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EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	Degree	Date
Harvard University	Ph.D spvsr. Erwin Hiebert	1974
Harvard University	M.A.	1973
Princeton University	B.A. spvsr. Thomas Kuhn	1971

ELECTED

Koyré medal of the Académie International d'Histoires des Sciences, awarded November, 2023
MacArthur Fellow (1995-2000)
American Philosophical Society, Fellow
Académie Internationale d'Histoires des Sciences, membre effectif
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019-2024 Director, Caltech-Huntington Institute for the History of Science and Technology
2001- Doris and Henry Dreyfuss Professor of History, California Institute of Technology
2004 Zeeman Visiting Professor, Dept. of Physics, University of Amsterdam
1992-2001: Director, Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, MIT.
1992-2001: Bern Dibner Professor of the History of Science at MIT.
1991-1992: Director, IHPST, University of Toronto.
1974-1992: Lecturer to professor, IHPST, University of Toronto.

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CURRENT JOURNALS AND BOOK SERIES, EDITOR OR CO-EDITOR

2015- (founding) series co-editor with Marjorie Senechal and Gizem Karaali, *Mathematics in Culture and the Arts* (Springer)
2000- (founding) series editor, *Transformations: Studies in the History of Science and Technology* (MIT Press)
1997- editor, *Sources and Studies in the History of Mathematics and Physical Sciences*. (Springer)
1995- co-editor with Henk Bos then Jeremy Gray, *Archive for History of Exact Sciences*. (Board member since 1989) (Springer)
1994- (founding) series editor, *Archimedes: New Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology* (Springer)

CURRENT EDITORIAL BOARDS

1993- editorial board, *Science in Context*
1991- (founding) editorial board, *Perspectives on Science*

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PUBLICATIONS

Books:

7. 2026 [in press] (with Mordechai Feingold) **The Winding Trail to Newton's *Principia Mathematica***. Princeton University Press.
6. 2020 (with Diane Greco Josefowicz) **The Riddle of the Rosetta. How an English Polymath and a French Polyglot Discovered the Meaning of Egyptian Hieroglyphs** . Princeton University Press.
5. 2012 (with Mordechai Feingold) **Newton and the Origin of Civilization**. xii+530pp. Princeton University Press.
4. 2010 (with Diane Greco Josefowicz) **The Zodiac of Paris. How an Improbable Controversy over an Ancient Artifact Provoked Modern Debate over Religion and Science**. vi+440 pp. Princeton University Press.
3. 1994 **The Creation of Scientific Effects. Heinrich Hertz and Electric Waves**. xiv+500 pp. The University of Chicago Press. Hardcover and paper.
2. 1989 **The Rise of the Wave Theory of Light. Aspects of Optical Theory and Experiment in the First Third of the Nineteenth Century**. xxiv + 467 pp. The University of Chicago Press. Hardcover and paper.
1. 1985 **From Maxwell to Microphysics. Aspects of Electromagnetic Theory in the Last Quarter of the Nineteenth Century**. xiii + 339 pp. The University of Chicago Press, 1985 in hardcover; 1988 in paper.

Edited and co-edited volumes:

11. 2020 **Einstein Was Right. The Science and History of Gravitational Waves**. Edited. Princeton University Press.
10. 2017 **The Romance of Science. Essays in Honor of Trevor Levere**. Edited. *Archimedes*, vol. 52. Edited with Larry Stewart.
9. 2013 **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Physics**. Edited with Robert Fox. 945 pages.
8. 2012 **A Master of Science History. Essays in Honor of Charles Coulston Gillispie**. Edited. *Archimedes*, vol. 30
7. 2005 **Wrong for the Right Reasons**. Edited, with an introduction, by J.Z. Buchwald and Allan Franklin. *Archimedes*, vol. 11.
6. 2004 "Fisica", Part III of **Storia della Scienza**, vol. VII, pgs. 282-507. Edited by J. Z. Buchwald. *Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana*.
5. 2001 **Histories of the Electron. The Birth of Microphysics**. Edited, with an introduction, by J. Z. Buchwald and A. Warwick. MIT Press.
4. 2000 **Isaac Newton's Natural Philosophy**. Edited, with an introduction by J. Z. Buchwald and I. Bernard Cohen. MIT Press.
3. 1997 **Aspects of Mid to Late Nineteenth Century Electromagnetism**. Vol. 33 of *Physis*. Edited, with an introduction, by J. Z. Buchwald.
2. 1996 **Scientific Credibility and Technical Standards**, Kluwer. *Archimedes*, vol. 1. Edited, with an introduction, by J. Z. Buchwald.
1. 1995 **Scientific Practice: Theories and Stories of Physics**. Edited by J. Z. Buchwald. The University of Chicago Press.

