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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY. Professor, Political Science.	2023-
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY. Associate Professor, Political Science.	2016-2022
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY. Assistant Professor, Political Science.	2011-2015
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science.	2010-2011

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES. Ph.D. in Political Science.	2004-2011
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY. M.A. in International Relations.	2000-2001
WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE. B.A. in Political Science.	1996-2000

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

The End of Empathy: Why White Protestants Stopped Loving Their Neighbors. Oxford University Press, 2020.

Award: Honorable Mention, Hubert Morken Book Prize (2021, American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section)

The Cambridge Companion to the United States Constitution. Cambridge University Press, 2018. (co-edited with Karen Orren).

The Evangelical Origins of the Living Constitution. Harvard University Press, 2014.

Awards: William Nelson Cromwell Book Prize (2015, American Society for Legal History); *Choice*, Editors' Pick in Political Science; Law & Society Association Dissertation Award (2012, for dissertation)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL:

"Manufacturing a Protestant Consensus: Religion and Regime Entrenchment in the Eisenhower Era," *Studies in American Political Development* 37, no. 2 (2023).

"Why the Covenant Worked: On the Institutional Foundations of the American Civil Religion." *Religions* 10, no. 6 (2019).

"Easing the Shoe Where It Pinches: The *Lottery Case* and the Demise of Dual Federalism."

Journal of Supreme Court History 40, no. 2 (2015).

“Political Theory in Institutional Context: The Case of Patriot Royalism.” (with Karen Orren) *American Political Thought* 3, no. 1 (2014).

“The Emancipation of the American Mind: J.S. Mill on the Civil War.” *Review of Politics* 70, no. 3 (2008).

LAW REVIEW:

“The Cradle of the Countermajoritarian Difficulty.” *Constitutional Commentary* 35, no. 1 (2020).

“Evangelical Reform and the Paradoxical Origins of the Right to Privacy.” *Maryland Law Review* 75, no. 1 (2015).

“What Is Originalism Good For?” *Tulsa Law Review* 50, no. 2 (2015).

BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Civil Liberties and the Dual Legacy of the Founding.” In Karen Orren and John W. Compton, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to the U.S. Constitution* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

“Jimmy Carter.” In Lori Cox Han, ed., *Hatred of America’s Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump* (ABC-CLIO, 2018).

“Equal Citizenship and Religious Liberty: An Irresolvable Tension?” (with Gordon Babst) In Ann E. Cudd and Win-chiat Lee, eds., *The Philosophical Foundations of Law and Justice, Vol. VI: Immigration and Citizenship* (Springer, 2016)

“American Political Development.” In Michael T. Gibbons, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014).

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Brendan J.J. Payne, *Gin, Jesus, & Jim Crow*, forthcoming in the *Journal of American History*.

Review of Matthew Bowman, *Christian: The Politics of a Word in America*. Review exchange forthcoming in *Political Psychology*.

Review of Hilde Løvdal Stephens, *Family Matters: James Dobson and Focus on the Family’s Crusade for the Christian Home*. *Journal of American History* 107, no. 4 (2021).

“Movin’ On Up – And Out?” Review of L. Benjamin Rolsky, *The Rise and Fall of the Religious Left*. *Los Angeles Review of Books*, November 22, 2020.

Review of Steven K. Green, *The Third Disestablishment: Church, State, and American Culture, 1940-1975*. ***Journal of Church and State*** 61, no. 4 (2019).

“Sex Ed for Christians,” Review of R. Marie Griffith, *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians & Fractured American Politics* and Adam Laats, *Fundamentalist U: Keeping the Faith in American Higher Education*, ***Los Angeles Review of Books***, April 23, 2018.

“Now It Looks Like Camelot,” Review of Russell L. Riley, ed., *Inside the Clinton White House: An Oral History*. ***Los Angeles Review of Books***, December 12, 2016.

Review of Benjamin T. Lyncer, *Republican Theology: The Civil Religion of American Evangelicals*. ***Politics and Religion*** 9, no. 2 (2016).

