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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles (2011)
M.A., International Relations, Syracuse University (2001)
B.A., Political Science, William Jewell College (2000)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019 - Chair, Department of Political Science, Chapman University
2016 - Associate Professor of Political Science, Chapman University
2011-2015 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Chapman University
2010-2011 Visiting Professor of Political Science, Loyola Marymount University
2007-2009 Instructor, General Education Program, University of California, Los Angeles

BOOKS

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

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)

Reviews: *Harvard Law Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & History Review*, *Review of Politics*, *American Political Thought*, *Politics and Religion*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Forbes.com*, *Balkinization*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *First Things*, *Books and Culture*, *Tulsa Law Review*

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

ARTICLES

"The Cradle of the Countermajoritarian Difficulty." (For Symposium on Keith E. Whittington's *Repugnant Laws*) *Constitutional Commentary*. Forthcoming, 2020.

- “Why the Covenant Worked: On the Institutional Foundations of the American Civil Religion.” *Religions* 10, no. 6 (2019). (Special issue on Civil Religion in America)
- “Easing the Shoe Where It Pinches: The *Lottery Case* and the Demise of Dual Federalism.” *Journal of Supreme Court History* 40, no. 2 (2015).
- “Evangelical Reform and the Paradoxical Origins of the Right to Privacy.” *Maryland Law Review* 75, no. 1 (2015).
- “What Is Originalism Good For?” (Review Essay) *Tulsa Law Review* 50, 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).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Civil Liberties and the Dual Legacy of the Founding.” In John Compton and Karen Orren, 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* (forthcoming, ABC-CLIO, 2018).
- “Equal Citizenship and Religious Liberty: An Unresolvable 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 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. Lynerd, *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).

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED

“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.
- “Political Theory in Institutional Context: The Case of Patriot Royalism.” (with Karen Orren) Prepared for presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Meeting Cancelled)
- “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.”
Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Moralizing of Citizenship in Post-Civil War Constitutional Thought.” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia.

“Matters Purely Ecclesiastical: The Development of Religious Group Autonomy in American Law.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“J.S. Mill on the Civil War.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

“From Commerce to Mission: The Impact of the Spanish-American War on Republican Party Ideology.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

PROFESSIONAL COLLOQUIA, PANELS, AND INVITED LECTURES

Roundtable: Keith Whittington’s *Repugnant Laws*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (September 2019).

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

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

Invited Presentation: “Recent Books on the Constitution,” Georgetown University Law Center (October 2, 2018)

Panel Organizer: “Religious Intellectuals and the Environmental Movement,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (October 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 2017).

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

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)

Chair and Discussant: “Formal and Informal Modes of Regulation, Equality, and the American State,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (April 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)

Roundtable: Nicholas Buccola's *The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA (March 2013).

AWARDS AND HONORS

William Nelson Cromwell Book Award (2015) (American Society for Legal History)
Choice, Editors' Pick in Political Science (2014) (For *Evangelical Origins*)
Chapman University Faculty Excellence in Scholarly Activity Award (2014)
Law & Society Association Annual Dissertation Prize (2012)
My Favorite Professor Award Nominee (2012, 2013)
Rosenfield-Abrams Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, Graduate Division (2009-2010)
The Wilson Quarterly, Notable Journal Article (2008)
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, Graduate Division (2007)
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UCLA (2004-2005)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee Member, Ted Jelen Best Article in Politics and Religion Award, 2019 (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, *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-)
Chapman University Pre-Law Advisor (2011 – 2018)
Campus Evaluation Committee for Fulbright Scholarship and Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) grant applicants (2014 – 2015)
Faculty Senate, Wilkinson College Representative (2012 – 2014)
Faculty Advisor, Chapman University Pre-Law Society (2011 – 2018)
Faculty Advisor, Kappa Alpha Pi Pre-Law Fraternity, Chapman University Chapter (2011 – 2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

COURSES TAUGHT

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

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative Assistant, U.S. Representative Dennis Moore (D-KS), 2001 to 2004