

## CURRICULUM VITAE: JOSHUA L. CHERNISS

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### **Education:**

**Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences, PhD in Political Science, 2005-2014**

Dissertation: “Anti-Liberalism as a Moral Problem and Liberalism as an Ethical Project in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Political Thought”

Dissertation Committee: Nancy L. Rosenblum (Chair), Michael Rosen, Richard Tuck, Eric Beerbohm

**Balliol College, Oxford University, DPhil in History, 2002 – 2009**

Doctoral Thesis: “A Mind and its Time: The Development of Isaiah Berlin's Political Thought, 1928-1953”

Advisors: Jose Harris and Henry Hardy

Examiners: Michael Freeden (Oxford) and Stuart Jones (Manchester)

**Yale University, BA *cum laude* in Political Science, 1998-2002**

(GPA: 3.7; GPA within Major: 4.0)

Senior Thesis: “A Cautious, Sober Love Affair with Humanity': Humanism in the Thought of Isaiah Berlin” (Advisor: Steven B. Smith)

### **Publications:**

#### **A. Books**

- 1) *A Mind and its Time: The Development of Isaiah Berlin's Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

#### **B. Peer-Reviewed Articles**

- 1) “Against 'Engineers of Human Souls': Isaiah Berlin's Anti-Managerial Liberalism” (extensively revised, English-language version of 3, below), accepted by *History of Political Thought*, issue number/date to be determined.
- 2) “Isaiah Berlin's Thought and its Legacy: Critical Reflections on a Symposium”, *European Journal of Political Theory* 12: 1 (January 2013)
- 3) “Against ‘Engineers of Human Souls: Isaiah Berlin’s Anti-Managerial Liberalism”, (in Chinese translation) in special issue of *China Scholarship*, with commentary by George Crowder and reply by the author, forthcoming

- 4) Commentary on Graeme Garrard, “Isaiah Berlin Against Human Nature” (in Chinese translation), *China Scholarship*
- 5) (with Ryan Patrick Hanley), “Introduction” to Robert Wokler, “A Guide to Isaiah Berlin's *Political Ideas in the Romantic Age*, *History of Political Thought* 29:2 (Summer 2008), 344-8.

### **C. Book Chapters**

- 6) “Isaiah Berlin: The Value of the Personal”, in Henry Hardy, ed. *The Book of Isaiah: Personal Impressions of Isaiah Berlin* (2009)
- 7) “Isaiah Berlin’s Early Political Thought”, in George Crowder and Henry Hardy, eds. *The One and the Many: Reading Isaiah Berlin* (Prometheus Press, 2007)
- 8) “Isaiah Berlin’s Political Ideas: From the Twentieth Century to the Romantic Age”, Introduction to Isaiah Berlin, *Political Ideas in the Romantic Age*, ed. Henry Hardy (Princeton UP/Chatto and Windus, 2006)

### **C. Other Publications**

- 9) “Isaiah Berlin” (principal author, co-authored with Henry Hardy) in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta et. al.
- 10) “Isaiah Berlin”, *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*, ed. John Stone et. al. (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming)
- 11) “It's Complicated” (Review of Arie Dubnov, *Isaiah Berlin: The Journey of a Jewish Liberal*), *The Jewish Review of Books*, Autumn 2012
- 12) ‘Isaiah Berlin’ in *The Dictionary of Twentieth Century British Philosophers*, ed. Stuart Brown (Thoemmes Press, 2005)
- 13) Review Essay on Isaiah Berlin, *Freedom and its Betrayal*, ed. Henry Hardy, and *The Proper Study of Mankind*, ed. Henry Hardy and Roger Hausheer, in *History of European Ideas*, Vol. 31, No 5 (2005).
- 14) “Isaiah Berlin”, *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*, ed. Carl Mitcham (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005).
- 15) “Primo Levi”, *ibid.*
- 16) “Pluralism”, *ibid.* (revised version forthcoming in second edition)

