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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,  
Department of History. New York, NY  
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M.Phil.—June 1980  
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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY. Waltham, MA  
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EXPERIENCE

1997- present

Advisory Editor, *Social Science and Modern SOCIETY*

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PROFESSOR EMERITUS  
The Catholic University of America, Department of History,  
Washington, DC

2009-2015

CHAIR, Department of History  
The Catholic University of America, Department of History,  
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ORDINARY PROFESSOR  
The Catholic University of America, Department of History,  
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VISITING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE  
Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs,  
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
The Catholic University of America, Department of History,  
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Fall 1984

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
The Catholic University of America, Department of History,  
Washington, DC

Fall 1983

TEACHING FELLOW  
Harvard University, Core Curriculum, Cambridge, MA

PUBLICATIONS  
BOOKS

*Professor of Apocalypse: The Many Lives of Jacob Taubes* (Princeton University Press, May, 2022)  
(Spanish edition forthcoming from Editorial Trotta; Polish edition forthcoming from Kronos)  
<https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691170596/professor-of-apocalypse>

*Professor der Apokalypse: Die Vielen Leben des Jacob Taubes* (Jüdischer Verlag/Suhrkamp, December, 2022)  
<https://www.suhrkamp.de/buch/jerry-z-muller-professor-der-apokalypse-t-9783633543212>

*The Tyranny of Metrics* (Princeton University Press, February, 2018); paperback with a new preface, 2019; (Translations into complex Chinese, simplified Chinese, Czech, Farsi, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Turkish, forthcoming in 2024 from Fondo de Cultura Económica in Spanish as *La Tiranía de las Métricas* )

*Capitalism and the Jews* (Princeton University Press, February, 2010; softcover 2011)  
<http://press.princeton.edu/titles/9126.html>  
(Portuguese translation, 2011, Russian translation, 2011; Japanese translation, 2012)

*The Mind and the Market: Capitalism in Modern European Thought* (Knopf, 2002) (paperback published by Anchor Books in November, 2003 with subtitle *Capitalism in Western Thought*; Korean translation published 2006; Chinese translation published 2016 by Social Sciences Academic Press; Farsi translation published 2017 by Bigdol publishing; Japanese translation published 2018 by Tōyō Keizai Shinpōsha; Hebrew translation published 2019 by Sella Meir)

*Conservatism: An Anthology of Social and Political Thought From David Hume to the Present*, (Princeton University Press, 1997, hardcover and softcover; Chinese translation published 2010)

*Fritz Stern at Seventy: An Appreciation* (Washington, German Historical Institute, 1997) ed. with Marion Deshmukh

*Adam Smith in His Time and Ours: Designing the Decent Society* (The Free Press, 1993; corrected softcover edition, Princeton University Press, 1995)

*The Other God that Failed: Hans Freyer and the Deradicalization of German Conservatism*, (Princeton University Press, 1987; hardcover and softcover)

## LECTURE SERIES

“Thinking about Capitalism,” The Teaching Company, 2009 (36 lectures)  
<http://www.teach12.com/ttcx/coursedesclong2.aspx?cid=5665>

BOOKS IN  
PROGRESS

*Passing it On: Thinking Transgenerationally about Money, Time, and Purpose*

## PAPERS, SEMINARS, AND PRESENTATIONS (select)

“300 Years of Adam Smith: What the Invisible Hand Can and Cannot Do,” Las Condes Municipal Theater, Santiago, Chile, October 25, 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3vdU51A3CE>

“De Tocqueville on Commerce in America,” Ernst J. Walters, Jr. Memorial Lecture, Tocqueville Center, Furman University, Greenville, SC, October 11, 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d6hSNeF1Ow>

Lectures on Jacob Taubes, in Zurich, Antwerp, Berlin, April-May, 2023

“Adam Smith and Capitalism Today,” keynote lecture, Conference on Adam Smith and Capitalism Today, Boston College, April 13, 2023

“Professor of Apocalypse: The Many Lives of Jacob Taubes,” Interview with Michael Brenner, Leo Baeck Institute, September, 2022 Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hB1qRQbaen8>

“The Tyranny of Metrics,” LUISS, Rome, Italy, November 18, 2019

World Economic Forum, Dalian, China, July 1-3, 2019. Panels on “Populism and Central Bank Independence,” and “What If You Could Live to 150?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMhCfvOdWJ8>

“Planned Grandparenthood: On Thinking Transgenerationally,” Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA, June 18, 2019.

