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EDUCATION

Stanford University, 1972-76, AB in History, June 1976.
Princeton University, 1977-81, Ph.D. in History, August 1981.

Dissertation: "The Calculus of Liberalism: The Development of Statistical Thinking in the Social and Natural Sciences of the Nineteenth Century"

POSITIONS HELD

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of History: Distinguished Professor of History (since 2013) full professor (since 1995); associate professor (1991-95). Dis

Universiteit Utrecht, visiting chair of history of science, spring 1999.

University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History: associate professor (1990-1991).
Assistant professor (1984-1990).

University of California, San Diego, Department of History: visiting associate professor, (spring 1991).

Deutsches Museum/University of Munich/Technical University of Munich: guest professor (summer 1990).

California Institute of Technology, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow (1981-1984).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Rise of Statistical Thinking, 1820-1900 (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1986; paperback 1988); Italian translation by Maria Elena Graziani, with introduction by Giorgio Alleva and Enzo Lombardo, as *Le Origini del Moderno Pensiero Statistico* (Firenze: La Nuova Italia, 1993); Japanese translation with new introduction (Tokyo: Azusa Shuppansha, 1995).

The Empire of Chance: How Probability Changed Science and Everyday Life, with G. Gigerenzer, Z. Swijtink, L. Daston, J. Beatty, L. Krüger (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989; paperback 1990); German translation as Das Reich des Zufalls (Heidelberg and Berlin: Spektrum, 1999).

Trust in Numbers: The Pursuit of Objectivity in Science and Public Life (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995; paperback 1996); Japanese translation by Yuko Fujigaki, with new introduction (Tokyo: Misuzu Shobo, 2013); French translation by Gérard Marino with new introduction (Paris: Les Belles Lettres, 2017)

Editor, with Dorothy Ross, *Cambridge History of Science, volume 7: Modern Social Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003); Chinese translation (Daxiang Publishing House, 2008).

Karl Pearson: The Scientific Life in a Statistical Age (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004; paperback 2006)

The Unknown History of Human Heredity, under contract from Princeton University Press; book complete in revised draft, scheduled for publication in winter, 2017.

Papers

1. "A Statistical Survey of Gases: Maxwell's Social Physics," *Historical Studies in the Physical Sciences*, 12 (1981): 77-116.
2. "The Promotion of Mining and the Advancement of Science: The Chemical Revolution of Mineralogy," *Annals of Science*, 38 (1981): 543-570.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00033798100200371>
3. "Kinetic Theory of Matter," *Encyclopedia Americana* (1983), v. 16.

4. "Private Chaos, Public Order: The Nineteenth-Century Statistical Revolution," in Michael Heidelberger, et al., eds., *Probability Since 1800: Interdisciplinary Studies of Scientific Development* (Bielefeld, Germany, 1983): 27-40.
5. "The Mathematics of Society: Variation and Error in Quetelet's Statistics," *British Journal for the History of Science*, 18 (1985): 51-69.
6. "Numero y Diversidad: La Fruicion del Pensamiento Estadistica," *LLULL: Révista de la Sociedad Española de Historia de las Ciencias y de las Técnicas*, 9 (1986): 153-162.
7. "Lawless Society: Social Science and the Reinterpretation of Statistics in Germany, 1850-1880," Lorenz Krüger, Lorraine Daston and Michel Heidelberger, eds., *The Probabilistic Revolution, volume 1: Ideas in History* (Cambridge: Bradford Books/MIT Press, 1987): 351-375. Japanese translation, 1992.
8. "The Origins of Statistical Physics," R. Peralta-Fabi and C. Varea, eds., *Statistical Physics: Proceedings of the Fourth Mexican Summer School on Statistical Physics* (Singapore: World Scientific, 1988):39-92.
9. "Natural Science and Social Theory," R. C. Olby et al., eds., *Companion to the History of Modern Science* (London: Routledge, 1990): 1024-1043.
10. "The Quantification of Uncertainty after 1650: Statistics Socially Constructed?" in George von Furstenberg, ed., *Acting under Uncertainty: Multidisciplinary Considerations* (Boston, etc.: Kluwer, 1990): 45-75.
11. "Objectivity and Authority: How French Engineers Reduced Public Utility to Numbers," *Poetics Today*, 12 (1991): 245-265.
12. "The Uses of Humanistic History," (contribution to a symposium), *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 21 (1991): 214-222.
13. "Objectivity as Standardization: The Rhetoric of Impersonality in Measurement, Statistics, and Cost-Benefit Analysis," *Annals of Scholarship*, 9 (1992): 19-59; reprinted in Allan Megill, ed., *Rethinking Objectivity* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1994), 197-237.
14. "Quantification and the Accounting Ideal in Science," *Social Studies of Science*, 22 (1992): 633-652; reprinted in Mario Biagioli, ed., *The Science Studies Reader*, (New York: Routledge, 1999), 394-406.
15. "Statistics and the Politics of Objectivity," *Revue de Synthèse*, 114 (1993): 87-101 (with

