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From the Chair Eric R. A. N. Smith

The 2014-2015 academic year was a year of exciting growth for us. A decade ago, we began a process of strategic planning that resulted in a consensus to develop a more sharply defined departmental research profile focused on environmental politics and the politics of identity (i.e., race, ethnicity, religion, gender, nationality). Due to the recession and the university's budget restrictions, we were unable to hire new faculty for a number of years. After losing five faculty members in three years (three in International Relations alone), we turned a corner in 2012-2013 when we hired **Professor Neil Narang** and continued the trend two years later when we hired **Professor Bridget Coggins**. Both Professor Narang and Professor Coggins are International Relations scholars. This year, we began making progress on our long term plan with four new hires in Environmental and Identity politics.

Our most distinguished new faculty member is **Professor Hahrie Han**, who will join us as the Anton Vonk Chair in Environmental Politics. She is the author of *Moved to Action: Motivation, Participation, and Inequality in American Politics* (Stanford University Press, 2009) and *Engaging People for Social Action: Environment and Health Activism in the 21st Century* (Oxford University Press, 2014), and many scholarly articles. Her chair is the result of a generous gift from **Anton Vonk** and **Diane Boss**, who established the endowment to foster our work in teaching and research in Environmental Politics and Policy.

Another new faculty member is **Assistant Professor Leah Stokes**, who earned her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her dissertation focused on development of renewable energy in the U.S and Canada. She is off to a fast start in her research career with seven publications including one in the *American Journal of Political Science*, which is one of the three top, discipline-wide journals in political science.

Also joining our faculty is **Assistant Professor Matto Mildenerger**, who earned his Ph.D. at the School of Forestry



and Environmental Studies at Yale University. He is the co-author of *Dependent America? How Canada and Mexico Construct U.S. Power* (University of Toronto Press, 2011). He recently completed his dissertation on national climate policy-making, especially carbon pricing policies over the last two decades. More broadly, he studies Comparative Politics.

Our fourth new faculty member is **Assistant Professor Narayani Lasala-Blanco**, who earned her Ph.D. at Columbia University and spent a year at the Harvard Public Opinion Research Program before joining us. Her dissertation focused on institutional arrangements in U.S. cities as a potential explanation for differences in political participation among similarly-situated African-Americans, whites, and Latinos.

We are sorry to announce that **Professor Garrett Glasgow** decided to leave UCSB for the private sector. Professor Glasgow had a distinguished academic career in our department and will be continuing some of that work as an affiliated researcher. We wish Garrett and his family all the best in the Bay Area.

Another departure was our much loved and respected Undergraduate Advisor, **Steve Wiener**, who retired in January. We are all sad to see him leave because of the wonderful impact he had on the lives of the students, staff, and faculty at UCSB. He now gets to spend more time in his favorite role...grandfather.

Political Science continues to be an enormously popular major. We are proud of our students and their many accomplishments. Our Model UN Club won "Outstanding Delegation" at the National United Nations Conference for a second year in a row this year. Two of our students, **Andrew Soriano** and **Anthony Theissen**, won University Service Awards for their unselfish and dedicated service to the University, its students, and the community. **Cameron Schunk** was honored with the Vice Chancellor's Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship. Lastly, **Professor Pei-te Lien** had the honor of welcoming 29 students to Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

I am stepping down as chair after a wonderful three years in the role. I will be staying on with the department and spending more time teaching and doing research. I welcome our new Chair, **Bruce Bimber**, and wish him all the best.

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The Larry Adams Scholarship Celebrating 15 Years of Vision, Ideas, and Practicality

2015 marked the 15th year of the Larry Adams scholarship founded by alumna R. Marilyn Lee and husband Harvey Schneider to honor her former Professor Larry Adams. The scholarship provides financial awards to upper division Political Science students interning in local public service offices.

The origin of the scholarship dates back to 1967 when Governor Ronald Reagan proposed drastic budget cuts and tuition increases to the UC and CSU systems. Political Science Professor Larry Adams led a group of Gauchos to rally at Storke Tower in protest. One of the students was second year Marilyn Lee, who had yet to choose a major. UCSB led 10,000 students from all nine campuses on a March to Sacramento where Gov. Reagan addressed the students on the Capitol steps and met with the Associated Student leaders.

