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**Current Academic Rank:** Professor, Political Science Department  
**Primary Department:** Political Science  
**Secondary or Joint Appointments:** Philosophy  
**Citizenship:** USA

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Institutional:**

Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Political Theory and Philosophy), Ph.D. thesis:  
*Fact and Value in Social Analysis*

M.A., University of Florida (International Relations), MA thesis: *The Korean War Prisoner Exchange*

B.A., University of Florida (Political Science)

**EXPERIENCE**

**Academic:**

Dade Junior College, 1961-62

Syracuse University, Political Science Department  
Assistant Professor, 1965-71  
Associate Professor with tenure, 1971-74  
Professor with tenure, 1974-2004

Chair, Political Science Department, Syracuse University, 1985-89

Co-Director, fall, 1994 - 2004, Executive Director (2000-2001) - Syracuse Consortium for the Cultural Foundations of Medicine - member 1984-2004

Member, University Hospital Ethics Committee, Syracuse, NY, 1996-2004

Proposed and coordinated the organization of the Syracuse University Study Abroad Program in Madrid, and served as one of the first resident chairs (in my second year teaching in the Program, 1972-74)

Chair and organizer (1984-2004) of two Syracuse University programs in London: Politics and Media in England (an undergraduate seminar with British leaders followed by student internships in British organizations) and Graduate Internships in Politics, News, and Public Policy (a graduate seminar with research projects and internships) -- both programs in London each summer.

Chair, Political Science Department, University of Miami, January 2005 – August 15, 2011

Member of the UM Ethics Faculty

Chair and organizer of a summer Study Abroad Program in London for the University of Miami centered on political moralities, "Security, Globalization, and Human Rights: Ideals and Realities." Debut summer (2008) was very successful. (Documents on the program can be provided.) Continuing.

### **Non-Academic:**

Vice President and member of the Board of Directors, and member of the organizing committee, Institute for Ethics in Health Care (a nonprofit organization), Syracuse, NY, 1995 - 2005 (we began our two-year course of studies in fall, 2000)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Juried or Refereed Journal Articles and Exhibitions:**

Andrew M. Greeley and Fred Frohock with Esben Gerhauge, "Religion and Politics in America," in World Religion in America (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009) – a rewrite of Greeley's article, with research assistance from Gerhauge, at the request of the book's editors

"Human Rights and Research on Inchoate Life: An Emerging Set of Limits for Rights Vocabularies?" Human Rights Quarterly 30 (2008), 959-983.

"An Alternative Model of Political Reasoning," Ethical Theory and Moral Practice (February 2006)

"Sacred Texts," Religion 33 (January 2003), pp. 1-21

"Moving Lines and Variable Criteria: Differences/Connections Between Allopathic and Alternative Medicine," invited article as end piece in the September 2002 issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science devoted to alternative medicine

"Words and Things: Religious and Political Domains," The Journal of Religion (July, 2002)

"The Free Exercise of Religion: Lukumí and Animal Sacrifice," Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies Occasional Paper Series, University of Miami (November 2001)

"The Boundaries of Public Reason," American Political Science Review (Dec. 1997)

"Conceptions of Persons," Social Theory and Practice (Spring 1997)

"Liberal Maps of Consent," Polity (Winter 1989)

"Reasoning and Intractability," in Kriesberg, ed., Intractable Conflicts (Syracuse U. Press, 1989)

"Representational Rationality," Occasional Paper Series, Center for the Study of Citizenship, Maxwell School, Syracuse University (1985)

"Arithmetic vs. Morality: Liberalism in Collective Choice Theory," Syracuse Scholar (Spring 1985)

"Liberty, Economics, and Evidence"(with David Sylvan), Political Studies (December 1983)

"Rationality, Morality, and Impossibility Theorems," American Political Science Review (June 1980)

"The Cognitivist and Noncognitivist Theories of Evaluation," and my "Reply to Oppenheim," 1975 APSA convention paper, published in Maria Falco, ed., Through the Looking Glass: Epistemology and the Conduct of Inquiry - An Anthology (University Press, 1979).

