

GEORGE PHILIP FLETCHER

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

B.A. 1960, University of California, Berkeley, and Cornell University, 1956-59 (mathematics, Russian);
J.D. 1964, University of Chicago;
University of Freiburg, West Germany 1964-65;
Masters in Comparative Law, 1965, University of Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL

Columbia University Law School, Cardozo Professor of Jurisprudence since 1994; Charles Keller Beckman Professor of Law, 1989-93;
Professor of Law 1983-89

University of California, Los Angeles, Professor of Law 1969-1983.

University of Florida, University of Washington and Boston College, Assistant and Associate Professor of Law 1965-1969.

Visiting professorships

La Sapienza University, Rome, 2016
American University in Shenzhen, China 2012
Beijing University, China 2011
Torino University, Italy, 2009
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1972-73, 1993, 2005-2010
American University in Cairo, Egypt, 2004-2007
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires 2006
Free University of Brussels, 1992
University of Frankfurt, West Germany, 1980
Yale Law School 1977
Harvard Law School 1974

Professional Television Moderator, 1993 to 2000
Founder and Editor, S'vara, A Journal of Philosophy and Judaism,
1990-93
Administrator, Summer Workshops for Eastern European Lawyers,
Budapest, 1990-93
Active member of California Bar Association
Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles County, 1971
Amicus Curie in the case of Hamdan v. Rumsfeld in the Supreme Court
(2006), credited with the brief that shaped the majority opinion by
Justice Stevens.

FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Criminal Law
Torts
Comparative Law
Legal Philosophy

LANGUAGES

English, German, French, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish, Hungarian.
Lesser knowledge of Italian, and Japanese, and Arabic.

BOOKS

Landmark Criminal Trials, Elgar Publishing 2022
The Law and the Bible, Mazo Publishing 2021
With Justice for Some: The Rights of Victims in Criminal Trails, Mazo
Publishing 2020
The Grammar of Criminal Law: Volume Two: International Criminal
Law, Oxford University Press 2020
My Life in Seven Languages, Mazo Publishing 2011
The Bond: A Novel, Hart Publishing 2009
Tort Liability for Human Rights Abuses, Hart Publishing 2008

Fletcher's Essays in Criminal Law, Edited by Russell Christopher, Oxford University Press 2007

Defending Humanity: When Force is Justified and Why with Jens Olin, Oxford University Press 2007. Spanish translation published by Ediciones Depalma, Buenos Aires, 2009

The Grammar of Criminal Law, Volumes One: Foundations OUP 2006. Spanish translation published by Ediciones Depalma, Buenos Aires, 2007

American Law in a Global Context: The Basics with Steve Sheppard, Oxford University Press 2006

Romantics at War: Glory and Guilt in the Age of Terrorism, Princeton University Press 2002

Our Secret Constitution: How Lincoln Redefined American Democracy Oxford University Press 2001

Basic Concepts of Criminal Law Oxford University Press 1998. Translated into Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Italian, Persian. Hebrew

Basic Concepts of Legal Thought Oxford University Press 1996

With Justice for Some: Victims' Rights in Criminal Trials, Addison-Wesley 1995, Spanish translation 1996

Loyalty: An Essay on the Morality of Relationships Oxford University Press 1993; paperback 1995. Translated into German, French, Italian and Spanish.

Introduzione Elementare alla Scienza Giuridica (II. Cardozo Lectures in Law)

A Crime of Self-Defense: Bernhard Goetz and the Law on Trial, Free Press, July 1988. Paperback University of Chicago Press 1990. Published in Japanese, German, Spanish and Italian translations.

Justification and Excuse: Comparative Perspectives, Volumes I and II, Ed. with Albin Eser 1987

Rethinking Criminal Law, Little, Brown 1978. Reprinted by Oxford University Press 2000, Chinese translation 2010

Courts of Terror, Taylor, T. Fletcher, Dershowitz et al., Knopf 1976

Law Review Articles: Over 150 published. The most notable: Fairness and Utility in Tort Theory (Harvard Law Review 1972)

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Silvia Sandano Prize Rome Senate 2015

Ranked as the 53rd most influential person in the history of American Law, 2009 (Brian Leiter)

Elected to the American Association of Arts and Sciences 2004

Numerous endowed lectures at various law schools: Storrs Lectures at Yale 2001; 1989 Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association for A Crime of Self-Defense; 1976-78 Order of the Coif Honorable Mention for best law-related book, Rethinking Criminal Law.

Numerous honors and innovative work in other countries: First year lecture in Shenzhen, China 2008; First American to receive the Humboldt Wissenschaftspreis, 1996

Numerous lectures in German conferences, China, Egypt, Portugal, France, Canada as well as lectures in the native language in Italy, Argentina, USSR, Israel, Hungary, Spain, Mexico

Used of knowledge of Russian and Soviet law to write briefs and negotiate successfully, along with Telford Taylor, to free dissidents arrested on charges on engaging in Anti-Soviet activities in the 1970's

FOUNDATION GRANTS

2015 Residence three weeks at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

2004 Resident five months at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

2001 Grant from la Maison des science de l'homme for scholarly residence in Paris

1996 Humboldt Forschungspreis

1993 Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg, Budapest, Hungary

1991-93 Ford Foundation grants to run workshop "Raising Rights Consciousness" in Budapest, Hungary

1990-91 National Endowment for Democracy to develop programs furthering the Rule of Law in Central Europe

1989 Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy

1986-87 Guggenheim fellowship

1985-86 Liberty Fund grant to conduct workshop on Kantian Legal Theory

1983-84 Dana Foundation grant to sponsor a workshop on comparative criminal law in Freiburg, West Germany, in July 1984

1982-83 Two Japanese-American Friendship Commission grants to support Japanese legal studies

1976-80 German Marshall Fund grant to support comparative legal research

1979-80 Dana Foundation grants to support post-doctoral fellows under my supervision

1976-77 American Council of Learned Soies Senior Fellowship