“Measuring, Mismeasuring and Measuring the Wrong Thing: Carl Bialik and Jerry Muller on the Use and Abuse of Data,” Conversations at the Newberry, Newberry Library, Chicago, May 23, 2019

“On Metric Fixation,” Conference on “Persons without Qualities: Metrics, Algorithms, and the Reshaping of Ourselves,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, April 12, 2019

“The Use and Abuse of Metrics in Higher Education,” California State University, Long Beach, March 28, 2019

“The Tyranny of Metrics,” Political Theory Institute, American University, Washington, DC, Feb.28, 2019

“What Americans Don’t Get about Zionism: Jewish Nationalism in Comparative Perspective,” Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University, February 21, 2019

“The Tyranny of Metrics,” Annual Governance Conference, Department of the Treasury, Oslo, Norway, January 23, 2019.

“Thinking about Metrics,” Arnold Foundation annual conference, Houston, December 12, 2018

“Our Metric Epidemic: Diagnosis and Prognosis,” Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, Notre Dame, Indiana, November 5, 2018; NDIAS seminar on *The Tyranny of Metrics*, November 6

“Perspectives on Capitalism and Inequality,” Center for Constitutional Studies, University of Western Utah, Orem, Utah, October 23, 2018

“On the History and Philosophy of Capitalism,” Interview, “The Dissenter,” September 6, 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3JS1SwUGPU>

“Capitalism in Western Thought” and “The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism,” at the Renaissance Weekend, Beaver Creek, Colorado, July 4-5, 2018.

“The Measureable and the Unmeasurable: On Performance Metrics in Business, Philanthropy, and Public Policy,” Center for Goeconomic Studies Roundtable Series in International Finance, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, June 11, 2018

“Performance Anxiety: Some Unintended Consequences of Measuring and Rewarding ‘Outcomes’ in Higher Education,” for conference on “Universities at Risk: Historical, Comparative, and Normative Perspectives,” Project in the History of Political Thought, Princeton University, April 20-21, 2018.

“Beyond Academic Disciplines and Political Ideologies: How to Read *The Wealth of Nations*,” conference on “The Wealth of Ideas: How Scholarly Books Shape the World,” Princeton University, October 27, 2017.

Seminar on “The Economy and the Family,” (with Amy Wax), Elm Institute, New Haven, CT, July 30-August 4, 2017.

Comment on Steven Pearlstein, “Fairness versus Growth: A False Choice,” Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program, George Mason University, March 30, 2017

"Hayek's Critique of Scientism and the Contemporary Misuse of Performance Metrics," Invisible Hand Seminar, Dept. of Economics, George Mason University, Feb. 25, 2017.

“Capitalism in Western Thought” and “The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism,” at the Renaissance Weekend, Sante Fe, New Mexico, February 2017.

“Perennial Dilemmas of Conservatism,” Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C., Dec. 21, 2015.

“Capitalism and the Jews Revisited,” 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture of the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., Nov. 12, 2015

Seminar on “Thinking about the Economy: Institutional, Moral and Social Dimensions,” (with Harold James), Elm Institute, New Haven, CT., August 10-14, 2015.

“Capitalism in Western Thought” and “The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism,” at the Renaissance Weekend, Jackson, Wyoming, July 2015.

“The Family and the Market,” lecture at the Ed Snider Center for Markets and Enterprise, University of Maryland, College Park, April 16, 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fh0AwJkNuYY>

“The Costs of Accountability,” Ed Snider Center for Markets and Enterprise Faculty Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, April 16, 2015.

“Capitalism and the Jews,” Lefkowitz Annual Lecture in Jewish Studies, Alfred University, Alfred, New York, October 27, 2014.

“Capitalism in Western Thought,” Renaissance Weekend, Aspen, CO, August 31, 2014.

“Social Science as the Anticipation of Unintended Consequences: Adam Smith as Public Policy Analyst,” CALFI seminar, UCLA, Los Angeles, March 1, 2014.

“Thank God for Greed: On the Use, Abuse, and Limits of Self-Interest,” CALFI Commercial Republic Project, UCLA, Los Angeles, Feb. 27, 2014.

