT, November 2001; FreedomFest (Foundation for Economic Education), Las Vegas, May 2002

Panelist, “New Proposals to Bridge the Encryption Debate,” Columbia University Graduate School of Business, April 1999

“A Life of One’s Own: Individual Rights in the Welfare State,” Cato Book Forum (with William Galston), Nov 1998

“How to Fight the Welfare State,” Washington Metro Objectivism Discussion, Feb 1998

Lectures on the philosophical foundations of rights, Cato University, May 1998, Oct 1998

Featured commentator, “Greed,” with John Stossel, ABC/TV News, Feb 1998

“The Entrepreneur as Hero,” Young Entrepreneur’s Organization Annual University, July 1997

“Entitlement vs. Responsibility,” Heartland Institute, May 1995

“Ayn Rand’s Contribution to Liberty,” Free Market Society of Chicago, May 1995

“Is There a ‘Right’ to Health Care?” Mercer County Medical Society, January 12, 1993; Medical Action Committee for Education, June 1993; Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, October 1993; National Organization of Women Legislators, October 1993; Medical Action Committee for Education, November 1993; Citizens for Capitalism, December 9, 1993; Washington Institute for Policy Studies, February 1994; American Society of Dermatology, October 1999

“Wealth and Achievement in the 1980s,” Harvard Club, New York City, October 1992; Brown University, April 14, 1993; University Club, New York City, April 27, 1993; Mackinac Center for Public Policy, October 23, 1993.

“The Values of a Free Society,” MIT, September 1991; Albert J. Nock Forum, Los Angeles, November 1991; University of Chicago, November 1991

“Capitalism and Social Justice,” Summer University, University of Aix-en-Provence, France, August 1991; Kenyan College, January 1993

“Ayn Rand’s Influence,” ISIL Regional Conference, Helsinger, Denmark, August 1991

“Moral Judgment,” Objectivist Club of Michigan, May 1990

“The Ethics of Liberty,” Cato Institute Summer Seminar, 1989, 1990, 1991

“Libel Laws—Pro and Con” (debate with Nat Hentoff), Free Press Association conference, New York, October 1986

“Technology,” Electrical Connectors Study Group conference, Philadelphia, November 1981 [treatment of technical issues by the media]

“Intellectual Freedom,” University of Dallas, Graduate School of Management, July 1981; California Credit League, Sacramento, March 1983

“The Politics of Productiveness,” Mont Pelerin Society, Brussels, September 1974

*Note:* Listed addresses do not include speeches and seminars sponsored by The Atlas Society, nor do they include scores of radio interviews.