"The Structure of 'Politics'," American Political Science Review (Sept 1978)

"Systems Theory and Structural-Functional Analysis," in Donald Freeman, ed., An Introduction to the Science of Politics (Free Press, 1978)

"Individuals and Aggregates: The Generalization Argument Reconsidered," Social Theory and Practice (Spring 1976)

"Notes on the Concept of Politics: Weber, Easton, Strauss," Journal of Politics (May 1974)

"Reasoning in Politics," Journal of Politics (November 1972)

"Ethics and Politics," Review Article -- Polity (Summer 1972)

"The History of Political Theory and Contemporary Political Science," Bucknell Review (Winter 1969)

"The Young Ones," a short story (fiction) published in Peninsula (the literary journal at the University of Florida), winter issue, 1956 – the author's freshman year

### **Selected Journalism**

"Religion has always been a poor guide to meaning," Syracuse Post Standard (March 12, 2002)

"People of faith must be wary of government-religion partnership," Syracuse Herald American (August 5, 2001)

"SU Athletic Department is in need of 'getting a life'," Syracuse Post Standard (November 27, 1999)

"Reasoning Can Lead to War," Syracuse Post Standard (February 1, 1991)

"The State vs. Christian Science," Syracuse Post Standard (December 13, 1990)

"Divorce Case Asks : Who Owns the Dawn of Life?," Syracuse Herald Journal (August 20, 1989)

"Abortion: Neutral Data to One Side is Bias to the Other," Syracuse University Record (1988)

"Baby M Agreement Has Flaws," Syracuse Post Standard (January 23, 1987)

"Should Treatment Continue If There Is No Hope For Success?" Medical Ethics for the Physician (October 1987)

"Private Lives Must Not Be A Campaign Issue," U.S.A. Today (op ed column on Gary Hart's withdrawal) (May 11, 1987)

"Baby Jane Doe - There Are No Simple Answers," Hartford Courant (April 1986)

"The Government and Baby Jane Doe," St. Louis Post Dispatch (a shorter version of the Hartford Courant piece) (April 4, 1986)

Miami Herald correspondent on the University of Florida campus while an undergraduate -- published numerous articles in the Herald on campus politics and life at UF, 1956-1960 awarded the St. Petersburg Times Trophy for Best University student correspondent in the state of Florida, on June 9, 1958

Weekly columnist for the Florida Alligator, the University of Florida student newspaper, 1958-60, while an undergraduate

#### **Referred Works Accepted for Publication:**

#### **Working Manuscripts:**

"Moral Inflections Freestanding Political Languages"

"Slouching Toward Realpolitik: Public Reason as Political Morality" (22,632 word paper scheduled for presentation at the APSA meetings in New Orleans 2012 – the meetings were of course canceled by Hurricane Isaac but my paper was received on the system in time for distribution by APSA to members, meaning that the paper has been downloaded as if it is a published paper.

"Theory into Practice: Realpolitik as Political Morality" – paper presented at the ISA meetings in New Orleans.

"Conditions and Frames in Global Communication" – a working paper, accepted for the April 2012 ISA meetings but I contracted the flu and had to withdraw

#### **Books and Monographs Published:**

**Beyond: On Life After Death** (University Press of Kansas, 2010) -- selected by *Choice* as an Outstanding Academic Book, 2010

*Bounded Divinities: Sacred Discourses in Pluralist Democracies* (Palgrave Macmillan, September 2006)

*Lives of the Psychics: The Shared Worlds of Science and Mysticism* (University of Chicago Press, June 2000)

*Public Reason: Mediated Authority in the Liberal State* (Cornell University Press, fall 1999)

*Healing Powers: Alternative Medicine, Spiritual Communities, and the State* Morality and Society Series (University of Chicago Press, fall 1992) -- paperback edition published in 1995

*Rational Association* (Syracuse University Press, spring 1987)

*Special Care: Medical Decisions at the Beginning of Life* (University of Chicago Press, fall 1986)

*Abortion: A Case Study in Law and Morals* (Greenwood-Praeger Press, 1983; paper edition, 1985) -- selected by *Choice* as an Outstanding Academic Book, 1984

*Public Policy: Scope and Logic* (Prentice-Hall, 1979)

*Normative Political Theory* (Prentice-Hall Foundation Series, 1974)

*The Nature of Political Inquiry* (Dorsey, 1967)