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comment by Alain Desrosières, 103-104).

16. "From Quetelet to Maxwell: Social Statistics and the Origins of Statistical Physics," in I. B. Cohen, ed., *The Natural Sciences and the Social Sciences, Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1994), 345-362.

17. "Interpreting the Triumph of Mathematical Economics," Neil de Marchi, ed., Non-Natural Social Science: Reflecting on the Enterprise of More Heat than Light, *History of Political Economy*, annual supplement to volume 25 (Durham: Duke University Press, 1993)

18. "The English Biometric Tradition," in Ivor Grattan-Guinness, ed., *Encyclopaedia of the History and Philosophy of the Mathematical Sciences* (London: Routledge, 1993): 1335-1340.

19. "The Social Organization of Probability and Statistics, in *ibid.*, 1341-1350.

20. "Probability, Statistics, and the Social Sciences," in *ibid.*, 1392-1398.

21. "Information, Power, and the View from Nowhere" in Lisa Bud-Frierman, ed., *Information Acumen: The Understanding and Use of Knowledge in Modern Business* (London: Routledge, 1994), 217-230.

22. "The Death of the Object: Fin-de-siècle Philosophy of Physics," in Dorothy Ross, ed., *Modernist Impulses in the Human Sciences* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994), 128-151, 329-333.

23. "Chance Subdued by Science" (essay review), *Poetics Today* 15 (1994): 467-478.

24. "Rigor and Practicality: Rival Ideals of Quantification in Nineteenth-Century Economics," in Philip Mirowski, ed., *Natural Images in Economic Thought: Markets Read in Tooth and Claw*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994), 128-170.

25. Essay review of Roger Geiger, "The Postwar American University," *Reviews in American History*, 22 (1994), 512-516.

26. "Making Things Quantitative" *Science in Context*, 7 (1994), 389-407; reprinted in Michael Power, ed., *Accounting and Science: Natural Inquiry and Commercial Reason* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), 36-56.

27. "Statistical Subjects," in Thomas Kavanagh, ed., *Chance, Culture, and the Literary Text, Michigan Romance Studies*, 14 (1994), 49-64.

28. "Prediction and Method in Science," *Contention*, 4, no. 2 (winter, 1995), 13-16.

29. "Information Cultures" (essay review), *Accounting, Organizations, and Society*, 20 (1995), 3-92.
30. "Precision and Trust: Early Victorian Insurance and the Politics of Calculation," in M. Norton Wise, ed., *The Values of Precision* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995), 173-197.
31. "Statistical and Social Facts from Quetelet to Durkheim," Stephen Turner, ed., special issue of *Sociological Perspectives on Durkheim's Rules of Sociological Method*, 38 (1995), 15-26.
32. "Les Polytechniciens, le calcul économique, et la gestion des travaux publics," Dominique Pestre et al., eds., *La France des X: deux siècles d'histoire* (Paris: Economica, 1995), 195-202.
33. "Statistics, Social Science, and the Culture of Objectivity," *Oesterreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften*, 7 (1996), 177-191.
34. "The Management of Society by Numbers," in John Krige and Dominique Pestre, eds., *Science in the 20th Century* (Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Publishers, 1997), 97-110.
35. "The Triumph of Numbers: Civic Implications of Quantitative Literacy," in Lynn Arthur Steen, ed., *Why Numbers Count* (New York: College Entrance Examination Board, 1997), 1-10.
36. "Was Quetelet a Positivist?" *Actualité et universalité de la pensée d'Adolphe Quetelet* (Brussels: Académie Royale de Belgique, 1997), 199-210.
37. "Les professionnels des chiffres," *Les Cahiers de Science et Vie*, no. 48 (dec., 1988), 24-30.
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39. "Reason, Faith, and Alienation in the Victorian Fin-de-Siècle," in Hans-Erich Bödeker, Peter Reill, and Jürgen Schlumbohm, eds., *Wissenschaft als kulturelle Praxis, 1750-1900* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1999), 401-414.
40. "Life Insurance, Medical Testing, and the Management of Mortality," in Lorraine Daston, ed., *Biographies of Scientific Objects* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 226-246. German translation: "Lebensversicherung, medizinische Tests und das Management der Mortalität," in Martin Lengwiler and Jeannette Madarász (Hg.), *Das präventive Selbst. Eine Kulturgeschichte moderner Gesundheitspolitik* (Bielefeld, transcript Verlag, 2010), 55-86
41. "Statistics in the History of Social Science," in Jean-Pierre Beaud et Jean-Guy Prévost, dir., *L'ère du chiffre: Systèmes statistiques et traditions nationales/ The Age of Numbers: Statistical*

