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ACADEMIC POSTS

2006-present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science; Associated Associate Professor, Department of Religion; Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

2017-present Director, Franklin Fellows Program, Emory University

2014-present Director, Program in Democracy and Citizenship, Emory University

2005-present Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory School of Law.

2007-08 Faculty fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities.

2000-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University.

2003-2004 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904

1999-2000. Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3807.

1998-99. Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada M5T 1A1.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Toronto, Department of Political Science.
1998 Dissertation: "Religion and the Demise of Liberal Rationalism."
Dissertation defense committee: Thomas Pangle (supervisor), Clifford Orwin, Ronald Beiner, Melissa Williams, H. D. Forbes, David Novak, Stanley Fish (Duke University).

M.A. Major field: Political theory.
1992 Minor field: Comparative government of industrial societies.

B.A. Davidson College.
1990 Major: Political Science.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Making Religion Safe for Democracy: Transformation from Hobbes to Tocqueville (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Religion, the Enlightenment, and the New World Order. (Columbia University Press, 2010). Co-editor with John M. Owen of a volume of original essays from leading scholars, including Jean Elshtain, William Galston, Thomas Pangle, David Novak, Roberto Papini, Sohail Hashmi, John Witte, and Pratap Mehta.

Religion and the Demise of Liberal Rationalism: The Foundational Crisis of the Separation of Church and State. (University of Chicago Press, 2001). Includes "A Reply to Stanley Fish."

Turkish translation from Salyangoz Publishing.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Knowing and Not Knowing ISIS." *Critical Review*, 31(1), January 2019.

"Religion, the Enlightenment, and the New Global Order" and "Concluding Thoughts." With John M. Owen. In *Religion, the Enlightenment, and the New Global Order* (Columbia University Press, 2010), 3-37 and 265-74.

"John Toland and Leo Strauss on Esoteric Writing." In *Recovering Reason: Essays in Honor of Thomas L. Pangle*, edited by Timothy Burns, pp. 209-21. (Lexington Books, 2010).

"The Struggle between 'Religion and Nonreligion': Jefferson, Backus, and the Dissonance of America's Founding Principles." *American Political Science Review*, 101(3), August 2007.

"Locke's Case for Religious Freedom: Its Neglected Foundation in the Essay Concerning Human Understanding." *Journal of Politics*, February 2007.

"The Tolerant Leviathan: Hobbes and the Paradox of Liberalism." *Polity*. Vol. 37 (January, 2005), 130-48.

"The Task of Liberal Theory after September 11." *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 2 (June, 2004), 325-30.

"Church and State in Stanley Fish's Antiliberalism." *American Political Science Review* Vol. 93 (December, 1999), 911-24. Printed with a reply from Fish, 925-30.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

"The Justice of City, Soul, and Philosopher in Plato's *Republic*."

"The Problem of Nature and Law in Aristotle's *Politics*."

"Hobbes's Two Accounts of the Origins of Political Society, or the State of Nature as Rationalist Myth."

UNREFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Hobbes and the Artifice of Eternity* by Christopher Scott McClure. *Review of Politics*, 80(2): 369-372, 2018.

“Enlightened Despots Then and Now: The Truth about an Islamic Enlightenment.” Co-authored with John M. Owen. *Foreign Affairs* website (www.foreignaffairs.com). August 10, 2015. (Selected by *Foreign Affairs* editors for Best of 2015 list.)

Review of *Hobbes and the Law of Nature* by Perez Zagorin. *Philosophia*, 39(1):201-205, 2011.

Review of *The First Liberty: America's Foundation in Religious Freedom* by William Lee Miller. *Law and Politics Book Review*. October, 2003.

Review of *From Civil to Political Religion: The Intersection of Culture, Religion and Politics* by Marcela Cristi. *Perspectives on Politics* 1(1): 159-60.

Review of *Liberal Pluralism* by William Galston. *Perspectives in Political Science* (Winter 2003), 61-62.

“Jesse Helms’ Mysterious Hold on North Carolinians,” *Newsday*, August 29, 2001.

Review of Jacques Derrida, *Politics of Friendship*, In *Books in Canada: The Canadian Review of Books*, Vol. 27, No. 7 (October, 1998), 18-19.

Review of Stanley Fish, *Professional Correctness: Literary Studies and Political Change*. In *Books in Canada: The Canadian Review of Books* Vol. 26, No. 8 (November, 1997), 32-34.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

“Hobbes’s Two Accounts of the Origins of Political Society, or the State of Nature as Rationalist Myth.” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Montreal, Canada. November, 2018.

“Hobbes and American Constitutionalism.” Panel presentation, Jack Miller Center Conference on the History of Constitutionalism, Philadelphia, November, 2017.

“The Problem of Law in Aristotle’s *Politics*.” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November, 2016.

