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Bio

BIO

I am a PhD candidate (ABD) in History of Science at Stanford. I focus on the history and philosophy of biology and the historical sciences, with particular interests in Charles Darwin and in the sciences of complex systems.

Before coming to Stanford, I was a lawyer, serving as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and then representing Silicon Valley technology companies. I left the law for the software business, first as CFO of a publicly-traded software company, next as founding CEO of a software start-up, and finally as Chairman and CEO of a global, publicly-traded internet education company.

I did my undergraduate work at Princeton and got my law degree at Stanford. I also have a Masters of Liberal Arts from Stanford. I am married, have two children and one grandchild and am an avid hiker, skier, and cook.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selma V. Forkosch Award for best article published by the Journal of the History of Ideas, Journal of the History of Ideas (2017)
- Nathan Abbott Scholar for top student in class at graduation, Stanford Law School (1988)
- Second Year Honor for top student in class after second year, Stanford Law School (1987)
- First Year Honor for top student in class after first year, Stanford Law School (1986)
- Myron Herrick Prize for best senior thesis, Princeton University Department of Public and International Affairs (1985)
- Summa cum laude, Princeton University (1985)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Program in History & Philosophy of Science

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- AB, Princeton University, Public and international affairs (1985)
- JD, Stanford Law School, Law (1988)
- MLA, Stanford University, Liberal Arts (2011)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Tools of Reason: The Practice of Scientific Diagramming from Antiquity to the Present.** *Endeavour*
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2018
- **Diagramming Evolution: The Case of Darwin's Trees.** *Endeavour*
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- **Charles Darwin's Theory of Moral Sentiments: What Darwin's Ethics Really Owes to Adam Smith** *JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF IDEAS*
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- **Ben Bradley, Darwin's psychology.** Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020. *History and philosophy of the life sciences*
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- **Henry Cowles, The Scientific Method: An Evolution of Thinking from Darwin to Dewey,** Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020. *History and philosophy of the life sciences*
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- **THIERRY HOQUET, Revisiting the Origin of Species: The Other Darwins.** Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2018, xi+240pp., \$140(\$49.55 paperback). *History and philosophy of the life sciences*
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- **ALISTAIR SPONSEL, Darwin's Evolving Identity: Adventure, Ambition, and the Sin of Speculation,** Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018, x+358pp., \$50.00. *History and philosophy of the life sciences*
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- **From Aristotle's Teleology to Darwin's Genealogy: The Stamp of Inutility (Book Review)** *ISIS*
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