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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Virginia, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, 2012
M.A. University of Virginia, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, 2005
B.A. University of Houston, Department of Political Science, Summa cum Laude, 2002

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025-Present. Associate Professor of Public Affairs, Institute of American Civics, The Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs, University of Tennessee

2022-Present. Contributing Editor, *Law & Liberty*

2022-Present. Fellow, Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America

2020-Present. Affiliated Fellow, Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy

2020-Present. President, Ciceronian Society

2021-2024. Chair of Politics Department, Ave Maria University

2019-2025. Associate Professor, Department of Politics, Ave Maria University

2016-2019. Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Ave Maria University

2017-2018. Chair of Department of Communications, Ave Maria University

2015-2016. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gettysburg College

2014-2015. Thomas W. Smith Research Associate, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University

2013-2014. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government & Foreign Affairs, Hampden-Sydney College

2012-2013. Visiting Assistant Professor & Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in American Values

and Institutions, Department of Politics, Duke University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2027. *American Redeemed: American Catholic Republicanism from Carroll to Neuhaus* (University of Notre Dame Press, in contract negotiations; publication date an estimation)
2025. *Why Postliberalism Failed* with Thomas Howes. Under Contract (Acton Institute Press), publication in first quarter.
2019. *Religion in the Public Square: Sheen, King, Falwell* (University of Pennsylvania Press)

Book Chapters

2024. “Beloved Community and Black Power: An Application of Philip Rieff’s Theory to the Divergence of King and Carmichael in Civil Rights History,” *The Philosophy of Philip Rieff: Cultural Conflict, Religion, and the Self* (Bloomsbury, 2024) with William G. Batchelder IV.
2020. “The Covenant Foundation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” *Race and Covenant* (Acton Institute)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024. “First-Year Experience or One-Year Experience? The Future of Civic Engagement in Higher Education,” *Laws* 13 no. 55. (co-authored with Glenn Moots).
2022. “Do We Not Owe This Debt to Africa?: The Anti-Jim Crow Theology of Atticus Greene Haygood,” *Pietas* Fall 1 no. 1, 1-31.
2022. “The Anti-Nationalist Patriotism of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen,” *Religions* 13 no. 9, 1-14.
2022. “Catholic Republicanism in America,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 51 no. 2, 81-93.
2021. “Symposium on James M. Patterson’s *Religion in the Public Square: Sheen, King, Falwell*,” with Paul Wilford, Rachel K. Alexander, Eryn Gammonley, Jacob C. J. Wolf, and Samuel Goldman, *Political Science Reviewer* 45 no 1.
2018. “A Covenant of the Heart: Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Disobedience, and the Beloved Community,” *American Political Thought* Vol. 7, no. 1 (Winter 2018): 124-151.
2016. “‘I Am Doing a Great Work, So That I Cannot Come Down’: Civil Liberty and the Nehemiah of the Early American Republic,” *Anamnesis* 5 (2016), 68-98.

2016. “‘The Cross or the Double-Cross’: Roman Catholicism, Anti-Communism, and the Political Theology of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 45, no. 1 (Spring 2016) 47-58.
2015. “The American Nehemiad, or the Tale of Two Walls,” *The Journal of Church and State* 57, no. 3 (Summer 2015): 450-468.

Book Reviews

2024. “Rules for Royalists,” Review of *The Habsburg Way: Seven Rules for Turbulent Times* by Eduard Habsburg, April 11.
2023. Review of *The Classical and Christian Origins of American Politics: Political Theology, Natural Law, and the American Founding* by Kody W. Cooper and Justin Buckley Dyer, *Religion & Liberty*, Autumn.
2023. Review of *Ministers of a New Medium: Broadcasting Theology in the Radio Ministries of Fulton J. Sheen and Walter A. Maier* by Kirk D. Farney, *Church History* (June).
2023. “Irritable Mental Gestures, Reconsidered,” Review of *The Reactionary Mind: Why ‘Conservative Isn’t Enough*, April 11, 2023, *Law & Liberty*.
2022. “Uncommonly Bad Constitutionalism,” Review of Adrian Vermeule, *Common Good Constitutionalism*, April 28, *Law & Liberty*.
2021. “Worth the Price: Colonial Catholics, Religious Tolerance, and the Post-Liberal Right,” Review of Michael Breidenbach, *Our Dear-Bought Liberty: Catholics and Religious Toleration in Early America*, October 20, *Public Discourse*.
2021. “Honor Thy Father,” Review of Sohrab Ahmari, *The Unbroken Thread: Discovering the Wisdom of Tradition in an Age of Chaos*, June 16, *Law & Liberty*.
2021. “Conspiracies à la française for American Catholics,” Review of Scott Hahn and Brandon McGinley, *It is Right and Just: Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion*, March 22, *Law & Liberty*.
2020. “Soft Totalitarianism, Coming or Going?” Review of Rod Dreher, *Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents*, October 2, *Law & Liberty*.
2020. “Hell is Other Catholics,” Review of Steven P. Millies, *Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters’ Road from Roe to Trump*, July 8, *VoegelinView*.
2019. Review of Daniel J. Mahoney, *The Idol of Our Age: How the Religion of Humanity Subverts Christianity*, *Society* 56 (5).
2018. Review of Patrick J. Deneen, *Conserving America? Essays on Present Discontents*,

