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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1977; M.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1971, B.A., University of Illinois, Urbana, 1970

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

Professor Emeritus, 2019- , Professor, 1992-2019, University Professor of Distinguished Teaching, 2010-13, Bowman and Gordon Gray Professor, 1995-98, Associate Professor, 1985-92, Assistant Professor, 1978-84, Instructor, 1977, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Adjunct Professor, 1996-2006, Curriculum in American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**HONORS:**

University Professor of Distinguished Teaching, 2010-13; Charles Robson Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction, 2014, 2011; Class of 2001 Favorite Faculty Award, 2001; National Humanities Center Lilly Fellow, 1998-99; Bowman and Gordon Gray Professor, 1995-98; Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 1994; Institute for the Arts and Humanities Chapman Fellow, 2010, Pardue Fellow, 2001, Burrell Fellow, 1997, Fellow, 1990; National Endowment for the Humanities Grants, 1987, 1986, 1982, 1979; Earhart Foundation Fellow, 1982; Peter H. Odegard Memorial Award, 1976-77; Phi Beta Kappa, 1969

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books:**

**In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement** (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007), Pp. 338, x. Paper ed. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009).

**Redeeming America: Piety and Politics in the New Christian Right** (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1993). Pp. 332, x. Paper ed. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1993).

**Ratifying the Constitution** (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1989). Editor (with Michael A. Gillespie). Pp. 417, xiv. Paper ed. (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1992).

**New Order of the Ages: Time, the Constitution, and the Making of Modern American Political Thought** (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1988). Pp. 235, x. Paper ed. (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1990).

**Articles and Book Chapters:**

"'In God We Trust:' The U.S. National Motto and the Contested Concept of Civil Religion," **Religions** 10, 340 (2019): 1-31.

"Contesting Civil Religion: Religious Responses to American Patriotic Nationalism, 1919-1929," **Religion and American Culture** 28 (2018): 92-134.

"Creating Constitutional Conservatism," **Polity** 48 (2016): 387-413.

"The Religious Right in the Twentieth Century," **Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S.**, ed. Barbara A. McGraw (Chichester, UK and Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), 264-77.

"Church and State," **Encyclopedia of Political Thought** (Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014), 479-88.

"Abandoning Evolution: The Forgotten History of Antievolution Activism and the Transformation of American Social Science," **Isis** 103 (2012): 687-709.

"The Persistent Presence of Creationism in the United States," **Controversies in Science and Technology**, ed. Jo Handelsman, Daniel Kleinman, Karen Cloud-Hansen, and Jason Delborne (New Rochelle, NY: Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., 2010), 101-12.

"Religion and American Political Thought," **Oxford Handbook of Religion and American Politics**, ed. Corwin E. Smidt, Lyman A. Kellstedt, and James L. Guth (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), 95-128.

"Religion and Politics," **Encyclopedia of Southern Culture**, Rev. ed. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006), 1:111-14.

"The Illusion of the Illuminati: The Counterconspiratorial Origins of Post-Revolutionary Conservatism," **Revolutionary Histories: Transatlantic Cultural Nationalism, 1775-1815**, ed. W. M. Verhoeven (New York: Palgrave, 2001), 152-65.

"The Scopes Trial: Reflections on the Study of Politics as a Humanistic Science," **Ideas** 6 (1999): 4-11.

"Prophetic Neo-Populists: The New Christian Right and Party Politics in the United States," **The New Politics of the Right: Neo-Populist Parties and Movements in Established Democracies**, ed. Hans-Georg Betz and Stefan Immerfall (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998), 233-47.

"Reinterpreting Rights: Antifederalists and the Bill of Rights," **The Bill of Rights: Government Proscribed**, ed. Ronald Hoffman and Peter J. Albert (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1997), 245-73.

"The Origins of the Christian Right: Early Fundamentalism as a Political Movement," **Sojourners in the Wilderness: The Christian Right in Comparative Perspective**, ed. Corwin E. Smidt and James M. Penning (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1997), 3-20.

**Articles and Book Chapters, continued:**

"Thomas Jefferson and the American Democratic Experience: The Origins of the Partisan Press, Popular Political Parties, and Organized Public Opinion," **Jeffersonian Legacies**, ed. Peter S. Onuf (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1993), 316-39.

"Reinterpreting Rebellion," **In Debt to Shays: The Bicentennial of an Agrarian Rebellion**, ed. Robert A. Gross (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1993), 161-82.

"Wo(e)begon(e) Democracy," **American Journal of Political Science** 36 (1992): 1004-14.

"'Train Up a Child:' Conceptions of Child-Rearing in Christian Conservative Social Thought," **Comparative Social Research** 13 (1991): 203-24.

