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PERSONAL

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Harvard University, Political Science, 1987
M.A., Harvard University, Political Science, 1980
A.B., Middlebury College, summa cum laude, 1977

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Louisiana State University: Hermann Moyse, Jr., Professor and Director, Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies (2015-); Professor of Political Science (2003-); Department Chairman (2007-2013); Acting Dean of Honors (Fall 2010); Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science (1996-2000); Associate Professor (1994-2003); Assistant Professor (1988-1994)

Princeton University: Garwood Visiting Professor and Visiting Fellow in the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, in the Department of Politics (2013-2014); Visiting Fellow in the Madison Program (2002-2003)

Goucher College: Instructor of Politics and Public Policy (1983-1988); Chairman of Prelegal Studies (1984-1988)

Harvard University: Teaching Fellow in Government (1979-1983); Assistant Head Tutor in Government (1981-1983)

BOOKS (Authored)

Common-Law Liberty: Rethinking American Constitutionalism [a series of essays on the interplay between modern liberalism and the common law heritage in American constitutional history and in constitutional law today] (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2003)

Common Law and Liberal Theory: Coke, Hobbes, and the Origins of American Constitutionalism [a study of the origin and development of the doctrines that form American constitutionalism, in particular the doctrine of judicial review, from sources in the English common law on the one hand and liberal political philosophy on the other] (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1992; paperback, 1994)

BOOKS (Co-edited)

Edited, with Paul O. Carrese and Carol McNamara, *Free Speech and Intellectual Diversity in Higher Education* [essays from a conference at the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University] (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2023)

Edited, with Alan Levine and Thomas W. Merrill, *The Political Thought of the Civil War* [essays on the political thought of the North and the South before, during, and after the American Civil War] (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2018; paperback, 2019)

Edited, with Harold James, *The Thriving Society: On the Social Conditions of Human Flourishing* [essays from scholars in a variety of fields on topics such as the person, the family, law and politics, the university, and the economy] (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2015)

Edited, with Donna M. Hughes, *The Social Costs of Pornography: A Collection of Papers* [essays from scholars in a variety of fields on the topic] (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2010)

Edited, with Samuel Gregg, *Rethinking Business Management: Examining the Foundations of Business Education* [essays offering person-centered perspectives on business management, business ethics, and business education] (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2008); republished, with several chapters dropped or added, as *Profit, Prudence and Virtue: Essays in Ethics, Business and Management* (Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic, 2009)

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Was John Stuart Mill Right about Freedom of Speech?” in James R. Stoner, Jr., Paul O. Carrese and Carol McNamara, eds., *Free Speech and Intellectual Diversity in Higher Education* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2023), pp. 135-151

“Was the Constitution Supposed to be Democratic?,” *Drake Law Review* 70: 629-642 (2023)

“What Publius Knew and Didn’t Know,” in Steven F. Pittz and Joseph Postell, eds., *American Citizenship and Constitutionalism in Principle and Practice* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2022), pp. 140-157

“Continuity without Corruption: The Political Theology of Death in St. Augustine,” in Erin A. Dolgoy, Kimberly Hurd Hale, and Bruce Peabody, *Political Theory on Death and Dying* (New York: Routledge, 2022), pp. 132-140

“Was Justice Joseph Story a Christian Constitutionalist?” in Daniel L. Dreisbach and Mark David Hall, eds., *Great Christian Jurists in American History* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019), pp. 144-160

“Civil Society and Social Justice: A Prospectus,” *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy* 24 (1): 85-94 (Summer 2019)

“The Case of the Confederate Constitution,” in Alan Levine, Thomas W. Merrill, and James R. Stoner, Jr., eds., *The Political Thought of the Civil War* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2018), pp. 273-289

“Aristotelian Metaphysics and Modern Science: Leo Strauss on What Nature Is,” in Geoffrey M. Vaughan, ed., *Leo Strauss and His Catholic Readers* (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2018), pp. 277-289

“Are Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Congruent or Opposed?” in Donald Alexander Downs and Chris W. Surprenant, eds., *The Value and Limits of Academic Speech: Philosophical, Political, and Legal Perspectives* (New York: Routledge, 2018), pp. 64-77

“Comments on Alexander’s *Law and Politics: What Is Their Relation?*” *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* 41(1): 369-372 (Winter 2018)

