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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. *Social Psychology*, 1983. Department of Psychology and Social Relations.

M.A. *Psychology*, 1981.

Brandeis University

Waltham, MA

M.A. *Comparative History*, 1978.

B.A. **Magna Cum Laude**. *History*, 1978. Thesis awarded **highest honors**.

Institute for Rational-Emotive Therapy, 1993-94, Clinical (psychology) Fellow.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Book of the Year, *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism*, 2013.

Faculty Excellence Award for Scholarship, William Paterson University, 2004.

Featured Biography, William Paterson University of New Jersey: Faculty Excellence, 2005.

Fellow (funded). Israel seminar. Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, 2017.

Recommended Book, religioustolerance.org, for *Bad Faith*, 2007

Top Books on Terrorism list, *Perspectives on Terrorism* magazine, for *Bad Faith*, 2007.

Tikkun Olam ("Improving the World") Award, Haiti Jewish Refugee Legacy Project, 2011.

Featured speaker, Nat. Speakers' Bureau, Academic Engagement Network, 2018-present.

Distinguished Lecture, International Psychohistorical Association, New York, 1999.

Featured Guest, American Society of Trial Consultants, Denver, CO, 2002.

Outstanding Academic Title - 1996, *Choice Magazine*, for *Mass Hate*, 1996.

Editorial Board, *Political Psychology*, 2008-2011

Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism*, 2011-2017

Associate Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism*, 2018-present

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATIONS

New York State Psychology License #011559

Rational-Emotive Therapy, Primary Certificate #3709

Rational-Emotive Therapy, Advanced Certificate #682

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

William Paterson University

Wayne, NJ

Professor. Tenured. Department of Psychology. (1984-present). Chairperson (early 1990s).

Director, Honors Program in the Social Sciences (since 2004). Specializing in social,

clinical, industrial/organizational, and forensic psychology.

Yale University

New Haven, CT

Visiting Associate Professor. Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of

Antisemitism (YIISA). Institution for Social and Policy Studies. (2008-2009)

Stevens Institute of Technology

Hoboken, NJ

Adjunct Associate Professor. Department of Management. (1989-1994)

New York University

New York, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor. Department of Psychology. (1989-1991)

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Instructor (Sophomore Tutor). (1979-1983)

KEY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Level

General Psychology
Senior Seminar in Psychology
Social Psychology
Introduction to Sociology
Psychology of Social Issues
Psychology of Law
Psychology of Politics
Psychology of Business and Industry
History and Systems of Psychology
Consumer Psychology
Introduction to Personality
Computers and Statistical Analysis
Abnormal Psychology
Senior Seminar in Psychology
Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences: Theory
Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences: Methodology
Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences: Application

Graduate Level

Advanced Social Psychology
Group Dynamics
Organizational Change and Development
Developmental Psychopathology
Psychopathology
Intellectual Testing
Personality Assessment
Research Methods in Communications

SELECTED COLLEGE USE OF MY BOOKS AND ARTICLES

Bucknell, Williams, Michigan, Maryland, Indiana, Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, Toronto, Duke, Michigan State, Claremont McKenna, University of California -Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Huron University College, Ball State, University of California -- Santa Cruz, San Francisco State, Ohio State, University of North Carolina, Westminster, Wheaton College, SUNY- Stonybrook, Seattle, Drew, Webster, St . John's University, University of North Dakota, Australian National, Muhlenberg, University of Budapest, and others.

SELECTED BROADCAST, WEB, AND PRINT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Broadcast: MSNBC-TV, FOXNEWS-TV, History Channel TV, ABC-TV, Voice of America, NPR, Associated Press Radio Network, Monitor Radio Network, Simon Wiesenthal Center Radio, WNYC-AM (New York) “New York and Company,” WOR-AM (New York) “The Joan Rivers Show,” WLTW (New York), Polish National Radio, KABC-AM (Los Angeles) “The Ken and Dan Show,” KABC-AM (Los Angeles) “The Dave and Amy Show,” CFRB (Toronto), KOA (Denver), “The Michael Medved Show.”

Print and Web: Commentary, Forbes, Washington Post, Economist, Slate, Reader’s Digest, Wall Street Journal, Washington Monthly, Washington Times, Boston Globe, New York Post, New York Times, Corporate Board Member Magazine, Transaction/Society, Chronicle of Higher Education, Jerusalem Report, Jerusalem Post, and Times Educational Supplement

HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENTAL, UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Founding Director of Honors Program in the Social Sciences (2004-present). Manage all aspects of program development, student recruitment, promotion, advisement, coordination with Honors College, faculty recruitment, dispute resolution, supervision of thesis research, and other tasks. Supervise student paper submissions to academic conference. Member of Honors College Track Directors Committee. Many dozens of students have completed the track.
2. Member of many departmental committees. During my career, I have been a member of nearly all departmental committees at one time or another. During the past five years, I have been a member of curriculum committee, executive committee, library committee, adjunct evaluations committee, and the “kids in the hall” committee (which worked to improve the physical appearance of the hallways).
3. Member of University Holocaust and Genocide Studies Committee (1998-present). We have brought to William Paterson speakers and programs dealing with genocide and mass atrocities around the world.
4. Creator and Presenter, “How to Get Into Grad School” workshops (2019-present). Prepared “grad school admissions toolkit” and present regular workshops for honors students in all fields on strategies for getting into competitive graduate programs.
5. Manuscript Reviewer. I have served as a manuscript reviewer for refereed journals and major book publishers throughout my career. In recent years, I have reviewed for Trauma Violence and Abuse, Basic and Applied Social Psychology, Contemporary Jewry, Journal for the Study of Antisemitism, Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism, Academic Studies Press, Cambridge University Press, and others.
6. Member, PsyD. Clinical Psychology Dissertation Committee (2017-present).
7. Member, Anti-Defamation League, State Advisory Board (2012-2019). Leading national organization devoted to fighting against antisemitism and for the fair treatment of all groups.
8. Adviser, Hillel Jewish student group. One year – when regular adviser was on sabbatical.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books.

The Psychology of Religion: A Social Force. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Under contract, expected 2021).

“The Sons of Pigs and Apes”: Muslim Antisemitism and the Conspiracy of Silence. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2012.

Bad Faith: The Danger of Religious Extremism. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, October 2007.

Stack and Sway: The New Science of Jury Consulting. Co-authored with Dorit F. Kressel, J.D. New York: Perseus/Westview Press, 2002. (Published November 2001; paperback edition, April 2004). Current publisher: Basic Books.

Mass Hate: The Global Rise of Genocide and Terror. New York: Plenum, 1996. Revised and updated edition, January 2002. New York: Perseus/ Westview, 2002. Current publisher: Basic Books.

North American Antisemitism: New World, Old Hate. Boston, Brill, February 2016. Edited with Steven K. Baum, Florette Cohen, and Steven L Jacobs

Political Psychology: (Edited.) New York: Paragon House, 1993.

Book Chapters

“Why So Many Social Scientists Misunderstand Contemporary Antisemitism,” in Poisoning the Wells: Antisemitism in Contemporary American Culture, Politics, and Education, eds. Corinne Blackmer & Andrew Pessin. New York: ISGAP, in press, expected 2020.

“The Great Failure of the Antiracist Community: How and Why Muslim Antisemitism Has Been Neglected in English-Language Textbooks, Research, and the Classroom,” Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: Past and Present, ed. Eunice G. Pollock. Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2017.

“How to Interpret American Poll Data on Jews, Israel and Antisemitism,” in North American Antisemitism: New World, Old Hate, eds. Steven K. Baum, Neil Kressel, Florette Cohen, and Steven L Jacobs. Boston, Brill, February 2016.

“Why Well-Intentioned Westerners Fail to Grasp the Dangers Associated with Islamic Antisemitism: Some Arguments Considered,” in The Yale Papers: Antisemitism in

Comparative Perspective, ed. Charles A. Small (299-328). New York: Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, 2015.

“Muslim Demonization of Jews as ‘Pigs’ and ‘Apes’: Theological Roots and Contemporary Implications,” in Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity, ed. Charles A. Small, (pp. 67-80). New York: Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, 2013.

“What is the Relationship between Religion and Extremist Acts?” in Extremism: Opposing Viewpoints, ed. Laurie Willis (New York: Gale Cengage, 2011), 20-28. Excerpt from Bad Faith: The Danger of Religious Extremism.

Articles

“Trends in the Psychological Study of Contemporary Antisemitism: Conceptual Issues and Empirical Evidence,” BASIC AND APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 38: (2016), no. 2, 111-126. (With Samuel W. Kressel)

“The Denial of Muslim Anti-Semitism,” JOURNAL FOR THE STUDY OF ANTI-SEMITISM 2: (2010): 2, pp. 101-112.

“Mass Hatred in the Muslim and Arab World,” INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF APPLIED PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES. This article was the lead paper of a special issue; several scholars wrote responding papers. September, 2007.

“The Urgent Need to Study Muslim Anti-Semitism” THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: THE CHRONICLE REVIEW, March 12, 2004.

“Antisemitism, Social Science, and the Muslim and Arab World,” JUDAISM, vol. 52 (no. 3/4), Summer/Fall 2003, pp. 225-245.

“Participation in Mass Atrocities: A Social Psychological Perspective,” THE JOURNAL OF PSYCHOHISTORY, 27:2 (Fall 1999), 165-179. This paper was the Distinguished Lecture at the 22nd Annual International Psychohistorical Association Convention, delivered at Fordham University on 2 June 1999.

“Multiculturalism and the Jews,” MIDSTREAM, December 1992, Vol. 38, no. 9, pp. 26-29.

“Job and degree satisfaction among social science graduates,” TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY, 17:4 (December 1990), 222-227.

“Systemic barriers to progress in academic social psychology,” JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, 130:1 (February 1990), 5-27.

“Consumer selection and evaluation of dentists,” HEALTH MARKETING QUARTERLY, 5:3/4 (1988), 15-31. With Ralph Haycock.

“Biased judgments of media bias: A case study of the Arab-Israeli conflict,” *POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY*, 8: (June 1987), 211-227.

“SYMLOG and behavior therapy: Pathway to expanding horizons,” *SMALL GROUP BEHAVIOR*, 18:3 (Aug. 1987), 420-436.

