

CONTRIBUTORS

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David Bricker, a member of the faculty from 1966 to his retirement in 2001, has long been interested in study of the cultural and social foundations of individual freedom. The first half of his Oakland career was spent in the School of Education as a resident philosopher of education; the second half was spent in the Department of Philosophy as a political theorist. During his School of Education period he published *Classroom Life As Civic Education* (Teachers College Press, 1989); later, as a political theorist he published several papers which examine the responsibility of a liberal democratic state to protect minority cultural groups from extermination. An underlying theme through all of this work is the relevance of membership to individual freedom. That theme is yet again present in the piece written for the Journal.

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Leonardas V. Gerulaitis was born in 1928 in Lithuania. In 1944, with the Red Army approaching, he escaped to Germany. In 1950 he arrived in the USA. After serving four years in the US Air Force he entered the University of Michigan in 1955, where, besides a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in history, he also received a Masters in Library Science. In 1963 he joined Oakland University as an assistant professor of history. He retired in 2000.

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