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Systems and National Traditions (Montréal: Presses de l'Université du Québec, 2000), 489-497.

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44. "It's Not in the Numbers," *Washington Post*, "Outlook" section, B1, B4 (opinion piece), 26 November 2000.

45. "Quantification" and "Quetelet, Adolphe" in Arne Hessenbruch, ed., *Reader's Guide to the History of Science* (London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000), 616-617, 623.

46. "Modern Facts and Postmodern Interpretations: (essay review of Mary Poovey, *A History of the Modern Fact*, *Annals of Science*, 58 (2001), 417-422.
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48. "Economics and the History of Measurement," for Mary Morgan and Judy Klein, eds., The Age of Measurement, annual supplement to vol. 33 of *History of Political Economy*, 2001 (4-22)

49. "En exergue des mathématiques: Adolphe Quetelet," in Robert Halleux et al., eds., *Histoire des Sciences in Belgique, 1815-2000* (2 vols., Brussels: La Renaissance du Livre, 2001), vol. 1, 90-98; also published in Flemish edition.

50. "Quantification in the History of the Social Sciences," in M. J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, eds., *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Oxford: Pergamon, 2001), 12638-12644; revised version in *IESBS*, 2d ed., vol. 19, 700-706.

51. "History of Statistical Methods, pre-1900" in M. J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, eds., *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Oxford: Pergamon, 2001), 15037-15040.

52. "Statistical Futures," Amstat News, Sept. 2001, 61-64.

53. "Statistical Utopianism in an Age of Aristocratic Efficiency," Thomas Broman and Lynn Nyhart, eds., *Science and Civil Society*, special issue of *Osiris* (17), 2002, 210-226.

54. "La Estadística y los seguros de vida," José Maria Arribas Macho and Marc Barbut, eds., *Estadística y Sociedad* (Madrid: Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, 2002), 273-278.
55. "Statistics and Physical Theories," Mary Jo Nye, ed., *Cambridge History of Science, vol. V: The Modern Physical and Mathematical Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), (488-504).
56. (with Dorothy Ross), "Introduction: Writing the History of Social Science," Theodore M. Porter and Dorothy Ross, eds., *Cambridge History of Science, vol. 7: Modern Social Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 1-12.
57. "Genres and Objects of Social Inquiry from the Enlightenment to 1890," Theodore M. Porter and Dorothy Ross, eds., *Cambridge History of Science, vol. 7: Modern Social Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 13-39.
58. "Statistics and Statistical Methods," Theodore M. Porter and Dorothy Ross, eds., *Cambridge History of Science, vol. 7: Modern Social Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 238-250.
59. "The Social Sciences" in David L. Cahan, ed., *From Natural Philosophy to the Sciences: Writing the History of Nineteenth-Century Science* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003), 254-290.
60. "Measurement, Objectivity, and Trust," *Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research and Perspectives*, 1, no. 4 (2003), 241-255 [focus article of a journal number devoted to my work].
61. "Objectivity and Trust: A Measured Rejoinder," *Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research and Perspectives*, vol. 1, no. 4 (2003), 286-298.
62. "The Culture of Quantification and the History of Public Reason," *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 26, no. 2 (2004), 165-177.
63. "Buckle, Henry Thomas," in Bernard Lightman, ed., *The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Scientists*, (4 vols., Bristol: Thoemmes Continuum, 2004), vol. 1, 333-335
64. "Pearson, Karl," in *ibid.*, vol. 3, 1563-1568.
65. "Karl Pearson's Utopia of Scientific Education," in Rudolf Seising, Menso Folkerts, and Ulf Hashagen, *Form, Zahl, Ordnung: Studien zur Wissenschafts- und Technikgeschichte* (Munich: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2004), 339-352 (mainly from chapter eight of *Karl Pearson*)