“Progressivism, Social Science, and Catholic Social Teaching in the Building of the American Welfare State,” in Bradley C.S. Watson, ed., *Progressive Challenges to the American Constitution: A New Republic* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 160-170

“Categories and Causes: Physics and Politics for Aristotle and for Us,” in R.J. Snell and Steven F. McGuire, eds., *Concepts of Nature: Ancient and Modern* (Lexington Books, 2016), pp. 101-115

“The Polis, the State, and the Constitution,” in Giorgi Areshidze, Paul O. Carrese, and Suzanna Sherry, eds., *Constitutionalism, Executive Power, and the Spirit of Moderation: Murray P. Dry and the Nexus of Liberal Education and Politics* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2016), pp. 223-240

“Does the Law and the Constitution of the Family Have to Change?” *Perspectives on Political Science* 45 (2016): 80-86; reprinted in Patrick N. Cain and David Ramsey, eds., *American Constitutionalism, Marriage, and the Family: Obergefell v. Hodges and U.S. v. Windsor in Context* (Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2016)

“Why We Respect the Dignity of Politics,” in James R. Stoner, Jr. and Harold James, eds., *The Thriving Society: On the Social Conditions of Human Flourishing* (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2015), pp. 81-96

“Images of the Statesman in *Utopia*,” in Travis Curtright, ed., *Thomas More: Why Patron of Statesman?* (Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2015)

“From Magna Carta to the Montgomery March: Common Law and Civil Rights,” *Faulkner Law Review*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Fall 2014), pp. 49-63

“Catholicism and the Constitution,” in Paul R. DeHart and Carson Holloway, eds., *Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order: Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith* (DeKalb, IL: NIU Press, 2014)

“Rational Compromise: Charles Evans Hughes as a Progressive Originalist,” in Joseph Postell and Johnathan O’Neill, eds., *Towards an American Conservatism: Constitutional Conservatism during the Progressive Era* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

“Locke’s Explanation of How the Science of Civil Society Corrects the Natural Authority of Virtue,” in Peter Augustine Lawler and Marc Guerra, eds., *The Science of Modern Virtue: Descartes, Darwin, and Locke* (DeKalb, IL: NIU Press, 2013)

“The Justice of the Market and the Common Good: Justice Sutherland’s Debate,” in Francis J. Beckwith, Robert P. George, and Susan McWilliams, eds., *A Second Look at First Things: A Case for Conservative Politics (The Hadley Arkes Festschrift)* (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine’s Press, 2013)

“Comment on Ralph Hancock, *The Responsibility of Reason: Theory and Practice in a Liberal-Democratic Age*,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 42: 43-46 (2013)

“Natural Law and Property Rights,” with Samuel Gregg, in Samuel Gregg and Harold James, eds., *Natural Law, Economics, and the Common Good: Perspectives from Natural Law* (Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic [St Andrews Studies in Philosophy and Public Affairs], 2012), pp. 121-153

“Freedom, Virtue, and the Politics of Regulating Pornography,” in Donna M. Hughes and James R. Stoner, Jr., *The Social Costs of Pornography: A Collection of Papers* (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2010), pp. 193-213

“Who Has Authority over the Constitution of the United States?” in Steven Kautz, Arthur Melzer, Jerry Weinberger, and M. Richard Zinman, eds., *The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), pp. 95-111, 270-272

“Magnanimity and Martyrdom: The Death and Life of Thomas More,” in Carson Holloway, ed., *Magnanimity and Statesmanship* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008), pp. 133-143

“Natural Law, Common Law, and the Constitution,” in Douglas E. Edlin, ed., *Common Law Theory* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 171-184

“The ‘Naked’ University: What if Theology Is Knowledge, Not Belief?,” *Theology Today*, vol. 62, no. 4 (January 2006), pp. 515-527

“Is There a Political Philosophy in the Declaration of Independence?,” *Intercollegiate Review*, vol. 40, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2005), pp. 3-11

“Was Leo Strauss Wrong About John Locke?” with Comments by Michael Zuckert and a Response, *Review of Politics*, vol. 66, no. 4 (Fall 2004), pp. 553-573

“Catholic Politics and Religious Liberty in America: The Carrolls of Maryland,” in Daniel L. Dreisbach, Mark D. Hall, and Jeffrey H. Morrison, eds., *The Founders on God and Government* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2004), pp. 251-271

