Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Interests

Analytical Political Philosophy

Classical, medieval, and modern political philosophy; American political thought; political theology and hermeneutics; and public policy and ethics

Education

University of Maryland. Ph.D. in Government and Politics, 1984

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Lecturer, California State University-Long Beach, Department of Political Science, 1982-1986 Instructor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 1981-1982 Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, 1977-1979

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Arizona State University, Department of Political Science, 1977

"The Intellectual Foundation and Political Construction of American Religious Pluralism." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S.*, ed. by Barbara A. McGraw, 18-32. Chichester, United Kingdom: John Wiley & Sons, 2016. DOI: 10.1002/9781118528631.ch2

- "Millennial Groups and American Pluralism." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S.*, ed. by Barbara A. McGraw, 113-25. Chichester, United Kingdom: John Wiley & Sons, 2016. DOI: 10.1002/9781118528631. ch10
- "The Mormon Religion, Cultural Challenges, and the Good Society." In *Taking Religious Pluralism Seriously: Spiritual Politics on America's Sacred Ground*, ed. by Barbara A. McGraw and Jo Renee Formicola, 103-26. Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press, 2005.
- "Islam and Ideology in Central Asia." In *Islam in World Politics*, ed. by Nelly Lahoud and Anthony H. Johns, 127-51. London: Routledge, 2005. DOI: 10.4324/9780203356920
- "Civil Society, the Economy, and Educational Assistance in Former Soviet Republics." *International Journal of Public Administration* 27, nos. 11 and 12 (2004): 851-68. DOI: 10.1081/PAD-200037351
- "Civil Society, Religious Freedom, and Islam Karimov: Uzbekistan's Struggle for a Decent Society." Central Asian Survey 23, no. 1 (March 2004): 55-77. DOI: 10.1080/02634930410001711189
- "Elder Dallin H. Oaks: The Mormons, Politics and Family Values." In *Religious Leaders and Faith-Based Politics: Ten Profiles*, ed. by Jo Renee Formicola and Hubert Morken, 71-87. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001.
- "Religion, Politics, and the Challenge of Political Hermeneutics." *American Review of Politics* 18 (Summer 1997): 121-36.
- "Liberation Theology, Prophetic Politics, and Radical Social Critique: *Quo Vadis*?" In *Let Justice Roll: Prophetic Challenges in Religion, Politics, and Society,* ed. by Neal Riemer, 133-53. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 1996.
- "The Sage and the Sophist: A Commentary on Plato's Lesser Hippias." Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy 23 (Fall 1995): 41-60.
- "Liberation Theology's Critique of Capitalism: The Argument from Gustavo Gutiérrez." *Politics & Policy* (previously *Southeastern Political Review*) 17 (Fall 1989): 3-31. DOI: 10.1111/j.1747-1346.1989. tb00273.x
- "Mormonism and the American Industrial State." *International Review of Economics & Ethics* 2, no. 1 (1987); and, *International Journal of Social Economics* 14, no. 2 (1987): 25-38. DOI: 10.1108/eb014038
- "Liberation Theology: Its Methodological Foundation for Violence." In *The Morality of Terrorism:* Religious and Secular Justifications, ed. by David C. Rapoport and Yonah Alexander, 99-123. New York: Pergamon Press, 1982; paperback 2nd ed., New York: Columbia University Press, 1989. DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-08-026347-2.50012-5

Other Professional Publications

"Liberation Theology." In

Political Solidarity, by Sally J. Scholtz (vol. 46, no. 8, April 2009).

The Heart of Justice: Care Ethics and Political Theory, by Daniel Engster (vol. 45, no. 8, April 2008).

Is There a Culture War? A Dialogue on Values and American Public Life, by James Davison Hunter and Alan Wolfe (vol. 44, no. 10, June 2007).

Can God and Caesar Coexist? Balancing Religious Freedom and International Law, by Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (vol. 42, no. 9, May 2005).

Metaphysics of the Profane: The Political Theology of Walter Benjamin and Gershom Scholem, by Eric Jacobson (vol. 41, no. 8, April 2004).

Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective: The One, the Few, and the Many, ed. by Ted Gerard Jelen and Clyde Wilcox (vol. 40, no. 7, March 2003): 1253.

Political Concepts and Political Theories, by Gerald F. Gaus (vol. 38, no. 7, March 2001): 428.

G.W.F. Hegel: Political Writings, ed. by Laurence Dickey and H.B. Nisbet (vol. 37, no. 7, March 2000).

Covenant and Civil Society: The Constitutional Matrix of Modern Democracy, by Daniel J. Elazar (vol. 36, no. 8, April 1999).

A Case of Freedom: Machiavellian Humanism, by Adam D. Danél (vol. 35, no. 7, March 1998).

Current Research Projects

Comparative hermeneutics, focusing on Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, Jaspers, and contemporary political theology.

The impact of medieval arguments, including commentaries on Aristotelian logic and other classical writings, regarding the proper relationship between religion and philosophy and its influence on the development of modern theo-3 () 3 Tw [(t)-4.5 (h)-3.9 (e)1 (o)-3.9 (-3 ()3 Tw [(t)-4.5 (h)-3.9 (e)1 (o)-3.9.1 ()] TJ[(mod)1 (n)]

"Civil Society and Religious Freedom in Uzbekistan: The Political Thinking of Islam Karimov," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002.