66. Comment on *The Statistical Mind in a Pre-Statistical Era*, Paul Klep and Ida Stamhuis, eds., *Centaurus*, 46 (2004), 318-322.
67. "Medical Quantification: Science, Regulation, and the State," in Gérard Jorland, Annick Opinel, and George Weisz, eds., *Body Counts: Medical quantification in Historical Perspectives* (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2005), 394-401.
68. "Introduction: Historicizing the Two Cultures," *History of Science*, 43 (2005), 109-114.
69. "Is the Life of the Scientist a Scientific Unit," *Isis*, focus section on Biography in the History of Science, 97 (2006), 314-321
70. "Speaking Precision to Power: The Modern Political Role of Social Science" *Social Research*, 73, 4 (2006), 1273-1294
71. "Precision" in Marcel Boumans, ed., *Measurement in Economics: A Handbook* (Amsterdam: Elsevier, 2007), 343-356 [overlaps extensively with 70]
72. "The Rise of Cost-Benefit Rationality as Solution to a Political Problem of Distrust," *Research in Law and Economics: A Journal of Policy*, 23 (2007), 337-344.
74. "Pearson Karl," *Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography*, Charles Gillispie, ed., (2007; 26 vols., New York: Cengage Learning, 2008), vol 24, 52-56
75. "Introduction: The Statistical Office as a Social Observatory," *Centaurus*, 49 (2007), 258-260
76. "Locating the Domain of Calculation," *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 1 no. 1 (2008), 39-50. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/17530350801913627>
77. Preface to Martine Mespoulet, *Construire le Socialisme par les Chiffres* (Paris: INED, 2008), 11-14 (in French)
78. "The Objective Self," contribution to a review symposium on Daston and Galison, *Objectivity, Victorian Studies*. 50:4 (2008), 641-647
79. "Accounts of Science" in Christopher S. Chapman, David S. Cooper, and Peter B. Miller, eds., *Accounting, Organizations, and Institutions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 315-323
80. "How Science Became Technical," *Isis*, 100 (2009), 292-309.

- 81) "Measurement and Meritocracy: An Intellectual History of IQ," essay review of John Carson, *The Measure of Merit in Modern Intellectual History*, 6:3 (2009), 637-644.
- 82) "Statistics and the Career of Public Reason: Engagement and Detachment in a Quantified World," in Tom Crook and Glen O'Hara, eds., *Statistics and the Public Sphere: Numbers and the People in Modern Britain, c. 1800-2000* (New York: Routledge, 2011), 32-47; (earlier version in Spanish translation as) "La estadística y el curso de la razón pública: compromiso e imparcialidad en un mundo cuantificado," *Empiria*, 18 (July-Dec. 2009), 19-36
- 83) "Reforming Vision: The Engineer Le Play Learns to Observe Society Sagely," in Lorraine Daston and Elizabeth Lunbeck, eds., *Histories of Scientific Observation* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011), 281-302
- 84) "Préface. Statistiques et Épidémiologie: La question des données," in *De Galton à Rothman: Les grands textes de l'Épidémiologie au XX^e siècle* (Paris: Hermann, 2011), 9-15
- 85) "Quantity and Polity: Asylum Statistics and the Drive for Medical Evidence," in Jed Z. Buchwald, ed., *A Master of Science History: Essays in Honor of Charles Coulston Gillispie* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2012), 327-340.
- 86) "Foreword: Positioning Social Science in Cold War America" in Mark Solovey and Hamilton Cravens, eds., *Cold War Social Science: Knowledge Production, Liberal Democracy, and Human Nature*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), ix-xv.
- 87) "Thin Description: Surface and Depth in Science and Science Studies," Robert Kohler and Kathryn Olesko, eds., *Clio Meets Science: The Challenge of History*, *Osiris*, 27 (2012), 209-226.
- 88) "Funny Numbers," *Culture Unbound* (online journal), 4 (2012), 585-598.
<http://www.cultureunbound.ep.liu.se/v4/a32/> In French translation as "Conclusion: Drôles de nombres," in Isabelle Bruno, Emmanuel Didier et Julien Prévieux, eds., *Statactivisme: comment lutter avec des nombres* (Paris: La Découverte, 2014), 247-265. Excerpted in *Humanité Dimanche* (France) 5-11 juin 2014, 90
- 89) "Irrenärzte aller Länder! Tabular Unity and the Nineteenth-Century Struggle to Comprehend Insanity," in Cornelia Bohn, Arno Schubach, and Leon Wansleben, ed., *Welterzeugung durch Bilder*, special issue of *Soziale Systeme*, 18 (2012), 204-224 (appeared in 2013)
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- 92) "The Fate of Scientific Naturalism: From Public Sphere to Professional Exclusivity" in Bernard Lightman and Gowan Dawson, eds., *Victorian Scientific Naturalism: Community, Identity, Continuity* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014), 265-287.
- 93) "The Curious Case of Blending Inheritance," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 46 (2014), 125-132.
- 94) "In Whose Name? Eugenicists and Geneticists," *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, 44 (2014), 209-213
- 95) "Révolutions en statistique," *Statistique et société*, 2, no. 3, 2014, 25-27
- 96) "The Flight of the Indicator," in Richard Rottenburg et al., eds., *The World of Indicators: The Making of Governmental Knowledge through Quantification*, (Cambridge University Press, 2015), 34-55
- 97) "Depending on Numbers," in Harald Atmanspacher and Sabine Maasen, eds., *Reproducibility: Principles, Problems, and Practices* (New York: Wiley, 2016)
- 98) "Charles Coulston Gillispie, 1918-2015," *Isis*, 107 (2016), 121-126.
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- 100) "Asylums of Hereditary Research in the Efficient Modern State," Staffan Müller-Wille and Christina Brandt, eds., *Heredity Explored: Between Public Domain and Experimental Science* (MIT Press, 2016), 81-109
- 101) New introduction to French translation of *Trust in Numbers* (2017)

