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EDUCATION

PhD, University of Chicago Department of Political Science, 1984  
M.A., University of Chicago Department of Political Science, 1975  
B.A., University of Chicago, General Studies in the Social Sciences, 1971,  
with honors

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Fellow, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, 2006-

Professor, joint appointment, Duke University, Department of Philosophy,  
2004-

Professor, Duke University, Department of Political Science, 2001-

Associate Professor, Duke University, Department of Political Science, 1994-  
2001

Assistant Professor, Duke University Department of Political Science, 1986-  
1994

Lecturer, University of Chicago, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, Winter  
1985, Fall-Spring 1982-1983, Fall and Winter 1979-1981, Winter 1977

Lecturer, Loyola University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, Fall  
Semester, 1975-1976

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Eric Williams Annual Memorial Lecture, Central Bank of Trinidad and  
Tobago, "Ethics and Politics: Institutional Solutions and Their Limits," May,  
2002

Thomas Langford Lectureship Award, Duke University, "On Ethics and  
Incentives," November, 2001

David and Janet Brooks Trinity College Distinguished Teaching Award, 1997-  
1998

Book Award of the North American Society for Social Philosophy for best book  
in social philosophy published in 1997

Leo Strauss Award, presented by the American Political Science Association for the best doctoral dissertation completed and accepted in 1983 or 1984 in the field of political philosophy

#### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humanities Writ Large/ Bass Connections grants to support interdisciplinary research team, "The Language of Genocide and Human Rights," 2014-2015.

Russell Sage Foundation residential fellowship for 2009-2010.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies residential fellowship for 2009-2010 (declined).

Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, for conference, faculty seminar and book project, "In Search of Goodness," 2007-2009.

Arts and Sciences Council, Duke University, conference grant for "In Search of Goodness."

Provost's Common Fund Award, Duke University, for interdisciplinary faculty seminar and book project, "Speak No Evil: Moral Judgment in the Modern Age"

Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, for interdisciplinary faculty seminar and book project, "Speak No Evil: Moral Judgment in the Modern Age"

Duke University "New Beginnings" fellowship for interdisciplinary research and participation in faculty seminar, 2002-2003

H.B. Earhart Fellowship Program, sponsor for graduate student fellowships, 1993-

Jessie Ball duPont Fund grant to conduct a Summer Seminar for Liberal Arts College Faculty, "Power and Influence: The Ethics of Incentives," National Humanities Center, June 2001

Templeton Foundation grant for a freshman Focus Program seminar: "Ancient and Modern Liberty", 2000

National Humanities Center research fellowship, 1999-2000

Ford Foundation Course Development grant to develop an interdisciplinary co-taught course in political science and economics, 1998

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers, 1991-1992

Duke University Arts and Sciences Council Research Grants, annually 1988-1994, 1997

American Council of Learned Societies, Research Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the PhD, 1986-1987

#### CURRENT PROJECT

"Coverups and Exposés" - I convened an interdisciplinary group for a multi-year project to investigate the institutional dynamics of coverups and exposés, identifying patterns that persist across institutions and important differences in the ways that churches, universities, government agencies, corporations, etc. react to abuses of power within the organization. How does complicity in abuse become the norm and how can it be minimized?

Article under review at Journal of Politics: "How could they let this happen?: Cover ups, Accountability and the Complicity Problem." With Suzanne Katzenstein and Christopher Kennedy.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

Strings Attached: Untangling the Ethics of Incentives. Princeton University Press and Russell Sage Foundation, November 2011. Paperback, 2014. Spanish edition forthcoming.

Hypocrisy and Integrity: Machiavelli, Rousseau and the Ethics of Politics, University of Chicago Press, 1997. Reprinted in paperback, 1999. Chinese edition Hermes press, 2019.

John Locke's Liberalism, University of Chicago Press, 1987; Reprinted in paperback, 1991.

### Edited Volumes:

In Search of Goodness, University of Chicago Press, March 2011. Korean translation forthcoming.

Naming Evil, Judging Evil, edited by Ruth W. Grant with a foreword by Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Chicago Press, 2006.

Rousseau and the Ancients, Ruth W. Grant and Philip Stewart issue editors, published by the North American Society for the Study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 2001.

John Locke, Some Thoughts Concerning Education and Of the Conduct of the Understanding, edited with an introduction by Ruth W. Grant and Nathan Tarcov, Hackett Publishing, 1996. Reprint edition, 1998.

