

## MARK BLITZ

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1996 - present Fletcher Jones Professor of Political Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College. Concurrently: Director of Research (1996-2004); Chair, Department of Government, (1999-2004; 2007-2009); Director, Salvatori Center for the Study of Freedom in the Modern World (2008-2018)
- 1994 - 1996 Provost *ad Interim*, Adelphi University.
- 1989 - 1994 Vice President for Programs, Hudson Institute (1991-1994): Head of Hudson's research on education, domestic politics, and national security. Director of Political and Social Studies (1989-1991)
- 1986 - 1989 Associate Director, United States Information Agency (USIA). (The United States Government's senior official responsible for managing, coordinating, and setting policy for our international education and exchange programs.)
- 1985 - 1986 Senior Professional Staff Member, Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.
- 1983 - 1985 Director, Office of Private Sector Programs, United States Information Agency.
- 1981 - 1983 Assistant Director, ACTION (the federal government agency for volunteer programs).
- 1973 - 1981 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: Assistant Professor of Political Science (1973-1980); Director, Exxon Education Program and Lecturer in Political Science (1980-1981).

1970 - 1973 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: Henry La Barre Jayne Assistant Professor of Government and Head Tutor in Government.

Concurrently with other positions, I have also taught at Georgetown University and Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. I have been a Visiting Professor of Government at Harvard University, Spring 2001, and a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Summer, 2009, 2010. I am also currently an adjunct fellow at the Claremont Institute.

## EDUCATION

1962 - 1966 A.B. in Government, Harvard University, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

1966 - 1971 Ph.D. in Political Science, Harvard University.  
(Dissertation: Plato's *Statesman*)

## PUBLICATIONS

**Books:** *Reason and Politics: The Nature of Political Phenomena*, The University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming, March, 2021; *Heidegger's "Being and Time" and the Possibility of Political Philosophy*, new edition, with afterword, Paul Dry Books, 2017 (original edition, *Heidegger's "Being and Time" and the Possibility of Political Philosophy*, Cornell University Press, 1981); *Conserving Liberty*, Hoover Institution Press, 2011; *Plato's Political Philosophy*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010 (a Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2011); *Duty Bound: Responsibility and American Public Life*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2005; *Educating the Prince*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2000 (edited together with William Kristol, and including the first chapter, "Modern Virtue").

**Editions:** *Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil*, Leo Strauss, Course Transcript (1962), University of Chicago, edited, and with an introduction, 2019, Leo Strauss Center website. *Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil*, Leo Strauss,

Course Transcript (1971-2), St. John's College, edited (with the assistance of Jay Michael Hoffpauir and Gayle McKeen), and with an introduction, 2014, Leo Strauss Center website. Chinese translation and book publication, Hermes, 2017.

**Bibliographies:** "Plato's Political Thought," (with Jay Michael Hoffpauir) in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science* (ed. Sandy Maisel), Oxford University Press, 2016 (updated, 2019.)

**Articles and Book Chapters:** "Platonic Beginnings," in *Socrates in the Cave*, 2019 (edited by Paul J. Diduch and Michael P. Harding); "Heidegger During the War," Political Science Review, Vol 42 No 1 (2018); "Mastery of Nature and Its Limits: The Question of Heidegger," in *Mastery of Nature*, 2018 (edited by Svetozar Y. Minkov and Bernhardt L. Trout); "Beyond Original Meaning: The Task of Interpretation," in *Scalia's Constitution*, 2018 (edited by Paul E. Peterson and Michael W. McConnell); "Hegel on Peace," in *The Question of Peace in Modern Political Thought*, 2015 (edited by Toivo Koivukoski and David Edward Tabachnick); "Understanding Heidegger on Technology," The New Atlantis, Winter 2014; "Hegel and Secularism," in *Enlightenment and Secularism*, edited by Christopher Nadon, 2013; "Conservative Philistines," Defining Ideas, March 13, 2013; "Some Notes on Religion and Democratic Liberty," Krakowskie Studia Miedzynarodowe numer 2 (VIII), 2011; "We Want Our Citizens Engaged, Not Enraged," Defining Ideas, July, 2011; "What Conservatism Retains," Policy Review, June 2010; "Hegel and Progressivism," Krakowskie Studia Miedzynarodowe numer 2 (VI), 2009; "Are America's Political Principles Universal?," Perspectives on Political Science, Volume 4, 2009; "The Common Sense of Practical Knowledge," The Journal of Law, Economics & Policy, Fall, 2007; "Heidegger's Understanding of Plato" in *Socrates*, 2007 (edited by Ann Ward); "Philosophy as a Way of Life: Harvey Mansfield, An Appreciation," Humanitas, May/June, 2007 (reprinted in *The Arts of Rule*, edited by Sharon Krause and Mary Ann McGrail, 2009); "Tyranny, Ancient and Modern" in *Confronting Tyranny*, 2006 (edited by Toivo Koivukoski and David Edward