Interviews

Paul Fleming, "Life on the Bell Curve: An Interview with Theodore Porter," Cabinet, Issue 15, "The Average" (2004), 90-95.

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<https://www.canopycanopycanopy.com/contents/the-greatest-number/#one-one>

Blogs

"On Hacking's Emergence of Probability" for *Shells and Pebbles* (2016)
<http://www.shellsandpebbles.com/2016/10/03/on-hackings-emergence-of-probability/>

"The Brave New (and Old) World of Data," Verso (Huntington Library), 2016
<http://huntingtonblogs.org/2016/11/the-brave-new-and-old-world-of-data/>

"Tweets of Fury," <http://first100days.stsprogram.org/>

HONORS AND AWARDS, VISITING POSITIONS

Research fellow, Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung der Universität Bielefeld (Project on the probabilistic revolution), Bielefeld, Germany, 1982-83.

Fellowships from Earhart Foundation, Ann Arbor, Michigan: fall, 1985; summer 1991.

University of Virginia, summer research fellowships, 1985, 1986, 1988.

American Council of Learned Societies, summer research fellowship, 1986.

Sesquicentennial Fellowship of Univ. of Virginia, Fall, 1987.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Fellowship, Spring, 1988.

National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend, 1989.

National Research Council summer travel grant, 1989.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship, 1989-90.

Arthur Andersen Visiting Professor of Accounting, London School of Economics (April 1990).

National Science Foundation scholar's award DIR 90-21707, 1991-93.

National Science Foundation scholar's award, SBER 94-12396, 1994-96.

National Science Foundation workshop grant (with Dorothy Ross), SBER 97-003894, 1997-98

National Science Foundation scholar's award, SES 00-80104, 2000-03.

National Science Foundation, scholar's award, SES 06-22346. 2006-10.

National Science Foundation, scholar's award, SES 10-27100, 2010-13.

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris: Directeur d'Etudes Associé, May 1996.

European Summer School on Science Studies, Enschede (NL): invited lecturer, August 1996.

Ludwik Fleck Prize of Society for Social Studies of Science for Trust in Numbers (1997)

Max Planck Institute for history of science, Berlin, fellow, June-July 1998, June-July, 2008.

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales: Professeur invité, June-July 1999, June 2003, May 2005, November-December 2008.

History of science summer laboratory on quantification and representation in eighteenth-century science, Tel Aviv, June 2000 (keynote speaker and senior instructor).