“The role of thermography in medico-legal documentation,” *INCL (insurance negligence and compensation law) JOURNAL*, 13:1 (June 1984), 26-30. (With Andrew A. Fischer)

Book Reviews (Scholarly Journals and Popular Press)

“This Truly Evil Man, Review of David G. Dalin and John F. Rothman, Icon of Evil: Hitler’s Mufti and the Rise of Radical Islam,” *THE JEWISH STANDARD*, August 29, 2008.

“Leap of Faith: Why Religion Shouldn’t Be Immune to Public Debate, Review of Austin Dacey, The Secular Conscience: Why Belief Belongs in Public Life,” *NEW YORK POST*, April 6, 2008.

“No Replacing Religion: Review of Michael Burleigh, Sacred Causes: The Clash of Religion and Politics from the Great War to the War on Terror,” *NEW YORK POST*, May 20, 2007.

“Review of Experts in Court: Reconciling Law, Science and Professional Knowledge by Bruce D. Sales and Dennis W. Shuman,” *TRIAL*, pp. 69-71, January 2006.

“Review of Coping with Cross-Examination and Other Pathways to Effective Testimony by Stanley L. Brodsky,” *TRIAL*, pp. 78-81, September 2004.

“Review of Kristen Renwick Monroe, Ed., Political Psychology,” *PEACE AND CONFLICT: JOURNAL OF PEACE PSYCHOLOGY*, vol. 9 (4)2003, pp. 373-376.

“Facing Muslim Hate: Review of Kenneth Timmerman, Preachers of Hate: Islam and the War on America,” *NEW YORK POST*, November 9, 2003

“Review of Determining Damages: The Psychology of Jury Awards by Edie Greene and Brian H. Bornstein,” *TRIAL*, pp. 82-83, July 2003.

“Review of Yoram Peri, ed., The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, *POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY*,” vol. 23, no. 3, September 2002.

“A Tangled Web: Review of The Web of Violence: From Interpersonal to Global, edited by Jennifer Turpin and Lester R. Kurtz,” *PEACE AND CONFLICT*:

JOURNAL OF PEACE PSYCHOLOGY, 1998, Vol. 4, no. 3, 311-314.

“Review of The Colors of Violence: Cultural Identities, Religion, and Conflict by Sudhir Kakar,” POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY, 1998, Vol. 19, no. 4, 853-855.

“Review of The Quest for the Nazi Personality: A Psychological Investigation of Nazi War Criminals by Eric A. Zillmer, Molly Harrower, Barry Ritzler, and Robert P. Archer,” AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, 1997, Vol. 23, no. 4, 301-303.

“Review of The Holocaust and the Crisis of Human Behavior, 2nd. edition, by George M. Kren and Leon Rappoport, and The Widening Circle of Genocide -- Genocide: A Critical Bibliographic Review, volume 3, edited by Israel W. Charny,” JOURNAL OF PSYCHOHISTORY, Summer 1996, Vol. 24, no. 1, 98-100.

“Review of Reasoning and Choice: Explorations in Political Psychology by Paul M. Sniderman, Richard A. Brody, and Philip E. Tetlock,” AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY, September 1993, Vol. 99, no. 2, 499-500.

“Will Mental States Go the Way of Witches and Phlogiston?,” (Review of The Future of Folk Psychology: Intentionality and Cognitive Science, edited by John D. Greenwood), CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY, February 1993, Vol. 38, no. 2, pp. 180-181. (Correspondence regarding this article published in 1994).

“Review of Faces of Internationalism: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy by Eugene Wittkopf and Power and Leadership in International Bargaining: The Path to the Camp David Accords by Shibley Telhami,” POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY, 13: 4, (December 1992), 805-810.

“Review of Ethnic Ethics: The Restructuring of Moral Theory by Anthony Cortese,” AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY (July 1991), 239-241.

“The Holocaust as history: A Review of The Holocaust and the Historians by Lucy S. Dawidowicz,” MIDSTREAM, 30:4 (April 1984), 57-59.

Selected Presentations at National and International Conferences

“Assessing the Role of Islam in the Creation and Maintenance of Antisemitic Attitudes and Behaviors in Muslim Communities around the World: Empirical and Conceptual Issues,” paper presented at “An End to Antisemitism!” international conference, February 21, 2018, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. Co-sponsored by Tel Aviv University, New York University, and the European Jewish Congress.

“How to Interpret American Poll Data on Jews, Israel and Antisemitism.” Paper presented at the 38th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 6, 2015, San Diego, CA.

“Trends in the Psychological Study of Contemporary Antisemitism.” Paper presented at the 38th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 6, 2015, San Diego, CA. With Samuel W. Kressel.

“Islamic Antisemitism: A Litmus Test for the West,” invited lecture presented at Fordham University, New York, NY, sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy,” February 14, 2013.