Articles:

83. 2024 "How Heinrich Hertz Mapped the Radiation Field," in *Mastering the History of Pure and Applied Mathematics*, ed. J. Carter, T. Knudsen (DeGruyter, 2024), pp. 65-73.
82. 2024 (with C.P. Yeang, S.Y. Chen, Y.Y Chan) "Reinterpreting Hertz's discovery of electric waves," *IEEE Antennas & Propagation Magazine*, pp. 73-85.
81. 2024 "Maxwell und seine Nachfolger," *Physik Journal*, 33-38.

80. 2023 "Gauging potentials: Maxwell, Lorenz, Lorentz and others on linking the electric scalar and vector potentials", in *The Richness of the History of Mathematics*, ed. Chemla, Ferreiros, Ji, Scholz, Wang, *Archimedes*, vol. 66, pp. 341-364.
79. 2023 "Descartes' experimental journey past the prism and through the invisible world to the rainbow", in *Collected Wisdom of the Early Modern Scholar*, ed. G. Manning and A. M. Roos, *Archimedes*, vol. 64, pp. 193-227.
78. 2022 (with Tony Grafton), "Noel Swerdlow", *Isis*, 11/22
77. 2021. (with Diane Greco Josefowicz) "Paper, paste and prepositions," *Minerva*, 189: 51-54.
76. 2020 (with C.P. Yeang, N. Stemeroff, J. Barton, Q. Harrington) "What Heinrich Hertz discovered about electric waves in 1887-1888," *Archive for History of Exact Sciences*.
75. 2016 (with C.P. Yeang) "Kirchhoff's theory for optical diffraction, its predecessor and subsequent development: the resilience of an inconsistent theory," *Archive for History of Exact Sciences*, 70, pp. 463-511.
74. 2016 "Politics, morality, innovation, and misrepresentation in physical science and technology," *Physics in Perspective*, 18, pp. 283-300.
73. 2016 "Thomas Kuhn", **Shifting Paradigms: Thomas S. Kuhn and the History of Science**, eds. Blum, Gavroglu, Joas and Renn, Max Planck Research Library for the History and Development of Knowledge, Proceedings 8, pp.151-162.
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71. 2013 "Electrodynamics from Thomson and Maxwell to Hertz," in **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Physics**, pp. 571-583.
70. 2013 "Optics in the Nineteenth Century," in **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Physics**, pp. 445-472.
69. 2013 "Electricity and Magnetism to Volta," in **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Physics**, pp.432-444.
68. 2013 (with Robert Fox) Introduction. **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Physics**, pp. 1-7.
67. 2012 "Kuhn's *Structure* Four and a Half Decades Later," *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, 42:485-90.
66. 2012 (with Diane Greco Josefowicz) "The cipher of the zodiac, review symposium response," *Metascience*, 21.
65. 2012 "Cauchy's theory of dispersion anticipated by Fresnel," in **A Master of Science History**, *Archimedes*, 30: 399-416.
64. 2011 (with Diana Kormos Buchwald) "Martin J. Klein, 1924-2009, *Biographical Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences*, 1-16.
63. 2010 "A reminiscence of Thomas Kuhn," *Perspectives on Science*, 18:279-83.
62. 2009 (with D. Graham Burnett) "Michael S. Mahoney, 1939-2008," *Isis* 100:623-6. Reprinted in M. S. Mahoney, **Histories of Computing**, Harvard University Press, 2010.
61. 2007 "Descartes' Experimental Journey Past the Prism and Through the Invisible World to the Rainbow", *Annals of Science*, 65:1-46.
60. 2007 "Discrepant Measurements and Experimental Knowledge in the Early Modern Era", *Archive for History of Exact Sciences*, 61:1-85.
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58. 2005 "An error within a mistake?", in **Wrong for the Right Reasons**, *Archimedes*, vol. 11, ed. Buchwald and Franklin, Kluwer, 2005, pgs. 185-208.
57. 2005 Introduction (with A. Franklin) to **Wrong for the Right Reasons**, *Archimedes*, vol. 11, ed. Buchwald and Franklin, Kluwer, 2005, pgs. 1-16.