Exhilarated by political activism and the spirit and leadership of Professor Adams, Lee decided to enroll in his course on American Government. "Larry was so inspirational and thought-provoking. He could take any headline of a newspaper and relate it back to Thomas Jefferson and that time period," she said. She chose to major in Political Science after taking his class.

During the summer of 1968, Professor Adams interested Lee in campaigning for Robert Kennedy for President as well as be part of the RFK hospitality committee. Soon, Lee was putting on a straw hat, white blouse, and blue skirt as one of the "Kennedy Girls" welcoming the presidential candidate to Santa Barbara. Eighteen days before the election, the dapper-looking Kennedy drove to the Santa Barbara Courthouse in his open air convertible and spoke to the overflowing crowd. Families and student groups hung onto every word of his emotionally stirring speech. "I was hooked," said Lee.



Marilyn Lee as a second year UCSB student.

The political environment of the 1960s was ripe for political science majors. "We were protesting the Vietnam War, boycotting grapes, and having sit-ins. It was a very different world," Lee said.

On the night of the California primary election in June, the UCSB student committee drove to the Kennedy campaign event at the Ambassador Hotel where they saw his victory and

aftermath of his assassination. The events of 1968 had a profound effect on her, making politics even more personal.

Upon graduation, Lee decided she wanted to continue working in public service. She spent four years working in politics in Washington, DC before returning to California to attend law school. She went



Larry Adams with activists Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez.

on to have a successful law and newspaper management career that was inspired by Larry Adams and the public service internship that she had as an undergraduate at UCSB.

"It was no coincidence that so many of us who were in the Robert Kennedy campaign or had Larry [Adams] as a professor went into law or public service. He made that happen," said Lee. "Larry was a man of ideas, vision, and practicality, and it rubbed off on me and a lot of other people."

Lee decided that she wanted to start a scholarship for students where they could work in public service like she had, but still be able to afford their living expenses. "I didn't like seeing students struggle to pay their rent and buy supplies all while working at jobs that weren't directly benefiting their future or stimulating them intellectually." She wanted to give students what Adams had given to her -- an opportunity to excel in a field of interest and importance.

"Larry was such an active member in the community -- he would try to get students involved, get them to vote, and help them realize their professional and educational goals," said Lee. Adams loved to see what his students were doing and how successful they were. He was a friend to everybody, and a huge source of support for his students. This scholarship carries on his work, having benefited over 30 students since its inception.

Elena Richardson, class of 2007, discussed her appreciation for the Larry Adams scholarship. It was pivotal to her undergraduate development because it engaged her in meaningful work outside of UCSB. Thanks to the Larry Adams Scholarship, Richardson was able to take on an intern-

ship with two Santa Barbara City Council Members, Helene Schneider, now Mayor, and Das Williams, now Assembly-member representing the 35th Assembly District.

Interning at City Council led Richardson to work in public policy and electoral politics as an organizer for three years on seven campaigns. Since then, she has earned a Masters in Public Health from Boston University and worked on USAID projects in Southern Africa and Egypt.

She currently manages the grant-making program for the community foundation called Fund for Santa Barbara. **“Larry was a man of ideas, vision, and practicality, and it rubbed off on me and a lot of other people.”** Richardson said. She sees the Political Science community as a cornerstone of her professional and educational development.

Larry Adams passed away in 2007, but his legacy of public service and endless dedication lives on in the scholarship that Lee founded and Richardson exemplifies. “There are a shrinking number of people who knew Larry,

Steve Wiener’s Retirement

In early February, members of the Political Science Department (past and present) as well as other members of the UCSB community, gathered to celebrate Steve Wiener upon his retirement from UCSB and the Political Science Department. With over 30 years of service to UCSB, more than 25 of which were in Political Science, Steve has left a lasting impact on the department.

Steve was the first Undergraduate Adviser in our department and created a model for undergraduate advising both in Political Science and across the UCSB campus. He believed in the importance of one-on-one advising and focusing on the whole person (not just the person as a political science major). He always enjoyed working with students through their successes and failures, helping students find ways to resolve problems, and empowering students to search for and find solutions. Steve was skilled in working with all types of students, including: traditional, returning, and late starting.