### Articles:

"Lying and Hypocrisy in Politics and Morality," Ethics, Politics and Society, vol. 2, 2019.

"Incentives and Praise Compared: the Ethics of Motivation," International Review of Economics, 4, 2018.

"Homo Politicus: Revisiting the Passions and the Interests," Journal of the History of Economic Thought, 2016.

- "Rethinking the Ethics of Incentives," Journal of Economic Methodology, 2016.
- "John Locke on Custom's Power, Reason's Authority," Review of Politics, Fall 2012.
- "Passions and Interests Revisited: the Psychological Foundations of Economics and Politics," Public Choice, 137 (3/4): 451-61, 2008.
- "Ethics and Incentives: A Political Approach", American Political Science Review, February, 2006.
- "Accountability and Abuses of Power in World Politics," with Robert O. Keohane, American Political Science Review, February, 2005.  
(among top 50 most frequently cited articles ever in APSR)
- Excerpt reprinted in William L. Richter and Frances Burke, Combating Corruption, Encouraging Ethics, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006).
- Reprint in Lisa Martin ed., Global Governance, the Library of Essays in International Relations, (Hampshire, UK: Ashgate, 2008)
- "Ethics in Human Subjects Research: Do Incentives Matter?" with Dr. Jeremy Sugarman, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, vol. 29, no.6 2004.
- Reprint forthcoming in "Religion, Law and Ethics," Nigeria 2017.
- "Political Theory, Political Science, and Politics," Political Theory, August, 2002.
- Reprinted in What is Political Theory? Sage Publications, 2004.
- Translated into Spanish and published in Revista de Teoria Politica, Numero Uno, November 2011.
- "The Ethics of Incentives: Historical Origins and Contemporary Understandings," Economics and Philosophy, April, 2002.
- "Language, Race and Politics: From 'Black' to 'African-American'," with Marion Orr, Politics and Society, Vol. 24, no. 2, June 1996.
- Reprinted in Adalberto Aguirre, jr. and David V. Baker eds. Sources: Notable Selections in Race and Ethnicity, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin/McGraw-Hill, 1998).
- "The Ethics of Talk: Classroom Conversation and Democratic Politics," The Teachers College Record, Vol. 97, no. 3, Spring 1996.
- "Integrity and Politics: an Alternative Reading of Rousseau," Political Theory, August 1994.
- Reprinted in Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments, John Scott ed., Vol.IV, (Routledge, NJ: Routledge Press, 2006).

"The Antifederalists, the First Congress, and the First Parties," with John H. Aldrich, Journal of Politics, May 1993.

"The Exclusionary Rule and the Meaning of Separation of Powers," Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, Vol. 14 no. 1 , Winter 1991.

"Locke's Political Anthropology and Lockean Individualism," Journal of Politics, Feb. 1988.

Reprinted in John Locke: Critical Assessments, Richard Ashcraft ed., Vol. III, Routledge Press, 1991. Reprinted in The Selected Writings of John Locke, Norton Critical Editions, Paul Sigmund, ed., W. W. Norton & co., 2005.

#### Book Chapters:

"Education," with Benjamin Hertzberg, in A Companion to Locke, Matthew Stuart, ed., Blackwell Publishing, 2016.

"Generous to a Fault: Altruism and Psychic Health," in In Search of Goodness. Ruth Grant, ed. University of Chicago Press, 2011.

"Is Humanistic Education Humanizing?," in Peter Euben and Elizabeth Kiss, eds. Debating Moral Education, Duke University Press, 2010.

"The Rousseauian Revolution and the Problem of Evil," in Ruth W. Grant ed., Naming Evil, Judging Evil, University of Chicago Press, 2006.

"Ethics and Politics: Institutional Solutions and Their Limits," in Faces of Man: the Dr. Eric Williams Memorial Lectures 1993-2004, Vol. 2, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, 2005.

"John Locke on Women and the Family," in Ian Shapiro, ed. John Locke, Two Treatises of Government and Letter Concerning Toleration, Yale University Press, 2003.

"The Madisonian Presidency," with Stephen Grant, in J. Bessette and J. Tulis eds., The Presidency in the Constitutional Order. Louisiana State University Press, 1981.

#### Book Reviews:

Ian Shapiro and Robert Adams, eds. Nomos XL: Integrity and Conscience, American Political Science Review, Sept. 1999.

