

## BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

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### FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Public policy: Education, democracy, public health, political economy, decentralized social technology, criminal justice reform
- Political theory: democratic theory, language and politics, political sociology, ethics
- History of moral and political thought: Greek and Roman, early modern, American political thought, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> centuries
- History of democracies; American political and legal history; Athenian political and legal history
- Philosophy of education; digital technology and youth development; civic education

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Harvard University, Government (2001); MA Harvard University, Government (1998); Ph.D. King's College, University of Cambridge, Classics (1996); M.Phil. King's College, University of Cambridge, Classics (1994); A.B. Princeton University, Classics—*summa cum laude*, PBK (1993).

### ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2017 - **James Bryant Conant University Professor**, Harvard University
- 2015 - **Director**, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
- 2015 - **Professor**, Department of Government, Harvard University
- 2015 - **Professor**, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University
- 2015 - **Contributing Columnist**, *Washington Post* with a hiatus from 2020-2022)
- 2004 - **Principal Investigator**, Democratic Knowledge Project  
(<https://www.democraticknowledgeproject.org/>)
- 2022 - **Board Chair**, Partners In Democracy
- 2022 - **Trustee**, Cambridge Health Alliance
- 2022 - **Board Member**, Rank the Vote & FairVote
- 2007 - 2019 **Trustee**, Mellon Foundation Board, Vice-Chair (2013-2015); Chair (2015-19)
- Varia **Trustee**, Amherst College, Princeton University, JSTOR, ProPublica
- 2007 - 15 **UPS Foundation Professor**, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study
- 2006 - 15 **Member**, Pulitzer Prize Board (Board Chair, 2014-15)
- 2004 - 07 **Dean**, Division of Humanities, University of Chicago
- 2003 - 07 **Professor**, Political Science, Classical Languages and Literatures, the Committee on Social Thought, and the College, University of Chicago
- 2000 - 09 **Instructor**, Odyssey Project
- 2000 - 03 **Associate Professor**, Political Science, Classical Languages and Literatures, and the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago
- 1997 - 00 **Assistant Professor**, Classical Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago

### LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSION PROCESSES & REPORTS

- *Presidential Task Force on Inclusion and Belonging*-Harvard University (2018)  
<https://inclusionandbelongingtaskforce.harvard.edu/final-report>
- *A Roadmap to Pandemic Resilience, Pandemic Resilience-Getting It Done, Pandemic*

*Resilience- A Technical Advisory Handbook* (2020)—Harvard University, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, in collaboration with organizations from New America to the Harvard Global Health Institute

<https://ethics.harvard.edu/covid-19-response>

<https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

- *Our Common Purpose—Reinventing American Democracy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2020)  
<https://www.amacad.org/ourcommonpurpose/report>
- *Educating for American Democracy—Excellence in History and Civics Learning for All Learners* (2021)- National Endowment for Humanities and U.S. Department of Education.  
<https://www.educatingforamericandemocracy.org/>
- *Roadmap to Healthy Schools- Building Organizational Capacity for Infection Prevention and Control* (2021)- CovidCollaborative.  
<https://www.covidcollaborative.us/infection-prevention-and-control-in-schools>

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2022- **Founder and Chair**, Partners In Democracy
- Founded non-profit to drive Democracy Renovation in Massachusetts and nationally;
  - 4FTE in current start-up mode.
- 2018- **Co-Chair, Educating for American Democracy**, a Consortium established by 5 anchor organizations to create and implement a national roadmap for excellence in History and Civics Learning for All Learners
- Co-led grant process to secure \$3.5 million in grants from National Endowment of the Humanities and U.S. Department of Education in both Trump and Biden administrations;
  - Co-built and led diverse network of 300 educators, academics, and practitioners from around the country, with demographic, geographic, and viewpoint diversity, divided into multiple Task Forces;
  - Co-led Roadmap development process;
  - Co-lead Implementation Consortium, currently with pilots in 9 states.
- 2017- **Co-Chair, Our Common Purpose Commission** from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Co-led a national commission with forty members focused on reinventing American democracy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
  - Co-led a national listening tour with 50 listening sessions around the U.S. to support development of the *Our Common Purpose* report, released in June 2020;
  - Continue to co-lead implementation of the 31 recommendations with a target of 2026 for deliverables.
- 2015-2023 **Director**, Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics
- Resolved structural budget deficit and doubled size of annual budget through grants and fundraising (from \$3 to \$6million), for a University-wide Center with 90 affiliated faculty; 50 annual fellows; and 21 FTE, reporting to the President and Provost;
  - Evolved organizational structure to support growth, including adding a communications and fundraising function;
  - Diversified staff and fellowship cohorts;
  - Added two institutional pillars to support faculty work on innovation in ethics and civics pedagogy and ethics-centered policy-making via