His role extended beyond working directly with undergraduate students, as he also counseled graduate students on becoming effective teachers and advisors. He instituted a teaching assistant training program that



Marilyn Lee (center) with former Adams Scholars.

but there are many people who are impacted by his work and legacy. And that number continues to grow,” said Lee. She is overjoyed that other friends and alumni, such as Steve Mendell '63 and Phil Spector '72, have supported and continue to support the scholarship as there is always a need for more funds to support more students.

Lee looks forward to seeing the scholarship continue to inspire students to participate in public service internships in the coming years. “Every Political Science major deserves the opportunity to get an internship. It is such an important part of learning that you don’t find in a classroom,” said Lee. *– Jane Huson, Class of 2015*



Steve Wiener with wife Connie and former peer advisors, Jane Huson (left) and Stephanie Teuber (right).

brought together new and experienced TAs and members of the academic community so students had the benefit of a wide variety of resources. Professors, too, were always welcome in Steve’s office for counsel based on Steve’s font of UCSB knowledge.

Steve will be missed as he enjoys the next phase of his life...retirement! But his legacy will continue on in our wonderful undergraduate program. Thank you Steve for 25 years with the Political Science Department!

Melissa Immel's (BA 2015) Internship with First Lady Michelle Obama

Melissa Immel came to UCSB as a Communications major intending to go into marketing. Political Science was not on her radar, but when she took introductory Political Theory and International Relations courses, she was drawn to the major. She enjoyed Political Science's interdisciplinary approach, incorporating her interests in areas such as history and philosophy and finding professors who encouraged policy debates and delving into issues from different viewpoints.

Her newfound interest in politics prompted Melissa to join UCSB's Campus Democrats and the Community Affairs Board (CAB), where she thrived and quickly recognized her ability to effect positive change through political involvement.

Melissa participated in the UCDC program, which allows UC students to study, work, and live in Washington, DC for a quarter. With participants responsible for finding their own internship positions, she applied for the extremely competitive White House internship. When her invitation to join the White House's Scheduling and Advance team in the Office of the First Lady arrived, she was surprised and excited. As an intern, Melissa helped manage the First Lady's calendar and daily itinerary, assisted in organizing the political, official, and personal schedules of Mrs. Obama, managed scheduling requests, and helped to plan event logistics. Unlike other UCDC interns, she sometimes returned to the UC center at 11 p.m. after a long day of tending to her White House duties.

After returning to UCSB from UCDC, Melissa received a call from the White House asking her to accompany the First Lady on an international trip to Asia. There was one catch: it would be during dead week and finals week. Luckily, her Political Science professors considered assisting Mrs. Obama to be a valid excuse for rescheduling her exams. "I am grateful to the Department for supporting me and helping me take advantage of my career opportunities," says Melissa.

Thus, Melissa began working on Mrs. Obama's advance team, serving on a team organizing the First Lady's international trips by carefully planning event logistics. "Travelling to Cambodia to work for First Lady Michelle Obama was one of the last things I expected to accomplish as an undergrad," says the former intern. Since then, she has travelled to New Orleans, Detroit, and the United

Kingdom as a part of the advance team. According to Melissa, advance is fun and dynamic because she gets placed with many different staff members, as well as Secret Service, and has to adjust to various work styles to collaborate effectively. In addition, she must work with locals and be resourceful. "Teamwork is essential in this line of work; we depend on each other to fill our respective roles," says Melissa. "The events are not just fun, they have very real consequences for people's lives," she adds. For example, the mayor of New Orleans responded to the First Lady's challenge to end veteran hunger and homelessness. Because of the First Lady and the city's work, many former veterans who were previously homeless now have housing.

In another example, the First Lady worked with nonprofits and local teachers to help thousands of students graduate from high school and go on to higher education. Education issues resonate strongly with Melissa, as she comes from a family of teachers. "It feels so special to be a part of that. Even indirectly, this work helps people on a large scale," said Melissa.

