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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- University of Notre Dame, Tocqueville Associate Professor of Religion & Public Life, 2009-
- Princeton University, William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion & Public Life, 2008-09
- Tufts University, Assistant Professor, 2005-09
- Seattle University School of Law, Faculty Affiliate, 2008-09
- North Carolina State University, Assistant Professor, 2001-05
- Claremont McKenna College, Visiting Assistant Professor—D.C. Program, 2003-04
- Pomona College, Lecturer in Politics and Critical Inquiry, 1998-2001
- California State University, San Bernardino, Visiting Instructor, 1996-98

EDUCATION

- Claremont Graduate School, Ph.D. Political Science, 2001
Major Fields: American Politics and Political Philosophy
Dissertation: *Religious Liberty and American Constitutionalism: John Locke, the American Founders, and the Free Exercise Clause*
- Boston College, MA. Political Science, 1995
- Claremont McKenna College, BA. Economics and Government, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1993
Honors thesis: "Aquinas' Theory of Natural Law"

ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion & American Public Life, Princeton University
- Miller Center for the Teaching of America's Founding Principles, 2007
- *Civitas* Fellowship, The Pew Charitable Trust, 2003-2004
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar Fellow, 2003
- Summer Faculty Research Grant – North Carolina State University, 2002

RESEARCH AREAS

Church-State Jurisprudence
The American Founding
Early Modern Political Thought

TEACHING FIELDS

American Political Thought
Ancient/Christian/Modern Political Thought
Constitutional Law/Jurisprudence
American Presidency/Executive Power

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Book: *Religious Freedom and the Constitution: Original Meanings and Contemporary Application*
- Article: “Church and State in the States: The Founding-era State Constitutions”

BOOK

- *God and the Founders: Madison, Washington, Jefferson*
Cambridge University Press, 2009

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “The Original Meaning of the Free Exercise Clause: The Evidence From the First Congress”
Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy 31, no 3, pp. 1083-1120, Spring 2008
- “The Original Meaning of the Establishment Clause and the Impossibility of its Incorporation”
University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law 8, no. 4, pp. 585-639, August 2006
- “Thou Shall Not Post the Ten Commandments? *McCreary, Van Orden*, and the Future of Religious Display Jurisprudence”
Texas Review of Law And Politics 10, no. 2, pp. 357-400, Spring 2006
- “James Madison’s Principle of Religious Liberty”
American Political Science Review 97, no. 1, pp. 17-32, February 2003
- “George Washington and Religious Liberty”
The Review of Politics 65, no. 1, pp. 11-33, Winter 2003
- “Religious Liberty and The American Founding”
The Intercollegiate Review 38, no. 2, pp. 33-43, Spring/Summer 2003

BOOK CHAPTERS & ESSAYS

- “Religion in the Life, Political Thought, and Presidency of James Madison”
in *Religion and the Presidency*, ed. Mark Rozell, Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 51-72, 2007
- “Current Separation of Church and State Doctrine: Suppressing Public Displays of Faith”
in *You Decide! 2006: Current Debates in American Politics*, ed. John T. Rourke. Pearson/Longman, 2006
- “Religion and the Common Good: George Washington on Church and State”
in *The Founders on God and Government*, eds. Daniel Dreisbach, Mark Hall, and Jeffrey Morrison.
Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 1-22, 2004. (Revised version of “George Washington and Religious Liberty,”
originally published in *The Review of Politics*)
- Review essay of *On Two Wings: Humble Faith and Common Sense at the American Founding* by Michael Novak and *The Founding Fathers and the Place of Religion in America* by Frank Lambert *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 31, no.1 Winter 2004-05
- “Saving the Pledge” *First Things*, no. 149, January 2005
- “Establishing Free Exercise,” *First Things*, no. 138, December 2003
- “A Wall of Separation?” *Claremont Review of Books*, Spring 2001
Review essay discussing *Religion and Political Culture in Jefferson’s Virginia*, ed. G.W. Sheldon and D.L. Dreisbach, and *Religion and the New Republic*, ed. James H. Hutson

