

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Ethan Kleinberg**

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### **Education**

1998	Ph.D., History, UCLA
1993	M.A., History, UCLA
1989	B.A., Humanities, University of California Berkeley

### **Fellowships and Awards**

2006	<i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i> Morris D. Forkosch prize for the best book in intellectual history published in 2005.
2006	Raymond E. Baldwin Lecture Fund for “Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines”
2006	Mellon Faculty Workshop grant for “Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines” (with Laurie Nussdorfer)
2005	Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellow
2004	Small Meigs Grant
2004	Wesleyan University Project Grant (Category III)
2003	Carol A. Baker '81 Memorial Prize
2001	Wesleyan University Project Grant (Category III)
1998	J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Award: France.
1997	UCLA Department of History Dissertation Writing Stipend.
1996	UC Humanities Research Institute Scholars in Residence Fellowship.
1995	U.C. Berkeley Center for German and European Studies Research Fellowship.
1995	UCLA Critical Theory in Paris Program Fellowship.
1994	Monkarsh Award.

### **Employment**

2006	Associate Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University
2001	Assistant Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University
2000-2001	Assistant Professor of History, Iowa State University
1999- 2000	Lecturer, Department of History, UCLA
1999	Lecturer, Department of History, Loyola Marymount University

## **Publications**

*Generation Existential: Heidegger's Philosophy in France, 1927-1961*, Cornell University Press, September 2005. Paperback edition, 2007. Chinese translation with author's foreword (Beijing: New Star Press/Xin Xing, July 2008).

"Presence in Absentia", forthcoming in *Storia della Storiografia*, n. 1 / 2009, 55 (June 2009).

Review of François Cusset, *French Theory: How Foucault, Derrida, Deleuze, and Co. Transformed the Intellectual Life of the United States*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2008-09-07 (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=14085>)

Review essay of Allan Bass, *Interpretation and Difference: The Strangeness of Care* (Stanford University Press, 2006), *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association* 56, 3, Fall 2008.

"Freud and Levinas: Talmud and Psychoanalysis Before the Letter", *Freud's Jewish World*, Arnold Richards ed., (New York: Macfarland Press, forthcoming).

"Interdisciplinary Studies at the Crossroads", *Liberal Education*, 94, no. 1, Winter 2008.

"Haunting History: Deconstruction and the Spirit of Revision", *History and Theory*, 46, no. 4, December 2007.

"New Gods Swelling the Future Ocean," *History and Theory*, 46, no. 3, October 2007.

"The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas" in *After the Deluge: New Perspectives in French Intellectual and Cultural History*, Julian Bourg, ed., Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield, 2004.

"Kojève and Fanon: The Fact of Blackness and the Desire for Recognition" in *French Civilization and Its Discontents*, Tyler Stovall and George Van Den Abbeele, ed., Lexington Press, Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

"Ethics Beyond the Body: Descartes and Heidegger in Emmanuel Levinas's *Totality and Infinity*" in *Paroles Gelées*. vol. 17, no.2, 1999.

## **Current Projects**

*The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas*, a book length m.s.

*Deconstruction and the Writing of History*, a book length m.s.

## **Presentations**

"To Atone and To Forgive: Jaspers, Jankélévitch and the Possibility of Forgiveness," presented April 18, 2009 for the international conference on Vladimir Jankélévitch at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York.

"Not Yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida and the ontology of being Jewish," presented December 7, 2008 for the conference *The Jewish Question in French Philosophy After the Holocaust* at UCLA.

"Continental Drift: My unlikely lectures on the French Reception of Heidegger in China," presented for the "COL Works in Progress Series," Fall 2008.

"In/finite Time: tracing transcendence to Emmanuel Levinas's Talmudic lectures", presented July 1, 2008 at *Time Beyond Borders* organized by University of Haifa and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Jerusalem. <http://www.vanleer.org.il/borders/1-home.htm>

-this lecture also presented at the Wesleyan Faculty Luncheon Series, October 2008.

"Heidegger and Levinas: de l'être a l'autre", public lecture held at Tong Ji University, Shanghai, April 14, 2008.

"Emmanuel Levinas: From Phenomenology to Talmud", public lecture presented at Fudan University, Shanghai, April 16, 2008.

"Heidegger and Levinas: de l'être a l'autre", Institute for Foreign Philosophy Western Lecture Series, Peking University, Beijing, April 25, 2008.

Conference coordinator for "Philosophy and Literature: Reading Across the Disciplines", an inter-disciplinary conference featuring Arthur Danto, Rebecca Goldstein, David Konstan, Susan Suleiman, and Richard T.Vann. Wesleyan University, May 9-100, 2007.

<http://philosophy-and-literature.wesleyan.edu/>

"A note from a 'Note on *Being and Time*': Jean Beaufret, Jacques Derrida and Heidegger's philosophy in post World War Two France" presented at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum symposium "Legitimizing the Holocaust: Cultural Elites and Collaboration" January 16-19, 2007.