- partnerships with practitioners;
  - Led nationally impactful Covid response work with a series of whitepapers and policy roadmaps, recommendations from which were adopted at every level of government;
  - Led the Safra Center’s Democratic Knowledge Project into position as leading civic education provider for K-12 for State of Massachusetts, including via implementation of a year-long grade 8 curriculum in a dozen districts in the state and statewide profession of professional development for K-12 civic educators, and via securing more than \$7million in grants and gifts to support the work.
- 2020-22      **Gubernatorial Candidate**, State of Massachusetts
- Raised \$1.4million in 15 months (with a \$1000 per person limit on contributions);
  - Over 15 months, built and led team of 9 FTE and 10 consultants, as well as multiple advisory and constituent committees.
  - Developed 9 best-in-class policy agendas, elements of which were incorporated by the new administration;
  - Successfully advocated to establish housing as a top priority issue for the MassDems party platform and for the new administration.
- 2015 -2019      **Chair**, Mellon Foundation Board, Member (2007-2019); Vice-Chair (2013-2015); Chair (2015-19)
- Led through Presidential Transition and Transition in Chief Investment Officer for a \$6billion grant-making foundation with an annual grant-making budget of \$200-300 million and 100 FTE;
  - Supported two Presidents through strategic planning processes;
  - Negotiated merger of JSTOR and ARTStor.
- 2016- 2018      **Co-Chair, Harvard Presidential Task Force on Inclusion and Belonging**
- Co-led University-wide Task Force with approximately 40 student, staff, and faculty members in developing a strategic framework for Inclusion and Belonging at Harvard University;
  - Worked with Deans’ offices for all 12 schools at Harvard on their contributions to the strategic framework.
- 2004-2007      **Dean, Division of Humanities, University of Chicago**
- Reorganized Divisional staff structure and improved support for departments, for a unit with a \$60million annual budget and 250FTE;
  - Secured health care for graduate students;
  - Co-led the planning, fundraising, and architect selection for the \$100 million dollar Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, designed by Tod Williams and Billie Tsien;
  - Founded and co-led the Black Metropolis Research Consortium to link archival institutions in Chicago focused on African American materials, now at 17 anchor member institutions and 5 associate member organizations.

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS ONLY)**

- *The World of Prometheus: the politics of punishing in democratic Athens*. Princeton University Press. 2000, reprinted 2002. (Reviews: *London Review of Books*, *TLS*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Theory*, *Gnomon*, *Phoenix*, *Review of Politics*, and others)
- *Talking to Strangers: anxieties of citizenship since Brown v. Board of Education*. University of Chicago Press. 2004. (Reviews: *Boston Review*, *Political Theory*, *Review of Politics*,

*Dissent, Perspectives on Politics, Juncture*, and others; excerpted in several journals including *In These Times* and in French translation in *Labyrinthe*)

- *Why Plato Wrote*. Wiley-Blackwell. 2010. (Reviews: *Choice*, *TLS*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews*; *Political Theory*; et al; A 2011 Choice Outstanding Academic Title.
- *Education, Democracy, and Justice*. Co-edited with Rob Reich. University of Chicago Press, 2013. (Reviews: *Harvard Educational Review*, *Choice*, *Teacher's College Record*, among others). Winner of the 2013 PROSE Award for best book in Education.
- *Our Declaration: A reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality*. Norton/Liveright, 2014. (Reviews: *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Kirkus*, *New York Review of Books*, *National Review*, among others). Winner: Francis Parkman Prize, Zócalo Book Prize, Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Nonfiction; Finalist: PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award, Hurston/Wright Prize, PBK Emerson Prize.
- *From voice to influence: understanding citizenship in a digital age*. Co-edited with Jennifer Light. University of Chicago Press, 2015.
- *Education and Equality*. University of Chicago Press, 2016.
- *Cuz: The Life and Times of Michael A*. Norton/Liveright, 2017. (Reviews: *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *L.A. Review of Books*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Kirkus*, among others).
- *How to do things with history: new approaches to ancient Greece*. Co-edited with Paul Christesen and Paul Millett, Oxford University Press, 2018.
- *Difference without domination: justice in diverse democracies*. Co-edited with Rohini Somanathan. University of Chicago Press, 2020.
- *Democracy in a Time of Coronavirus*. University of Chicago Press, 2021.
- *A Political Economy of Justice*. Co-edited with Yochai Benkler, Leah Downey, Rebecca Henderson, and Josh Simons. University of Chicago Press, 2022.
- *Justice by Means of Democracy*. Forthcoming, University of Chicago Press, 2023.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS**

- 2020 **Kluge Prize**, Library of Congress
- 2015 **Francis Parkman Prize** for *Our Declaration*
- 2001 **MacArthur Foundation Fellowship**