REVIEWS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “One Nation, Under God?” *Claremont Review of Books* 5, no. 3, Summer 2005
Review essay discussing *To the Flag: The Unlikely History of the Pledge of Allegiance*, by Richard Ellis
- “Debating Free Exercise: Response to Critics,” *First Things*, no. 142, April 2003
- “A Postmodernist’s Prayer” *Claremont Review of Books*, Spring 2003
Review of *Getting Over Equality: A Critical Diagnosis of Religious Freedom in America* by Steven D. Smith
- Review of *Farewell to Christendom: The Future of Church and State in America* by Thomas J. Curry. *Perspectives on Political Science*, Winter 2003
- “George Washington”
in *Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*, eds. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson. New York: Facts on File, 2003
- Review of *The American Myth of Religious Freedom* by Kenneth R. Craycraft
Perspectives on Political Science, Winter 2001

OPINION PIECES (SELECTED)

- “He Still Can’t Believe It,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 14 January 2005
- “Doing Newdow Justice: The Case for Consistency” *National Review Online*, 9 June 2004
- “Under McDermott: A Congressman’s Ill-Advised and Ill-formed Pledge Stunt” *National Review Online*, 29 April 2004
- “Constitutionalizing Religious Discrimination” *National Catholic Register*, 21-27 March 2004
- “Judging Newdow” *National Review Online*, 24 March 2004
- “The Law’s Real Bedrock” *Raleigh News and Observer*, 28 January 2004
- “Endorsing Religion? It’s OK” *Raleigh News and Observer*, 9 July 2002
- “Tougher Grading System May Mean Weak Standards” *The Seattle Times*, 19 September 1997

GOVERNMENT TESTIMONY

- Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights
Hearing on “Beyond the Pledge of Allegiance: Hostility to Religious Expression in the Public Square,” 8 June 2004

CONFERENCE PAPERS (LAST 5 YEARS)

- “Church and State in the States: The Founding-era State Constitutions”
2009 American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- “The Original Meaning of the Free Exercise Clause”
2008 American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA (nominated for the Paul J. Weber Award for best paper on religion and politics at the APSA meeting)
- “Jefferson’s Secular Politics of Church-State Separation”
2008 American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA
- “The Enlightenment and the American Founding”

2008 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA (nominated for the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award)

- “The Contemporary State of the Establishment Clause”
2007 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL
- “Jefferson’s Anticlericalism and His Wall of Separation Between Church and State”
2007 “The American Experiment: Religious Freedom” Conference at the University of Portland
Garaventa Center, Portland, OR
- “Thou Shall Not Articulate Clear Principles: Religion and the 2004-05 Supreme Court”
2005 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC
- “Religion in the Life, Thought, and Presidency of James Madison”
2004 “Religion and the Presidency” Conference at the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand
Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI
- “Rethinking the Original Meaning of the Establishment Clause”
2004 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL

INVITED LECTURES (LAST 5 YEARS)

- “The Founders, Religious Freedom, and the American Character,” Akron University School of Law, Akron, OH, March 2009
- “In God We Don’t Trust? Religion and the Contemporary Supreme Court,” California State University, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, CA, January 2009
- “The Contemporary Supreme Court and the Separation of Church & State,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, Oct. 2008
- “Thou Shall Not Post the Ten Commandments?” Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, October 2008
- “The American Founders, the Ten Commandments, & the Supreme Court,” Grove City College, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2007
- “Jefferson’s Idea of Religious Liberty,” Furman University, January 2007
- “How and Why Ought We Separate Church from State,” Arizona State University, October 2006
- “Religious Freedom and the Pledge of Allegiance,” Debate with Michael Newdow, Boston College, October 2006
- “Church and State in the Free Society,” Ethics & Public Policy Center, Alexandria, VA, February 2006
- “Handicapping the Alito Nomination,” Federalist Society/Discovery Institute, Seattle, WA, December 2005
- “The New Supreme Court Appointment, the Ten Commandments, and the Future of Church-State Jurisprudence,” Boise State University, Boise, ID, August 2005
- “Under God? The First Amendment & the American Founding,” Saint Vincent’s College, Latrobe, PA, October 2004
- “A Wall of Separation? Religious Freedom and the American Constitution,” The Moody Church, Chicago, IL, October 2004
- “The First Amendment, The Founding, and Religious Freedom,” Sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities, Ashland University, August 2004
- “Constitutionalism and the Free Society” – Four lectures delivered at the 2004 *Tertio Millenio* Seminar – Krakow, Poland, 29 June – 7 July 2004
- “Religion and the American Founders,” University of Virginia, April 2004