### **Honors and Awards:**

\*Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching – Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Autumn 2010, Spring 2013

\*Fellow, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, University of Virginia, July 2013

\*Bernard Marcus Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2012

\*Krupp Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2011-2012

\*Graduate Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2009-10

\*Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2005

- \*Sterling University Fellowship, Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2005 (declined)
- \*Philo Sherman Bennett Prize for the Best Senior Essay in Political Philosophy, Yale University, May 2002
- \*Visiting Scholar and Member of the Common Room, Wolfson College, Oxford, Summer 2001
- \*Lewis P. Curtis Travel Fellowship, Yale University, Summer 2001
- \*Riggs Prize in the Humanities, Yale University, Spring 1999

## **Teaching Experience:**

### **Visiting Lecturer, Smith College Spring 2014.**

- “Varieties of Liberalism” (lecture course)
- “In Defense of Political Freedom: Twentieth-Century Political Thought” (seminar)

### **Teaching Fellow/Instructor, Harvard University**

- \* Instructor, “Tactics and Ethics: Moral Choices in Political Action” (Junior Seminar, Department of Government) Spring 2013; Autumn, 2013.

Instructor, Senior Thesis Writers’ Seminar, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2012-2103; 2013-14

Assistant Head Teaching Fellow, “Justice” (Professor Michael J. Sandel), Harvard University, Autumn 2008, Autumn 2012 (also assistant Head Teaching Fellow)

- \*Teaching Fellow, “Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy” (Professor Aaron Garrett), Department of Government, Harvard University, Autumn 2010

\*Head Teaching Fellow, “History of Modern Political Philosophy” (Professor Nancy L. Rosenblum), Department of Government, Harvard University, Spring 2009

Teaching Fellow, “Justice” (Professor Michael J. Sandel), Harvard College Core Curriculum, Autumn 2008

- \*Teaching Fellow, Sophomore Tutorial in Political Theory and American Politics (Professors Harvey C. Mansfield and Kenneth I. Kersh), Harvard Department of Government, Spring 2008

**\*Awarded the Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.**

### **Tutor in Modern History and Politics, St Hugh’s College, Oxford**

“Foundations of Modern Social and Political Thought” (Bentham, Tocqueville, Mill, Marx, Weber), Michaelmas Term 2004

### **Lecturer in Political Science, Yale College Summer Program**

“Introduction to Political Theory”, July-August 2003

## **Conference Papers and Other Presentations:**

### **A. Invited Talks**

“The Courage of our Doubts and Uncertainties: Isaiah Berlin on the Ethics of Moderation and the Ethos of Liberalism” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, November 6, 2013

“Against ‘Engineers of Human Souls’: Isaiah Berlin’s Anti-Managerial Liberalism”, International Symposium on “Isaiah Berlin and Contemporary China”, Tsinghua Academy of Chinese Learning, Beijing, March 10-12, 2011

Invited Participant, “Animating Moderation”, Workshop Under the Auspices of the Project in the History of Political Thought, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, November 19, 2010

### **B. Conference and Workshop Presentations**

“Reinhold Niebuhr's Liberal Realism and the Ethics and Psychology of Politics”, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2013

“The Public Intellectual as Ethical Exemplar: Reinhold Niebuhr and Lionel Trilling in Cold War America”, Public Intellectuals Conference, Harvard University, April 26-27 2013

“Between Cynicism and Sentimentality: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Political Ethic of Chastened Liberalism”, paper accepted and scheduled for presentation at the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August/September 2012

“Acquainted with the Night: The Ironies of Power, the Temptations of Innocence, and the Chastening of American Liberalism”, Harvard Political Theory Workshop, March 29, 2012.

Discussant for Gordon Arlen, “The Lost Genre of Political Theory: The Case for Revisiting Louis Hartz”, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, October 31, 2011.