#### **Book Reviews:**

"How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Global System," review of Democracy Beyond Borders: Justice and Representation in Global Institutions by Andrew Kuper, International Studies Review 8 (March 2006), 93-96

"Hard Times and Innovative Theory," review of Desolation and Enlightenment: Political Knowledge After Total War, Totalitarianism, and the Holocaust by Ira Katznelson, International Studies Review (March, 2004)

A Politics of the Ordinary by Thomas L. Dumm, American Political Science Review (March 2002)

Abortion: The Supreme Court Decisions, edited, with an Introduction by Ian Shapiro, Journal of Church and State Volume 39, No. 2 (spring 1997), pp. 375-6

Political Philosophy and the Human Soul: Essays in Honor of Allan Bloom ed. by Michael Palmer and Thomas L. Pangle, American Political Science Review (September 1996)

Healing Traditions: Alternative Medicine and the Health Professions by Bonnie Blair O'Connor, Contemporary Sociology (July 1996)

Psychosis and Power: Threats to Democracy in the Self and the Group by James Glass, Journal of Politics (May 1996)

Explaining Political Disagreement by Andrew Mason, American Political Science Review (December 1994)

Abortion Decisions of the Supreme Court, 1973 through 1989 by Dan Drucker, Journal of Church and State (summer 1991)

Euthanasia and the Newborn: Conflict Regarding Saving Lives by Richard McMillan, Tristram Engelhardt, and Stuart Spicker, eds., Ethics (April 1989)

Preserving Life: Public Policy and the Life Not Worth Living by Richard Sherlock, Hastings Center Report (December 1988)

Mixed Blessings: Intensive Care for Newborns by Jeanne Guillemin and Lynda Holmstrom, Bioethics (October 1988)

A History and Theory of Informed Consent by Tom L. Beauchamp and Ruth R. Faden, American Political Science Review (March 1988)

Life Choices by Howard Levine, The Philadelphia Inquirer (October 26, 1986)

State Apparatus by Gordon Clark and Michael Dear, Annals of the Association of American Geographers (December 1985)

Karl Popper, by Anthony O'Hear, American Political Science Review (June 1981)

Naturalism and Social Science: A Post-Empiricist Philosophy of Social Science, by David Thomas, Journal of Politics (May 1981) Reviewer and consultant for Choice, 1978 – a number of reviews over a few brief years

### **Other Works, Publications and Abstracts:**

#### **Miscellaneous**

Pathways to Eden – a novel of roughly 135,000 words that will likely be published this year (2015)

"A Values-Oriented Approach to Teaching in the Social Sciences," presented at the Conference on Critical Thinking and the Formation of Values, Chicago, November 15-18, 1984.

"Why Civic Literacy is Not the Same Thing as Good Citizenship (or: Reflections on the Maxwell Conference at Lake Meadows Inn, Nov. 4-5, 1982)," published in *Anteus Review*, an educational newsletter, Bernard Murchland, ed.

#### **Commissioned**

"Alex Tanous Life Research Project," August 1997 -- a year-long research project with Polly Bennell (a writer and filmmaker) to expand the information base on the life and work of Alex Tanous, a psychic, by conducting interviews (in the framework of an oral history) with those who knew Tanous -- data and reports filed with the Alex Tanous Foundation

"Courage Award Nominees - 1990" (managed with Roger Sharp) -- Courage Foundation

"Political Courage and the Public Interest: 1989 Courage Award Winners" (with Roger Sharp) -- Courage Foundation

"Courage and the Public Service" (with Roger Sharp) -- Courage Foundation (1986)

## **PROFESSIONAL**

### **Editorial Boards:**

Culture and Politics: An International Journal of Theory 2006 - present

Social Theory and Practice, 1978 – 2005

### **Professional and Honorary Organizations:**

Member of the University Hospital Ethics Committee in Syracuse, NY, 1996-2004

Co-Director, Syracuse University Maxwell Speakers Colloquium (with Joseph Levine, historian), 1993 – until the Colloquium's demise from natural causes

Core Member of Maxwell School's Center for the Study of Citizenship, 1983- 1990

Theta Alpha Kappa (National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology), 2002