"I'm drawn to public service because it is purpose-driven work," adds Melissa. She aspires to conduct policy work in Sacramento or Washington, DC, advocating for just causes and enacting political change. Interning through UCDC and being a student at UCSB has opened her eyes to causes such as veteran's rights and education issues. She hopes to be involved in various arenas throughout her career, such as local politics, education, or non-profit work.

A proud Gaucho, Melissa encourages students to reach for the stars, whether it be considering UCDC, UCEAP (UC Education Abroad Programs), or applying for White House internships. "I want to see more Gauchos make the most of their time at UCSB, not just in politics but all fields. We are capable of more than we think and can do anything we put our minds to. I believe in our ability to manifest our own realities," says Melissa. She may not have known exactly what she wanted to do when she came to UCSB, but she is graduating with a great deal of insight, knowledge, and ambition.



– Jane Huson, Class of 2015

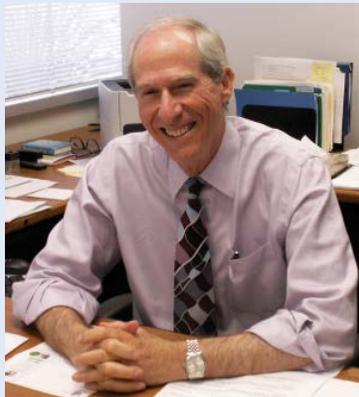
In Memoriam

DEAN E. MANN

Professor Emeritus Dean E. Mann passed away on April 21, 2014 at the age of 84. Born July 22, 1927 in Ogden, Utah, Professor Mann received his Ph.D. in 1958 from the University of California, Berkeley. He specialized in American Politics and was an early pioneer in the field of Environmental Politics. Professor Mann began his career at the University of Arizona in Tucson and it was there that he established himself as an authority on the politics of water in the western United States. He also served as a Congressional fellow and a Brookings fellow and received a grant from the Ford Foundation in 1962 to work in Caracas, Venezuela.

ALAN J. WYNER

Professor Emeritus Alan J. Wyner passed away on April 16, 2014. Born October 26, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio, Professor Wyner attended Northwestern University, receiving his B.A. in 1964, and The Ohio State University, earning his Ph.D. in 1967. While at Ohio State, he specialized in political behavior focusing on organizational, legislative, and electoral behavior.



Professor Wyner joined the Department of Political Science at UCSB in 1968 and became a well-loved member

of the faculty. During his tenure as a professor, he taught courses on public administration, environmental politics, California politics and government, and American government and politics. Professor Wyner was recognized for his commitment to students and his excellence in teaching.

Professor Mann joined the Department of Political Science at UCSB in 1965 and remained a beloved member of the faculty until his retirement in 1991. In addition to his service to our department and to UCSB, Dean Mann was well respected in the broader political science community. He served as President of the Western Political Science Association and as the Editor of Western Political Quarterly (now Political Research Quarterly) working to make it a prominent journal in the field.

Dean Mann will be remembered as a lovely person, excellent teacher, and wonderful colleague. He provided a friendly and calm presence in the department, always treated people fairly, and was welcoming to new colleagues.

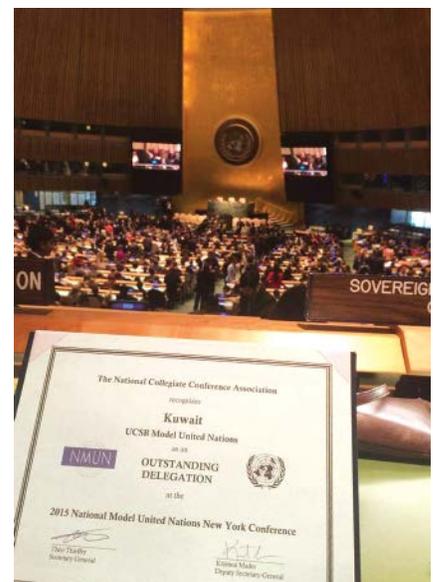
After serving as Assistant Dean and Acting Dean of Undergraduate Studies in the College of Letter and Science at UCSB, Professor Wyner was named Dean of Undergraduate Studies in March of 2000, a role in which he served with skill and compassion until his retirement in June 2008.

Throughout his life, Professor Wyner was very involved in professional activities and service in his community. Those of us who knew Al Wyner will remember him for his kindness to his friends, his coworkers, his students, and everyone with whom he came in contact. He was a warm and charming man and will be missed.