"Freud and Levinas: Psychoanalysis and Talmud before the letter", presented December 3, 2006 at *Freud's Jewish World* organized by the Center for Jewish History, the Leo Baeck Institute, the Sigmund Freud Archives, and YIVO.

<http://www.cjh.org/freud/program.htm>.

"The Origins of Freud's Imagination," invited participant for a roundtable discussion at the Philoctetes Center for the Multidisciplinary Study of Imagination, December 2, 2006.

"Emmanuel Levinas's Talmudic lectures"

-seminar at the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, Spring 2006.

"The Reception of Heidegger in France"

-public lecture at Dutton's Books in Los Angeles, December 2005.

"Kierkegaard and Levinas, Abraham and Moses"

-presented at the Center for Humanities, Wesleyan University, Spring 2005.

"Toward the Other: Levinas and Talmud"

-presented to the Northwestern University Critical Theory Group in Paris, Fall 2004.

"The Myth of Emmanuel Levinas"

-presented at the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, Spring 2003.

"Generational Responses to Fascism"

- panel for the 2002 annual meeting of the American Historical Association.  
Organizer: Ethan Kleinberg  
Chair/Comment: David Roberts  
Participants: Ethan Kleinberg, Marla Stone, Eugene Sheppard

“A Hint of Fascism: fascist tropes in the works of Aron, Blanchot, and Sartre”  
– presented at 2002 annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

“Post-Scripts to the *Letter on Humanism*”  
–Chair of panel at the 2002 North American Heidegger Conference.

“Salon Culture and the Commodification of Art”  
– presented at the Brunnier Art Museum in conjunction with the exhibition *From Degas to Cassatt: Impressionist Art from the Fisher Governor Foundation Collection*, Spring 2001.

“Ethics Beyond the Body: Descartes and Heidegger in Emmanuel Levinas’s *Totality and Infinity*”  
–presented at UCLA Department of French conference: “*Le Corps et l’Esprit* in French Cultural Production,” Spring 1999.

“Kojève and Fanon: The Fact of Blackness and the Desire for Recognition”  
–presented at UC Santa Cruz conference: “French Culture and Its Discontents,”  
Spring 1997.

“Emmanuel Levinas and the Philosophy of Heidegger in France”  
–presented at the UCLA Department of History’s Modern European Colloquium,  
Spring 1996.

### **Professional Service and Affiliations**

American Historical Association  
Society for French Historical Studies  
New York Area Seminar in Intellectual and Cultural History

### **University Service**

Associate Editor, *History and Theory*  
Executive Committee, 20008-2009  
RAB, 2008-2009  
Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Governing Board  
Center for the Humanities Advisory Board 2005-2007  
Educational Policy Committee 2005-06  
Vassar Wesleyan Paris Program review, 2005  
Humanities District Advisory Group  
Center for the Humanities Mellon Fellow Search Committee, 2003-04  
First Year Advising, 2002-03, 2006-07

### **Departmental Service**

*Department of History*  
European Concentration field advisor, 2006-2007

Events Committee, 2002-03  
Common Life Committee, 2001-02, 2003-2004, 2005-2006  
Intellectual History major Advisor, 2002-present  
Faculty Advisor for *Spectral Connections*, Spring 2002

### ***College of Letters***

Director, College of Letters, 2007-present  
COL/Philosophy Search Committee, 2006-2007, 2007-2008  
COL/Romance Language Search Committee, 2002-03  
Redesigning the COL Web Page, 2002-03, 2007-2009  
COL Major Advisor 2002-present

### **University Teaching**

#### ***Required Courses:***

College of Letters, Junior Colloquium: Antiquity  
College of Letters, Junior Colloquium: Middle Ages  
College of Letters, Senior Colloquium: 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century  
College of Letters, Senior Colloquium: 19<sup>th</sup> century  
College of Letters, Sophomore Colloquium: 20<sup>th</sup> century  
History 362, Issues in Contemporary Historiography

#### ***Seminars***

History 114 (FYI)	Text and Context: Readings in Modern Europe
History 291/COL 291	Treason of the Intellectuals: power, ethics, and cultural production in 20 <sup>th</sup> century Europe
History 318/COL 218	Post-Modern Theory with Historical Intent
COL 210/Hist 210	What's Right and What's Left? Literature, Philosophy, Art, and Politics in Inter-War Europe
COL232/History 297	Death and the Limits of Representation
CHUM 308	Transcendence, Truth, and History in Modern Jewish Thought

#### ***Surveys***

History 216/COL 332	Modern European Intellectual History
History 259/COL 258	20 <sup>th</sup> century Intellectual History

#### ***Individual Tutorials***

COL 502	Graduate Tutorial
COL 402	Undergraduate Tutorial
COL 409/410	Senior Thesis
History 409/410	Senior Thesis
COL/Hist 412	Undergraduate Tutorial