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Educational Background

1961 B.S. (Mathematics) Holy Cross College
1963 M.A. (Philosophy) University of Notre Dame
1963-64 Fulbright Fellow, University of Louvain, Belgium
1968 Ph.D. (Philosophy) University of Notre Dame

Dissertation: *Husserl's Phenomenology and the Theory of Logic*

Academic Positions

1967-68 Instructor, University of California, San Diego
1968-72 Wissenschaftlicher Assistent, University of Munich, Germany
1972-85 Assistant and Associate Professor, Boston University
1885- Professor, Northwestern University
1992- John Shaffer Professor in the Humanities, Northwestern University
1987 Visiting Professor, University of Frankfurt, Germany
2005 William H. Orrick Jr. Visiting Professor, Yale University

Grants, Fellowships, Prizes

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, 1975-76; summer 1978 and 1983
Director, NEH Summer Seminars, 1982 and 1984
NEH Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, 1983
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1985
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1989-90
NEH Interpretive Research Project Grant, 1989-90
BBV Foundation Chair (Spain), 1992
Alice Berline Kaplan Humanities Center Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2000-01
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Prize, 2003
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Publications

Books,
Author: *The Critical Theory of Jürgen Habermas* (MIT Press, Hutchinson Press, 1978);
paperback edition (MIT Press, 1981; Polity Press, Blackwell, 1984).
German Edition: *Kritik der Verständigungsverhältnisse* (Suhrkamp Verlag,
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Books,
Editor: *Understanding and Social Inquiry* (Notre Dame Press, 1977), co-edited with F. Dallmayr.

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Guest Editor: *The Philosophical Forum*, Vol. XIII, No. 1 (Fall, 1981), *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*

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General Editor: *Studies in Contemporary German Social Thought* (MIT Press, 1981-present), c. 100 titles.

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