UCSB MUN Wins Outstanding Delegation for the Second Year in a Row

The UCSB Model United Nations (MUN) team won an "Outstanding Delegation" award for the second year in a row at the National Model United Nations conference held in New York in early April. The team of 22 members represented the State of Kuwait at this year's conference. The award of Outstanding Delegation is only given to the top ten percent of participating schools. Participants credited a quarter of hard work and lots of individual preparation time, as well as the guidance of advisor Galen Stocking (PhD Candidate in Political Science) for their success. This is the second year in a row that UCSB's MUN delegation received this honor, which has solidified UCSB's position as a powerhouse school for MUN.

To learn more about MUN at UCSB, please email secretariat@sbmun.org or visit their website.



New Faculty Bridget Coggins

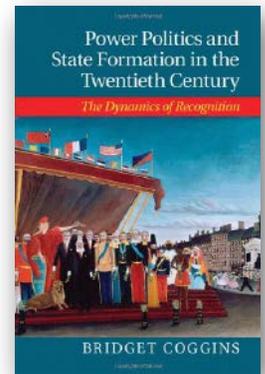
The Department of Political Science is delighted that Bridget Coggins joined the faculty this past fall. Professor Coggins received her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University and specializes in International Relations. Her research interests lie at the intersection of domestic conflict and international relations and include:



studies of secessionism, rebel diplomacy, civil war and terrorism, maritime piracy, and illicit trafficking. Her first book, *Power Politics and State Formation in the 20th Century: The Dynamics of Recognition*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. Professor Coggins is working on a

second major project examining the international security consequences of state failure.

Benjamin Jerry Cohen, Louis Lancaster Professor of International Political Economy, notes that "Bridget is a welcome addition to the Department. A prolific scholar with research interests that stress the domestic as well as the international dimensions of global security, she brings new strength to our expertise in the field of international relations and helps greatly in enriching our curriculum." In addition to joining our current International Relations Faculty in offering core IR courses, Professor Coggins has added a course on Civil Conflict and has other new courses she hopes to offer in future years.



Alumni Updates

TOM GARRISON – M.A. 1980

Tom Garrison wrote a memoir *Challenging Authority: Memoir of a Baby Boomer*, much of which covers his political activism while a graduate student at UCSB and later as a social agitator in Santa Barbara. His book can be found on: <https://my.bookbaby.com/book/challenge-authority-memoir-of-a-baby-boomer#.UusyZumPKUk>

ALLISON ANDERSON HEIDUK – B.A. 1990

Allison Anderson Heiduk was named Santa Barbara County's Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015. Heiduk has taught for over 22 years and has been a third grade teacher in the Hope School District since 2009. She is a leader both inside and outside of the classroom and was praised by County Superintendent of Schools Bill Cirone "for her innovation, enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication." Allison was featured in both the Noozhawk and the Independent for her achievements. To see Allison in action and to hear about her passion for teaching, we encourage you to watch this Youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKuAv2eTO3M>.

LINDSEY HARRISON LUPO – B.A. 1993

Lindsey Harrison Lupo received her Ph.D. in political science at UC Irvine in 2007 and has since been a member of the Political Science faculty at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. She was recently awarded tenure and promoted to full professor. Lindsey shared the following: "my political science courses at UCSB instilled in me a deep passion for studying the political world and I am very grateful for the wonderful professors who guided me

through the process, particularly Eric Smith and Kathleen Bruhn." Congratulations Lindsey!

SAMEER PANDEY – B.A. 2014

Recent graduate Sameer (Sam) Pandey spent the 2014-2015 academic year as a Coro Fellow in San Francisco. Coro fellows spend nine months in a "full-time, graduate-level experiential training program that prepares diverse, talented and committed individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena." The fellowship is highly selective with just 12 individuals being selected to serve as fellows at each of five locations. Sam spent his nine months working in various offices around the city of San Francisco. Eventually, Sam would like to serve the people of San Francisco as a city supervisor for the Mission District, for which the Coro Fellowship should provide wonderful experience.

