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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Virginia, 1983
M.A. Northern Illinois University, 1977
B.A. Wake Forest University, 1973

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2004 – Present Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director (2012—2014) Department of Political Science, Baylor University
2003 – 2004 Director, University Honors Program, Montclair State University
1990 - 2004 Associate Professor (1995), Advising Coordinator (1995-97), Deputy Chair (1990-95; 1999-2001), Department of Political Science, Montclair State University
1995 – 2004 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Graduate Program, Fordham University
1999 (Spring): Olin Senior Scholar, Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
1988 - 1990: Program Officer, Division of Research Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities
1983 - 1990: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Claremont-McKenna College (Washington Semester Program)
1981 - 1988: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Research Associate, Department of Politics, Catholic University
1985 - 1986: Program Officer, Division of Research Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities
1980 - 1981: Instructor, Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia

COURSES TAUGHT

American Constitutional Development	American Presidency
The American Founding	Seminar in American Politics
Constitutional Law: Federal System	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
American Political Development	American Political Thought
Introduction to American Politics	Seminar in Public Law
Introduction to Public Administration	Seminar on Separation of Powers

BOOKS

Readings in American Government, 9th ed., co-editor and co-author (Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2013).

The Myth of the Modern Presidency (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1994). Arabic translation published 2002.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Framers of the Constitution Would Approve of the Modern Presidency” in *Debating the Presidency*, Richard Ellis and Michael Nelson, eds. (Congressional Quarterly Press, 2014).

“Gouverneur Morris and American Constitutionalism” in *Natural Right and Political Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Catherine and Michael Zuckert*, Ann Ward and Lee Ward, eds. (University of Notre Dame Press, 2013).

“Shakespeare and the Comedy and Tragedy of Liberalism” in *Shakespeare and the Body Politic*, Bernard J. Dobski and Dustin Gish, eds. (Lexington Press, 2013)

“*The Emancipation Proclamation: Abraham Lincoln’s Constitutionally Modest Proposal*” on *Liberty Forum*, (January, 2013).

“UnLock[e]ing The Constitutional Separation of Powers” in *Executive Power in Theory and Practice*, Hugh Liebert, Gary McDowell, and Terry L.L Price, eds. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).

“Professor Obama and the Constitution” in *The Obama Presidency in the Constitutional Order*, Carol McNamara and Melanie M Marlowe, eds. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2011).

“Constitutional Controversy and Presidential Election: Bush v. Gore” in *The Constitutional Presidency*, Joseph M. Bessette and Jeffrey K. Tulis, eds. (Johns Hopkins Press, 2009).

“John Ford’s Revolutionary Americans” in *Print the Legend: Politics, Culture, and Civic Virtue in the Films of John Ford*, Sidney Pearson, ed. (Lexington Books, 2009).

“Lone Star: History and Human Nature in the New West” in *Perspectives in Political Science*, (Spring, 2009)

“The Domestic Politics of Shakespeare’s Comedies” in *Perspectives on Politics in Shakespeare*, John A. Murley and Sean D. Sutton, eds. (Lexington Books, 2006)

“Defining Heroism: The Evolution of the Bogart Character” in *Political Philosophy Comes to Rick’s: Casablanca and American Civic Culture*, (Lexington Books, 2005).

“Machiavelli Meets the Mob: Palminteri’s A Bronx Tale” (with Mary P. Nichols), in *Democracy and its Friendly Critics*, Peter Lawler, ed. (Lexington Books, 2004).

Guest editor and co-author, “Symposium on Saul Bellow’s *Ravelstein*” in *Perspectives in Political Science* (Winter, 2003).

“Conservatives, Liberals, and the Constitution: Martin Diamond’s Political Science,” *Political Science Reviewer* 28 (1999): 75-97.

“A Marriage Made in Philadelphia: Popular Leadership and the Constitutional Presidency” in Richard Ellis, ed., *Speaking to the People* (University of Massachusetts Press, 1998).

“Merely Judgment: The Supreme Court and the Administrative State” in Brad Wilson, ed., *The Supreme Court and the Separation of Powers* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998).

“Administrative Responsibility and the Separation of Powers” in Peter Lawler, David Schaefer and Robert Schaefer, eds., *Active Duty: Administration as Democratic Statesmanship* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998).

“Congressional Dominance and the Emergence of the Modern Presidency” in Brad Wilson, ed., *The Separation of Powers and Good Government* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1994).

“Hopes and Fears of a New Democrat” in Peter Schramm, ed., *Consequences of the Clinton Victory* (Ashland, Ohio: Ashbrook Center Press, 1994).