“The Demonization of Jews as ‘Pigs and Apes’: Theological Roots, History, Extent and Contemporary Implications,” paper presented at conference on Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity, August 23, 2010, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

“Not So Important: Why Well Intentioned Westerners Fail to Grasp the Dangers Associated with Antisemitism in the Muslim World,” Invited paper presented at the Dr. James Sacks Conference on “The Psychological Impact of the Threat of Contemporary Genocidal Antisemitism: From Denial and Paralysis to Understanding the Challenge,” April 18, 2009, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

“Psychological Elements in the Motivation of Jihadi Terrorists,” Invited Paper Presented at the Plenary Session of the Austin H. Kutscher Memorial Seminar on Death, March 29, 2008, Columbia University, NY, NY.

“Religious Elements in the Motivation of Jihadi Terrorists.” Paper presented at the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 28, 2008, New Brunswick, NJ.

“The Power and the Danger of Religious Faith.” Paper Presented at the Midyear Conference on Psychology and Religion, April 2008, Loyola College of Maryland.

“When Moderate Religion Fails: Some Social and Psychological Roots of Extremist Faith,” paper to be presented at the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Portland, Oregon, July 6, 2007.

“Stack, Sway or Study: The Science and Ethics of Trial Consulting,” featured guest in panel on Stack and Sway at annual meeting of the American Society of Trial Consultants, Denver, Colorado, June 8, 2002.

“Enough with the Holocaust already,” (with Professors Peter Stein and Miryam Wahrman), 32nd Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, Newark, New Jersey, March 3, 2002.

“Trial Consultants and Peremptory Challenges: A Proposal to Save the Jury System in the United States,” paper presented at the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Cuernavaca,

Morelos, Mexico, July 18, 2001.

“Nobel’s Peace Prize: A Blemished Record,” paper presented at the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, July 16, 2001.

“Jury Consultants and American Justice: Past, Present, Future,” paper presented at the Law and Society Association and Research Committee on Sociology of Law 2001 Joint Annual Meetings, Budapest, Hungary, July 6, 2001.

“Participation in Mass Atrocities: A Social Psychological Perspective,” paper presented as the Distinguished Lecture at the 22nd Annual International Psychohistorical Association Convention, Fordham University, New York, New York, June 2, 1999.

“The Milgram obedience paradigm and participation in mass atrocities: a reassessment,” paper presented at the 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3, 1996.

“Professional role conflict and bias in political psychology,” paper presented at the 15th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, San Francisco, CA. July, 1992.

“Systemic barriers to progress in academic social psychology,” paper presented at the 96th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 1988.

“Family-related information needs of service providers, policymakers, and community leaders: A qualitative study,” paper presented at the 96th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 1988. With Sherle Boone.

“Assessing state college impact upon nearby urban areas: A focus group case study,” paper presented at the 96th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 1988. With Dona Fountoukidis, Sherle Boone, and Adam J. Brodsky.

“Television newspapers and the Middle East: A meta-analysis of empirical studies,” paper presented at the 94th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC, August 1986.

“Integrating humanistic and behavioral approaches to counseling: An application of SYMLOG,” paper presented at the 94th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC, August 1986.

“Statewide voting behavior and the ideology of U.S. Senators: Some evidence for ideological agreement and consistency,” paper presented at the 8th Annual

Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology,
Washington, DC, June 1985.

“The Relationship between aggregate mass media coverage and American public opinion: A case study,” paper presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, Lake Delavan, WI, May 1984.

Selected Newspaper and Magazine Articles

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “No Ignoring a Billion Antisemites,” May 16, 2014.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “Laughing Off Jew Hatred: Our Leaders Ignore the Obvious,” January 17, 2013.

Op-Ed for THE JEWISH STANDARD, “A Wolf in Sheik’s Clothing,” March 26, 2010.

Op-Ed for THE JEWISH STANDARD, “Ordeal of a Friend of Jews,” November 13, 2009.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “Padilla: We Got Lucky,” August 20, 2007.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “A Lesson in Democracy,” March 23, 2006.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “No Hablamos. . . Arabic,” October 18, 2003.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “The War for Hearts and Minds,” April 2, 2003.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “Ignoble Laureates,” October 13, 2002.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “Honesty Hurts,” September 28, 2002.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “What They Really Think in Gaza,” August 6, 2002.

Op-Ed for NEW YORK POST, “Jersey’s Schools Surrender,” February 9, 2002, p. 25.

“Middle East: Rx for Peace,” THE SUNDAY RECORD (N.J.), August 3, 1997, p.1, “Review & Outlook” section.

“Give the Nobel Prize to GI Joe,” THE FORWARD, October 22, 1993, p. 6. This article was reprinted as the cover story of the November 1996 issue of AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE (circulation: 2.9 million).

“Of Colleges and Race Relations,” THE NEW YORK TIMES, July 11, 1993,

letter, N.J., p. 5.

“Americans Wake to Terrorism,” THE FORWARD, July 2, 1993, p. 6.

“The U.N: Is it Unnecessary?” (N.Y.) DAILY NEWS. Sunday May 12, 1991.
This article was the subject of a DAILY NEWS editorial on the same day.

“Make Colleges Smarter,” (N.Y.) DAILY NEWS. Sunday March 3, 1991.

“Terrorist Voice of a People,” (N.J.) JEWISH NEWS. January 1987. With Adam J. Brodsky.

“Statistics Give Wrong Idea,” NEW YORK NEWSDAY, June 9, 1986, letter, p. 52. With Adam J. Brodsky.

