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**Education:**

Ph.D., University of Virginia, Politics, 2006

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, Law and Society, 1997 (High Honors)

**Professional Experience:**

Associate Professor, Department of Government, Claremont McKenna College, 2012-  
(Assistant Professor, 2008-2012)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, CU—Colorado Springs, 2007-2008

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University, 2006-2007

Research Assistant, Governance Studies, Brookings Institution, 1998-2000

**Books:**

*Passing on the Right: Conservative Professors in the Progressive University* (Oxford University Press, 2016), with Joshua M. Dunn.

Reviewed or featured in *Academe*, *Academic Questions*, *American Interest*, *The Atlantic*, *BloombergView*, *Boston Magazine*, *Campus Reform*, *Chronicle Review*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *First Things*, *Independent Review*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Intercollegiate Review*, *National Review*, *New Criterion*, *New York Post*, *New Republic*, *New York Times*, *Philanthropy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Psychology Today*, *Reason*, *Society*, *Townhall*, *Vox*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *Weekly Standard*.

*The Democratic Virtues of the Christian Right* (Princeton University Press, 2009).

Reviewed or featured in the *Books and Culture*, *Choice*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Chronicle Review*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *First Things*, *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, *New York Times*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Theology*, *Politics and Religion*, *Review of Politics*, and *Society*.

**Articles and Essays:**

“The Disappearing Conservative Professor,” *National Affairs* Number 37 (Fall 2018).

“How Catholics and Jews Remade American Politics—And Why We Slight Their Contributions,” *Journal of Church and State* 60(4) 2018, with Stephanie Muravchik.

“The Real Campus Sexual Assault Problem—and How to Fix It,” *Commentary* (October 2015): 26-31, with Bradford Richardson `15.

“Fighting Liberalism’s Excesses: Moral Crusades During the Reagan Revolution,” *Journal of Policy History* 26(1) 2014: 103-120.

“The Politics of Motherhood Revisited,” *Contemporary Sociology* 41(1) 2012: 43-48. (Featured in Ross Douthat, “Divided by Abortion, United by Feminism,” *New York Times*, 27 January 2013.)

“Almost Human: Ambivalence in the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Movements,” *Critical Review* 23(4) 2011: 495-515.

“Framing the Christian Right: How Progressives and Post-War Liberals Constructed the Religious Right,” *Journal of Church and State* 53(4) 2011: 635-655.

“The Demise of Feminist Communitarianism,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 40(1) 2011: 9-15, with Steven Serna, Pomona `12.

“Abortion and Deliberation: A Rejoinder to Talisse and Maloney,” *Critical Review* 20(1-2) 2008: 181-194.

“Between Passion and Deliberation: The Christian Right and Democratic Ideals,” *Political Science Quarterly* 122(1) 2007: 89-113.

“In Praise of the Values Voter,” *The Wilson Quarterly* 31(4) 2007: 32-38.

“Christian Citizens: The Promise and Limits of Deliberation,” *Critical Review* 19(1) 2007: 93-109.

“Spiritual Politics on the Left,” *Society* 43(6) 2006: 57-62.

**Monographs:**

*Managing Green Mandates: Local Rigors of U.S. Environmental Regulation*, with Pietro Nivola (AEI-Brookings Center for Regulatory Studies, 2001).

**Short Essays and Opinion (selected):**

“A Conservative Case for Identity Politics,” *New York Times*, 23 January 2018.

“When College Classrooms become Ideologically Segregated, Everyone Suffers,” *NBC THINK*, 8 November 2017.

“Nothing to See Here?” *Heterodox Academy*, 2 June 2016.

“Campus Unicorns: Conservative Teachers,” *Wall Street Journal*, 21 April 2016, with Joshua Dunn.

“Do Universities Need Affirmative Action for Conservative Professors?” *Los Angeles Times*, 20 March 2016, with Joshua Dunn.

“No, We’re Not Self-Hating Conservatives,” *National Review Online*, 15 March 2016, with Joshua Dunn.

“Academia isn’t so bad for Conservative Professors,” *Washington Post*, 13 March 2016, Outlook Section, with Joshua Dunn.

“When is a Ban on Abortions ‘Extreme’?” *The Weekly Standard* (online), 10 July 2013.

“Barbarism in Philadelphia,” *The Weekly Standard*, 29 April 2013.

“The Divided Academy,” *Weekly Standard*, 16 August 2012, with Joshua Dunn.

“Abortion and the Limits of Philosophy,” *Public Discourse*, 4 June 2012.