- Society*, Vol. 55, (1): 84-86.
2018. "Orthodoxy on the Margins," Review of Peter Augustine Lawler, *American Heresies and Higher Education*, *Anamnesis* 7: 99-108.
 2017. "California Dreaming, Rightly Understood," Review of James Poulos, *The Art of Being Free: How Alexis de Tocqueville Can Save Us from Ourselves*, for *Modern Age* 59 (3): 93-96.
 2017. "Typecasting the American Dream," Review of *The Complacent Class: The Self-Defeating Quest for the American Dream*, June 15, *Law & Liberty*.
 2016. "Investigating Madison's Political Religion," Review of Jeremy D. Bailey, *James Madison and Constitutional Imperfection*, October 3, *Law & Liberty*.
 2015. Review of David Brooks, *The Road to Character*, *Society*, 53 (4): 463-6.
 2013. "Religion and the Pepsi Challenge," Review of Robert D. Putnam, David E. Campbell, Shaylyn Romney Garret, *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*, for *Anamnesis* 2, no. 2 (2013): 174-182.
 2009. Review of Randolph Ferguson Scully, *Religion and the Making of Nat Turner's Virginia: Baptist Community and Conflict, 1740-1840*, *The Virginia Quarterly Review*.

Recent Popular Publications

2024. "What Is Postliberalism?" August 26, *The Dispatch*.
2024. "Into the Reactionary Abyss," August 15, *Law & Liberty*.
2024. "The End is Not Nigh: Reply to Daniel Miller," April 17, *Law & Liberty*.
2024. "The Prestige Economy of Higher Education," January 10, *Law & Liberty*.
2023. "The Realignment That Wasn't," November 9, *Law & Liberty*.
2023. "The Absurdity of a Protestant Franco," October 24, *Law & Liberty*.
2023. "The Promise and Peril of Freedom Conservatism," August 21, *Law & Liberty*.
2023. "Is the New Right Fascist?" Summer, *Religion & Liberty*.
2023. "Two Forms of Catholic Nationalism," May 25, *Law & Liberty*.
2023. "No to Neo-Integralism," January 5, *National Review*.

2022. "Social Media vs. Freedom," December 19, *Law & Liberty*.
2022. "Institutions Have Consequences," November 14, *Law & Liberty*.
2022. "NatConfusionism," October 17, *Law & Liberty*.
2022. "Postliberalism and a World of Pure Imagination," February 2, *Providence*.
2021. "Charles De Koninck vs. Jacques Maritain: Philosophers and Their Choices," December 22, *Providence*.
2021. "Doing Justice to Human Dignity," November 18, *Providence*.
2021. "The Time to Fund New Universities Is Now," September 27, *Law & Liberty*.
2021. "Wokeness and the New Religious Establishment," *National Affairs*, Number 48 (Summer 2021).
2020. "The List Is Here to Stay," *Law & Liberty*, December 21.
2020. "The American Proposition after the Catholic Moment," *Law & Liberty*, December 1.
2020. "Do We Still Hold These Truths?" *Law & Liberty*, November 2.
2020. "The Rise and Fall of the Televised Public Square," *The Religious Studies Project*, May 22.
2020. "The US Church and Liberalism: A Failed Friendship?" with Brandon McGinley, *Catholic Herald*, May 15.
2020. "A Strawman and a Scotsman Walk into the Café de Flore," *Law & Liberty*, May 11.
2020. "After Republican Virtue," *Law & Liberty*, April 22.
2020. "Taking Fulton Sheen Seriously," *First Things*, April.
2019. "The Dogmatic Rivalry at the Heart of America," *Law & Liberty*, July 12.
2018. "Why Integralism Is an Ideology of Despair," *Law & Liberty*, November 28.
2018. "Paquette's Dystopia Depicts a Future that Has Already Happened," *Law & Liberty*, February 12.
2016. "The Vicar's Revenge: The FDA, the New Regs, and Freedom up in Smoke," *Law & Liberty*, August 17.