Michael Walzer, Interpretation and Social Criticism, with Steven Kautz, Journal of Politics, Feb. 1988.

Book Note: David Wootton, Divine Right and Democracy, Ethics, Fall, 1987.

#### INVITED LECTURES

(see also "Honors and Awards")

Visiting Scholar, Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, 2018-2019.

Keynote speaker, "Incentives, Prizes and Praise," LUMSA University, Rome, April 2017.

Keynote speaker, "Hypocrisy and Lying in Politics and Morality" conference, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, January 2016.

Invited talks on *Strings Attached*:

University of Houston, NIH Bioethics Division, Duke Bioethics Conference, Fuqua Hospital Administrators Conference, Fuqua CHAPI conference, Locke Foundation, Raleigh Baptist Church. University of Virginia, Bookstore in Chicago, University of Chicago, Harvard, Rotterdam - keynote speaker for International Network for Economic Methods Conference, Leeds - keynote speaker for legal conference, Boston College.

"John Locke and the American Founding," University of Virginia, Feb. 2012.

"Strings Attached: Untangling the Ethics of Incentives," Stanford University Global Ethics workshop, spring 2011.

"Custom's Power, Reason's Authority: A Neglected Aspect of Locke's Thought" University of Notre Dame political theory colloquium, spring 2011.

"Strings Attached: Incentives, Ethics and Power," American University, Spring 2010.

"Strings Attached: Incentives, Ethics and Power," Rutgers University, Spring 2010.

"Custom's Power, Reason's Authority," Political Theory Workshop, University of Virginia, October 2009.

"The Power of Custom: A Neglected Aspect of Locke's Thought," Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University, March 2008.

"The Power of Custom: A Neglected Aspect of Locke's Thought," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, 2008.

"Passions and Interests Revisited: the Psychological Foundations of Economics and Politics," Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University, Nov. 2006.

"The Ethics of Incentives: a Political Approach," Riker Speaker Series, University of Rochester, March, 2006.

"The Rousseauan Revolution and the Problem of Evil," Center for Human Values, Princeton University, March, 2006.

"The Ethics of Incentives: a Political Approach," Richard Sinopoli Memorial Lecture, University of California at Davis, May 2004.

"Liberalism Against Patriarchalism: John Locke on Women and the Family" Olin Center Lecture Series, University of Chicago, Jan. 2004.

"The Ethics of Incentives: a Political Approach," Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Jan. 2004.

"Accountability and Abuses of Power in World Politics," workshop at NYU Law School, Feb. 2004.

"Power and Influence: the Ethics of Incentives," and "Machiavelli's Puzzles," Carleton College, Northfield MN, 2002.

"The Ethics of Incentives: Historical Origins and Contemporary Understandings," Triangle Area History Seminar, February, 2002.

"The Ethics of Incentives: Context and Meaning," Political Theory Colloquium and Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 2000.

"The Ethics of Incentives: Framing the Issue," National Institutes of Health, Biomedical Ethics Research Division, Jan. 2000.

"The Ethics of Incentives: Framing the Issue," Templeton Freedom Project, Duke University, 1999.

Book prize address, Hypocrisy and Integrity, Fifteenth International Social Philosophy Conference, North American Society for Social Philosophy, 1998.

"Machiavelli and the Necessity of Hypocrisy," guest speaker, Political Theory workshop, University of Chicago, 1998.

"The Ethics of Talk: Classroom Conversation and Democratic Politics," St. John's College, Annapolis, MD, Sept. 15, 1995.

"The Ethics of Talk," paper delivered at the Colloquium on the Ethics of Everyday Life, New York, April, 1994

"Preliminary Thoughts on Hypocrisy and Idealism in Politics," University of Chicago, 1989.

#### PANEL AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

"Homo Politicus: Reflections on The Passions and the Interests, conference on Albert Hirschmann, Rome, Italy, September 2014.

"Incentives in Medical Research," Rethinking the Ethics of Clinical Research, Duke University, Feb. 2012.

"Was Emile's Education a Success?" Boston College, October 2010.

Incentives for Human Subjects Research, PRIMR annual conference, Nashville, October 2009.

"The Rousseau Revolution and the Problem of Evil," APSA, Washington D.C. Sept. 2005.

"Democracy and Authority," conference on village governance, College of Administration, Jiangxi, China, July, 2005.

