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- Lincoln University, PA, 1968-69;
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*Major Publications:*

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*Logic and Scientific Inquiry* (Milwaukee: Bruce, 1968)

*Philosophy of Science: An Introduction* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1968)

*Human Intelligence*, vol. 12 of new translation of St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologiae* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1968)

*Dictionary of Concepts in Philosophy of Science* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1988)

*Social Responsibility in Science, Technology, and Medicine* (Bethlehem, PA: Lehigh University Press, 1992)

*Edited volumes:*

*Research in Philosophy & Technology*, vols. 1-8 and supplement (Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, 1978-1985)

*A Guide to the Culture of Science, Technology, and Medicine* (New York: Free Press, 1980; paperback ed., 1984)

(Co-edited with Friedrich Rapp) *Technikphilosophie in der Diskussion* (Wiesbaden: Vieweg, 1982)

(Co-edited with Friedrich Rapp) *Philosophy & Technology* (Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, vol. 80; Philosophy and Technology Series, vol. 1: Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1983)

*Technology and Responsibility* (Philosophy and Technology, vol. 3; Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1987)

*Technology and Contemporary Life* (P&T, vol. 4; Dordrecht: Reidel, 1988)

*The Best in the Literature of Science, Technology, and Medicine (Reader's Adviser*, 13th ed., vol. 5; Bowker, 1988)

*Philosophy of Technology: Practical, Historical and Other Dimensions* (P&T, vol. 6; Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1989)

*Broad and Narrow Interpretations of Philosophy of Technology* (P&T, vol. 7; Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1990)

*Critical Perspectives on Nonacademic Science and Engineering* (Bethlehem, PA: Lehigh University Press, 1991)

*Europe, America, and Technology: Philosophical Perspectives* (P&T, vol. 8; Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1991)

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Society for Philosophy and Technology Quarterly Electronic Journal,  
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*Web books:*

2000 and 2008. "Activist Philosophy of Technology: Essays 1989-2009." See [www.udel.edu/Philosophy/sites/pd/](http://www.udel.edu/Philosophy/sites/pd/)

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1995: "Pragmatismo y tecnología," *Isegoría: Revista de Filosofía Moral y Política* 12 (October):80-91.

"Technological Praxis: Reflections," in K. Gavroglu et al, eds., *Science, Politics and Social Practice* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers), pp. 99-111.

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"Philosophizing as a Public Good: The Many Faces of Philosophical Public Service," in R. Burch and H. Saatkamp, eds., *Frontiers in American Philosophy*, vol. 1 (College Station: Texas A & M University Press), pp. 115-124.

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1990: "STS y STPP: La educacion de la proxima generacion de profesores e investigadores," in M. Medina and J. Sanmartin, eds., *Ciencia, tecnologia y sociedad: Estudios interdisciplinarios en la universidad, en la educacion y en la gestion publica* (Barcelona: Editorial Anthropos), pp. 85-94.

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1978: "Toward a Social Philosophy of Technology." In P. Durbin, ed., *Research in Philosophy & Technology*, vol. 1. Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press. Pp. 67-97.

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Papers Read/Conferences Attended:

Society for Philosophy and Technology international meetings (Bad Homburg, West Germany; New York; Twente, the Netherlands; Blacksburg; Bordeaux; Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Hofstra; Puebla, Mexico; Dusseldorf; San Jose, CA; Aberdeen; Park City, UT; Delft); 1st and 2nd Inter-American Conferences on Philosophy of Technology (2 papers, 1 keynote address); American Philosophical Association (regular Society for Philosophy and Technology meetings); Philosophy of Science Association; National Association for Science, Technology, and Society; Humanities and Technology Association; American Catholic Philosophical Association; Popular Culture Association; American Society for Engineering Education; Association of American Colleges; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Engineering Ethics National Conferences; New York Academy of Science; Caldwell College; Boston University; Tufts University; Northern Illinois University; RPI; Polytechnic University; Lehigh University; Texas A&M University; Lincoln University; Miami University of Ohio; University of Guelph; University of Valencia; Drexel University; Villa Julie College; University of Barcelona; Polytechnic University of Catalonia; University of Oviedo; University of Salamanca (among others)

Editor: Newsletter of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (1975-85)

Major Grants and Awards:

1976-1979: NEH/NSF, "A Guide to the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, and Medicine"

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President, Society for Philosophy and Technology, 1997-1999

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Editorial Board: Science, Technology & Human Values (until 1998); Research in Technology Studies (Lehigh U. Press); University of Delaware Press (1988-1991)

Member, Institutional Review Board, Christiana Care Health Services

Member, Bioethics Committee, Christiana Care

Member, Ethics Committee, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (1987-1994)

Member, Medical Society of Delaware Blue Ribbon AIDS Commission (1987-1988)

Member, Human Subjects Review Board, State of Delaware Department of Health and Human Services

Member (and co-chair, 1993), Ethics Committee, Delaware Medical Society

Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine (1993-1995)