“The Purpose of Justice in Plato’s *Republic*: An Examination of Socrates’ Definition of Justice in Book IV.” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2014.

Roundtable participant, "Religious Neutrality in American Law" by Andrew Koppelman (John Paul Stevens Professor of Law, Northwestern). Emory University School of Law. March 2011.

Roundtable discussant, "What is a Liberal Education?" Berry College, November, 2008.

Discussant, "Critiques of Liberalism." Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. January, 2008.

Co-organizer, conference on Religion, the Enlightenment, and the New Global Order, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (Spring 2005). Sponsored by a \$75,000 grant from the Donchian Foundation, to culminate in an edited volume of original essays by leading political theorists from around the world.

Organizer, conference on Toleration and Truth: The Impact of Liberal Society on Religion, sponsored by \$25,000 grant from the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Emory University. Spring 2006.

Discussant. "The Revival of the Theological-Political Problem in Weimar Germany." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, January 7, 2006.

"Tocqueville on the Democratization of American Religion." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September, 2005.

"Locke's Political Theology in the *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September, 2004.

Chair and respondent, panel on Contemporary Critiques at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 9, 2001.

"On the Purpose of Hobbes's Political Science according to Strauss's *Natural Right and History*." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31, 2001.

"Toleration Hobbesian Style." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 2-5, 1999.

"Rethinking Liberty: A Roundtable on Rorty, Lawler, and Contemporary Liberalism." Roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, Ga., February 20, 1999.

"Religious Toleration, Religious Transformation: Toleration, Neutrality, and Religion in the Thought of John Locke." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, October 28-31, 1998.

Organizer, panel on "Religion and Liberal Public Reason," with Stanley Fish (Duke University), Patrick Neal (University of Vermont), Timothy Shah (Harvard University), and Troy Dostert (Duke University). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.

"Stanley Fish's Anti-liberalism: The Separation of Church and State Doesn't Exist?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.

"Rorty, Fish, and the Postmodern Response to Public Religion." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Pembroke, N.C., March 21-22, 1997.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

"What Was Hobbes's Goal for Religion?" Lecture, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, March, 2017.

"The Problem of Law in Aristotle's Politics." Lecture, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, October, 2016.

"The Problem of Nature and Law in Aristotle's Politics." Lecture, Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Emory University, March 2, 2016.

Panel participant, "The Search for Meaning in the 21st Century." Oxford College of Emory, February 8, 2016.

"Tocqueville on American Democracy and the Weaknesses of Democracy." Lecture, Claremont McKenna College, October 11, 2013.

"The Enlightenment Project of Religious Transformation." Lecture, Concordia University, Montreal. March 5, 2009.

"On Hobbes's Hope Regarding Religion." Bradley Lecture, Boston College, February 16, 2007.

Lecture to foreign scholars, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the University of Massachusetts, Atlanta, July 25, 2005.

Lecture at the Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, February 12, 2005.

Participant in a conference on "Religion and Republicanism in Machiavelli and Savonarola." San Francisco. February 5-8, 2004.

Lecture at the Department of Political Science, University of Houston, October 24, 2003.

Lecture at the Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, September 25, 2003.

Lecture series to undergraduates, Washington and Lee University, March 10-12, 2003.

Interviewed by Ken Meyers, *Mars Hill Audio Journal*, v. 56 (May/June 2002).

Respondent to Aristide Tessitore on Tocqueville, Berry College, Rome, GA, March 15, 2001.

Respondent to Stanley Fish, "How Milton Works." Bradley Lecture Series, Boston College, November 10, 2000.

Manuscript reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Science Quarterly*.

Member of the American Political Science Association and the Southern Political Science Association.

COURSES TAUGHT

Contemporary Political Theory

Political Theory (Graduate Seminar)

Might and Right: International Relations and Political Philosophy

Foundations of American Democracy

Philosophy and Law

Plato's Political Philosophy

Nietzsche on Democracy and the Death of God

Plato vs. Nietzsche on Power and Justice

Divine and Human Law in the History of Political Thought

Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*

The Politics of Greek Tragedy

The Problem of Justice

American Political Thought

Classical Political Thought

Religion and Politics

Introduction to Political Theory (themes vary)

COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Director, Program in Democracy and Citizenship

College Committee on Academic Standards

Faculty reviewer of applications for Carnegie Fellowship

FAME & PACE advisor

Faculty advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society

Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science
Library representative, Department of Political Science

HONORS

Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2007-08.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, 2003-04.

Nominated for Crystal Apple Award for best teacher in Emory College, 2003.

Bradley Postdoctoral Fellowship, Boston College, 1999-2000.

Nominated by University of Toronto, APSA award for best dissertation in political theory, 1999.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Liberal political philosophy and its critics, religion and democracy, the relation of political philosophy to political theology, history of political thought, and American political thought.