“It Was the Bun's Rush at McDonald's,” BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE. Sunday January 13, 1980.

-- Reviews and Commentary --

Neil J. Kressel

Bad Faith: The Danger of Religious Extremism

REVIEWS

“Refreshingly unique, this work probes differences among religious traditions openly and without the restraints of political correctness, proving to be the single best way to understand the authentic nature of religious extremism. . . Highly recommended.”

Choice Magazine

“The threat radical Islamists pose is not merely terrorist warfare but religio-cultural warfare as well. This is directed against Western values as well as mainstream Muslim tendencies. Salafi Islam, their primary religious identity, is anti-modern and nihilistic (which is why they turn to terrorist tactics to strike at their adversaries), so it is important to understand why their adherents opt for a violent form of religious extremism rather than more constructive and progressive religious ideologies. . . .[Neil J. Kressel] incisively addresses these issues. . . . All those in the counterterrorism community who wish to understand and respond to the characteristics of religious extremism will greatly benefit from reading Mr. Kressel’s important book.”

Joshua Sinai, Counterterrorism expert, The Washington Times

“Finally someone has it right – that someone is Neil Kressel. . . . This is an important and well-researched book – a thinking person’s guide to a religious life devoid of violence.”

Steven K. Baum, Journal of Hate Studies

“To his credit, Kressel is even-handed when discussing religious extremists from the three Abrahamic faiths. Notwithstanding his own Jewish heritage, he is careful not to allow inevitable loyalties to cloud his academic objectivity. The honest examination of his own heritage is important as it lends authority to Kressel’s final few chapters in which he identifies Islamists as the real menace to peace and progress. . . .”

Diesel Balaam, Freethinker

“[A] remarkably objective and constructive approach to this deeply disturbing subject . . . closes with sensible recommendations for policymakers. . . .”

Book News

“. . . well-written and thoroughly researched. . . .”

Monstersandcritics.com

“. . . [A]n interesting and very readable text . . . a useful and accessible contribution to the debate over the nature of contemporary religious extremism.”

Matthew J. Godwin, University of Manchester, UK, e-Extreme

“. . . Bad Faith offers a provocative yet sensible outlook. . . .”

Shane Lloyd, University of St. Andrews, UK, Middle East Journal

“With Bad Faith, Kressel has made an interesting and informative contribution to an area of current affairs which is too often overshadowed by emotive work by writers with an agenda. This book will prove to be invaluable to anyone who is attempting to understand religious extremism in whatever form or manner.”

David Selwyn Caspar, University of Reading, UK, Comparative Strategy

“With the recent spate of polemical books warning against the dangers of religion, one might expect psychologist Neil Kressel's Bad Faith to be yet another diatribe against God and religious belief. Yet, with measured resistance to this somewhat sensationalist approach, Kressel demonstrates a welcome open-mindedness, periodically citing William James' dictum that religions should be judged not by their roots but by their fruits. . . . [Bad Faith is] exhaustively researched and clearly written . . . highly informative, considerate to the general reader, and provides well-balanced, clearly expressed arguments.”

Simon Riches, University College, London, Metapsychology

“[A] very timely book indeed.”

Alan Caruba, Bookviews

“. . . a wide reaching and comprehensive analysis of faith which harms others, particularly terrorism. . . . It is well written and a book appropriate for the educated person as well as the expert.”

R. L. Gorsuch, Fuller Theological Seminary, Journal of Church and State

“Reading Neil Kressel’s *Bad Faith* . . . is like taking a college-level course from a gifted teacher whose topic, religious extremism and its sometimes violent expression, compels rapt attention. “

Rebecca Kaplan Boroson, Editor, The Jewish Standard

“[T]he information presented through the course of this book is both interesting and useful. It’s definitely worth reading if you are interested in religious terrorism and extremist religious beliefs.”

Austin Cline, About.com: Agnosticism/Atheism

“. . . a very good book.”

Maphead’s Book Blog

BLURBS

"This book sparked my interest so much that I read it 3 times. Each time, the book held my attention fresh so that I didn't put it down until I got to the end. Its topic is timeless and urgent and the dilemma is big. Religion and religious violence have been with humans as long as there have been humans and this book rightly takes head-on that violent religious extremism that is the great challenge of the 21st century. It does a superbly honest, careful, and accurate job. *Bad Faith* is full of sobering accounts of historical and contemporary acts of violence in the name of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The religious justification of violent acts and the accounts of killers in every faith are fairly and even handedly presented. Very happily, the author avoids the simplistic; suggestions are realistic, sensible, and doable. Briefly said, this book is excellent."

Raymond F. Paloutzian, author of Invitation to the Psychology of Religion; editor of The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion

“Kressel’s work could not be more timely. It has the advantage of taking religious movements with thoughtful seriousness and making vital distinctions clear. It is also written in a lucid and readable style.”