Tabachnick; a Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Title, 2006); "The Media We Deserve," The Public Interest, Spring, 2005 (reprinted in *Annual Editions: American Government*, McGraw Hill, 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> eds., ); "Liberal Education and Liberalism," The Good Society, 2004; "Leo Strauss' Understanding of Modernity," Perspectives on Political Science, Fall, 2004; "Taking Public Diplomacy Seriously," American Outlook, Spring 2004; "Responsibility and Biotechnology" (and preface to a Symposium on Biotechnology), Perspectives on Political Science, Spring, 2003 (Reprinted in ReVision, Spring, 2003); "Responsibility and Foreign Affairs" in *The Next American Century, Essays in Honor of Richard G. Lugar*, 2003 (edited by Jeffrey T. Bergner); "Basic Issues in Kant's Moral and Political Thought" (and preface to a Symposium on Kant Studies), Political Science Reviewer, 2001; "Heidegger and the Political," Political Theory, April, 2000; "Liberal Freedom and Responsibility" in *Public Morality, Civic Virtue, and the Problem of Modern Liberalism*, 2000 (edited by T. William Boxx & Gary Quinlaven); "The Statesmanship of the Gathering Storm" Churchill Proceedings (1996-7), 2000; *Plato's Republic*, (Gould Research Institute monograph), 1999; "Government Practice in the School of Strauss," in *Leo Strauss, the Straussians, and the American Regime*, 1999 (edited by John Murley and Kenneth Deutsch); "Public Philosophy," The Good Society, Spring 1998; "Responsibility and Public Service" in *Active Duty*, 1998 (edited by Peter Lawler, David Schaefer and Robert Schaefer); "Philanthropy and Public Needs," in *Giving Better, Giving Smarter*, National Commission on Philanthropy and Civic Renewal, 1997; "How To Think About Politics and Culture," Political Science Reviewer, 1996; "Heidegger and Postmodernism," Perspectives on Political Science, 1995; "Plato's *Alcibiades I*," Interpretation, Spring, 1995; "Heidegger's *Nietzsche* (Part II)", Political Science Reviewer, 1994; "Heidegger's *Nietzsche* (Part I)", Political Science Reviewer, 1993; "Strauss' Laws," Political Science Reviewer, 1991; "The Problem of Practice--Foreign Policy and the Constitution" in *Foreign Policy and the Constitution*, American Enterprise Institute Press, 1990; "Letter from America: President Bush's Foreign Policy," Government and Opposition, 1990; "The Character of Executive and Legislative Power in a

Regime Based on Natural Rights" in *The Revival of Constitutionalism*, University of Nebraska Press, 1988; "Public Diplomacy and the Private Sector" in *Public Diplomacy*, Hoover Institution Press, 1986; "Radical Historicism and the Meaning of Natural Right," Modern Age, Spring/Summer 1984; "The Habermas Phenomenon," The Public Interest, Spring 1983; "Human Rights Policy and the Doctrine of Natural Rights" in *Human Rights and American Foreign Policy*, Kenyon Public Affairs Conference Center, 1981; "The Place of the Liberal Arts," Intercollegiate Review, 1979; "A Note on the Meaning of Nature and the Question of Natural Right," ERA, 1979; "An Introduction to the Reading of Plato's *Laches*," Interpretation, 1975; "Nietzsche and Political Science," Symposium, 1974.