“The New Constitutionalism of Publius,” in Bryan-Paul Frost & Jeffrey Sikkenga, eds., *History of American Political Thought* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2003), pp. 230-247

“Is Tradition Activist? The Common Law of the Family in the Liberal Constitutionalist World,” *University of Colorado Law Review*, vol. 73, No. 4 (Fall 2002), pp. 1291-1306

“Federalism, the States, and the Electoral College,” in Gary L. Gregg II, ed., *Securing Democracy: Why We Have and Electoral College* (Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 2001), pp. 43-54

“Constitutionalism and Civil Disobedience,” in *Findings: The Wilberforce Forum’s Review of Contemporary Culture*, Fall 2001, pp. 33-41

“The Common Law Spirit of the American Revolution,” in Mark Blitz & William Kristol, eds., *Educating the Prince: Essays in Honor of Harvey Mansfield* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2000), pp. 192-204

“Christianity, the Common Law, and the Constitution,” in Gary L. Gregg II, ed., *Vital Remnants: America’s Founding and the Western Tradition* (Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 1999), pp. 175-209

“Property, the Common Law, and John Locke,” in David F. Forte, ed., *Natural Law and Contemporary Public Policy* (Washington: Georgetown University Press, 1998), pp. 193-218

“Heir Apparent: Bushrod Washington and Federal Justice in the Early Republic,” in Scott D. Gerber, ed., *Seriatim: The Supreme Court Before John Marshall* (New York: New York University Press, 1998), pp. 322-349

“The Idiom of Common Law in the Formation of the Judicial Power,” in Bradford P. Wilson and Ken Masugi, eds., *The Supreme Court and American Constitutionalism* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1997), pp. 47-68; also *Common-Law Liberty*, ch. 1

“Sound Whigs or Honeyed Tories? Jefferson and the Common Law Tradition,” in Gary L. McDowell and Sharon L. Noble, eds., *Reason and Republicanism: Thomas Jefferson’s Legacy of Liberty* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1997), pp. 103-117

“Religious Liberty and Common Law: Free Exercise Exemptions and American Courts,” in *Polity*, vol. 26, no. 1 (Fall 1993), pp. 1-24; also *Common-Law Liberty*, ch. 3

“Common Law and Constitutionalism in the Abortion Case,” in *The Review of Politics*, vol. 55, no. 3 (Summer, 1993), pp. 421-441; also *Common-Law Liberty*, ch. 4

“Common Law and Natural Law,” in *Benchmark*, vol. 5, no. 2 (Winter 1993) [Symposium on Natural Law and the Constitution]

“Neo-Constitutionalism? Rawls, Dworkin, and Nozick,” with Clifford Orwin, in Allan Bloom, ed., *Confronting the Constitution* (Washington: The AEI Press, 1990), pp. 437-470

“Constitutionalism and Judging in *The Federalist*,” in Charles Kesler, ed., *Saving the Revolution: The Federalist Papers and the American Founding* (New York: The Free Press, 1987), pp. 203-218; also appears as chapter 12 in *Common Law and Liberal Theory*

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“The Declaration of Independence,” on the website, “Natural Law, Natural Rights, and American Constitutionalism,” The Witherspoon Institute (July 2011) < <http://www.nlnrac.org/american/declaration-of-independence> >

“Common Law and the Law of Reason,” on the website, “Natural Law, Natural Rights, and American Constitutionalism,” The Witherspoon Institute (July 2011) <<http://www.nlnrac.org/earlymodern/common-law>>

“States’ Rights,” in Kermit L. Hall, ed., *The Oxford Companion to American Law* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), pp. 766-767

“Revolution, American,” and “Washington, George,” in Seymour Martin Lipset, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Democracy* (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1996), vol. III, pp. 1065-68; vol. IV, pp. 1366-67

“Leo Strauss,” and “Carl Friedrich,” in *American Political Scientists: A Dictionary*, ed. Glenn H. Utter and Charles Lockhart (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1993), pp. 293-296, 92-95

OTHER ARTICLES (SINCE 2012)

[“Despite Deep Diversity,” *Law & Liberty* Forum, August 9, 2023 \(responding to Yuval Levin, “Constituting Unity”\)](#)

[“Can the Legislative Power be Delegated to the Administrative State?,” *Constitutional Conversations*, May 17, 2023](#)