"Can higher education make people more ethical, or is it just as likely to corrupt ordinary goodness?" Or "Is a humanistic education humanizing?,"

Debating Moral Education, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, March 2004.

"The Dead Hand of the Past?", National Humanities Center conference, "Does the Past Have Moral Authority?", Research Triangle Park, N.C., 2002.

"Must Political Theory Be Historical?," Texas A & M annual political theory conference, March, 2002.

"Ethics and Incentives in Education," with Helen Ladd, Microeconomics Incentives Research Center conference, Duke University, December, 2001.

"The Ethics of Incentives: History and Theory," American Political Science Association (APSA), 2000.

Roundtable, "Liberal Democracy and Moral Education," Moral Education in a Diverse Society conference, Duke University, 1998.

Roundtable on Ruth Grant's Hypocrisy and Integrity, Southwest Political Science Association annual convention, 1998.

"Rousseau on the Political Psychology of Inequality," APSA, 1996.

"Rousseau's Ideal of Integrity," APSA, 1992

"Molière and Rousseau: Hypocrisy and Idealism in Politics," APSA, 1990

"The Origins of American Political Parties," Olin Center in Normative Political Economy, Duke University, 1991

"Locke's Political Anthropology and Lockean Individualism," APSA, 1985

#### CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED COLLOQUIA (selected list)

Co-organizer, conference in honor of J. Peter Euben, Duke University, Nov. 2012.

Panel discussant, Democracy on Trial, University of Chicago, October 2011 conference in honor of Jean Elshtain.

Literature and the Social Sciences, UNC Philosophy - Geoffrey Brennan convenor, annual conference, 2010- present.

Panel Discussant, Samuel Bowles, "Machiavelli's Mistake: Why Good Laws are no substitute for Good Citizens," Duke University, November 2010.

In Search of Goodness, Duke University, February, 2009. Conference organizer.

Economic Liberty and Political Freedom: Cause, Effect, or Incompatible?, Liberty Fund conference, Vancouver, 2008.

Liberty and Responsibility in Hume and Rousseau, Liberty Fund conference, San Francisco, 2007.

Liberty and Responsibility in the Films of John Ford, Liberty Fund conference, San Francisco, March 2006.

"Homo Politicus, Homo Economicus," co-convenor, Gerst Program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, April 2006

"Speak No Evil, Moral Judgment in the Modern Age," Duke University, January 2005, convenor and participant.

Capitalism and Morality, Dept. of Philosophy, UNC at Chapel Hill, April 2004

Inventing Europe, Gerst program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, April 2004, co-convenor.

Middlemarch, interdisciplinary conference:philosophy, economics, literature, political theory,UNC at Chapel Hill, 2003.

America's Ambivalent Egalitarianism, Gerst Program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, 2003, co-convenor and participant.

Religion and Modernization, Gerst Program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, 2002, co-convenor and participant.

The Ties That Bind: Community and Responsibility, Gerst Program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, 2001, co-convenor and participant.

Reason and Virtue in an Age of Opulence, Gerst Program in Politics, Economics and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, 2000, co-convenor and participant.

Liberal Cultures and Their Critics, Sawyer Seminar, National Humanities Center,1999-2000

Persuasion in International Relations, Duke University, Feb. 2000

Co-chair and organizer, "Rousseau and the Ancients," biannual conference of the Rousseau Society of North America, 1999

Seminar leader, "Moral Liberty in the Thought of Jane Austen," Liberty Fund, 1998; participant annually or biannually in similar seminars since 1988; in 2004 - "Education for Liberty in John Locke's Writings on Education"

Democratic Honor, Olin Center, University of Chicago, 1995

Colloquium on the Ethics of Everyday Life, Institute for Religion and Public Life, New York, 1992-1994

Plato and the Polis, National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar for University teachers, 1994

The Legacy of Rousseau, Olin Center, University of Chicago, 1993.

Co-convenor, "The Political Economy of the American Founding," Olin Program in Normative Political Economy, Duke University, 1991

## OTHER

Member of 2005 Duke China Election Study Group - project to standardize urban community residential committee election procedures in China - July 10-26<sup>th</sup> visit to China for election observation, conference and consultation.