**Review Articles:** Recent work includes: "Happiness and Honor," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2020; "Local Democracy, Elite Preferences," Law and Liberty, June, 2020; "The Complicated Politics of Virtue," Law and Liberty, May, 2020; "Defending Liberty Through *Thick and Thin*," Law and Liberty, September, 2019; "Socrates' Failures," Claremont Review of Books, Summer, 2019; "Morality and Happiness," Claremont Review of Books, Winter 2018/19; Review of "Brill's Companion to Leo Strauss' Writings on Classical Political Thought," Polis 35 (2018); "Montesquieu: From the Harem to the French Church and Court," Law and Liberty, July 2018; "Machiavelli's Common Good," Law and Liberty, August, 2017; "Stand on Tradition," The Weekly Standard, March 20, 2017 (translated and reprinted in Portuguese in Nova Cidadania, Verao 2017); "The Port Huron Statement and Political Science: A Discussion," Perspectives on Political Science, September 2016 Vol 14/No 3; "Being and Nazism," Law and Liberty, April 25, 2016; "Future Selves," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2015; "Respectable Partisans of Modern Liberty," and "Mark Blitz Replies to His Critics," A Symposium on Harvey Mansfield's *Statesmanship and Party Government*, Law and Liberty, October, 2015; "A Marriage of Minds—Up to a Point," Law and Liberty, June 22, 2015; "An Affirmative Defense of the Liberal Tradition," Law and Liberty, February 23, 2015; "A Second Moses," The Weekly Standard, February 10, 2014; "Paradoxes of Political Toleration in Early Modern Political Thought," Perspectives

on Politics, December 2013; "To Rule and Be Ruled," Claremont Reviews of Books, Fall 2013; "The Good Life," Claremont Review of Books, Spring 2013; "In Shallow Waters," The Weekly Standard, September, 24, 2012; "American Cities and American Politics," Perspectives on Politics, September, 2012; "Hobbes Defanged," Claremont Review of Books, Spring, 2012; "Prudes, Perverts and Tyrants," Perspectives on Politics, September, 2011; "Equality and Servility," The Weekly Standard, September 20, 2010; "How to Read Plato," Claremont Review of Books, Spring, 2010; "Natural Reich," The Weekly Standard, February 8, 2010; "The Abstract Art," The Weekly Standard, January 26, 2009, "One for All," The Weekly Standard, December 22, 2008; "To See Ourselves," The Weekly Standard, June 16, 2008; "Reply to Brand and Lenzner (discussions of *Duty Bound*)," The Good Society, 16.1, 2007; "Melancholy Liberalism," The Weekly Standard, December 10, 2007; "The Broad Ground of Courage," Claremont Review of Books, Winter, 2007; "Comments on The Roots of Evil," The Good Society 15.2 (2006); "Hamilton's Virtue," The Weekly Standard, December 11, 2006; "Giving Honor Its Due," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2006; "On Plato's Terms," The Weekly Standard, June 5, 2006; "Involuntary Associations," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2005; "Forms of Government," Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, 2005; "Reading Heidegger," Claremont Review of Books, Summer, 2005; "Martin Heidegger," Encyclopedia of Science, Technology and Ethics, 2005; "The Media We Deserve," The Public Interest, Spring, 2005; "Taking Public Diplomacy Seriously," Sagamore Institute, May, 2005; "From the Top," Claremont Review of Books, Winter, 2004; "Life, Liberty and the Defense of Human Nature," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2003; "At Homer's Diner," The Weekly Standard, April 7, 2003 (reprinted in *The Eccentric Core: The Thought of Seth Benardete* ed. by Ronna Burger and Patrick Goodin, St. Augustine's Press, 2018); "The Political Responsibility of Intellectuals," Claremont Review of Books, Fall, 2002; "Kaplan's War," The National Interest, Spring, 2002; "Public Interest" in the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2001; "Understanding Heidegger," The Public Interest, September, 2001