WILLIAM (BILL) STATLER – B.A. 1973

After 37 years of public service in local government, Bill Statler has shifted to being a consultant, trainer, and author. Bill got his start in local government through an internship with the City of Santa Barbara Finance Department during his senior year at UCSB. His internship was arranged by Professor Alan Wyner. In 2012, Bill coauthored the book, *Guide to Local Government Finance in California*. Bill looks back on his UCSB experience with deep fondness and appreciation for the long-term foundation it provided his career; and he is especially grateful for the opportunity provided by Dr. Wyner via the internship program he founded."

Department Celebrations

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BRUCE BIMBER

Last June, Professor Bimber gave a keynote lecture at a conference at Sciences Po in Paris. Titled "Ubiquitous Digital Media at the Context for Collective Action," Professor Bimber discussed how one of the main puzzles in understanding political behavior today involves the difference between self-directed behavior, such as the Occupy protests, and organization-directed behavior, where parties, interest groups, and NGO's call attention to issues and mobilize people into action. Digital media facilitate both types of action, and scholars have in a relatively short time identified about a half-dozen key pieces of the puzzle in explaining how people get involved in politics each way and why.



BENJAMIN JERRY COHEN



Professor Benjamin Jerry Cohen's latest book, *Advanced Introduction to International Political Economy* (Edward Elgar Publishers), was published in March 2014. The book provides a comprehensive tour d'horizon of IPE across the globe, to illustrate the remarkable diversity of the field as it exists today. Separate chapters describe and evaluate approaches to the subject as they have developed and evolved in the United States, Canada, Britain, Continental Europe, Latin America, Australia, and China. This is Professor Cohen's fourteenth authored book.

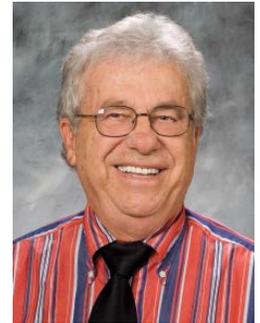
In June 2014 Professor Cohen delivered a major public lecture in Madrid entitled "The Coming Global Monetary Disorder." This lecture was sponsored by the research institute Fundacion Rafael del Pino. In July, Professor Cohen was honored at the international conference, *Global and Regional Powers in a Changing World*, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was honored by the panel "IPE as a Global Conversation: Keynote Panel in Honor of Benjamin Cohen."

At the 2015 International Studies Association Conference, Professor Cohen was awarded the SWIPE (Society for Women in International Political Economy) Mentor Award. The award "pays tribute to women and men who have invested in the professional success of women in the International Political Economy field." The award was established by SWIPE in 1997 to recognize the importance of mentorship in the academic success and careers of women. This

award is a true honor and testimony to the excellent mentorship that Professor Cohen has provided to his students over the years of his successful academic career.

M. KENT JENNINGS

M. Kent Jennings received the 2014 Harold Lasswell Award from the International Society of Political Psychology. The Lasswell Award is given for "distinguished scientific contribution in the field of political psychology." Harold Lasswell was one of the first to apply psychology to the analysis of politics and faced academic discrimination because of the interdisciplinary nature of his work. With over 65 articles in leading scholarly journals and several books, Professor Jennings has made and continues to make lasting contributions to the field of political psychology.



LORRAINE MCDONNELL



Lorraine McDonnell was invited by Melvin Oliver, Executive Dean of the College of Letters & Science and the SAGE Sara Miller McCune Dean of Social Sciences, to give the faculty address at the 2014 Social Science Undergraduate Commencement. During her address, Professor

McDonnell sought not to offer the graduating students advice from her own experience, but to help them realize the lessons and advice they had garnered throughout their time at UCSB both in and out of the classroom. Near the end of her address, McDonnell stated that these lessons about "kindness, respect, trust, responsibility, and generosity may seem like small everyday virtues. But they are the building blocks of a good and just society to which all of us—as educated citizens—have an obligation to help shape."

ANDREW NORRIS

Andrew Norris spent the fall of 2014 in Germany as a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities conducting research for his article "Ordinary Language and Second Nature: Returning to Ourselves in Hegel and Cavell." In his project, he explores the contributions Cavell and Hegel make to our understanding of the practical philosophy of self-realization.



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