

CURRICULUM VITA

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Education

D. Phil, Modern History (History of Science), University of Oxford
B.A. *summa cum laude*, History and Science, Harvard University

Select Harvard Appointments

Franklin L. Ford Professor for the History of Science (since 2014)
Acting Dean of Undergraduate Education, Harvard College (2022-2023)
Faculty Dean, Pforzheimer House, Harvard University. (2013-2023)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University (2011-2023)
Chair, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University (2006-2010)
Co-Director of the Harvard University Mind/Brain/Behavior Interfaculty Initiative (1996-2002)

Select Recent Fellowships and Awards

January, 2020: Visiting Fellow, Sage Center for the Study of the Mind, University of California
April 2018-August 2018: Marie Curie Fellow, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, Germany
April-August 2011: Senior Fellow, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, England.
2010: The Carlson Award, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, "in recognition of contributions to the history of psychiatry and the neurosciences."
2009: Walter Channing Cabot Fellowship "for distinguished accomplishments in the fields of literature, history, or art."

Publications

In preparation

1. *Coma, Drugs, Split-Brains and Octopi: Science in Search of Consciousness* [book in progress]
2. "The Burdens of the Miraculous: Insights from a Medical Archive at the Healing Shrine of Lourdes" [article in final preparation]

Books

1. *Mind Fixers: Psychiatry's Troubled Search for the Biology of Mental Illness*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2019.
2. *The Cure within: A History of Mind-Body Medicine*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2009.
3. *Reenchanted Science: Holism in German Culture from Wilhelm II to Hitler*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1996 [in German, 2002].
4. *Medicine, Mind and the Double Brain: A Study in Nineteenth Century Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987

Edited Books

1. *The Dalai Lama at MIT*, with Arthur Zajonc. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.
2. *Visions of Compassion: Western Scientists and Tibetan Buddhists Examine Human Nature*, with Richard Davidson. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
3. *The Placebo Effect: An Interdisciplinary Exploration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997.
4. *Unity of Knowledge: The Convergence of Natural and Human Science*, ed. with A.R. Damasio, J. Kagan, B. McEwen, H. Moss, R. Shaikh. New York, NY: The New York Academy of Sciences, 2001
5. *So Human a Brain: Knowledge and Values in the Neurosciences*. Boston: Birkhäuser Boston, 1992

Articles and book chapters

1. "Mental Health's Stalled (Biological) Revolution: Its Origins, Aftermath & Future Opportunities." *Dædalus* 152.4 (2023): 166-185.
2. "Prayer and Placebo in Scientific Research" *Spiritual Healing : Science, Meaning, and Discernment*, edited by Sarah Coakley, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2020. ProQuest Ebook Central,
3. "Mother Love and Mental Illness: An Emotional History," *Osiris*, 2016, 31: 1–22
4. "Zen, Suzuki, and the Art of Psychotherapy," *Science and Religion: East and West*, ed. Yiftach J.H. Fehige, New York: Routledge, 2016, pp. 48-69.
5. "Hypnosis and meditation: what about trance?" *Hypnosis and meditation: Towards an integrative science of conscious planes*, eds. Michael Lifshitz and Amir Raz. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 19-30.
6. "When mindfulness is therapy: Ethical qualms, historical perspectives" [with J.Dunne] *American Psychologist* 70.7 (2015): 621-631.
7. "The Fall of the Schizophrenogenic Mother: Do we Really Know the Story?" *The Lancet*, 379 nr. 9823 (April, 2012) : 1292 – 1293.
8. "The Placebo Effect: What's Interesting for Scholars of Religion?" *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. 46 (2011): 265–280.
9. "Towards a History of the Brain and Behavioral Sciences: Themes and Provocations," in *The Cambridge History of Science: Volume 6, Modern Life and Earth Sciences*. Vol. 6., ed. Bowler, Peter J., and John V. Pickstone. Cambridge University Press, 2009.
10. "How to house a mind inside a brain: lessons from history," *EMBO Reports. Science and society* special issue 8 (2007), pp. 512-516.
11. "The Many Meanings of the Placebo Effect: Where They Came From, Why They Matter," *Biosocieties (2006)* 1 (2): 181-193
12. "Introduction," in *The Dalai Lama at MIT*. Harvard University Press, 2006. pp. 3-25.
13. "Uneasy Alliances: the 'faith factor' in medicine; the 'health factor' in religion," *Science, Religion, and the Human Experience*, ed. James Proctor. New York: Oxford University Press, 20, 2005, pp. 287-308.
14. "'Seeing' the placebo effect: Historical legacies and present opportunities," in *The Science of the Placebo: Toward an Interdisciplinary Research Agenda*, eds. A. Kleinman, H. Guess, L. Engel, J. Kusek. London: British Medical Association, 2001.
15. "Kurt Goldstein's Neurology of Healing and Wholeness: A Weimar Story," in *Greater than the Sum of its Parts: Holistic Biomedicine in the Twentieth Century*, eds. George Weisz and Christopher Lawrence, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