“The Conservative Electorate of 1992” in Peter Schramm, ed., *The Lessons of the Bush Defeat* (Ashland, Ohio: Ashbrook Center Press, 1993).

“Hamstringing the Electorate: The 22nd Amendment and Presidential Selection” in *Restoring the Presidency* (National Legal Center for the Public Interest, 1990).
“The Hidden Truth about Secrecy in Government” in *Public Opinion* (January 1988).
“Five Constitutional Myths” in *American Educator* (September, 1987); Reprinted in *Magazine of American History* (Winter, 1988).
“The Promise of Progressivism” in *Publius* (Spring, 1987).
“Congressional Budgeting and the Separation of Powers” in *Readings in American Government*, 3rd ed. (Kendall-Hunt Publishing, 1983).
“Aeschylus' *Oresteia* and the Origins of Political Life” in *Interpretation* (Fall, 1981).

REVIEWS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

Review of *To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: Selected Writings of Gouverneur Morris*, J. Jackson Barlow, ed. in *American Political Thought* (Forthcoming).

Review of *What So Proudly We Hail: The American Soul in Story Speech and Song*, Amy A. Kass, Leon R. Kass and Diana Schaub (eds) in *Society*, December 2012.

Review of *Zones of Twilight: Wartime Presidential Powers and Federal Court Decision Making in Perspectives on Politics* (June, 2012).

“Federal Government, Executive Branch” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Political, Policy, and Legal History* (Oxford University Press, 2012)

“Conceived in Liberty? A Review of *A Slaveholders' Union: Slavery, Politics, and the Constitution in the Early American Republic*, by George William Van Cleve and *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, by Eric Foner in *The Claremont Review of Books* (Summer, 2011).

"Review Essay on The Dilemma of Progressivism: How Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson Reshaped the American Regime of Self-Government" in *Perspectives on Political Science*, October-December, 2010.

“Magnanimous Biography: A Review Essay on *Team of Rivals* in *The Claremont Review of Books*, Summer, 2006.

Review of Michael Korzi, *A Seat of Popular Leadership: The Presidency, Political Parties, and Democratic Government* in *Perspectives on Politics* (December, 2005).

“The Possibilities of Leadership: Review Essay,” *Society* (March/April, 2003).

“Slavery, Race, and American Liberalism” on www.greatbooksandfilm.com.

“Executive Branch Overview” in *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (Oxford University Press, 2001).

Review of Karl-Friedrich Walling, *Republican Empire: Alexander Hamilton on War and Free Government*, in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (Spring, 2000).

Review of Sean J. Savage, *Truman and the Democratic Party*, in the *American Political Science Review* (March, 1999).

Review of Stephen Macedo, *The New Right and the Constitution*, in *Benchmark* (December, 1986).

Review of Polsby and Wildavsky, *Presidential Selection* in *Benchmark* (September, 1986).

CONVENTION PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

“Reforming Congress: A Constitutional Approach” presented at Lee University, 2013.

"Congressional Reform and The Separation of Powers" presented at St. Vincent's College, 2011; Wofford College, 2012; Belmont Abbey College, 2012.

"Lincoln's Constitutional Defense of Slavery" presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 2010.

"A Conservative Defense of Presidential Rhetoric" presented at the Philadelphia Society, 2010.

"UnLock[e]ing The Constitutional Separation of Powers" presented at the University of Richmond, October 2009; Notre Dame University, March, 2010.

"First Things Are Always Interesting: The Inauguration of Barack Obama" presented at Baylor University, January, 2009.

"Forgotten Founders" presented at Skidmore College, Constitution Day, 2008.

"Deconstructing the Declaration: The Political Thought of Thomas Jefferson" presented at The University of Virginia, September, 2007

"John Ford's Revolutionary Americans" presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 2006.

"The Separation of Powers in War and Peace" presented at Baylor University, Constitution Day, 2006.

"The Bush Campaign" presented at Baylor University, October, 2004.

"A Discriminating Look at Discrimination: A Constitutional Perspective" presented at Montclair State University Institute for the Humanities, 2003.

"The Art of Liberal Politics: Shakespeare's Matchmaking" presented at the Rochester Institute of Technology, 2003

"Gouverneur Morris and American Constitutionalism" presented at Fordham Summer Seminar for Graduate Students, 2002.

"Rape and Republicanism: Livy, Machiavelli, and Shakespeare" presented at the University of Notre Dame, 2001.

"The Actor as Hero: The Films of Humphrey Bogart" presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 1999.

"Partisan Realignment and Presidential Leadership" presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 1997.