Review of Tracy L. Cook, *First Amendment Religious Liberties: Supreme Court Decisions and Public Opinion, 1947-2013*. ***Journal of Church and State*** 58, no. 2 (2016).

Review of Jonathan J. Den Hartog, *Patriotism and Piety: Federalist Politics and Religious Struggle in the New American Nation*. ***Journal of American History*** 102, no. 3 (2015).

Review of Eric Nelson, *Patriot Royalism: Monarchy and the American Founding*. ***American Political Thought*** 4, no. 2 (2015).

Review of John E. Finn, *Peopling the Constitution*. ***Perspectives on Politics*** 13, no. 2 (2015).

Review of Bruce Ledewitz, *Church, State and the Crisis in American Secularism*. ***Law and Politics Book Review*** 22, no. 4 (2012).

Review of Timothy J. Power and Nicole C. Rae, eds., *Exporting Congress? The Influence of the U.S. Congress on World Legislatures*. ***International Studies Review*** 9, no. 1 (2007).

SELECTED POPULAR WRITING:

“The Evangelical Left Once Had a Home in the GOP – What Happened?” ***Washington Post: Made by History***, August 26, 2020.

“How the Decline of Religious Institutions Fueled the Rise of the Trump-Evangelical Coalition.” ***A House Divided / Religion in Public***, December 5, 2019.

“The Crusade Against Political Correctness Shows Its True Colors,” ***Huffington Post***, April 21, 2016.

“When Did the Constitution Become a Religious Document?” ***Huffington Post***, December 7, 2015.

“The Religious Roots of Constitutional Change,” ***Harvard University Press Blog***, May 6, 2014.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (SINCE 2010)

- “Manufacturing a Protestant Consensus: Religion and Regime Entrenchment in the Eisenhower Era,” Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Prophets with Honor? Comparing the Impact of Elite Messaging on Civil Rights Across Three Religious Traditions,” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- “If You’ve Seen One Redwood, You’ve Seen Them All: Lynn White, Ronald Reagan, and the Decline of the Protestant Stewardship Tradition,” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Mainline Protestant Religiosity and Support for Civil Rights in the 1960s,” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Holding the Vital Center: The National Council of Churches and the Postwar Welfare State,” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Dallas, Texas.
- “The Sect Spirit: Rethinking Religion’s Role in Progressive-era Reform,” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Lyman Beecher, the Economic Covenant, and the Origins of American Progressivism.” Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Categories of Constitutional Analysis: An Historical Investigation.” (with Karen Orren) Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, Washington.
- “Evangelical Reform and the Paradoxical Origins of the Modern Right to Privacy.” Presented at the University of Maryland Law School Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Baltimore, Maryland. (February 2015)
- “Equal Citizenship and Religious Liberty: An Unresolvable Tension?” (with Gordon Babst) Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (AMINTAPHIL), Orange, California.
- “Disentangling the Religious and Secular Roots of American Progressivism.” Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington.
- “Easing the Shoe Where It Pinches: Law, Mores and the Transformation of American Federalism.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Evangelical Reform and the Origins of the Living Constitution.” Presented at the 2013 Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“A Moral Storm: Liquor Prohibition and the Collapse of Economic Due Process.” Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon.

“Private Rights, Public Morals and the American Constitutional Tradition.” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California.
 “Victorian Liberty: Reexamining the Judicial Review of Morals Laws in the *Lochner* Era.”

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Chair and Discussant: “Key Moments in Early American Political Development,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2022.

Panel Chair and Discussant: “The Ideological Development and Impact of Interest Groups in U.S. Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 8, 2022.

Panel Chair: “Presidential Power: Executive Privilege, Appointments, and Institutional Responsibilities,” APSA Presidency and Executive Politics Section Micro-Conference, Chapman University, February 18, 2022.

Panel Organizer: “Religion, Identity, and Civility in the Age of Trump,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 1, 2019.

Invited Presenter: Roundtable on Keith Whittington’s *Repugnant Laws*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 29, 2019.