## COURSES TAUGHT AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

Challenges of Leading an Ethical Life - PS107/Ethics 100  
Introduction to Political Theory - PS123  
Contemporary Political Ideologies - PS94  
Power and Influence: the Ethics of Incentives - PS200  
Modern Political Theory - PS224  
Ancient Political Theory - PS223  
Individual and Society: the Classical View - PS150 and CL123  
Political Hypocrisy and Idealism - PS242, PS200  
Politics and Tragedy - PS49s  
Principles and Politics - PS49s  
Ancient and Modern Liberty - freshman FOCUS Program PS101g  
Freedom and Responsibility, freshman FOCUS Program PS101e, Phil 104  
American Political Thought: the Founding to the Civil War - PS218  
The Debate over the Constitution - PS152  
American Political Thought and Practice, co-taught with John Aldrich - PS199  
American Political Thought and its Relevance for American  
Politics, co-taught with John Aldrich - PS299  
Economics, Society and Morality in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Thought, co-taught with Neil  
DeMarchi, Department of Economics - PS214 and Econ200s  
Rousseau, Nietzsche and the Modern Self, co-taught with Michael  
Gillespie - PS299  
Machiavelli, Rousseau and the Character of Modernity - PS322  
Locke and Liberalism -PS299  
Rousseau's Emile, Rousseau's Confessions - PS299, PS322, PS266  
Epistemology, Politics and Education: Locke and Rousseau - PS398  
Reflections on Revolution - PS266  
Plato's Dialogues - PS299  
Politics and Literature - PS268  
Persuasion in Greek Political Thought - PS690s  
Shakespeare's Politics - PS690s

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE (selected list)

### Administrative Appointments

Member, Advisory Committee on Investment Responsibility, 2013-2015

Member, Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2005-2008

Acting Director, Gerst Program in Political, Economic and Humanistic Studies,  
2004-2005

Co-director, Program for the Study of Democracy, Institutions and  
Political Economy, 2001-

Chair, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Strategic Planning Committee, 2003, 2005-06

Chair, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Faculty Advisory Council, 2001-2005

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Jan. 1996-June 1997

Chair, Task Force on Minority Recruitment to the Graduate School, 1997

#### Institutional Initiatives

Initiated the Teaching Politics Certificate Program for training political science graduate students in teaching

Initiated the Kenan Ethics Program Graduate Colloquium, an interdisciplinary group of PhD candidates working on dissertations in ethics. Co-leader of the group, 2000-01, 2006-07, 2007-08.

Initiated the Political Theory Colloquium, an interdisciplinary and interuniversity group, 1997, director until 1999, co-director, 2001-

Initiated and directed the establishment of the Perkins Library coffee shop; "The Perk"

Initiated ethics book clubs for Duke staff members under Kenan Institute auspices.

#### Selected Committee Memberships and Steering Committees

Steering Committee, PPE Program

Steering Committee, HOPE

Duke Colloquium, 2011-

Member, search committee for new director, Kenan Institute for Ethics, 2006

Member, Kenan Institute for Ethics Advisory Board, 2001- 2005

Executive Committee, Gerst Program in Political, Economic and Humanistic Studies, 1998-, Acting Director 2004-2005

Executive Committee of the Graduate School, 1997-1999, 2011-

Kenan Ethics Program Steering Committee, 1997-1999

Academic Council, 1994, 2001-2003

Arts and Sciences Council, 1993-1994

Flas Awards Committee, 1996-98

Marshall Scholarship Committee, 1989, 1990, 1993

Member and chair of numerous departmental committees

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

External Review Committee, University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, fall 2015.

Chair, Leo Strauss Award Committee of APSA, selects best dissertation in political theory, 2006.

Associate Editor, Perspectives on Politics, 2005-

Executive Committee of the Editorial Board, American Political Science Review, 2004-2007

Editorial Board, American Political Science Review, 2001-2007

Editorial Board, Journal of Politics, 1989-1993, 2005-

National Humanities Center Reviewer, 1999

Best Paper Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 1995

Committee of Visitors, Political Science Program, National Science Foundation, 1994

Program chair, Normative and Critical Theory Panels, Southern Political Science Association Meetings, 1989

National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewer/panelist

Referee for many scholarly journals and academic presses

Memberships:

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy

American Political Science Association

Politics and Literature Section, APSA

Rousseau Society of North America

Society for Practical and Professional Ethics

Conference for the Study of Political Thought

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born February 13, 1951

Married, three children

U.S. citizen