Harvey Cox, Harvard University; author of The Secular City

"Bad Faith is a profound book dealing with a complex problem: how can religion, which is capable of bringing the best out of human beings, also propel them toward the worst? Seeking an answer, Neil J. Kressel guides us in a journey through the world of religious belief. He provides no take-away answer, no ready-made, one size-fit all analysis -- and he dismisses much of what conventional wisdom offers in its efforts to explain away the problem. Kressel's focus is on Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the three Abrahamic religions that together account for nearly half of mankind. But it is clear that Kressel is more particularly interested in Islamism, the contemporary radical brand of Islam that is responsible for much of terrorism in more than 60 countries on all continents. Kressel is never judgmental, and often goes out of his way to try to understand and explain the most obnoxious ideological props used to justify terrorism. This makes his exposure of the 'bad faith' that is at the root of contemporary terror that much more effective."

Amir Taheri, Iranian author of 10 books on Islam and the Middle East and a syndicated columnist

"This well written, engaging and compelling book addresses the great, current danger of religious extremism, especially in Islam. It shows that religiously motivated violence has been part of all three great religions and that the sacred texts of Christianity, Judaism and Islam all contain many passages that can be used to advocate turning against the 'other.' The book also considers ways to respond to this profound contemporary challenge."

Ervin Staub, author of The Psychology of Good and Evil and of The Roots of Evil: The Origins of Genocide and Other Group Violence

"Kressel has written an excellent book exploring religious extremism. Rather than equating religious fundamentalism with extremism he explores the conditions under which some religious fundamentalists become extremists. He wisely avoids the fallacy that religions might disappear and instead focuses upon the difficult question of how to evaluate religions. Even if one rejects some of his tentative answers one cannot but admire the fact that he asks the right questions."

Ralph Wilbur Hood, Jr., co-author of The Psychology of Religious Fundamentalism

Recommended Book of the Month

One of the 50 Best Books on Terrorism

Perspectives on Terrorism (List also published in modified form in ForeWord Magazine)

MASS HATE: The Global Rise of Genocide and Terror

“Kressel has a jeweler’s eye for deflating grandiose conjecture, especially when tainted by ideology. . . On Nazi Germany he is especially strong. . . This book is a superb review of the literature on mass hate. Kressel is free of bias. He treats landmark research -- from Hannah Arendt’s ‘banality of evil’ thesis to the obedience studies of Stanley Milgram -- respectfully but not reverentially. It is easy to develop confidence in the author’s discernment.”

The Washington Post: Book World

“Neil Kressel’s book is a masterly analysis of . . . [the] problem and of how the new tide of mass hatred around the world might best be turned back.”

Brian Urquhart

Former Under Secretary General of The United Nations

“Neil Kressel has written a book that is frightening in its implications and comprehensive in its documentation of the human impulse to hate and to act murderously.”

Frank R. Lautenberg

United States Senate

“Anyone interested in understanding the genocidal massacres and terroristic violence of our time should read Neil Kressel’s illuminating and highly intelligent book in which he exhibits great analytical acumen and a thorough mastery of social psychological theory.”

Erich Goldhagen

Harvard University

“His prose is moving and accessible, without in any way minimizing the complexity of the issues. **Mass Hate** helps us understand the darkest recesses of human nature. By bringing light to darkness, it offers hope for a better future.”

Jeri Laber

Human Rights Watch

“With the decline of Marxism-Leninism as the overriding evil in the world, Americans need guidance to understand the proliferation of lesser plagues. Neil Kressel provides just this in his well-researched and well-written survey; better yet, he comes up with thoughtful recommendations for reducing mass hatred.”

Daniel Pipes
Editor, Middle East Quarterly

“. . . an illuminating psychosocial inquiry into the roots of mass hatred. . .”
Publishers Weekly

“He illumines much, understands much, and explains much. His questions are profound, his concerns urgent. Kressel’s conclusions are modest and therefore more honest than other more pretentious works.”

Michael Berenbaum
Director, United States Holocaust Research Institute

“I only wish this book could be put into the hands of heads of state and diplomats around the world.”

Alan Caruba
Bookviews

“. . . an insightful study. . . Many will question Kressel’s conclusion that the best protection against mass hate remains the establishment of democratic societies and the protection of individual rights. However, such claims are trivial in light of the wealth of evidence the author provides.”

T . M. Chester
Choice Magazine

“Not since Wilhelm Reich’s Mass Psychology of Fascism has there been anything as penetrating on the subject. Neil Kressel’s analysis of stereotyping and ethnocentrism, and their terrible consequences, both in the past and present, is arresting, frightening, and convincing.”

Larry McMurtry
Author, Lonesome Dove

“. . . Mass Hate is very well suited as a springboard for lecturing in undergraduate social psychology seminars. . . Mass Hate is a good book and worth reading -- especially for those unfamiliar with the literature on authoritarianism and genocide.”

Mark P Worrell
Sociological Inquiry

“This important book explores the behavior that has made this century the most genocidal in our planet’s history. . . The author has mastered much of the literature on the subject of terrorism and genocide and devotes the last two chapters of his book to challenging some of the more important theorists on the subject, including Hannah Arendt on the banality of evil, Theodor Adorno on the authoritarian personality and Stanley Milgram on obedience to authority .”

Jack Fischel, Millersville University

“Dr. Kressel brings great mastery of the elaborate nuances of evidence and interpretation to all of his subjects, whether they be his case studies of Bosnia, Rwanda, New York City Muslim terrorism, or the Holocaust.”