[“What’s Un-American about Accommodation?,” with Paul O. Carrese, *Law & Liberty*, May 8, 2023](#)

[“As Manly a Man as a Professor Can Be,” *Law & Liberty*, December 9, 2022](#)

[“Hannah Arendt’s Vision of Freedom,” *Public Discourse*, November 14, 2022](#)

[“A Constitution for the Common Good?,” *Law & Liberty* Forum, August 1, 2022;](#)
[“Wanted: A Constitutional Ethos,” *Law & Liberty* Forum, August 31, 2022](#)

[“A Bipartisan Effort to Bolster Civics Curricula,” with Jacqueline Pfeffer Merrill, *Washington Examiner*, June 14, 2022](#)

[“Vaccination, the Law, and the Common Good,” *Law & Liberty*, August 26, 2021](#)

“Debating the Educating for American Democracy Roadmap,” with Mark Bauerlein and Paul O. Carrese, *RealClear Education*, July 23, 2021

“Conservatives Should Give the New Civics Roadmap a Fair Chance,” with Paul O. Carrese, *American Greatness*, June 27, 2021

[“What’s So Un-American about a Shared American Civics?”](#) with Paul O. Carrese, *National Review* [online], June 9, 2021; Carrese & Stoner rejoinder to Stanley Kurtz’s reply, “Step Up to Restore a Sound American Civics,” June 15, 2021

[“Can Liberal Constitutionalism Instruct?” “Liberty Matters” Symposium on Walter Bagehot’s *English Constitution*,](#) *Online Library of Law and Liberty*, January 15 & June 3, 2020

[“Common-Law Originalism,”](#) the Walter Berns Constitution Day Lecture at the American Enterprise Institute, September 17, 2019

[“Soft Landing,”](#) in “Michael Anton’s *After the Flight 93 Election: A Law & Liberty Symposium*, [*Online Library of*] *Law and Liberty*, July 9, 2019

[“Cake, Controversy—and the Common Law,”](#) [*Online Library of*] *Law & Liberty*, June 13, 2018

[“Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech,”](#) *Open Inquiry Project (Institute for Humane Studies)*, May 31, 2018

[“Free Speech, Diversity, and Inclusion: Is there a Balance?”](#) Jack Miller Center’s “Constitution Day Conversation,” published October 26, 2017

[“Unsettling Thoughts on Liquidation,”](#) *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, September 15, 2017

[“Universities Should be Safe Spaces—for Intellectual Diversity”](#) (with Christopher d’Elia, Richard Eldridge, Peter Minowitz, Suzanna Sherry, and Paul Carrese), *RealClear Politics*, June 1, 2017

[“Peter Augustine Lawler, a personal remembrance,”](#) *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, May 24, 2017

[“The Harmony and Balance of Virtue and Liberty,”](#) *Learn Liberty Website*, April 24, 2017

[“The Chicago Generation?”](#) *Open Inquiry Project (Institute for Humane Studies)*, March 6, 2017

[“Electors, Americans, Countrymen, Lend Me Your Ears,”](#) *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, December 2, 2016

[“Legal Realism, Legal Revolution,”](#) response to Marc DeGirolami, “The Unforgettable Fire: Tradition and the Shape of the Law,” *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, August 19, 2016

"Who Should Replace Scalia? No one. Here's why Eight is Enough," with Ronald Keith Gaddie, Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post*, February 19, 2016

"Stoner vs. Munger: Citizen or Consumer? How Do You Choose When You Vote?," *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, January 27, 2016

"Is the Civil War Long Gone and Far Away?," *The Imaginative Conservative* [website], July 6, 2015

"The Catholic Moment in the Political Philosophy of Leo Strauss," *VoegelinView* [website], July 29, 2014

"Is Meritocracy Just?" *The Princeton Tory* 30 (5): 15-17 (May 2014)

"Who Are Our Enemies?" *The Princeton Tory* 30 (4): 12-13 (March 2014)

"Is There a Moral Basis for the Free Market?" *Public Discourse: Ethics, Law and the Common Good* [www.thepublicdiscourse.com], January 21, 2014; translated to Italian as "Il libero mercato poggia su basi morali?" at *Instituto Acton* [it.acton.org], February 5, 2014

"The Disposition of Common Law: A Reply to Barry Shain and John McGinnis," *Liberty Law Blog/Online Library of Law & Liberty* <<http://libertylawsite.org/blog/>>, December 3, 2013