Human Subjects Committee (an IRB committee), Crouse-Irving Hospital, 1986-88  
Organizer and chair, "Ethics and Politics" colloquium (that included William Riker as a presenter), April 20-21, 1978, Maxwell School

Chair/ organizer, Political Philosophy Major, Syracuse University, 1975-77, co-chair 1977-1995

Syracuse University Honors Council, 1967-68, 1970-71, 1984-86

Democratic Party Committeeperson, 6th Ward, 24th District, Camillus, N.Y., 1980-84

Colloquium Director, "The Nature of Social Man," 1967-68 (organized series of lectures on ethology and social theory), Syracuse University

### **Honors and Awards:**

Syracuse University Chancellor's Citation for Exceptional Academic Achievement, awarded February 25, 2002

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship -- for research on non-standard views of health and healing, 1988

Social Science Research Council Training Fellowship, 1968-69, to study analytic philosophy and its relevance to political theory (in London)

Social Science Research Council Fellowship, 1964-65 (dissertation year)

University of North Carolina Departmental Teaching Fellowship 1964-65 (declined to accept S.S.R.C. award above)

St. Petersburg Times Trophy, June 9, 1958, award for outstanding campus correspondent of daily newspapers in Florida (while an undergraduate at the University of Florida)

**Listings:**

Contemporary Authors

Marquise Who's Who

**Other Professional Activities (e.g., papers presented, performances, conference proceedings, seminar or conference panel member, catalogue work, etc.):**

Presentation of paper at Midwest POL meetings, Chicago, April 2013, "Slouching Toward Realpolitik: Public Reason as Political Morality"

Interview centered on Beyond: On Life After Death, National Public Radio, WLRN, "Topical Currents," Miami, FL, November 29, 2010

Readings from Beyond and my unpublished fiction followed by a discussion, USpeak: Open Verse and Short Story Performance Series, sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program, UM campus, Coral Gables, FL, November 12, 2010

Book signing and presentation, Beyond: On Life After Death, Books and Books, Coral Gables, FL, October 3, 2010

"Theory into Practice: *Realpolitik* as Political Morality," paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 19, 2010

Panel discussant on "Religion and Violence," with printed comments circulated, at a two-day symposium at the University of Miami and Florida International University, **Milton Alive at 300: *Samson Agonistes* and Religious Violence**, February 26 and 27, 2009

Chair and organizer of a panel discussion, "A Retrospective Look at Bioethics from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Association for Politics / Life Sciences annual meeting, October 11-13, 2007, Cincinnati, Oh

Speaker at a Conference, "Human Rights for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," May 11-13, 2007, New York City. Paper title: "Human Rights and Stem Cell research: An Emerging Set of Limits for Rights Vocabularies?"

"Public Reason as Reason-of-State," paper presented at the annual national meeting of the Midwest Political Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, Illinois

Two invited lectures at the New School Graduate Program in International Affairs, NYC: March 12, 2007: "Secular and Sacred Forms of Political Reason," and March 14, 2007: "Bioethical Issues"

"Perspectives" – local PBS radio interview on religion and politics (aired on February 25, 2007, Miami, FL)

Roundtable podcast discussion of Malcolm Gladwell's book, Blink, following his earlier (9/6/06) Convocation speech, September 8, 2006, University of Miami

"Perspectives" – PBS panel on the politics of South Florida (September 4, 2006, Miami, FL) – with Maurice Ferre (former mayor, Miami) and Tom Fiedler, then Miami Herald executive editor

"A Method for Adjudicating Bioethical Disputes," paper presented at the annual meeting of Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, October 25-26, 2006, The Indiana Memorial Union Hotel, Bloomington, Indiana

One of 20 invited participants from the United States in the Esalen Institute's "Toward an Integral Epistemology" conference at the Institute's Center for Theory and Research (Big Sur, California, Dec 11-16, 2005) -- I presented some of my current research for discussion as part of the proceedings

"Modeling Public Reason," paper presented at a UM philosophy consortium (April 22, 2005) and, in an earlier version,

"An Alternative Model of Political Reason," as a lecture to the Miami International Relations Theory Group, University of Miami (April 23, 2004)

"Looking for Truth in all the Wrong Places," talk to the United Church, Syracuse, NY (October 5, 2003)

