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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CV-bio

Professor of Philosophy  
 The Residential College and the Medical School, and  
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 University of Michigan  
 Ann Arbor, Michigan

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PERSONAL DATA

Birth: April 30, 1931; Brooklyn, New York

Degrees: Ph.D. University of California, LA; 1955  
 M.A. University of Illinois; 1952  
 A.B. University of Miami (Fla.); 1951  
 L.D. (Honorary) Ripon College; 1983

Military Service: U. S. Army, active duty, 1956-58  
 Honorably discharged, 1962

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

University of Michigan:  
 Professor of Philosophy; 1971 - present  
 [Assoc. Prof., Asst. Prof., Instr., 1955 - 1971]

Current Title:  
 Professor of Philosophy  
 in the Residential College and the Medical School  
 Director, Program in Human Values in Medicine.

Visiting Appointments:

Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of the  
Social Sciences; Distinguished Scholar, 1984.

National University of Singapore;  
Visiting Professor, 1983.

Hong Kong University;  
Honorary Professor, 1983.

Davidson College (N. Carolina);  
Mellon Distinguished Visiting Professor, 1981.

University of Otago (Dunedin, New Zealand);  
Visiting Senior Lecturer, 1976.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem;  
Visiting Senior Lecturer, 1968.

University of Illinois (Urbana);  
Visiting Associate Professor, 1965.

Universities of Cuzco and Trujillo (Peru);  
Fulbright Lecturer, 1961.

OTHER STANDING APPOINTMENTS:

American Arbitration Association  
Panel of Labor Arbitrators

Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC)  
Panel of Grievance Arbitrators, Fact Finders,  
and Act 312 Arbitrators

Michigan Association of Public Employees (MAPE) &  
Waterford Township, Michigan  
Panel of Arbitrators

United States Civil Rights Commission  
Member, State Advisory Committee

National University of Singapore  
Outside Examiner, Department of Philosophy

OFFICES HELD:

- Chairman, University Senate, Faculty Assembly,  
and Senate Advisory Committee on  
University Affairs (SACUA),  
University of Michigan, 1974-75
- Executive Committee, College of Literature, Science,  
and the Arts, University of  
Michigan, 1977-80
- Chairman, American Civil Liberties Union  
of Michigan, 1971-74
- President, Legal and Political Philosophy Section,  
XIII International Congress of Phil.,  
Mexico City, 1963
- Contributing Editor, The National Forum, 1979-81
- Chairman, Program Committee, NOMOS, American  
Society for Political and Legal  
Philosophy, 1980
- Program Committee, American Philosophical Association  
Western Division, 1975-77
- President, Beth Israel Synagogue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1979-80
- Associate Director (1967-72), & Acting Director (1981),  
The Residential College  
University of Michigan

HONORS RECEIVED:

- Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Ripon College, Wisconsin, 1983
- Mellon Distinguished Professorship  
Davidson College, N. Carolina, 1981
- Reynolds Lecturer  
Davidson College, 1978
- Amoco Good Teaching Award  
University of Michigan, 1977
- Distinguished Faculty Service Award  
University of Michigan, 1962

CONSULTANT TO:

United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary,  
Subcommittee on the Constitution;  
on fair housing legislation.

National Endowment for the Humanities (Wash, D.C.);  
on faculty fellowships,  
on educational projects,  
on special projects.

United States Office of Education;  
on educational principles.

Rockefeller Foundation;  
on philosophy and public policy.

National Institutes of Health;  
on the uses of animals in research.

Princeton University Press;  
University of Michigan Press;  
University of Kansas Press;  
University of North Carolina Press;  
Philosophy Research Archives;  
on manuscript evaluation, for publication.

Catherine McAuley Health Center;  
on organizational objectives.

Fort Wayne Medical Society;  
on medical ethics.

Cabin Creek Center for Work and  
Environmental Studies;  
on the closing of industrial plants.

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions;  
on moral issues in genetic screening.

Medical Center, University of Michigan;  
on the uses of human subjects, and the  
uses of animals, in medical research.

National Humanities Center (Triangle Park, N.C.);  
on faculty fellowships, and  
on the democratic political process.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Writing and lecturing on moral philosophy, political philosophy, logic, and philosophical issues in medicine. Principal topics of written work have been:

- theory and practice of democracy, and competing systems;
- ethics in medical practice, and in medical research (moral issues in experiments involving human subjects, quality of life, terminal care, hazardous research, uses of animals in research, etc.);
- philosophy of law (affirmative action, civil disobedience, etc.);
- philosophical bases of civil liberties (freedom of speech, conscientious objection, right of privacy, etc.).

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

Introduction to Logic, 8th Ed, with Irving M. Copi  
Macmillan Pub. Co., N.Y., 1990

Four Systems, Random House, 1982

Democracy, Macmillan, Free Press, 1972

Civil Disobedience, Columbia Univ. Press, 1971

Communism, Fascism, and Democracy: The Theoretical Foundations, Random House, 2nd edition, 1972

In progress: A treatise in ethics: tentatively titled Obligation, and the third edition of Communism, Fascism, and Democracy. In planning: a collection of essays on philosophical issues in medicine, and a book on ethical issues in affirmative action.

SUMMARY OF ESSAYS AND ARTICLES:

a) In Law Reviews:

Many published articles in different law reviews, including The University of Texas Law Review, The Southern California Law Review, The Wayne Law Review, and others. Topics range from the analysis of Supreme Court decisions, to the use of insanity as a defense in criminal trials.

b) In Medical Journals:

Many published articles in different medical journals, and a number of anthologies on bioethics, including The New England Journal of Medicine, Perspectives on Biology and Medicine, Circulation, The Hastings Center Report, and others. Topics range from the moral issues presented by recombinant DNA technology, to the concept of quality of life as used in coronary artery surgery.

c) In Periodicals of General Circulation:

Many published articles in magazines and newspapers of general readership, including The New York Times, Commentary, The Nation, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and others. Topics range from issues of justice in race relations, to the tests for fairness in democratic elections.

d) In Philosophical Journals:

Many published articles in different philosophical periodicals, including Ethics, Nous, The Journal of Philosophy, Law and Philosophy, and others. Topics range from the nature of the left-right political spectrum, to a critique of the moral arguments against birth control, and analyses of the arguments in seeking to justify limits upon political speech.

e) Miscellaneous Essays:

Many published essays in varied textbooks (e.g. Ethical Theory and Business), encyclopedias (e.g. Grolier's), civil liberties journals (e.g. The Civil Liberties Review), university publications (e.g. The Michigan Quarterly Review), and literary reviews (e.g. The Yale Review.) Topics range widely.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

## Books:

1. Obligation.

A treatise in meta-ethics, in which I present a general theory of the meaning of moral obligation, explaining the role of both objective duties and subjective beliefs.

2. Communism, Fascism and Democracy.

This will be the third edition of the textbook whose second edition, now more than a decade old, remains in very wide use.

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As time permits I continue to work on a philosophical novel, now about half completed.

4. Affirmative Action

Scheduled for publication, by Rowman and Littlefield, NY, in 1993 or 1994.

## 5. Two other books are in the planning stages:

- a) a collection of essays on moral issues in medicine;
- b) a collection of my earlier essays on civil liberties issues.

## ESSAYS (in draft or forthcoming)

"Morals, Medicine and Money"

"Alcoholics and Liver Transplantation"

"Moral Issues in Reproductive Technology"

"On Doctors and Lawyers"

"How to Argue about Abortion," Scheduled for publication in The Michigan Quarterly Review, Fall, 1990.

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Note: A complete bibliography [CV-bib] is available upon request.