- 2016. “Go Down, Moses,” *Law & Liberty*, April 29.
- 2016. “An Alternative Southern Conservative Tradition,” *Law & Liberty*, March 14.
- 2014. “Free Markets, Racial Equality, and Southern Prosperity: The Rise and Fall of Lewis Harvie Blair,” *Law & Liberty*, November 21.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024. Anonymous Donation to Ciceronian Society (\$300,000 over three years)
- 2023. The Heritage Foundation, Freedom and Opportunity Prize.
- 2022. Jack Miller Center, Grant for a Speaker Series (\$15,000).
- 2021. Ciceronian Society Fundraiser (\$8500).
- 2021. Jack Miller Center, Grant for a Speaker Series (\$6500).
- 2021. Laurel Family Faculty Professional Development Grant (\$3000).
- 2019. The Acton Institute Course Development Grant (\$2000).
- 2009. The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010 (\$20,000).
- 2002. Earhart Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2002-2003 (\$10,000).

GUEST LECTURES AND PROFESSIONAL COLLOQUIA

- 2023. “The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen,” Three-party video series for The Pursuit of Wisdom.
- 2023. “The Forgotten History of an Eighteenth-Century Thomistic Usury Debate,” Thomism and Economics Conference, Acton Institute, November 3.
- 2023. “The Rise and Fall of the Judeo-Christian Consensus,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, September 22.
- 2023. “Americanism Redeemed,” St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, September 8.
- 2023. Jack Miller Center Summer Institute for Civics Educators: Voices of Dissent, Pensacola, FL, July 17-19.

- 2023. Roundtable, “Church-State Relations,” Thomas More Studies Conference, Washington DC, March 17-19.
- 2023. “The Theology of Wokeness,” Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden, February 23.
- 2023. “The Inverted Nature of American Catholic Nationalism,” George Washington University, Washington DC, February 17.
- 2022. “No Conservatism without Republicanism,” The Philadelphia Society Fall Meeting, Washington DC, September 24.
- 2022. Seminar Leader: Religious Liberty and the Founding Seminar for Teachers, Jack Miller Center, St. Petersburg, FL, June 29.
- 2022. The Role of the Magazine in the Republic, Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, IN, June 24-25.
- 2022. “The Rise and Fall of the Judeo-Christian Consensus” and “Neo-Integralism and Postliberalism,” Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, MI, June 21.
- 2022. Participant, Morningside Institute, Fourth Annual Neuhaus Colloquium, New York, NY, February 24-25
- 2021. Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Religious Freedom in America: Past and Present, Ave Maria, FL, June 21-25 (Organizer & Presenter).
- 2021. Jack Miller Center Virtual Seminar on America’s Founding Principles, Freedom of Speech, April 10.
- 2021. Jack Miller Center Virtual Seminar on America’s Founding Principles, Freedom of Religion, March 13.
- 2021. Intercollegiate Studies Institute Faculty Colloquium, Scottish Enlightenment: Three Thinkers, Providence, RI, March 4-7.
- 2020. Panel: Conservatism, Classical Liberalism, and Public Life, Manhattan Institute (Streamed), December 2.
- 2020. “The Rise and Fall of the Judeo-Christian Consensus,” Princeton University, February 5.
- 2019. “Fulton Sheen and Religious Opposition to Communism,” Toward a Free and Virtuous Society: The Fall of the Berlin Wall and Marxism in the Modern Era, Boston, MA, November 21-3.