56. 2004 "Afterword: F. L. Holmes and the History of Science", pgs, 193-202 in F. L. Holmes, **Investigative Pathways, Patterns and Stages in the Careers of Experimental Scientists**, New Haven: Yale University Press.
55. 2004 "Egyptian Stars Under Paris Skies", *Engineering & Science*, 66: 20-31.
54. 2004 "Raggi e onde luminosi", chap. 34, Part III, vol. VII, pgs. 342-357 of **Storia della Scienza, Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana**.
53. 2004 "L'elettromagnetismo e il campo", chap. 39, Part III, vol. VII, pgs. 405-426 of **Storia della Scienza, Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana**.
52. 2003 "Physics: Its methods, practitioners, boundaries", co-authored with Sungook Hong, chap. 6 (pgs. 163-195) in **From Natural Philosophy to the Sciences: Historiographical Essays on Nineteenth-Century Science**, ed. David Cahan, The University of Chicago Press.
51. 2003 "Sadi Carnot and Augustin Jean Fresnel" in **The Oxford Companion to the History of Modern Science**, ed. John Heilbron, Oxford University Press.
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41. 1998 "Reflections on Hertz and the Hertzian dipole", in D. Baird et al. (eds.), **Heinrich Hertz: Classical Physicist, Modern Philosopher**, pp. 269-80.
40. 1998 (with George E. Smith) "Thomas S. Kuhn, 1922-1996", *Philosophy of Science*, 64:361-76.
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37. 1996 Introduction to **Scientific Credibility and Technical Standards**, vol. 1 of *Archimedes*, pp.vii-ix.
36. 1995 "Why Hertz was right about cathode rays". In **Scientific Practice**, ed. J. Z. Buchwald, pp. 151-169.
35. 1995 "The practice of physics", with Sam Schweber. Concluding essay to **Scientific Practice**, ed. J. Z. Buchwald, pp. 345-352.
34. 1995 (with Tom Archibald) "Heinrich Hertz. La Scoperta delle onde elettriche", in **Cento Anni di Radio. Le Radici dell'Invenzione**, Torino:Edizioni Seat, pp. 123-174.
33. 1995 "Ottica, stòria déll': dal 1800 ai primi del novecento", **Enciclopaedia Italiana delle Scienze**, pp.419-425.
32. 1995 "Heinrich Hertz's attempt to generate a novel account of evaporation", **No Truth Except in the Details**, ed. A. J. Kox and D. M. Siegel, Amsterdam:Kluwer.
31. 1994 "How Hertz fabricated Helmholtzian forces in his Karlsruhe laboratory", **Universalgenie Helmholtz**, ed. Lorenz Kruger, pp. 43-65. Berlin: Akademie Verlag.

30. 1994 "Elettricità", **Enciclopedia Italiana delle Scienze**, pp. 259-269.
29. 1994 (contributing editor for mechanics) **The Collected Papers of Albert Einstein**, vol. 3. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
28. 1994 "Kinds and (In)commensurability", **Trends in the Historiography of Science**, pp. 49-63. Kluwer: the Netherlands.
27. 1993 "Waves, philosophers and historians", *PSA*, 2:205-211.
26. 1993 "Helmholtz's electrodynamics in context: object states, laboratory practice and anti-Idealism." **Hermann von Helmholtz and the Foundations of Nineteenth-Century Science**, pgs. 334-373. Ed. D. Cahan. University of California Press.
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18. 1989 "The battle between Arago and Biot over Fresnel". *Journal of Optics/Nouvelle Revue d'Optique*, 20, 109-117.
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5. "Emilio Villari", **Dictionary of Scientific Biography**, 14: 32-3, ed. C. C. Gillispie et al. (New York).
4. "Leopoldo Nobili", **Dictionary of Scientific Biography**, 10: 134-6, ed. C. C. Gillispie et al. (New York).

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3. "Macedonio Melloni", **Dictionary of Scientific Biography**, 9:264-5, ed. C. C. Gillispie et al. (New York).
2. "Ottaviano Fabrizio Mossotti", **Dictionary of Scientific Biography**, 9:547-9, ed. C. C. Gillispie et al. (New York).
1. "Sir William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)", **Dictionary of Scientific Biography**, 13: 374-88, ed. C. C. Gillispie et al. (New York).

Book reviews in American Historical Review, American Scientist, Annals of Science, British Journal for the History of Science, Centaurus, ISIS, Mathematical Reviews, Physics Today, Philosophy of Science

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Monograph (with Chen-Pang Yeang) **How Electric Waves Became Real**. Estimated completion 2027-2028.