- “May Our Children Say ‘Under God’ in Our Public Schools?” Public debate against Michael Newdow, University of Maryland, March 2004
- “Is America A Christian Nation?” John Courtney Murray Lecture, The American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, January 2004

MEDIA APPEARANCES (LAST 5 YEARS)

- Television Interview, “Secularism and Religion in the US,” Turkish Radio and Television (TRT), June 2009
- Radio Interview, “Faith in America: Religion and Politics,” Voice of America, 16 March 2007
- Radio Interview, “Church and State: Where is the Line of Separation,” Voice of America, 7 February 2006
- Television Documentary, “Religion in America,” Fox News Channel, 25 December 2005
- Radio Interview, “John Roberts and Church & State,” 97.1 Talk, St. Louis, 14 September 2005
- Newspaper Interview, “Sparks Fly Over Place of Religion at Inauguration,” Religion News Service, 15 January 2005
- Televised lecture, CSPAN, “James Madison and Religion,” Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand Rapids, MI, aired 25 November 2004, taped 18 November 2004
- Newspaper Interview, “Now That They Have Won, What Will They Do? Judicial Choices” *Raleigh News and Observer*, 7 November 2004
- Television Interview, “The Pledge Protection Act,” News 14 Carolina, 24 September 2004
- Radio Interview, “The 2004 Election and the Supreme Court,” North Carolina News Network, 21 Oct. 2004
- Radio Interview, “‘The Conversation’ with Ross Reynolds,” National Public Radio-Seattle, 15 June 2004
- Radio Interview, *The Crane Durham Show*, “The Newdow Decision,” 14 June 2004
- Radio Interview, *The Crane Durham Show*, “Is the Pledge Unconstitutional?” 9 June 2004
- Televised testimony, CSPAN, Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Hearing on “Beyond the Pledge of Allegiance: Hostility to Religious Expression in the Public Square,” 8 June 2004
- Radio Interview, “Kerry and the Catholic Vote,” National Public Radio, 30 April 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Manuscript Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *The Review of Politics*, University of Chicago Press, The AEI Press
- Grant Proposal Evaluator: National Endowment for the Humanities—We the People Landmarks of American History and Culture Program
- Course Development & Instructor, National Endowment for the Humanities—We the People Institute for High School Teachers:
 - Princeton, New Jersey (3 days, 13.5 lecture hours, 2009)
 - Anderson, Indiana (2 days, 4.5 lecture hours, 2009)
 - Boise, Idaho (4 days, 18 lecture hours, 2005)
- Curriculum Development, National Endowment for the Humanities, EDSITEment Project

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- University of Notre Dame, Graduate Policy Committee (2009-10)
- Princeton University, Course Development and Instructor, Community Auditing Program (2009)
- Co-Director and Founder, Tufts Center for American Constitutionalism (2007-09)
- Faculty-in-Residence, Tufts University (2006-08)
- Tufts-in-Washington, Faculty Advisor (2005-07)
- Interviewer for Telescope Minority Admission Program, Tufts University (2006)
- Tufts University Public Lectures:
 - “The Supreme Court and the Ten Commandments (2006 Alumni Lecture)
 - “Did Abraham Lincoln Really Believe All Men are Created Equal (2005)
- Park Faculty Scholar, North Carolina State University (2003-06)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Political Theory
 - Introduction to Political Philosophy
 - American Political Thought
 - The Philosophy & Politics of Liberal Arts Education
 - Democracy, Law, and Moral Politics
 - Law & Justice
- Constitutional Law / American Politics
 - Constitutional Law I: National Powers
 - Constitutional Law II: The Bill of Rights & Civil Rights
 - Religion, the State, and the Constitution
 - The Judicial Process
 - The American Presidency
 - Law, Morality, and Public Policy
 - Formation of Public Policy