- 2019. “Cycles of Poverty” and “Politics, Economics, and Religion,” City FAVS, Detroit, MI, November 7-9.
- 2019. “Cycles of Poverty” and “Politics, Economics, and Religion,” City FAVS, Jersey City, NJ, September 5-7.
- 2019. “The Rise and Fall of the Judeo-Christian Consensus,” Acton University, Grand Rapids, MI, June 20-23.
- 2019. “The Political Theology of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen,” Acton Lecture Series, Grand Rapids, MI, May 30.
- 2019. “Cycles of Poverty” and “Politics, Economics, and Religion,” City FAVS, Jersey City, NJ, January 31 – February 2.
- 2018. Roundtable. “Crony Capitalism Colloquium,” Acton Institute, December 11.
- 2018. “Cycles of Poverty,” City FAVS, Weehawken, NJ, November 9.
- 2018. “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X,” Program for Constitutionalism and Democracy, University of Virginia, November 2.
- 2018. “Recovering Citizenship in an Age of Globalization,” Concordia University, New York, Faculty Retreat, August 14.
- 2018. “The Salutary Constraint on Democracy,” The Gilliam Center for Free Enterprise and Ethical Leadership, James Madison University, March 16.
- 2016. “Secular Roads to Damascus,” Richard Land Center Lecture at Southwest Baptist Seminary Houston Campus, November 28.
- 2014. “‘Suffer the Children’: Ministry, Media, and Millennials,” Religion and Youth: The Millennial Generation and Secularization, Christopher Newport University, October 9.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023. “The Mar-a-Lago Captivity: Will Conservatism Return to the Promised Land?” American Political Science Annual Meeting, September 1.
- 2023. “RETVRN TO MODERNITY: The Popular Esotericism of Postliberalism.” Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, January 12.

- 2022. "Simon Sober and Merry Meanwell: Catholic Advocates for Classical Economics during the Scottish Enlightenment," Conference on Religion, the Scottish Enlightenment, and the Rise of Liberalism, Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy & Adam Smith Society, March 5.
- 2022. "The Use and Abuse of St. Augustine's Argument for Coercion," 2022 Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, January 14.
- 2019. Roundtable, "Integralism and the American Constitutional Tradition," American Political Science Association, September 1.
- 2018. "On His Right Side or on His Left," Panelist on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the American Civil Religion, Loeb Center for Religious Freedom and Institute of Religion and Democracy, October 11.
- 2018. "When Liberalism Succeeded," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1.
- 2018. Workshop for *Religion in the Public Square*, George Washington University April 10.
- 2017. Panelist, "*Annuit Coeptis*: Forms of Civil Religion in the Midst of Crisis, 1953 2012," Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, October 27.
- 2017. "Patrick Deneen Is Half Right," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2.
- 2017. "Preference or Experience?: The Paradox of Social Science," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1
- 2017. "Beyond the Jeremiad: Protestant Hegemony, the Judeo-Christian Tradition, and the Development of American Religious Narratives," Henry Institute Biannual Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, April 27.
- 2017. "The Separation of State from Church: Alexis de Tocqueville, Religious Foundations, and the Limits of Politics," Ciceronian Society Conference, Louisiana State University, March 25.
- 2016. "Secularization and the Democratic Faith," Konrad Adenauer Conference on Secularization and Western Identity, Lake Como, Italy, November 6.
- 2016. "Daniel Martin and Me: The Anti-Jim Crow Theology of Atticus Greene Haygood," 2016 Ciceronian Society Conference, Gettysburg College, March 12.
- 2015. "Aliens Among Us: The Anti-Jim Crow Literature of George Washington Cable," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 4.

2015. “‘He That Hath Ears, Let Him Hear’: Religious Foundations and American Political Development,” 2015 Ciceronian Society Conference, Mount St. Mary’s University, March 13.
2014. “‘The Cross or the Double-Cross’: Catholicism, Anti-Communism, and the Political Theology of Fulton J. Sheen,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30.
2014. “‘The Elevation of the Negro in the Interests of Whites’: Economic Prosperity, Racial Integration, and the Southern Prophecy of Lewis Harvie Blair,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28.
2014. “‘The Elevation of the Negro in the Interests of Whites’: Capitalism, Racial Integration, and the Southern Prophecy of Lewis Harvie Blair,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 5.
2014. “Secular Walls and Sacred Temple: The American Nehemiah during the Early Nineteenth Century,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 11.

COURSES TAUGHT

Ave Maria University

American Civilization (American Constitutionalism and Political Thought)
 Entrepreneurship and Civil Society
 American Government
 Media and Politics
 Political Parties
 Film and Politics
 Western Civilization
 Catholic Political Thought

Gettysburg College

Introduction to American Politics
 Introduction to Political Thought
 Political Parties
 Conservatism and Liberalism
 Media and Politics

Hampden-Sydney College

Introduction to American Government
 Virginia Politics
 Research Methods
 American Political Thought

Duke University

Religion and American Politics

Media and Politics

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Host, *Liberty Law Talk* Podcast

Ciceronian Society, President

Southern Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

Manuscript & Grant Reviewer

- *Perspectives on Political Science*
- *Journal of Law and Religion*
- *Politics & Religion*
- *American Catholic Studies*
- *Palgrave Macmillan*
- National Endowment for the Humanities