"Vindicating Common Law: A Reply to Barry Shain, 'An Unconvincing Defense,'" *Nomocracy in Politics* <<http://nomocracyinpolitics.com/>>, November 25, 2013

"Why You Can't Understand the Constitution Without the Common Law," *Liberty Forum/Online Library of Law & Liberty* <<http://libertylawsite.org/liberty-forum/>>, with responses by John McGinnis and Hadley Arkes, December 2, 2012

RECENT BOOK REVIEWS

of Timothy Burns, *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*, ["Interpretation and Change," one of four reviews in a symposium titled "Diagnosing Modern Ills, Offering Possible Correctives"], *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 52, no. 1 (2023), pp. 15-16

of Mark Blitz, *Reason and Politics: The Nature of Political Phenomena* ["[The Whole Way of Life](#)"] in *Claremont Review of Books*, vol. 22, no. 1 (Winter 2021-22), pp. 91-93

of James Patterson, *Religion in the Public Square: Sheen, King, Falwell* [[“Catholic, Protestant, Partisan”](#)], *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, February 3, 2021

of Keith Whittington, *Speak Freely: Why Universities Must Defend Free Speech* [[“A Defense of the Neo-Liberal University”](#)], *Online Library of Law & Liberty*, September 3, 2018

of Floyd Abrams, *The Soul of the First Amendment*; Timothy Garton Ash, *Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World*; Erwin Chemerinsky and Howard Gillman, *Free Speech on Campus*; and Sigal R. Ben-Porath, *Free Speech on Campus* [[“The Free Speech Debate”](#)], in *Claremont Review of Books*, vol. 18, no. 1 (Winter 2018), pp. 36-39

of Thomas G. West, *The Political Theory of the American Founding: Natural Rights, Public Policy, and the Moral Conditions of Freedom* [[“A Partial Vindication of Thomas West”](#)], *Liberty Law Book Reviews/Online Library of Law & Liberty*, December 11, 2017

of Francis Beckwith, *Taking Rites Seriously: Law, Politics, and the Reasonableness of Faith* [“Review Essay: Can American Courts Respect Religious Reasoning”], in *Harvard Theological Review*, vol. 110, no. 3 (July 2017), pp. 464-469

of Melissa Moschella, *To Whom Do Children Belong? Parental Rights, Civic Education, and Children’s Autonomy* [[“Teach Your Children Well”](#)], in *Claremont Review of Books*, vol. 17, no. 2 (Spring 2017), pp. 91-92

of David Carpenter, *Magna Carta*; Nicholas Vincent, *Magna Carta: A Very Short Introduction*; Nicholas Vincent, ed., *Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom, 1215-2015*; Randy J. Holland, ed., *Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor*; and David Barstow Magraw, Andrea Martinez, and Roy E. Brownell II, eds., *Magna Carta and the Rule of Law* [[“Magna Carta and Us”](#)], in *Claremont Review of Books*, vol. 15, no. 4 (Fall 2015), pp. 52-55

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

“The Legislative Power” – a series of papers designed to form a book on the origin of the modern legislative power, in political theory and in parliamentary practice, and the causes of its recent eclipse by judicial intervention on the one hand and administrative action on the other.

“The Aristotle Update” – a series of conferences and papers assessing the standing of Aristotelian thought and influence in the modern university

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Director, Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies (July 2015-)
- Acting Dean, Honors College, Louisiana State University (July-December 2010)
- Department Service (Political Science):
 - Chair (2007-2013)
 - Chair, Evaluation Committee (2007); member (2014)
 - Chair, Research Committee (2001-02)
 - Chair, Graduate Committee [Director of Graduate Studies] (1996-2000); member (2014-19)
 - Chair, Ad hoc Committee on the Curriculum (Fall 2014)
 - Served on various department recruitment committees
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Building Names, 2020-
- Member, organizing committee for the Center for Collaborative Knowledge, 2017-
- Member, LSU Faculty Senate, 1994-95, 1996-97, 2006-09
- Member, LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2006-08; secretary, 2007-08
- Member, LSU Faculty Senate Committee on General Education, 2004-07
- Faculty Advisor to undergraduate Pre-law Society c.1991-95, 2003-20
- Member, Academic Technology Advisory Committee (formerly Moodle Development Advisory Committee), 2008-20