**Conference Papers and Lectures** (selected): Recent work includes: “Persuasion and the Nature of Politics”, Clemson University, February, 2020; “Confucius,” Hillsdale College, September, 2019; “What is Popular Sovereignty?,” Ohio University, March, 2019; “Aristotle on Democracy,” The Hoover Institution, 2018; “The Theoretical Origins of American Liberalism,” The Hoover Institution, 2018; “Jefferson’s Notes on the State of Virginia,” Newberry Library, 2018; “Leo Strauss on Friedrich Nietzsche,” The University of Chicago, 2017; Roundtable on Thomas West, *The Political Theory of the American Founding*, American Political Science Association Convention, 2017; “The Declaration of Independence,” Newberry Library, 2017; “Natural Limits and the Origin of Basic Concepts,” Harvard University, 2016; “Antonin Scalia and Education,” Harvard University, 2016; “Heidegger and the Mastery of Nature,” MIT, 2016; “The Relevance of Plato: *The Republic*,” Thomas Aquinas College, 2015; “Can Liberty Be Conserved?,” Notre Dame University, 2015; “Plato: Happiness and the Common Good,” Utah State University, 2015; “Conserving Liberty,” California State University at San Bernardino, 2014; “Politics and Responsibility,” American University, 2014; “The Purpose of Foreign Policy,” University of Virginia, 2014; “Conserving Liberty,” Claremont Graduate University, 2013; “Liberty and Conservatism,” Linfield College, 2013; “The Achievement of Harvey Mansfield,” Hudson Institute, 2012; “Conserving Liberty,” University of Alaska, Anchorage, 2012; “Understanding The Declaration of Independence,” “John Locke,” Jack Miller Center, 2012; “Fathers and Sons in Plato,” Brigham Young University, 2011; “Beauty: Plato’s *Greater Hippias*,” Harvard University, 2011; “Responsibility and Conservatism,” Hoover Institution, 2009, 2010; “Hume and Liberalism,” Jack Miller Center, 2010; “Can America’s Founding Principles Be Exported?” Christopher Newport College, 2009; “Heidegger and Plato,” Siemens Foundation, 2008; “Duty Bound: Responsibility and American Public Life”: Author Meets Critics Panel, New England Political Science Association Meeting, Spring, 2006; “Churchill on America,” Library of Congress conference, 2004; “Responsibility and Technology,” Ethics and Public Policy Center, 2003; “Locke’s Doctrine of

Human Action," American Political Science Association Convention, 2002; "Churchill's River War and the Nature of War," American Political Science Association Convention, 2002; "Responsibility and Biotechnology," Salvatori Center, (Claremont McKenna College), conference on Biotechnology, 2002; "Hegel and Progressivism" Salvatori Center Conference on Progressivism, 2000; "Strauss and Modernity" American Political Science Association Convention, 1999; "Heidegger and the Political," American Political Science Association, 1997; Responsible Gridlock: Policy Making in the Reagan Era and Beyond, Brandeis University, 1996; "What Is Living and What Is Dead in Communitarianism," American Political Science Association Convention, 1996; "Freedom, Ancient and Modern," 25th Anniversary Conference of the Salvatori Center, 1996; "Modern Virtues," American Political Science Association Convention, 1994; "Responsible Self Interest and the Common Good," Kenyon College, January 1994; "Self Interest and Responsibility," (paper delivered at Harvard University, October, 1993); "Politics in Heidegger's Later Works" Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, April, 1993

## **AWARDS**

American Political Science Association Award for Outstanding Teaching (2008), Crocker Award for Merit, Claremont McKenna College (2007); Phi Beta Kappa; Earhart Foundation Fellowships; NDEA Title IV Fellowship; Harvard University scholarships; three-time nominee, Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Pennsylvania; various awards for work in international education exchange.

## **BOARDS**

Current: Society of Scholars, James Madison Program, Princeton University; Children's Education Center of Claremont; Delba Winthrop Prize committee; Board of Editors, Political Science Reviewer

Past: J. William Fulbright Board of Foreign Scholarships, United States Government (GHW Bush Administration); Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education,



Department of Education (GHW Bush Administration);  
Interpretation

Other Service and Academic Activity: Book Reviewer for Choice, the journal of the American Library Association, 2013 ff.; Reviewer, *Resources for College Libraries*, Political Science Bibliography, Summer, 2019; Hudson Scholars Program; Hertog Program; Claremont Institute, Publius Fellows and Lincoln Scholars Program; Jack Miller Program; Site Reviewer for the Foundation for Constitutional Government; Interview on The American Mind (with Charles Kesler) on *Conserving Liberty*; Interviews on Conversations with Bill Kristol (with William Kristol) on central authors in political philosophy, and on liberty and natural rights; Claremont Graduate University, Extended Faculty; Claremont Institute, Fellow

**PERSONAL**

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