“Manute Bol’s Radical Christianity,” *Wall Street Journal*, 25 June 2010.

“Abortion Politics and its Discontents,” *The New Yorker*, 12 November 2009.

“What Abortionist Killers Believe: The Consequences of a Fringe Theology,” *The Weekly Standard*, 22 June 2009.

“Notre Dame and Obama’s Roe Problem,” *Public Discourse*, 22 May 2009.

“Obama’s Service Problem,” *The Immanent Frame*, 3 June 2009.

“A Time to Kill: Why is anti-abortion violence at an all-time high when radical pro-life activism is on the decline?” *The New Republic*, 2 June 2009.

“Lost in Translation,” *Society* 46(3) 2009.

“Life Support: Why Democrats aren’t rushing to overturn Bush’s abortion restrictions,” *The New*

*Republic*, 2 March 2009.

“The Myth of the Falwell Insurgency,” *First Things*, 2 July 2007.

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of Mark A. Smith, *Secular Faith: How Culture Has Trumped Religion in American Politics* (Chicago), *Journal of Church and State* 59(4) 2017.

Review of Mellissa Moschella: *To Whom Do Children Belong: Parental Rights, Civic Education, and Children’s Autonomy* (Cambridge), *Review of Politics*, 79(4) 2017.

Review of Justin Dyer, *Slavery, Abortion, and the Politics of Constitutional Meaning* (Cambridge), *Perspectives on Politics* 12(1) 2014.

“Review Symposium: Religion and American Public Life,” *Perspectives on Politics* 10(1) 2012.

“We Gather Together,” *Claremont Review of Books* (Summer 2011). Review of Robert Putnam and David Campbell, *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us* (Simon and Schuster).

“Making Religion Safe for Democracy,” *Claremont Review of Books* (Winter/Spring 2011). Review of Ian Buruma, *Taming the Gods* (Princeton).

Review of Michael Lienesch, *In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement* (UNC Press) in *Politics and Religion* 1(3) (2008).

“State of Protest,” *Books & Culture* (May/June 2008).

Review essay of Preston Shires, *Hippies of the Religious Right* (Baylor).

### **Conferences and Talks:**

“Populism in America and the Rise of Trump,” panel presenter at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2 September 2018.

“Viewpoint Diversity: Restoring American Higher Education as the Marketplace of Ideas,” panel discussion, School of Public Policy, Pepperdine University, 28 June 2018.

“Trump’s Democrats,” talk sponsored by the Center for the Study of Government and the Individual, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 26 April 2018.

“The Disappearing Conservative Professor in the Age of Diversity,” paper presented at a workshop on “The University: Left to Right,” Princeton University, 9 February 2018.

“Threats to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech,” talk and panel discussion, Institute for Humane Studies, Washington, DC, 8 February 2018.

“Trump’s Democrats: An Ethnographic Study of a New England Town,” paper presentation for a Dreier Roundtable conference, “Democratic Discontent: How Populism is Reshaping Politics in Europe and America,” Claremont McKenna College, 4-7 January 2018.

“Free Speech on Campus: Should there be any Limits,” panel discussion, Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Public Engagement, Colby College, 16 November 2017.

“Red and Blue Classrooms,” Pomona College, 14 September 2017.

“Understanding Trump’s Democrats,” presentation for Dreier Roundtable conference, “Democratic Discontent: How Populism and Nationalism is Reshaping Politics in Europe and America,” St. Paul de Vence, France, 12-15 June 2017.

“Civic Education Workshop,” Salvatori Center for Individual Freedom in the Modern World,” Claremont McKenna College, 19-20 May 2017.

“Viewpoint Diversity in American Higher Education,” panel talk, American Enterprise Institute, 11 May 2017.

“Talking to the Other Side: Discussing Current Politics in the Classroom,” panel discussion, Chapman University, 3 May 2017.

“Conservatism vs. Libertarianism,” a debate sponsored by Young Americans for Liberty, Denver, Colorado, 8 April 2017.

“Free Speech and Open Inquiry on Campus,” panel talk sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies and Chapman University, 25 February 2017.

“The Quest for Viewpoint Diversity in American Higher Education,” talk sponsored by the Pacific Research Institute, San Francisco, CA, 27 January 2017.

“Conservatives in the Academy,” talk at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, 13 October 2016.

“Conservatism on College Campuses,” talk sponsored by the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, Michigan State University, 30 September 2016.

“The Case for Political Diversity in Higher Education,” talk at University of Michigan, 29 September 2016.