Tim Starr

Free Life

“... his intellectual and ethical effort is admirable.”

Dan Bar-On

Aggressive Behavior

“... a major work on the topics it addresses. . .”

Stephen Schwartz

From West to East

“Each spring, I teach an honors undergraduate course entitled “The Social Psychology of Good and Evil,” and I have placed these two books high on the reading list. Mass Hate is near the top; for reasons noted below, The Heart of Altruism is a bit lower. . . [T]he language is simple and direct. . . Kressel tells each story well and documents it thoroughly.”

Sam

McFarland

Political Psychology

“... this is an informative and intelligent book. It is especially useful in understanding the background to the genocide in Rwanda and violence arising from a form of extreme Muslim fundamentalism, which to my knowledge have not been previously explored in the psychological literature.”

Ervin Staub

Contemporary Psychology

“... an excellent synthesis of the literature. . . Notably, it is one of the very first to incorporate material about contemporary political and fundamentalist Islam into its treatment of mass hatred, genocide and terror.”

Eugene B. Brody, M.D.

Editor-in-Chief

The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease

Stack and Sway: The New Science of Jury Consulting

by Neil J. Kressel and Dorit F. Kressel

"Anyone who is involved with, or interested in, trials by jury, either civil or criminal, must read "Stack and Sway". Neil and Dorit Kressel not only explain the hidden power of jury consultants, they raise troubling issues about the very nature of the jury system itself. They made me realize that 'how much justice can you afford' no longer applies only to lawyers."

Dick Wolf
Creator and executive producer, "Law and Order"

"Readers interested in a carefully researched examination of this influential but largely hidden growth profession will find it in Stack and Sway . . . [This] surprisingly engaging book provides an even-handed accounting of the methods and madness of this relatively new phenomenon, and the possible implications for American justice. Best of all, it manages to do so without being preachy or simplistic. Indeed, the book's real fun lies in the Kressels' admirable habit of presenting from opposing angles the various issues raised by the panoply of services which jury consultants so enthusiastically provide."

Dorothy Samuels
Member, New York Times editorial board
The Washington Monthly

"Wide-ranging, carefully researched, well-written and very timely: agree or disagree with its conclusions, this book could scarcely be improved on as an overview of what jury consultants do and why their role in trials has come to be so controversial."

Walter K. Olson, legal scholar, Manhattan Institute
Author, The Excuse Factory and The Litigation Explosion

"Stack and Sway: The New Science of Jury Consulting is a delightful rarity: . . . an intrinsically interesting topic, levelheaded scholarship, and a socially important issue. I recommend it to anyone who is interested in the American jury system."

Reid Hastie,
Professor of Behavioral Science, University of Chicago.

"This is a book that needed to be written. . . Kressel and Kressel cut through the puffery and myth surrounding trial consulting and fairly and competently evaluate

what jury consultants can and cannot do. They candidly discuss the ethical issues in the trial consulting business, consultants' potential effects on the fairness of trials, and the implications of trial consulting for the jury's place in democratic theory."

Neil Vidmar, Ph.D
Russell M. Robinson II Professor of Law and Psychology, Duke
University.

"Stack and Sway is an interesting book that discusses what might otherwise appear as arcane, namely, the so-called profession of jury consultants. . . . The book is very readable and well supported."

Steven M. Richman, Esq.
New Jersey Lawyer

"This book, written by a psychology professor and a lawyer, delves into the practice of jury consulting and examines its effects on trial practice. It is well written and enjoyable. . ."

Professor Edith Greene
Judicature

". . . a thoughtful account of jury consulting set in a general depiction of the jury trial. . . As an engagingly written work based on interviews and substantial research literature, it is excellent for the general reader or as a supplementary text in an undergraduate judicial process course."

Professor Marvin Zalman
Criminal Justice Review

"This book will satisfy many different audiences. . . One of . . . [its] best attributes is its readability. . . The authors treat the subject matter in a highly objective and unsensational manner, even though it would have been easy to do otherwise. Their reasoned approach is convincing to this reader."

Professor John F. Kozlowski
Law and Politics Book Review

". . . an excellent source of detailed research documentation on jury consulting techniques and approaches."

C. Michael Hausman
Wisconsin Lawyer

[Stack and Sway was reviewed with D. Graham Burnett's A Trial by Jury.] "The lesson of these two fine books is that, like democracy, in its own messy way, the

jury somehow works.”

The Economist magazine

“. . . a well-researched, lucid, and fascinating look at the business of jury consulting. . . Recommended for general collections.”

Harry Charles
Library Journal

“The comprehensiveness in treatment of issues and players is commendable, and no one interested in jury work should miss this tour de force. . . . Chapter 6, “Blacks and Whites in the Jury Box,” is a gem.”

Dr. Gary Moran
Dr. Brian Cutler
JuryTactics
ASAP: Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy

“. . . a thoughtful study of the jury consulting business, which does not quite manage to allay . . . [our] fears entirely.”