"Matchmaking and Deception: The Liberalism of Shakespeare and Machiavelli" presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Convention, 1997.

"The Liberal Politics of Shakespeare's Comedies" presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 1996.

"Merely Judgment: The Supreme Court and the Administrative State," Ashland University, 1996.

"The Media is Not the Message" presented at Montclair State University Institute for the Humanities, 1996.

"Theories of Partisan Realignment" presented at the University of Virginia, 1995.

"Understanding Partisan Realignment: Aristotle Looks at the 1994 Election," presented at Assumption College, 1995.

"Gender and the 14th Amendment" presented at Oglethorpe University, 1995.

"The Causes of the New Deal Realignment," presented at Washington and Lee University, 1993.

"Prospects for the 1992 Election," presented at the Greenbrook Country Club, 1992.

"Party Realignment and Political Change: The Case of the 1988 Election" presented at Radford University, 1990.

"Andrew Jackson and the Bank: The Jacksonian Presidency and the Constitution," presented at a conference on "Henry Adams' and 19th Century American History, St .Charles, IL, 1988.

“The Constitutional Presidency: Popular Representative and Constitutional Officer” presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 1985.

“The Legislative Veto and the Separation of Powers” presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, 1984.

“Popular Conservatism vs. Populist Conservatism” presented at the American Political Science Convention, 1984.

“Progressivism and the American Political Tradition” presented at the American Political Science Convention, 1983.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Bradley Foundation Grants to Support the Doctoral Program at Baylor, 2006-2016

Senior Fellow, Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, 2006-present

Olin Foundation Fellowship, Spring 1999.

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1997-98.

Excellence in Education Award, presented by the Montclair State University Student Government Association, Spring, 1996.

Earhart Foundation Research Fellowship, 1986-87.

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1986-87.

Lassen Fellow, 1979-80.

Earhart Graduate Fellowship, 1977-78.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Reviewer: *American Council of Learned Societies, American Political Thought, Global Constitutionalism, Michigan State University, Political Research Quarterly, Wadsworth Publishing, Journal of Church and State, U.S. Department of Education (FIPSE), Journal of Politics; Stanford University Press, Polity, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Review of Politics, Rhetoric and Public Affairs, Publius, Social Science Research, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Prentice Hall, Rowman & Littlefield, SUNY Press, U.S. Bicentennial Commission, and Macmillan Publishing.*

Co-Organizer: Conference on “Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*,” Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, Clinton, NY, 2014.

Co-Organizer: Conference on “The 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation,” Santa Barbara, CA, 2013.

Discussant: Panel on “The American Founders on Power, Responsibility, and History,” American Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, 2013.

Co-Organizer/Participant: Conference on “Shakespeare and Machiavelli,” San Diego, California, 2012.

Chair and Discussant: Panel on “The 150th Anniversary of Fort Sumter: Lessons for Presidential Power Today,” American Political Science Association Convention, Seattle, 2011.

Participant: Roundtable on “Reforming the Administrative State” Heritage Foundation, Washington DC, 2010.

Participant: Conference on “Progressivism and the Origins of Central Banking,” Tuscon, Arizona, 2010.

Participant: “Roundtable on the Administrative State,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2010.

Co-Organizer: Conference on “African American Political Thought,” Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, Clinton, NY, 2010.

Discussant: Panel on *The Lives of Others*, American Political Science Association Convention, Toronto, 2009.

Discussant: Panel on “Lincoln and the Progressives,” American Political Science Association Convention, Toronto, 2009.

Co-Moderator and Co-Organizer of a conference on “Machiavelli and Shakespeare,” Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, Clinton, NY (July, 2009)

Outside Evaluator, Department of Political Science, Belmont Abbey College, 2008

Participant in a conference on “Shakespeare’s History Plays,” Cleveland, Ohio, 2007.

Discussant: Panel on *Titus Andronicus and The Merchant of Venice*, American Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, 2004.

Award Committee member, American Political Science Association, Politics and Literature Section, 2003.

Guest: “Presidential Politics,” *Carpe Diem*, Montclair State Television, 2002.

Program Committee member, American Political Science Association, 2002.

Chair: Conference on “Shakespeare’s Henry VI Plays,” St. Augustine Florida, 2002.

Section Chair: “Politics and Literature,” American Political Science Association, 2001-02.

Presenter: Short Course on “Teaching Political Philosophy Through Film,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2000.

Chair: Conference on “Shakespeare and Jane Austen,” Victoria, British Columbia, 2000.