“How Far Left to Go? The Quest for Viewpoint Diversity in American Higher Education,” talk at the

California Club, 23 September 2016.

“Conservative Professors in the Progressive University,” talk at the Institute for Humane Studies, 9 June 2016.

“The Close-Minded Campus?” panel on Passing on the Right, American Enterprise Institute, 8 June 2016.

“Conservative Professors,” keynote address, Board of Trustees Special Recognition Dinner, Claremont McKenna College, 13 May 2016.

“Conservative Professors in the Progressive University,” talk before the Pepperdine Policy School’s board of visitors, California Club, 23 April 2016.

“Intellectual Diversity Conference,” sponsored by the Federalist Society, Stanford Law School, 8 April 2016.

“Conservatives on Campus: Myths and Realities,” panel sponsored by the Freedom Project, Wellesley College, 10 March 2016.

“Prospects for Education in Higher Education,” discussant, conference sponsored by the Berkeley Institute and First Things, Berkeley, CA, 3 August 2015.

“Religion and America’s Marriage Problem,” paper delivered at the symposium on marriage and family, Boisi Center, Boston College, 22 April 2015.

“The Politics of Higher Education: A Symposium on Neil Gross’s *Why Professors are Liberal and Why Conservatives Care*,” organized and moderated, Salvatori Center for Individual Freedom in the Modern World, Claremont McKenna College, 22 February 2014.

“The Politics of Roe at 40,” talk at San Francisco University, 1 June 2013.

“Character and Culture,” panel discussant, Thinking about Politics: A Conference Dedicated to Explaining and Perpetuating the Insights of James Q. Wilson, Harvard University and Boston College, 4-5 April 2013.

“The Abortion War and the Limits of Philosophy,” talk at Azusa Pacific University, 15 November 2012.

“The Future of the American Culture Wars,” talk at The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, 20 April 2012.

“The Christian Right and the Liberal Tradition,” paper delivered at the Conference on American

Conservatism: Past and Future, Arizona State University, 7 April 2012.

“Almost Human: Moral Ambivalence in the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Movements,” paper delivered at the Workshop for the Study of Conservative Movements and Conservatism, University of California, San Diego, 24 May 2011.

“Workshop on Social Conservatism,” organized and moderated, Salvatori Center for Individual Freedom in the Modern World, Claremont McKenna College, 20 May 2011.

“The Future of the American Culture Wars,” Yale Law School, 5 April 2011.

Roundtable chair, “Joshua Dunn’s *Complex Justice* (UNC Press, 2008),” Western Political Science Association, 21 March 2009.

Panel participant on “Christianity and the Media,” Chesterton House, Ithaca, NY, 21 September 2007.

Respondent to lecture by Chris Mooney, author of *The Republican War on Science*, Public Forum on the Politics of Science, Cornell University, Institute for the Social Sciences, 20 September 2007.

“Orthodox Christians in the Liberal Imagination,” paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 1-4 September 2005.

“The Nature of Christian Right Activism,” paper delivered at Fellows Conference, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 13 May 2005.

“The Second Fall in Locke’s Second Treatise,” paper delivered at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 7 November 2003.

“Discovering Democracy in America’s Culture Wars: A Closer Look at the Christian Right,” paper delivered at the American Political Development Colloquia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 20 February 2003.

**Fellowships, Grants, and Professional Service:**

Associated Faculty, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, 2018-  
National Fellowship Advisory Council, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, 2017-  
Member, Heterodox Academy, 2015-  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Society*, 2011-  
Research grant, Randolph Foundation, 2018-19  
Course development grant, Koch Foundation, 2017  
Course development grant, Dean of Faculty, Claremont McKenna College, Summer 2016

Research grant, Earhart Foundation, 2014-15  
Research grant, Randolph Foundation, 2011-13  
Course development grant, Institute for the Study of Secular Society and Culture, 2008-09  
Dissertation Fellow, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, 2005-06  
Dissertation Fellow, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2004-05  
President's Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2001-03  
Bradley Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2000-04

**Courses Taught:**

Introduction to American Politics (CMC)  
American Culture Wars (CMC, Cornell, UCCS)  
Black Intellectuals (CMC)  
The University Blacklist (CMC)  
Evangelicals and American Democracy (CMC, Cornell)  
Sixties' Movements (CMC)  
Religion and American Democracy (Cornell)  
Research Methods (UCCS)  
Political Parties (UCCS)  
Interest Groups (UCCS)