Dennis Hale

Transaction/Society

“THE SONS OF PIGS AND APES”:

MUSLIM ANTISEMITISM AND THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

“Book of the Year.” ---- *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism*

Blurbs

1. “Kressel handles one of the hottest topics in the world carefully, calmly, and coolly. He explains the scope and the dangers of Muslim antisemitism while destroying the many excuses for it that are so often offered--and shaming those in the Muslim world or in the West who downplay these modern forms of the oldest, and one of the bloodiest, hatreds in world history.”

Elliott Abrams, Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

(former special assistant to the president and senior director of the National Security Council for Near East and North African affairs)

2. “Neil Kressel has written a lucid, compelling, and much-needed account of how the crucial issue of antisemitism in the Muslim world is currently being minimized, downplayed, obfuscated, and in many cases completely ignored in much of the Western world. This book should be required reading for decision makers, opinion molders, and not least ‘experts’ in academia, who have been particularly complicit in this policy of silence.”)

Dr. Robert Wistrich, Neuberger Professor of Modern European and Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Director of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism; author of *A Lethal Obsession* and *From Ambivalence to Betrayal*

3. All religions and cultures suffer from sources that preach hate against the “other”. Throughout history some have, tragically, practiced what their sources preached, while some have sought to dismiss or even counteract the hateful words of their sources. In this book, Neil Kressel shows how extremists within Islam, many in leadership roles, have exploited some of their hateful sources to preach and practice a virulent form of anti-Semitism. Read this book and judge for yourself.

Alan M. Dershowitz, Author of *The Trials of Zion*, 2010; Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School

4. “Kressel presents undeniable and yet long denied information about the pervasive and insidious nature of Islamic anti-Semitism--and he does so with a pained sensitivity that is both admirable and heartbreaking. He is reasonable, patient, non-emotional; Kressel is anti-paranoid and utterly fact-driven. Like others who have dared to write about this essential issue, Kressel now risks being demonized, falsely, as a racist by the very Western academics, journalists, and progressives whose denial he patiently exposes and whose ‘politically correct’ influence

endangers Western values among both Muslims and non-Muslims.
Bravo on undertaking this Sisyphean task.”

Phyllis Chesler, Emerita Professor of Psychology and author of 14 books, including *The New Anti-Semitism*; pre-eminent researcher into honor related violence including honor killing.

5. “Although Neil Kressel’s magisterial essay is primarily addressed at those in the West who pretend that anti-Semitism is no more than a tragic memory, it is also of great value for those Muslims who dream of, and increasingly fight for, a free society. For today hatred for Jews provides the principal ingredient in the deadly ideological cocktail that sustains Islam’s despotic regimes. Kressel’s message is clear: fighting anti-Jewish ideas and practices must be an integral part of any strategy for freedom in Muslim countries.”

Amir Taheri, (author of 11 books on the Middle East, Iran, and Islam)

6. "Many books have recently been written about Islamic anti-Semitism, but none is as precise, scrupulous, and well-informed as Neil Kressel's "*The Sons of Pigs and Apes*," which is a thorough unmasking of some disgraceful attitudes, and of the widespread failure to confront them."

Irfan Khawaja, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Felician College

7. “In *Sons of Pigs and Apes*, Neil Kressel shines new light on anti-Semitism in the Muslim world, and shows how hatred of the Jewish people remains a potent -- even deadly -- force in modern times. In doing so he ably distinguishes between legitimate criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism, and debunks the false accusation that the Jewish community wields the charge of anti-Semitism as a bludgeon to quash anti-Israel criticism. His is a significant contribution to the literature on contemporary anti-Semitism in its varied and ever-mutating forms.”

Abraham H. Foxman, National Director, Anti-Defamation League

8. “Neil J. Kressel has written an important but disquieting book. Meticulously researched and carefully written, he documents the scope of Muslim Antisemitism in the contemporary world and identifies those within government, the NGOs and the Academy that are so craven or so careful not to offend that they refuse to confront this hatred. While I may not agree with every interpretation of every text and each single statement, I find Kressel’s argument well crafted. His skill as a social scientist is manifest throughout the work and his arguments persuasive. To cure a malaise one must first confront its symptoms and seek their underlying causes. In dealing with Muslim antisemitism, Kressel’s work is more than helpful, it is essential.”

Michael Berenbaum, Director, Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust and Professor of Jewish Studies at The American Jewish University, Los Angeles, California

Editor, *Not Your Father’s Antisemitism: The Hatred of Jews in the Twenty First*

Century

(former Director, Holocaust Research Institute at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

9. "While parts of this book make me uncomfortable, I must admit that it represents, rather sadly, what many of my coreligionists think."

Khaleel Mohammed, Ph.D., Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, San Diego State University

10. "Neil Kressel has written a brave and important book. He asks the question that few dare to pose. Why are today's anti-racists and today's intelligentsia so silent on antisemitism? Universities in particular, including Yale, Harvard, Oxford and London University prefer to silence those who raise the issue and who insist it should be discussed openly. This is a new *trahaison des clerics*, the betrayal by the intellectuals of their duty to expose ideology that promotes evil ends. Neil Kressel is a lonely voice as most mainstream publishers and editors prefer to avoid discussion on antisemitism. But better one small light shines than that we all remain silent."

Right Honourable Dr Denis MacShane, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, former British Minister for Europe, and chair of the House of Commons All Party Committee of Inquiry into Antisemitism in Britain