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Education

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Emory University, Atlanta
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- B.A. Boston College

Publications

Books

- *Do Guns Make us Free: Democracy and the Armed Society*, New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2015
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Articles

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Book Reviews:

- *Meaning in Spinoza’s Method* by Aaron Garrett, for *The Review of Metaphysics*, December 2004.

Select Presentations

- “TED Talk,” delivered at the 2013 Baltimore TEDX conference, on the intellectual and political impact of guns in the classroom, and on college campuses; Morgan State University, Baltimore MD, January 25, 2013.
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- “The Highest Form of Devotion: Spinoza and Hume on Politics and Principle.” Presented at the meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Colorado College, October 29-31, 2004.
- “Psychotherapy and Moral Perfection: Spinoza and the Stoics on the prospect of happiness.” Presented at the meeting of the North America Spinoza Society, Western Division of the American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, California, March 28, 2004.
- “From *Cosmopolitanism* to *Prudentia*: the Emergence of a Stoic *Realpolitik*.” Presented at the meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, New York, November 1, 2003.