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Political Science and Civics Task Force, NEH-sponsored Convening on “Educating for American Democracy: A Roadmap for Excellence in History and Civics Education for All Learners,” November 2019 – April 2020
- Member, Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, 2010-12, 2013-15
- Member, National Council on the Humanities (supervisory board for the National Endowment for the Humanities), 2002-06
- Member, Executive Board of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2009-2011 (elected 2008); member, Committee on the Law and Courts Section Lifetime Achievement Award, 2007-08

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Grants from the Charles G. Koch Foundation to the Eric Voegelin Institute to sponsor lectures and reading groups (\$40,000 in AY 2023-24), (\$38,500 in AY 2022-23), (\$22,175 in AY 2021-22), (\$22,175 in AY 2020-21), (\$25,000 in AY 2019-20), (\$32,500 in AY 2018-19), (\$104,300 in AY 2017-18), (\$99,500 in AY 2016-17), (\$12,000 in AY 2015-16)
- Grants from the Apgar Foundation to the Eric Voegelin Institute for curricular enhancement (\$100,000/year for AY 2022-26), (\$25,000 in AY 2021-22), (\$10,000 in AY 2020-21), (\$20,000 in AY 2019-20)

- George W. Carey Faculty Recognition Award, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Washington, DC, October 25, 2018
- Senior Fellow, The Austin Institute, Austin, Texas, 2016-
- Grants from the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History to sponsor a Constitution Day Lecture (\$2500 in Sept. 2023), (\$ 3000 in Sept. 2022), (\$2000 in Sept. 2021) (\$2000 in Sept. 2020), (\$1000 in Sept. 2015)
- Garwood Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2013-14
- Sternberg Professor for 2010-11, LSU Honors College
- Senior Fellow, The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, New Jersey, 2009-
- Chairman's Award, Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History, Washington, DC, April 24, 2009

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

“Deliberation, Negotiation, and the Common Good: What Law Does a Representative Legislature Make?,” on a panel sponsored by the Eric Voegelin Society, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California, September 1, 2023

“Custom, Constitution, and Civil Society,” at a conference on “Origins and Sources of Modern Constitutionalism in Europe: Law and Ideas,” University of Economics and Human Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, May 11, 2023

“How Rational Does Law Have to Be?,” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Mystic, Connecticut, April 22, 2023

“Does the Legislative Power Survive Carl Schmitt's Critique of Parliamentarism?” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, April 30, 2022

“Was the Constitution Meant to be Democratic?” 2022 Constitutional Law Symposium: The Constitution and Democratic Erosion,” Drake University Constitutional Law Center, via Zoom, April 9, 2022

“Are There 100 Acts of Congress Everyone Should Know?” with Hunter Holliday, iPoster, at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington (virtual session), October 1, 2021

“Was Parliament the Legislative Power before Locke?,” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, via Zoom, April 23, 2021

“Montesquieu and Rousseau on the Legislator and the Legislative power,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, via Zoom, April 17, 2021

“The Modern Science of Legislation: From Bentham to Rawls and Hayek,” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, via Zoom, January 8, 2021

“John Locke and the Conceptualization of Legislative Power,” on a panel sponsored by the Eric Voegelin Society, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, via Zoom, September 11, 2020

“The Political Development of Legislative Power: The Nineteenth-Century Codification Movement and the Battle over Common Law,” workshop sponsored by the journal *American Political Thought* and the Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the Modern World, Claremont McKenna College (via Zoom), July 11, 2020

RECENT LECTURES, DEBATES, AND WEBINARS

“Who Gets to Make Law? The Legislative Power at the Founding and Today,” Constitution Day Lecture, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, September 14, 2023; repeated with the subtitle “Natural Law, Common Law, and the Legislative Power” as the Fortin & Gonthier Lecture, Assumption University, Worcester, MA, October 5, 2023; repeated with the subtitle “The Legislative Power Today” at the Tocqueville Forum, University of Houston, Houston, TX, October 20, 2023

Debate: “[Can the Legislative Power be Delegated to the Administrative State?](#),” with Michael Rappaport, sponsored by the Federalist Society and the Center for Constitutional Design, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, March 23, 2023

“The Missing Opinion in *Dobbs*,” SCETL Student Assembly, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, March 20, 2023

