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## Allen Wood

Ward W. and Priscilla B. Woods Professor, Emeritus  
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 NIH Biosketch available Online

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

### Bio

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#### BIO

Allen Wood's interests are in the history of modern philosophy, especially Kant and German idealism, and in ethics and social philosophy. He was born in Seattle, Washington: B. A. Reed College in Portland, Oregon, Ph.D. Yale University. He has held regular professorships at Cornell University, Yale University, and Stanford University, where he is Ward W. and Priscilla B. Woods Professor emeritus. He has also held visiting appointments at the University of Michigan, University of California at San Diego and Oxford University, where he was Isaiah Berlin Visiting Professor in 2005. During year-long periods of research, he has been affiliated with the Freie Universität Berlin in 1983-84 and the Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn in 1991-1992. Wood is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Allen Wood is author of many articles and chapters in philosophical journals and anthologies. The book-length publications he has authored include: *Kant's Moral Religion* (1970, reissued 2009), *Kant's Rational Theology* (1978, reissued 2009), *Karl Marx* (1981, second expanded edition 2004), *Hegel's Ethical Thought* (1990), *Kant's Ethical Thought* (1999), *Unsettling Obligations* (2002), *Kant* (2004) and *Kantian Ethics* (2008). His latest book is *The Free Development of Each: Studies in Freedom, Right and Ethics in Classical German Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2014), co-authored with Dieter Schönecker *Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals: A Commentary* (Harvard University Press, 2015). (A German language version of this commentary has gone through four editions since 2002.) His next book, *Fichte's Ethical Thought*, is due to be published by Oxford University Press in 2016.

Books by Wood have appeared in Hebrew, Turkish, Portuguese, Iranian and Chinese translation. With Paul Guyer, Wood is co-general editor of the Cambridge Edition of Kant's Writings, for which he has edited, translated or otherwise contributed to six volumes. Among the other books Wood has edited are *Self and Nature in Kant's Philosophy* (1984), *Hegel: Elements of the Philosophy of Right* (1991), *Kant: Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* (2002), *Fichte: Attempt at a Critique of All Revelation* (2010), and, with Songsuk Susan Hahn, the *Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century (1790-1870)* (2012). He is on the editorial board of eight philosophy journals, five book series and the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

In the past four years, Allen Wood has taught annual three-day intensive mini-courses at Stanford in early June. His co-teachers in these courses have been Marcia Baron (Indiana University), Frederick Neuhouser (Columbia University, Barnard College) and Arthur Ripstein (University of Toronto). At Indiana University Allen Wood has taught courses on the history of modern philosophy, modern political philosophy, Kant, Fichte and existentialism.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, Philosophy

## Teaching

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### STANFORD ADVISEES

#### Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Olga Lenczewska

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **The duty to believe according to the evidence** *Claremont Conference on the Philosophy of Religion*  
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- **Ethics and embryonic stem cell research** *STEM CELL REVIEWS*  
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- **The objectivity of value** *NEW LITERARY HISTORY*  
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2001; 32 (4): 859-881
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Wood, A. W.  
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