“The Ethics of Moderation, the Ethos of Liberalism, and the Defense of Humanism in the Thought of Isaiah Berlin”, Harvard Political Theory Workshop, October 20, 2011

“Dissidence, Democratic Transition, and the Ethics and Ethos of Compromise: Thoughts from Eastern Europe”, New England Political Science Association, April 30 2011.

“Liberalism and the Ethics and Ethos of Political Compromise”, Harvard Political Theory Workshop, April 2011.

“A Very Peculiar Relationship: Isaiah Berlin and E. H. Carr”, Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery Annual Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2011.

Discussant for Katrina Forrester, “Judith Shklar and Political Realism”, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, November 2010

Discussant for Karuna Mantena, "Why Gandhi Was Not a Moralistic in Politics", Harvard Political Theory Colloquium, October 7 2010

“Neither Angel Nor Maggot: Adam Michnik on Resistance and Compromise”, Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, June 2010

“Jacobin Anti-Liberalism”, Harvard Political Theory Workshop, February 2010.

“Starting Anew and Choosing Among: Hannah Arendt and Isaiah Berlin on Freedom”, American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009.

“Judaism, Jewishness, and Liberalism in Isaiah Berlin’s Political Thought”, Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, August 2-6 2009.

“Isaiah Berlin's Anti-Managerial Liberalism”, Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2009.

Chair and discussant, “The Politics of Monism and Value-Pluralism”, Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2009.

Discussant for David Runciman, "Does it Make Sense to Discount Liberty?" (Keynote Address), Harvard Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, October 2008.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “The Legacy of Judith Shklar”, Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2007.

Discussant for Jan-Werner Muller, “Re-Imagining Leviathan: Schmitt and Oakeshott on Hobbes and the Nature of Political Association”, Harvard Political Theory Colloquium, October 2007.

“Between Realism and Idealism: Isaiah Berlin on Moderation and Political Ethics”, Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30 2007.

“Starting Anew and Choosing Among: Hannah Arendt and Isaiah Berlin on Freedom, Politics and Agency”, Harvard University Political Theory Workshop, November 2006.

“The Roots of Isaiah Berlin’s Conception of Liberty”, Harvard Political Theory Workshop, April 2006.

Discussant for Charles Larmore, “The Meanings of Political Freedom,” Harvard Political Theory Colloquium, Feb 23 2006

“A Third Concept of Liberty: An Interpretation of Isaiah Berlin’s Liberalism”, Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, February 2004.

### **Other Professional Activities:**

Organizer, “Power, Persuasion and Progressivism: Lessons from Twentieth Century American Thought”, American Political Science Association Annual General Meeting, Chicago, August 2013

Organizer, “Renewing American Democracy: Lessons from the Progressives and their Critics”, panel at the American Political Science Association Annual General Meeting, New Orleans, August 2012

Organizer (with Professor Michael Rosen), conference on “Isaiah Berlin: Centennial Reflections”, Harvard University, September 2009

Organizer, "The Political Thought of Isaiah Berlin: Neglected Dimensions and Continuing Legacies," panel at the American Political Science Association Annual General Meeting, Toronto, August 2009

Co-founder and Coordinator, History of Ideas Seminar, Oxford University (2003-2004)

Review Committee, Harvard Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, 2007-2011

Coordinator, Harvard Political Theory Workshop (Spring 2006)

External Reviewer, *Review of Politics*, 2009-2010

External Reviewer, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2008

### **Other Work Experience**

Research Assistant to Professor Nancy Rosenblum, Harvard University, Academic Year 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Course Co-author and Moderator, 'Isaiah Berlin: A Philosophy for Our Time', Alliance for Lifelong Learning/Oxford University, Summer-Autumn 2002.

Research Assistant to Dr. Henry Hardy, Wolfson College, Oxford, Summer 2001; research on Isaiah Berlin's unpublished correspondence and writings on the history of ideas.

Research Assistant to Prof. Michael Paris, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, Summer 1998 and Summer 2000; research on education policy, particularly desegregation, and judicial politics

## **References**

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