"Political Dimensions of the Controversy," speaker at the Tenth Annual President's Symposium, "The Hype, Horror, and Hope of Stem Cell Research," Upstate Medical University (October 9, 2002)

"Words and Things," presentation of paper in Syracuse University Religion Department colloquium (January 24, 2002)

"Religion as a Medical Variable," University of Miami Medical School, Miami, FL (April 27, 2001) - *roughly* the same paper presented later to the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Charleston, South Carolina (October 18-21)

"Words and Things: Religious and Political Domains," Miami Theory Group, School of International Studies, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL (January 26, 2001) - early version of a paper later accepted in The Journal of Religion

"The Free Exercise of Religion: Santería and Animal Sacrifice," PROLA (Programs and Research on Latin America and the Caribbean), Global Affairs Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University (November 30, 2000) - early draft of monograph later published in Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies Occasional Paper Series, University of Miami

"Playing God with Bioethics," Crouse Hospital Ethics Committee Forum, Marley Education Center, Syracuse, New York (September 14, 2000) - early draft of talk "Religion as a Medical Variable"

"The State, the Practitioners, and the Patients," principal speaker at the Conference on Alternative Approaches to Healing, the Sixth Annual President's Ethics Symposium, State University of New York Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY (October 14, 1998)

Co-chair of a seminar on the legal/ political issues in abortion, second national Conference of the Common Ground Network for Life and Choice, Syracuse, NY (May 14-17, 1998)

Chair, and presenter of two papers ("An Overview of the Social and Legal Dilemmas of Scientific Medicine and Alternative Care" and "Physician Assisted Suicide"), and leader of one workshop ("Finding the Mix in Mysticism and Medicine"), at conference on "Trends in Women's Health Care," Telluride, Colorado (April 5-8, 1998)

"After the Supreme Court Decision on Physician Assisted Suicide: Where Do We Go From Here," as moderator (New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco and Dr. Timothy Quill as principal speakers) for a day-long conference sponsored by Hospice of CNY, Syracuse, NY (October 9, 1997)

"Looking for Truth in All the Right Places: Research Agendas in a Multicultural World," Maxwell School's convocation for new graduate students (August 25, 1997)

"Coping With the Costs of Conflict in Health Care," as summary speaker at a day-long symposium sponsored by The Institute for Advanced Conflict and Resolution Skills, and The Institute for Ethics in Health Care, Syracuse, NY (March 22, 1997)

"Faith and Healing," as principal speaker at the New York Conference of Seventh Day Adventists (a New York State meeting of health care professionals), Syracuse, NY (February 2, 1997)

"Reasoning in Ethics Consultations," at the Ethics Retreat for the University Hospital Ethics Committee, Syracuse, NY (March 27 1996)

Discussion of *Healing Powers* in the "Faith and Values Forum" at the SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY (January 23, 1996)

"Ending Life: All Things Considered," in an Ethics Symposium, "The Art of Healing When Death is Near: Reflections on Our Roles and Responsibilities," SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY (October 19, 1994)

Panel discussion of *Healing Powers* and other books in the "Morality and Society Series," University of Chicago Press, Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association (August 1992)

"Ontology and Individual Identity," Psychiatric Grand Rounds, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY (November 29, 1990)

"Religion and Medicine," Pediatric Grand Rounds, University Hospital, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY (October 15, 1990)

"Scarce Resources for the Very Young," Lourie Memorial Symposium, Syracuse University, April 12, 1989 (on panel with Peter Black and Daniel Callahan)

Colloquium on political economy, "Two Patterns of Reasoning," Olin Foundation Series, Duke University (March 28, 1989)

Colloquium for faculty, "Background Concepts in Political Discourse," and public lecture, "Consent and Authority in Liberalism"-- University of Rochester (October 26, 1988)

"Reasoning in Medical Practices," Pediatric Grand Rounds, Johns Hopkins Medical School (October 14, 1987)

"Consent, Liberty, and Paternalism," Thursday Morning Roundtable, Syracuse, NY (May 1987)

Discussant, *Accord* panel on abortion, Syracuse University (April 15, 1987)

Various television appearances to discuss medical ethics, e.g., "The Fairfield Exchange", Norwalk, CT (November 19, 1986)