[“Catholicism and Constitutionalism: An American Perspective,” Center for Citizenship & Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame, February 16, 2023](#)

“How Eric Voegelin Read Plato: A Primer for Straussians,” Hugh McCloskey Evans Memorial Lecture, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19, 2022

“Does Liberalism Have Anything to Teach Us about Happiness?” Salem Center for Policy, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, February 28, 2022

“Can Religion Be Legislated?,” Tocqueville Forum on Liberal Democracy, Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia, November 15, 2021; and under the title, “Can Government Legislate Religion?,” Constitution Day Lecture, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, October 18, 2021

Webinar Discussant: “A Conversation with Jonathan Rauch on ‘The Constitution of Knowledge,’” Rhodes College Department of Philosophy, September 13, 2021 [[remarks begin at 31:35](#)]

“1787: The Constitutional Convention and Political Participation in the Early Republic,” webinar with Eric Nelson (Harvard), Jack Rakove (Stanford), and Barry Shain (Colgate), sponsored by the National Association of Scholars, April 29, 2021 [recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txKuqzByX7U>]

“Has Congress Lost the Legislative Power?,” Constitution Day Lecture, Boston College, via Zoom, October 6, 2020

OTHER RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Podcast: [Free Speech and Censorship #2: James Stoner on Willmoore Kendall’s “The ‘Open Society’ and its Fallacies,” *Enduring Interest Podcast* with Flagg Taylor](#), released October 11, 2023

Faculty, course on “The American Founding” (AHG 502), Master of American History and Government Program, Ashland University, July 16-21, 2023 (also on-line, July 6-16, 2020, and July 1-11, 2019)

Discussion Leader, Colloquium on “Freedom of the Press,” sponsored by Liberty Fund, Tucson, Arizona, April 13-16, 2023

Participant, Ashbrook Center/Liberty Fund Faculty Seminar, “The New History of Capitalism and its Critics,” San Diego, California, February 2-5, 2023

Participant, roundtable on “Voices of the Right: Political Conservatism in Academia,” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 16, 2022 (via Zoom)

Discussant, panel on “Citizenship, Republicanism, and Slavery’s Northern Reach,” at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), New Orleans, Louisiana, July 24, 2022

Participant, “Roundtable: Author Meets Critics: *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*, by Timothy Burns,” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, April 29, 2022

Discussant and chair, panel (untitled) at the Eric Voegelin Society Mini-Conference, via Zoom, January 3, 2022

Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium, “Executive Power, Liberty, and Constitutionalism in the Writings of Jacques Necker and Germaine de Staël,” Miami Beach, Florida, October 21-24, 2021

Participant, “Roundtable: Constitutional Stress Tests in an Age of Populism,” sponsored by the Eric Voegelin Society, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington (virtual session), September 30, 2021

Faculty, course on “Religious Liberty” (AHG 660), Master of American History and Government Program, Ashland University, on-line, July 19-29, 2021

Participant, Consultation on Property and Private Law, sponsored by Faulkner University’s Jones School of Law and the Acton Institute, Gulf Shores, Alabama, May 12-14, 2021

Discussant and chair, panel on “Rhetoric and Deliberative Democracy,” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, via Zoom, April 24, 2021

Chair and organizer, roundtable on Keith Whittington, *Repugnant Laws: Judicial Review of Acts of Congress from the Founding to the Present*, at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, via Zoom, April 24, 2021

Discussant and chair, panel on “Problems in Aristotle’s Politics,” sponsored by the Society for Greek Political Thought, at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, via Zoom, April 17, 2021

Discussion Leader, Colloquium on “Freedom of Assembly and Religious Liberty,” sponsored by the Federalist Society and Liberty Fund, via Zoom, March 12-13, 2021

Discussant, panel on “The Early-Modern Argument for Commerce,” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, via Zoom, January 9, 2021

Faculty, with presentation titled “Forming Community by Embracing a Legacy: Common Law and Legislation in the American Constitutional Tradition,” Intercollegiate Studies Institute National Honors Conference, “American Conservatism and the Quest for Community,” Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 24-27, 2020

Discussion Leader, conference on “Law in a Polite and Commercial Society: Adam Smith’s *Lectures on Jurisprudence* and William Blackstone’s *Commentaries*,” co-sponsored by The Federalist Society and Liberty Fund, Phoenix, Arizona, February 7-8, 2020