Guest: “2000 Presidential Election,” *Carpe Diem*, Montclair State Television, 2000.

Chair and Co-Director: Conference on “The Darwinian Challenge to the Doctrine of Natural Rights,” Charlottesville, VA, 2000.

Participant: “Hyde Park Session—The Clinton Impeachment,” at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, 1999.

Participant: Conference on “Shakespeare’s Republican Plays,” Philadelphia, PA, 1999.

Participant: Conference on “American Public Philosophy,” at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, 1999.

Participant: Conference on “Lord Bryce and de Tocqueville,” London, England, 1999.

Co-Chair: Younger Scholars Conference on “Machiavelli and Shakespeare” Lake Tahoe, CA, 1999.

Chair: Conference on “Shakespeare’s Comedies,” Princeton, NJ, 1999.

Chair: Conference on “Eugene O’Neil and Alexis de Tocqueville,” New London, CT, 1999.

Chair and Co-Director: Conference on “Protecting Rights in the American Constitutional System,” Charleston, South Carolina, 1998.

Participant: Roundtable on “The Political Science of Martin Diamond,” Southwestern Social Science Convention, Corpus Christi, TX, 1998.

Chair: Conference on Shakespeare’s History Plays,” Princeton, NJ, 1998.

Participant: “The Implications of Aristotle’s Political Thought for Contemporary Liberalism,” San Antonio, TX, 1997.

Chair: Conference on “Shakespeare’s Comedies,” Newport, RI, 1996.

Participant: Conference on “Slavery and the Constitution,” St. Paul, MN, 1995.

Panel Chair and Discussant: “The Separation of Powers and the Constitution,” at the Southern Political Science Association Convention, Tampa, FL, 1995.

Chair and Discussant: "Literary Visions and the Liberal Tradition," American Political Science Convention, 1995.

Participant: Conference on "Rawls and Nozick," Stillwater, MN, 1994.

Panel Chair: "Women, Politics, and Literature," at the 1993 American Political Science Association Convention.

Roundtable Chair and Participant: "War Powers and the Constitution," at the 1991 American Political Science Association.

Chair and Organizer: Conference on "The Editing of Presidential Papers," University of Tennessee, 1989, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities.

"Government Funding for Documentary Editing" presented at the American Association of Documentary Editors Meeting" 1989, published in *Documentary Editing*, 1989.

Panelist: National Endowment for the Humanities

COMMITTEES AND OTHER SERVICE

University Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2011- present

University Benefits Committee, 2013-14

University Research Committee, 2011-13

Political Science Graduate Committee 2009- present

Undergraduate Moot Court Advisor, 2008-10

Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2005-present

Constitution Day Organizer, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014

American Government Search Committee Chair, 2008, 2009, 2013

University Honorary Degree Committee 2008-09

Morrison Chair Search Committee, 2005

Jackson Lecture Committee, 2004-2011

Member of the College Leadership Council, 2003 – 2004

Member of the University Promotions Committee, 2000-2002, Chair, 2001-02

Member of the Promotion and Appointment Committee for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 1996-1999

Member of the Graduate Committee for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 1991-2004

Member of the Search Committee for Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 1993.

DISSERTATIONS MENTORED

Chris Bissex, *Gouverneur Morris's Constitution: How the Man Who Wrote the Constitution Understood the Mixed Regime and Separation of Powers*, 2014.

Adam Carrington, *Liberty in Full: Justice Field's Cooperative Constitution of Liberty*, 2014.

Mark Scully, *The Path to Party Unity: Popular Presidential Leadership and Principles Consensus*, 2014.

Joseph Wysocki, *Congressional Rhetoric: Going Public and Its Effects on the Institution*, 2013.

David Capper, *Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Substantive Due Process: Why the Most Powerful Judge in History Isn't as Crazy as Everybody Thinks He Is*, 2013.

Anthony Bartl, *The Principled Constitutionalism of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy*, 2012.

Matthew Brogdon, *The Supreme Court and American Constitutionalism: Reassessing the Institutional Role of Judicial Power in the Constitutional System*, 2011.

Jerome Foss, *John Rawls and the Supreme Court: A Study in Continuity and Change*, 2011.

Thomas Pope, *Balancing Liberty of Contract with Police Power: A Hobbesian Approach*, 2011.

David Ramsey, *The Role of the Supreme Court in Antitrust Enforcement*, 2010.

Samuel Crowe, *Human Health and Human Dignity: Defining the Principal Goods of the Biotechnology Debate*, 2006

John David Alvis, *Leadership and Reform: Herbert Croly and the Progressive Critique of the American Political Tradition*, 2005.