"Rights vs. Harm in Neonatal Therapy Decisions," Pediatric Grand Rounds, Crouse-Irving Hospital, Syracuse, NY (September 15, 1985)

"Therapy Decisions in Neonatal Intensive Care Nurseries," Regional Perinatal Symposium, Marriott Inn, Syracuse, NY (September 20, 1985)

"Law vs. Medicine: How Rights Distort Therapy Decisions," University Hospital, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse (NY, May 17, 1985)

Chair, *Directions*, Tulane University (March 1985) -- a panel discussion of bioethical issues

"Political Theorizing," Conference on Frontiers of Applied Political Science, Arizona State University (March 24-26, 1980)

## TEACHING

### *Courses Taught*

#### **Undergraduate**

God, Science, and Politics (has been cross listed with UM Law School)

Philosophy of Law

Scope and Logic (selected topics)

Political Argument and Reasoning

Political Fiction and Film

Introduction to Political Theory

Bioethics and Politics

The Rule of Law in Democratic Practices

Sacred Evidence

Bioethics, Religion, and Politics

Ideals and Realities: Bioethics, Religion and Politics

Democracy: Theory and Practice

National Security (with Louis Rueda)

#### **Graduate**

Rawls and Political Philosophy

Logic of Political Inquiry

Contemporary Normative Theory

Formal Theories of Decision

Healing Practices

Religion and Politics

Ethics and the Health Professions

Rational Discourses

Program in Medical Humanities at SUNY Upstate Medical University (Syracuse, N.Y.) -- taught series of tutorials in ethics for medical students, 1985 - 1994, plus panel on abortion 1987-89

Program of Studies in the Institute for Ethics in Health Care (2000 – 2004)

**Thesis and Dissertation Advising/Post-doctoral student supervision (chairman or committee member; topic; student name; date):**

Many at Syracuse University over my career – the latest a member of a philosophy dissertation committee on religion and politics – I was part of the successful oral defense last summer, 2007, via a conference call (that seemed to last forever)

(Spring 2009 graduation) - UM Honors Thesis – Brittany Bussola, Philosophy major – *“Can just war doctrines be extended in whole, in part, or not all to a contemporary terrorism?”*

**SERVICE**

**Committees and Administrative Responsibilities:**

At UM, in addition to POL Department Chair, I chaired every search committee for four years of my current tenure as chair, and chaired all of the faculty evaluation, tenure and promotion committees until the 2009-10 academic year -- when Marx's division of labor seemed possible and I appointed Jon West to head a subcommittee for the promotion of a senior colleague (though of course I attended all subcommittee meetings and wrote the final recommendation to be sent to the CAS Dean).

I have taught (gratis) a Model Class for parents and students in the Singer Scholarship recruiting weekends on the UM campus in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. I am also a frequent (twice each fall term) guest speaker/participant in the “Books that Matter” course for Singer/Foote Scholarship students – most recently, to discuss my latest book, **Beyond: On Life After Death**.

I was the point person in orchestrating the move of the Political Science Department from SBA to the College of Arts and Sciences in 2007, from extended discussions within the Department to the Department vote in March 2007, the presentation at the SBA School Council, September 19, the Arts and Sciences School Council, October 15, guest observer and one-question respondent at meetings of the A&S faculty and General Welfare Committee, silent observer and even quieter secular celebrant at the final vote in the Faculty Senate, ETC.

Member of UM Ethics faculty

Member of UM Faculty Senate and Chair (2008-9) of the Senate Academic Standards Committee (which required preparing a report on the current (2008-9) UM freshman class)

Member of joint POL – INS committee to discuss / negotiate a merger of the two departments (2008-2011)

Chair of a committee to make proposals for a restructuring of the UM General Honors Program (2009-2011)

**Recent Community Activities:**

UM Lecture Series on UM campus, "The Evidence for Life After Death," November 18, 2009

Introduced the film and moderated a discussion at a preview screening for University of Miami faculty/students of "Lions for Lambs," AMC Theaters, Sunset Place, Coral Gables, FL, Oct 15, 2007

Café Conversations (UM student group – Council for Democracy) "The Politics of Life, Death, and the After Life," February 9, 2005

And MANY informal but I think deeply intellectual discussions on the UM campus