Interview on “Joseph Schumpeter and Creative Destruction,” Late Night Live, Australian Broadcast Corporation, Feb. 20, 2014

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/latenightlive/creative-destruction/5269454>

Participant, discussion of “Pope Francis Takes on ‘Unfettered Capitalism,’” “To the Point,” radio program (NPR), December 17, 2013:

[http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/tp/tp131217pope\\_francis\\_takes\\_o](http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/tp/tp131217pope_francis_takes_o) (begins at 8:45 minutes)

“Thank God for Greed,” Charles Carroll lecture, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, Nov. 11, 2013.

“German Intellectuals in Europe, America, and Israel: An Overview,” Book launch for *Against the Grain: Jewish Intellectuals in Hard Times*, Center for Jewish History, New York City, Nov. 12, 2013.

<http://www.cjh.org/p/45> (19:40 to 52:30 minutes)

“Capitalism and Inequality: What the Right and Left Get Wrong,” Tocqueville Forum, Indiana University, Bloomington, Nov. 1, 2013.

“Adam Smith on the Use, Abuse, and Limits of Self-Interest,” Emory Williams lecture, Emory University, Atlanta, Oct. 29, 2013.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQbd\\_8krZXM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQbd_8krZXM&feature=youtu.be)

“Capitalism and the Jews,” The Stanford University Charles Michael Lecture, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, May 7, 2013.  
<http://www.3200stories.org/blog/post/loaded-jews-money-series-jerry-muller-live-from-kanbar-hall>

Interview on “Capitalism and Inequality,” Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, “The Sunday Edition with Michael Enright,” April, 28, 2013  
<http://www.cbc.ca/thesundayedition/shows/2013/04/28/muller/>

“Roundtable on Capitalism and Inequality,” Conference on “Capitalism and Political Theory,” Political Theory Institute, American University, Washington, D.C., April 5, 2013. <http://www.american.edu/spa/pti/conference.cfm> (from 12:15 to 37:00 minutes)

“Capitalism, Cultivation, and Inequality: The Good, the Bad, and the (inevitable) Ugly,” Paduano Seminar on Business Ethics, Stern School of Business, NYU, October 12, 2012.

Commentator for session on “Business and Political Elites,” Business History Conference, Philadelphia, March 31, 2012

“Capitalism and the Jews,” lectures in Jewish Community Centers in Washington, D.C.; Boulder, Co; San Diego, CA, October-November, 2010

“Economics and the Human Good,” Tikvah Project Seminar on Jewish Thought, Princeton University, August 9, 2010

“Capitalism and the Jews,” Center for Jewish Studies and Department of Economics, Harvard University, April 21, 2010

“Ethnic versus Civic Nationalism in Bi-ethnic and Multi-ethnic States,” Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Nicosia, March 18, 2009

“Capitalism is dead; long live capitalism! Capitalist crisis and resilience,” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Feb. 4, 2009

“Capitalism and Crisis: Does History Suggest Where We’re Heading?” panel at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, Jan. 12, 2009 (McKinsey Executive Roundtable Series in International Economics)  
[http://www.cfr.org/publication/18197/mckinsey\\_executive\\_roundtable\\_series\\_in\\_international\\_economics.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/18197/mckinsey_executive_roundtable_series_in_international_economics.html)

“Where is Globalization Heading?: History’s Greatest Thinkers Weigh In,” McColough Series on International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City October 25, 2006

“Pluralism and the Market: Historical Reflections from Voltaire through Hayek and Beyond,” University of Dresden, May 21, 2006

“A barely-remembered earthquake: Hobbes, Spinoza, and the intellectual landscape of western modernity,” Department of History Colloquium, Catholic University of America, December 3, 2005

“Specious Divisions: what we lose when we separate the history of philosophy, cultural critique, and political thought from religious criticism and the critique of religion,” Bradley Lecture, Boston College, September 23, 2005

“Markets and Morals,” Program in Politics and Economics, George Mason University Law School, Arlington, VA, June 24, 2005

“The Moral Effects of the Market,” conference on “Markets and Morals,” Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University, May 13, 2005

“Capitalist Dynamism and its Critics,” seminar offered at Institute of Political Science, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, October 29-30, 2004

“The Jewish Response to Capitalism,” Conference on “Jews and American Business,” Temple University, October 19, 2004

“The Moral Effects of the Market: Good Arguments from the Last Three Hundred Years,” University of Buffalo Law School, April, 2004

“Capitalism and its Critics,” IMF Book Forum, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC, September 9, 2003

“Anti-capitalism and anti-semitism,” Joseph Slifka Center, Yale University, March 4, 2003; broadcast on C-SPAN’s BOOKTV  
<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/164695-1>

#### ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, ESSAYS (select)

“Nationalism and Capitalism,” in Cathie Carmichael, Mathew D’Auria, Aviel Roshwald (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Nationhood and Nationalism*, Vol. 2 (2024), pp.523-537.