Panel Chair and Discussant: “International and Historical Frameworks of Religion and Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2018.

Panel Organizer: “Religious Intellectuals and the Environmental Movement,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2018.

Panel Organizer: “Faith in an Anxious Age: Religious Thought in Mid-Twentieth-Century America,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, October, 17, 2017.

Panel Moderator: “The City of Bell Scandal Revisited,” Chapman University, Orange, California, February 19, 2015.

Chair and Discussant: “Formal and Informal Modes of Regulation, Equality, and The American State,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 18, 2014.

Invited Presenter: Roundtable on Nicholas Buccola’s *The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 29, 2013.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presenter: Religion in Public Roundtable on Religious Authority. February 7, 2022.

Invited Lecture: “American Politics in an Age of Declining Religious Authority.” Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom, George Washington University, March 4, 2021.

Invited Presenter: “Recent Books on the Constitution.” Georgetown University Law Center, October 2, 2018.

Invited Lecture: “The Evangelical Origins of the New Deal Revolution.” Chapman University School of Law, March 25, 2014.

Invited Lecture: “Evangelical Reform and the Origins of the Modern Constitutional Order.” UCLA, American Politics Workshop, January 6, 2014.

Invited Lecture: “Current and Historical Challenges to Church-State Separation.” Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Orange County Chapter, July 14, 2013.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES (SINCE 2020)

Spectrum News 1 (Los Angeles), appearances on July 5, 2021; November 15, 2019; October 14, 2019.

The Hoyt Hilsman Show (Pasadena Public Media), October 13, 2020.

Religion News Service, October 6, 2020.

New Books Network Podcast, August 14, 2020.

Keen On Podcast (Andrew Keen), August 10, 2020.

Straight White American Jesus Podcast, June 9, 2020.

Interviewed for multiple news stories in *The Panther*, *Chapman News*, and other Chapman University student media outlets.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Research Fellow Grant, Wilkinson College, Chapman University	2022
Hubert Morken Book Award (Hon. Mention), APSA Religion and Politics Section	2021
BURN Research Assistant Grant, Wilkinson College, Chapman University	2017
William Nelson Cromwell Book Award (American Society for Legal History)	2015
<i>Choice</i> , Editors’ Pick in Political Science (For <i>Evangelical Origins</i>)	2014
Faculty Excellence Award for Scholarly Activity, Chapman University	2014
Law & Society Association Annual Dissertation Prize	2012
Rosenfield-Abrams Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, Graduate Division	2009
<i>The Wilson Quarterly</i> , Notable Journal Article	2008

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, Graduate Division

2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee Member, Ted Jelen Best Article in Politics and Religion Award, 2020 (American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section)
 Committee Member, Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2014
 (American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section)
 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Politics and Religion*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Politics Research*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Thought*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Review of Politics*
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Church and State*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department Chair, Political Science (June 2019-)
 University Grievance Board (June 2022-)
 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science (2019 – 2020)
 Chapman University Pre-Law Advisor (2011 – 2018)
 Faculty Advisor, Chapman University Pre-Law Society (2011 – 2018)
 Faculty Advisor, Kappa Alpha Pi Pre-Law Fraternity (2011 – 2018)
 School of Communications Faculty Review Committee, Outside Member (2016)
 Campus Evaluation Committee for Fulbright Scholarship and Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) grant applicants (2014 – 2015)
 Faculty Senate, Wilkinson College Representative (2012 – 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
 APSA Politics and History Section
 APSA Religion and Politics Section
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Society for U.S. Intellectual History
 Western Political Science Association

COURSES TAUGHT

American Political Thought
 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
 Constitutional Law: Institutions and Governance
 Evolution of the American Party System
 Foundations of Political Theory
 Introduction to American Politics
 Senior Seminar in American Politics
 The U.S. Congress
 The U.S. Supreme Court

The Warren Court and the Rights Revolution

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. CONGRESSMAN DENNIS MOORE (D-KS). Legislative Assistant.

2001-2004