16. "Unmasking Suffering's Masks: Reflections on Old and New Memories of Nazi Medicine." *Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*. 125 (1996): 181-205.
17. "Metaphoric Connections: Holistic Science in the Shadow of the Third Reich." *Social Research: An International Quarterly of the Social Sciences*. 62/3 (1995): 357-385.
18. "Unfinished Business: Models of Laterality in the 19th-century," in *Brain Asymmetry*, eds. R. Davidson and K. Hugdahl, Cambridge: MIT Press, 1995, pp. 3-28.
19. "Studying Race Differences; or the Problem of 'Value-Free' Science." *Psychologische Beiträge*. 32 (1993) No. 1/2: 151-156.
20. "Science, Animal Rights and the Polemics of 'Clear Thinking'." *Public Understanding of Science: An International Journal of Research in the Public Dimensions of Science and Technology*, 1(1992) (4): 395-401.
21. "'Other Ways of Knowing': The Politics of Knowledge in Interwar German Brain Science," in *So Human a Brain: Knowledge and Values in the Neurosciences*, ed A. Harrington. Boston: Birkhäuser Boston, 1992, pp. 229-244.
22. "Interwar 'German' Psychobiology: Between Nationalism and the Irrational" *Science in Context* (Volume theme: "Styles in Science"). 4(1991) n. 2: 429-447.
23. "Beyond Phrenology: Localization Theory in the Modern Era," in *The Enchanted Loom: Chapters in the History of Neuroscience*, ed. P. Corsi. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991, pp. 207-239.
24. "'A Feeling for the 'Whole': The Holistic Reaction in Neurology from the Fin-de-Siècle to the Interwar Years," in *The Fin-de-Siècle and its Legacy*, eds. M. Teich and R. Porter. London: Cambridge University Press, 1990, pp. 254-277.
25. "Olfaction and the Primitive: 19th-Century Bio-Medical Thinking on Olfaction." (with V. Rosario) In: *The Science of Olfaction*, ed. M. K. Serby & K. L. Chobor. New York: Springer Verlag, 1992, pp. 3-27.
26. "Interwar 'German' Psychobiology: Between Nationalism and the Irrational" *Science in Context*. 4(1991) n. 2: 429-447.
27. "Beyond Phrenology: Localization Theory in the Modern Era," in *The Enchanted Loom: Chapters in the History of Neuroscience*, ed. P. Corsi. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991, pp. 207-239.
28. "Hysteria, Hypnosis and the Lure of the Invisible: The Rise of Neo-Mesmerism in Fin-de-Siècle French Psychiatry," *The Anatomy of Madness: Essays in the History of Psychiatry*, Vol. 3, *The Asylum and its Psychiatry*, eds. W.F. Bynum, R. Porter, M. Shepherd. London: Tavistock Press., 1988, pp. 226-246.
29. "Race Hygiene and Nazi Medicine," *Journal of the History of Biology*. 22(1989) 3: 501-505.
30. "Psychiatrie und die Geschichte der Lokalisation geistiger Funktionen." *Der Nervenarzt* 60 (1989): 603-611.
31. "Whole Brain Politics and Brain Laterality Research." *Archives of European Neurology*. 239 (1989) nr. 3: 141-143.
32. "Hysteria, Hypnosis and the Lure of the Invisible: The Rise of Neo-Mesmerism in Fin-de-Siècle French Psychiatry," *The Anatomy of Madness: Essays in the History of Psychiatry*, Vol. 3, *The Asylum and its Psychiatry*, eds. W.F. Bynum, R. Porter, M. Shepherd. London: Tavistock Press., 1988, pp. 226-246.
33. "Metals and Magnets in Medicine: Hysteria, hypnosis, and medical culture in fin-de-siècle Paris." *Psychological Medicine* 18 (1988): 21-38.
34. "Arthur Wigan and the Duality of the Mind" [essay review] *Psychological Medicine*, 19 (1988): 245-9.
35. "Models of Mind and the Double Brain: Some Historical and Contemporary Reflections."

- Cognitive Neuropsychology* (1986) 3(4): 411-427.
36. "Nineteenth Century Ideas on Hemisphere Differences and 'Duality of Mind.'" *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences: An International Journal of Current Research and Theory with Open Peer Commentary* 8 (1985) 4:617-659.
 37. "Historical and scientific issues en route from Wigan to Sperry" [response to peer commentators]. *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences: An International Journal of Current Research and Theory with Open Peer Commentary* 8 (1985) 4: 648-659.