“Liberalism and Religious Freedom: From Plurality to Ideological Balkanization,” *Journal of Religion, Culture, and Democracy*, Vol. 1, no. 1, September 21, 2022  
<https://jrcd.scholasticahq.com/article/38381-liberalism-and-religious-freedom-from-plurality-to-ideological-balkanization>

“The Perils of Metric Fixation,” *Medical Teacher*, November, 2020.

“The Neosocialist Delusion,” *Foreign Affairs*, (January-February, 2020), pp.44-49.  
<https://fam.ag/2PwyKZF>

“Conservatism,” in *The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought: The Nineteenth Century* (2019) ed. Warren Breckman and Peter Gordon

“Our obsession with metrics is hurting us – and even endangering our lives,” *The Guardian*, September 8, 2018

“Why pay for measured performance so often doesn’t work,” *Aeon*, April, 2018

“The Metric God that Failed,” *Project Syndicate*, March 21, 2018  
[https://www.counterstriketv.com/uploads/3/7/7/4/37740703/the\\_metric\\_god\\_that\\_failed\\_by\\_jerry\\_z.\\_muller\\_-\\_project\\_syndicate.pdf](https://www.counterstriketv.com/uploads/3/7/7/4/37740703/the_metric_god_that_failed_by_jerry_z._muller_-_project_syndicate.pdf)

“Who needs judgment when you’ve got data? You do,” *knowledge@wharton*, March 26, 2018  
[knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/needs-judgment-youve-got-metrics](https://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/needs-judgment-youve-got-metrics)

“Government by numbers: how data is damaging our public services: Q&A: Professor Jerry Muller on why government should trust professionals and stop chasing data,” *apolitical*, Feb. 13, 2018  
[https://apolitical.co/solution\\_article/government-numbers-data-damaging-public-services/](https://apolitical.co/solution_article/government-numbers-data-damaging-public-services/)

“The Tyranny of Metrics: Author discusses new book on what he views as the dangers of an obsession with numbers in analyzing admissions, academic success, faculty productivity and more in higher education“ *InsideHigherEd.com*, Feb. 7, 2018

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/02/07/author-discusses-new-book-which-he-criticizes-use-metrics-higher-education>

“Why College for All is a Big Mistake,” (excerpt from *The Tyranny of Metrics*), *Minding the Campus*, Feb. 6, 2018

<https://www.mindingthecampus.org/2018/02/15208/>

“Why bonuses don’t work: Performance-related pay misses the point – most of us aren’t primarily motivated by money, says historian Jerry Muller,” *Management Today*, Feb. 1, 2018, <https://www.managementtoday.co.uk/why-bonuses-dont-work/any-other-business/article/1455659>

“The Tyranny of Metrics: The quest to quantify everything undermines higher education,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 21, 2018. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Tyranny-of-Metrics/242269>

“A Cure for Our Metric Fixation,” *Wall Street Journal*, January 12, 2018. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-cure-for-our-metric-fixation-1515772238>

“Capitalism and the Jews Revisited,” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* #58 (Spring, 2016), pp. 9-23. [https://www.academia.edu/26861139/CAPITALISM\\_AND\\_THE\\_JEWS\\_REVISITED\\_Capitalism](https://www.academia.edu/26861139/CAPITALISM_AND_THE_JEWS_REVISITED_Capitalism)

“The Costs of Accountability,” *The American Interest*, September-October, 2015, pp.18-31. <http://www.the-american-interest.com/2015/08/03/the-costs-of-accountability/>

“Capitalism and Inequality: What the Right and the Left Get Wrong,” *Foreign Affairs* (March-April, 2013), pp.1-21. (translations into Greek, Japanese, and Spanish, and Chinese)  
(Excerpted as “The Hard Truth about Economic Inequality that Both the Left and Right Ignore,” PBS Newshour website, April 11, 2013. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/businessdesk/2013/04/the-hard-nut-of-economic-inequ-1.html>)

“Leo Strauss: The Political Philosopher as a Young Zionist,” *Jewish Social Studies*, n.s. 17, no.1 (Fall, 2010), pp. 88-115