"Anxious Patriarchs: Authority and the Meaning of Masculinity in Christian Conservative Social Thought," **Journal of American Culture** 13 (1990): 47-56.

"North Carolina: Preserving Rights," **Ratifying the Constitution**, ed. Michael A. Gillespie and Michael Lienesch (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1989), 343-67.

"Religion and the Resurgence of Conservatism," (with Michael A. Gillespie), **The Resurgence of Conservatism in the Anglo-American Democracies**, ed. Alan Kornberg, et. al. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1987), 404-29.

"Interpreting Experience: History, Philosophy, and Science in the American Constitutional Debates," **American Politics Quarterly** 11 (1983): 379-401.

"The Role of Political Millennialism in Early American Nationalism," **The Western Political Quarterly** 36 (1983): 445-65.

"The Paradoxical Politics of the Religious Right," **Soundings** 66 (1983): 70-99.

"In Defence of the Antifederalists," **History of Political Thought** 4 (1983): 65-87.

"Historical Theory and Political Reform: Two Perspectives on Confederation Politics," **The Review of Politics** 45 (1983): 94-115.

"Right-wing Religion: Christian Conservatism as a Political Movement," **Political Science Quarterly** 97 (1982): 403-25.

"The Constitutional Tradition: History, Political Action, and Progress in American Political Thought, 1787-1793," **The Journal of Politics** 42 (1980): 2-30.

**Book Reviews:**

in **American Political Science Review**, **Church History**, **Isis**, **Journal of American History**, **Journal of Church and State**, **Journal of Politics**, **Journal of Religious History**, **Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion**, **Political Science Quarterly**, **Political Theory**, **Politics and Religion**, **Review of Religious Research**, **Social Forces**, **Southern Cultures**, **The William and Mary Quarterly**, and others

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND POSITIONS:**

American Political Science Association: Committee on Professional Ethics, Right and Freedoms, 2010-13; Foundations of Political Theory Executive Committee, 1998-2000; Religion and Politics Executive Committee, 2010-12, 1996-98, Program Chair, 1998; Politics and History Executive Committee, 2002-03; Southern Political Science Association: Political Theory Program Chair, 1994, 1985; North Carolina Political Science Association: President, 1985-86; Executive Council, 1983-87; Editorial Board, **The Journal of Politics**, 1998-2001, 1988-93, **The American Journal of Political Science**, 1991-93

**ACADEMIC SERVICE:**

Committee on University Government, 2001-17 (Chair, 2005-09); Chair, Division of Social Sciences, 2006, 2000-2003; Board of Governors, University of North Carolina Press, 2000-2006; Nominating Committee, 2006, 2003, 1997, 1986; Scholarly Publications Committee, 2006-2008 (Chair, 2008); McNair Lecture Committee, 2000-04; Weil Lecture Committee, 1999-2004; Frank Porter Graham Lecture Committee, 1999-2002; Teaching Assistant Program Evaluation Committee, 1997-1999; Review Committee for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1995-96; Institute for the Arts and Humanities: Fellows Opportunity Fund Committee (Chair), 1994-95, Long-Range Planning Committee, 1994-95; Educational Policy Committee, 1994-97; Committee on Reaccreditation, Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics, 1993-94; Faculty Council, 1985-88

Selection Committees: Interdisciplinary Initiatives Awards, 2012, 2011; University Teaching Awards, 2011-2012; Mellon Emeritus Fellowships, 2009; Center for the Study of the American South, Graduate Dissertation and Research Fellowships, 2009, McColl Fellowships, 2009, 1997, Faculty Fellowships, 1999; Bowman and Gordon Gray Professors, 2007; Marshall Fellowships, 2004; Robertson Scholars Program, 2004, 2001; Beinecke Fellowships, 2001; North Carolina Fellows, 2000; Morehead Foundation, Central Committee, 1999; Proposal Development Initiative, Sawyer Seminars, 1997; Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Faculty Fellows, 1992-95, NEH Summer Stipends, 1992-95

Administrative and Advisory Boards: Minor in Christianity and Culture, 2005-2010; Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, 2001-2011; Center for the Study of the American South, 1996-2007; Carolina Union Board of Directors, 1996-97; Phi Beta Kappa, 1995-2002 (Chair, 1999-2002); Honors Program, 1995-98; Institute for the Arts and Humanities, 1992-95; Housing Advisory Board, 1993-98 (Chair, 1994-98); Curriculum in American Studies, 1992-2002

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Professional Development Seminars for Teachers, National Humanities Center, 2011, 1996-97, 1994-95, 1986-88; Speaker, Program in the Humanities for the Study of Human Values, 2012, 2010, 2006, 1989, 1987, 1986, 1985, 1981; talks to church, school, and community groups, 1981-