

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

- *Dissertation*: "Taken on Faith: The Concept of Religion in First Amendment Jurisprudence."
- *Degree Expected*: Spring 2007
- *Committee*: Donald Kommers (chair), Michael Zuckert, David Campbell, and Richard Garnett.
- *Fields*: American Politics and Political Theory
- *Teaching & Research interests*: Political Theory, Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Religion and Politics

M.A. Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. (2004)

M.A.R. Religion, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. (2000)

B.A. Political Science Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. (Magna Cum Laude, 1997)

**TEACHING**

Assistant Professor, Political Science Department – Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA  
(Appointment begins Fall 2007; Political Theory and Constitutional Law)

Visiting Instructor, Department of Politics and International Relations – Wheaton College,  
Wheaton IL (2005-present)

- American Politics and Government (PSCI 135)
- Political Philosophy (PSCI 145)
- The First Amendment and the Supreme Court (PSCI 380)
- Voting Behavior and Political Participation (PSCI 390)

Guest Instructor, Department of Politics and International Relations – Wheaton College,  
Wheaton IL (Spring 2005)

- Political Philosophy (PSCI 145)
- American Political Thought (PSCI 348)
- Christian Political Thought (PSCI 349)

Teaching Assistant – University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

- American Government (Spring 2004, Prof. Louis Ayala)
- International Relations (Fall 2003, Prof. Daniel Philpott)
- Constitutional Law (Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Prof. Donald Kommers)

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

- *Phillip Moore Dissertation Year Fellowship*, 2004-05 (University of Notre Dame).
- *GSU Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award*, 2004 (Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame). Annual award granted to one teaching assistant in the graduate school.
- *Outstanding Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching*, 2004. (Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame).
- *McCullough Fellowship in Ethics & Public Morality*, 2001-04 (University of Notre Dame).
- *Summer Scholar, Civitas Program in Faith and Public Affairs*, 2003 (Washington, DC).
- *Summer Research Fellow*, 2002, 2004 (University of Notre Dame Dept. of Political Science).
- *Los Angeles Philanthropic Society Scholarship*, 1995-1997 (Pepperdine University).
- *John T. McCarthy Memorial Scholarship*, 1995-1997 (Pepperdine University).
- *Pepperdine University Dean's Three Years Academic Honors Program* 1994-1997.

### WRITING

- “*Thomas v. Review Board*” and “*Reindeer Rule*” in *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*. Edited by David Hudson, David Schultz and John Vile. CQ Press. Forthcoming.
- “Thought, Word, and Deed: Religion Before the Supreme Court 1961-1981” Accepted for presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2007.
- “Natural Rights and Social Duty: The Conceptual Boundaries of Religion in Free Exercise Jurisprudence 1879-1961.” Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, January 2007.
- “John Locke: Towards a Politics of Liberty.” (Michael Zuckert, Jesse Covington and James Thompson) in Richard Velkley, ed., *Freedom and the Human Person*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press. Forthcoming.
- “The Problem of Mixed Motives: Towards Clarity in First Amendment Jurisprudence.” Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2005.
- “Human Subjects at the Federal Bench: The Social Science that Justices Do.” Presented as a poster at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2005.

### WRITING, CONTINUED

- “‘Under God’ Under the Microscope: Re-thinking the Pledge of Allegiance and the Establishment Clause.” Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2004.
- “On What Authority? Citation Religiosity in Aquinas on Justice in *Summa Theologica*.” Presented at the *inaugural conference for the Association for Political Theory*, October 2003.
- “Sticks and Stones: Comparative Constitutional Perspectives on Understandings of the Human Person in the Restriction of Harmful Speech.” Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, September 2003.
- “Natural Religion and Revealed Religion in Locke: On the Place of Christianity in the *First Treatise*.” (Michael Zuckert, Jesse Covington and James Thompson). Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, September 2003.
- “The Key to Locke: ‘Who Heir?’ and the Subversive Theological Project in Locke’s *First Treatise of Government*.” (with James Thompson). Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, November 2002.

### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (Fall 2004, Prof. David Campbell)

- Project investigating the effects of racial context and interracial contact.

Research Assistant (Spring 2003, Prof. David Campbell)

- Project examining the role of Kennedy’s Catholicism in the 1960 election.

### ACADEMIC SERVICE

Political Science Graduate Organization First-Year Student Mentor, University of Notre Dame, 2004.

American Field Representative to the Political Science Graduate Organization. (Elected) University of Notre Dame. 2002-2003.

American Field Faculty Search Committee, University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, 2002.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Christians in Political Science