“Why do Jews Succeed?” *Project Syndicate*, April 1, 2010 <http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/muller2/English>  
(translations into Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, Spanish)

“Our Epistemological Depression,” *The American*, Jan. 29, 2009 <https://www.aei.org/articles/our-epistemological-depression/>

“Thinking Like Adam Smith,” *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance* Vol. 21, No.1, (Winter, 2009), pp.90-95

“Response to critics” *Foreign Affairs*, July/August, 2008

“Us and Them: The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism,” *Foreign Affairs*, March-April, 2008, pp.18-35 <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63217/jerry-z-muller/us-and-them>  
reprinted in excerpted form in Mark Kesselman (ed.), *Readings in Comparative Politics*, 2nd ed. (Boston, 2010); in full in James Hoge Jr. (ed.), *The Clash of Civilizations?: The Debate* (New York, 2010); in full in Eric Shiraev and Vladislav Zubok (ed.), *Current Debates in International Relations*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Oxford UP, 2019); translations into German, Hebrew, Italian, Slovak, Spanish

“The Democratic Threat to Capitalism,” *Daedalus*, Summer, 2007 (themed issue on “Capitalism and Democracy”), pp.77-86

“Morality and the Market,” *Project Syndicate*, November, 2003  
(appeared in various publications internationally; expanded version, “The Morality of the Market,” appeared on [techcentralstation.com](http://techcentralstation.com), Jan. 15, 2004; revised expanded version, “The Neglected Moral Benefits of the Market,” *Society*, Jan/Feb., 2006, pp.12-14; and as “Three Hundred Years of Positive Moral Effects of the Market,” in Jonathan Imber (ed.), *Markets, Morals and Religion* (Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick, NJ, 2007), pp.23-28

“Conservatism, historical aspects of,” in Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Elsevier, Oxford, 2001)

“Pluralism and the Market,” *Society*, Vol. 37, No.5 (July/August, 2000), pp.47-54

“Dilemmas of Conservatism,” *The Public Interest*, Number 139, Spring, 2000, pp.50-65

“Communism, Anti-Semitism, and the Jews,” *Commentary*, August, 1988, pp.28-39.  
(Russian translation published in *22 Moscow-Jerusalem*, #73, Sept.-Oct., 1990, pp.95-107)

#### REVIEWS (select)

Review of Glory M. Liu, *Adam Smith's America: How a Scottish Philosopher Became an Icon of American Capitalism, History of Political Economy*, 2023, pp.1000-1003.  
<https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-10773000>

Review of Jacob Soll, *Free Market: The History of an Idea*  
<https://www.adamsmithworks.org/documents/muller-soll-free-market-review>  
<https://www.adamsmithworks.org/speakings/muller-soll-inaccurate-reading-smith>

Review of *The Richest Man Who Ever Lived: The Life and Times of Jacob Fugger*, *New York Times Book Review*, August 2, 2015, p. 15.

“The Jewish Encounter with Capitalism,” review of Hasia Diner, *Roads Taken, Chronicle of Higher Education*, Feb. 23, 2015.

“Make your own Nietzsche,” *Times Literary Supplement*, June 17, 1994, p.29

“How not to read Burke,” *Times Literary Supplement*, May 20, 1994, p.10

“Four Cheers for Liberalism?” (review of Stephen Holmes, *The Anatomy of Antiliberalism*), *The Public Interest*, June, 1994, pp.114-123

“Albert Hirschman’s Rhetoric of Recrimination,” *The Public Interest*, Summer, 1991, pp.81-92

#### AWARDS and HONORS (select)

Distinguished Research Award, Catholic University, 2017

Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, Spring, 2006

*Who's Who Among American Teachers 2005*

Co-Winner, 2004 Donald Kagan Prize of the Historical Society for the Best Book in European History published in 2002-2003

Fellow, Fulbright Commission German Studies Seminar on “Challenges of Demographics,” June, 2003

*Who's Who in America* 56th ed., 2002

*The Writers Directory* (2002)

Fellow, Rockefeller Foundation Study Center, Bellagio Italy, July, 2001

Olin Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 1999

Bradley Foundation Research Grant, 1990-91



Olin Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 1987-88

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Studies in Modern Society and Values, 1985-86

Columbia University, Department of History, Shepard B. Clough  
Dissertation Prize in European History, 1984