Academic visitor, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics (March 2001)

Fellow, University of California Humanities Research Institute, Irvine (fall 2001)

Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan: Professeur invité, September 2002

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Principal lecturer, summer school in HPS, University of Vienna, July 2005
International Academy for History of Science, “Effective” (full) member (elected 2010).
“Corresponding” member (2006-2010)
ESRC Genomics, Policy and Research Forum, Univ. of Edinburgh, visiting scholar, April 2007
History of Science Society: Distinguished Lecturer at 2007 annual meeting.
Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2008)
Central European University, Budapest: course instructor on Mathematics and Narrative (2009)
University of California Humanities, Society of Fellows, 2010-11
Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 2010-2011.
Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, May 2012
Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 2013-14
Norwegian Research Council grant, “The Cultural Logic of Facts and Figures” (member of research group), 2013-2015
Summer School in History of Economics, Montreal (several universities), instructor (2015)

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Pacific Northwest History of Science Society, keynote speaker (1992).
European Soc. for History of Human Sciences, Leiden, Netherlands, keynote speaker (1996).
Cheiron (Society for History of Social Sciences), San Diego, keynote speaker (1998).
Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash., institute on quantitative literacy, keynote (1998).
Université de Montréal, conference on history of statistics, closing lecture (1999)
University of Wisconsin, conference on Science and the Public Sphere, keynote (2000)
Univ. of Tel Aviv, keynote to conf on quantification and representation in 18c science (2000)
Paris, France, conference on “Sociologie de la Quantification,” first-day keynote (2002)
History of Economics Society, Durham, North Carolina: Distinguished Guest Lecture (2003).
Michigan-Chicago grad student conference “Language Trust,” Chicago, keynote speaker (2006).
Burian-McNabb Lecture, Virginia Tech, Dept. of Science and Technology in Society (2007)
History of Science Society, Washington DC: Society Distinguished Lecture (2007)
Oxford-Brookes Univ., England: conference on Statistics and the Public Sphere, keynote (2008)
Interdisciplinary Accounting Society, Innsbruck: keynote speaker (2009)
Stephen Straker Lecture, University of British Columbia, Science Studies (2010)
Harvard, Kennedy School, conference on 20 Years of Science Studies, opening lecture (2011)
Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung conf. “A World of Indicators,” keynote (2011)
Frankel Center, Univ. of Michigan conf. “The Social Life of Jewish Numbers,” keynote (2012)
CHESS (Computer Sci, Humanities, Education, Econ, Engineering), Saskatoon, keynote (2012)
Forum for History of Human Science, History of Science Society, Distinguished Lecture (2012)
Israeli Society for History and Philosophy of Science, keynote (2013)
Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld conf. “States’ Stakes in Science,” keynote (2013)
British Association for Victorian Studies annual conference, keynote (2013)
Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, conference on history of science, keynote (2013)

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14th Social Study of Information Technology: The Allure of Big Data, London. Keynote (2014)
10th International Conference on Interpretive Policy Analysis, Lille, plenary round table (2015)
18th World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, session on global statistics, keynote (2015)
Statistics Italy (ISTAT), 90th Anniversary Commemoration, "Piu Forza ai Dati", keynote (2016)
CRASSH, Cambridge University, conference on "Limits of the Numerical," keynote (2016)
Berlin, conference "The Futures and Promises of Educational Assessment," keynote (2016)
German Historical Institute, "Beyond Data: Knowledge Production in Bureaucracies" (2017)
UQAM, Montreal, conference on "Le Chiffre et la Carte" (Numbers and Maps), keynote (2017)
Power from Statistics: Data, Information, and Knowledge (Brussels), keynote (2017)

PhDs Supervised

Dani Eshet (co-supervised, 1999), curriculum developer for "Facing History and Ourselves."
David Hoyt (co-supervised, 1999) postdoc at Northwestern, now an independent scholar.
Karen Oslund (2000), associate professor, Towson State Univ., Maryland
Avner Ben-Zaken (2003), Harvard Society of Fellows; chair of humanities, Ono College, Israel.
Minghui Hu (co-supervised, 2004), associate professor, UCSC
Gabriel Wolfenstein (2004) Stanford, instructor and researcher
Courtenay Raia (2006), history faculty, Colburn Music School
Anat Leibler (2008, UCSD degree, co-supervised), Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Gustavo Garza (2012), teacher at St. Andrew's School, Austin, Texas.
Bob Myers (2014), UCLA instructor
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Current advisees (ABD)

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