Non-historical/laboratory science publications (co-author)

1. "Alterations in brain and immune function produced by mindfulness meditation." *Psychosomatic medicine* 65, no. 4 (2003): 564-570.
2. [with David Spiegel] "What is the Placebo Worth?" *British Medical Journal* 2008 [May 3] 336(7651): 967–968.
3. "Disordered Recognition and Perception of Human Faces in Acute Schizophrenia and Experimental Psychosis." *Comprehensive Psychiatry* 30 (1989) n. 5: 376-384.
4. "Alte und Neue Aspekte der Funktionellen Hemisphärenasymmetrie bei Schizophrenie." In *Pathophysiologische und Pathomorphologische Aspekte bei Schizophrenen Psychosen*, ed. B. Bogerts. Springer Verlag, 1990.
5. "Emotion and Hemisphere Dynamics in Schizophrenia and Depression." *Psychiatry: A World Perspective*. Elsevier Science Publishers B.V.: Biomedical Division, 1990. Vol. 2: 225-230.
6. "Normality and Mental Illness. Dimension Versus Categories: Theoretical Considerations and Experimental Findings," *Philosophical Issues in Psychopathology*, ed. M. Spitzer and B. Maher. Springer Verlag, 1990, pp. 200-212.

General Interest, Short Pieces, and Commentaries

1. "Psychiatry, Racism, and the Birth of Sesame Street," *Undark: Truth, Beauty, Science* (May 2019): <https://undark.org/article/psychiatry-racism-sesame-street/>
2. "The Structure of Psychiatric Revolutions: Conversations in Critical Psychiatry," *Psychiatric Times*. (June 27, 2019) <https://www.psychiatristimes.com/couch-crisis/structure-psychiatric-revolutions> "History of psychiatry," Discoveries in Modern Science. MacMillan Reference Publishers, 2015
3. Foreword, *Handbook of Behavioral Medicine*, ed. David I. Mostofsky. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014
4. Foreword, *Kurt Goldstein, Der Aufbau der Organismus: Einführung in die Biologie unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Erfahrungen am kranken Menschen*, edited Thomas Hoffmann, Frank W. Stahnisch. Munich: Fink Verlag, 2014
5. Foreword, *Talking Placebos*, ed. Amir Raz, New York: Oxford University Press, 2015
6. "John Hughlings Jackson," *Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology*, eds. R. Cautin & S. Lilienfeld. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.
7. "Enabling Strategies –a great problem is not enough," and "Is pain differently embodied?" *Pain and its Transformations*, ed. Sarah Coakley and Kay Kaufman Shelemay. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007. pp. 21-23, 62-63.
8. "Editors' Introduction," *Biosocieties* (2006) 1(1):1.
9. "Natur," *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart* (4th edition). Tuebingen: Hans Dieter Betz, 2005.
10. "Tapping the Power of Make-Believe Medicine," *Spirituality and Health* (2005).

11. "The Inner Lives of Disordered Brains," *Cerebrum: The Dana Forum on Brain Science* (April, 2005).
12. "Dieu randomisé, en double aveugle contre placebo," *La Recherche*. Hors série no.14-Dieu, la science et la religion, 2004.
13. "Spirituality and Health: The Four Arguments," *Spirituality & Health*, Jan-Feb, 2004.
14. "Miracle Cures: Tapping the Power of Make-Believe Medicine," *Spirituality & Health*, July-August, 2004.
15. "Finding Qi and Chicanery in China," *Spirituality & Health* (Summer 2001)
16. "The Whiteness of Lies. Swallowing the Placebo Effect." *Cerebrum: The Dana Forum on Brain Science*, 2000, pp. 71-86.
17. Essay foreword, *The Humanizing Brain: Where Religion and Neuroscience Meet*, by James Ashbrook and Carol Albright. Columbus, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 1997.
18. *Emotions and disease: an exhibition at the National Library of Medicine*, [with Elizabeth Fee, Esther M. Sternberg; Theodore M. Brown]. Bethesda, Md: Friends of the National Library of Medicine, 1997.
19. "Truth and Consequences," *The Radcliffe Quarterly* (Summer, 1997) 83, 2: 17.
20. "Probing the Secrets of Placebos," *Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin* (winter, 1995), pp. 34-40.
21. Historical foreword, in: *Cognitive Microgenesis: A Neuropsychological Perspective*, ed. Robert Hanlon. New York: Springer Verlag, 1992.