- "Space, Science and the Rational State: Some General Thoughts," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 2-5, 1999.
- "The Interpretation of Inequality: José Severino Croatto and Political Hermeneutics," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, November 8-10, 1996.
- "Social Consequences of International Manned Space Explorations," paper presented at the VI International Education Conference on Space and Gifted Students, Krasnoyarsk (Siberia), Russian Federation, August 8-13, 1996.
- "Teaching the Ethical and Social Implications of National Space Programs," paper presented at the IV International Education Conference on Space and Gifted Students, Krasnoyarsk (Siberia), Russian Federation, August 5-14, 1994.

"Liberation Theology," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New York City, September 3-6, 1981.

<u>Administrative Experience</u>

Program Director (Political Science) Department of Philosophy and Political Science, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2020-23

Advised on matters of the BA program in Political Science and the MA program in Public Affairs & Policy, created teaching assignments, and hired part-time instructors

Chair Department of Political Science, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2012-20

Represented department interests before the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (previously College of Liberal Arts) and the university; advised graduate students in the Public Affairs & Policy graduate program; facilitated effective teaching and research of colleagues; managed department support personnel and budget

Director Office of International Programs and Services, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1994-2013

Facilitated international student exchange programs; assisted international students at UAH; proposed and conducted joint international projects with various UAH units in coordination with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, ACIE, IREX, AED, and Georgetown University in the U.S., Russian Federation, Ukraine, North Africa, and Central Asia; coordinated activities with the University of Alabama System office; and supervised five full-time and two part-time employees, with annual budgets of ~\$120,000 and annual grants of ~\$150,000-\$500,000

Director Office of Educator Programs, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1988-2008

Designed and implemented science education, in-service graduate programs for teachers (K-12) in coordination with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) and the Alabama State Department of Education (SDE). Programs were conducted in Huntsville, Alabama; Washington, D.C.; and the USSR/Russian Federation. Supervised three-six employees with annual budget of ~\$75,000 and annual grants of ~\$75,000-\$200,000

Externally-Funded Academic Research and Professional Service Projects

Principal Investigator	Federal and State Agencies	Non-Profit Agencies
1987-2015	Alabama Commission on Higher Education U.S. Agency for International Development U.S. Department of Education U.S. Department of State	Academy for Educational Development American Councils for International Education Amideast Georgetown University International Research and Exchanges Board Open World Leadership Center World Learning

Over 70 grants awarded for international exchange projects conducted in Eurasia and the United States and/or involving participants from North Africa and the Middle East; Sub-Saharan Africa; Central, East, Far East, and Southeast Asia; Central and South America; and Eurasia. Themes included civic engagement, civil society, science education, and leadership training. Total of awards: over \$8.5 million (2012 dollars).

Academic and Professional Service Programs

Central America Youth Ambassadors programs (CAYA)

Community Connections programs (CCP)

International Leadership in Education programs (ILEP)
International student academic programs (BSWB, BUDP,
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FORECAST, Fulbright, Global UGRAD, Muskie,

NESA UGRAD, P4L, PLUS, UMID) Open World leadership programs (OW) Partners in Education programs (PiE)

Russian Youth Leadership programs (RYLP) Serbian Youth Leadership programs (SYLP)

Space Orientation for Professional Educators (SOPE)

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)

Success Through Academic Research projects (STAR) Teachers Training Teachers programs (TTT, 3TP) Teaching Excellence and Achievement programs (TEA)

International and National — Invited Public Lectures and Presentations

"What It Takes to Select the President of the United Sates: Step-by-Step" lecture at the Spiru Haret University in partnership with the Institute of World Economy of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania, March 12, 208.7Sfn14.533 01-0.001((. Tw [(I3 Tc 0.00(I3 T203 2 474-0 40 8.04 72 510.72 Tm())Tj2BT/P ≮MC

"Volunteerism, Service Learning, and Civil Society: The Education Connection," presenter and cofacilitator on roundtable at the "21st Century School: Cooperation for Success" conference for the Teachers Training Teachers (3TP) Program (American Councils for International Education, U.S. Department of State), St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, March 24-25, 2007.

"Politics, Federalism, and Civil Society" lectures for educators from Uzbekistan participating in the Partners in Education (PiE) Program (American Councils for International Education, U.S. Department of State), Termez, Uzbekistan, March 27, 2005.

"Civic Education and Civil Society" workshop for educators from Uzbekistan participating in the Partners in Education (PiE) Program (American Councils for International Education, U.S. Department of State), Termez, Uzbekistan, July 4-6, 2004.

"Civic Education and Civil Society" workshop for educators from Uzbekistan participating in the Partners in Education (PiE) Program (American Councils for International Education, U.S. Department of State), Bukhara, Uzbekistan, July 24-27, 2003.

National — Invited Seminars and Workshops

Chair, "Civil Religion and Secularism" panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Consultant on test bank for *American Government: Political Development and Institutional Change*, new brief edition, by Cal Jillson, for Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group, 2018.

Chair, "Reason, Rhetoric, and Translation" panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.

Chair and discussant, "Religion in Public Space and in the Public Sector" panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 3-6, 2015.

Discussant, "Religious Reasoning in Politics" panel at the annual meeting of the American Political

> Southeastern Political Review Policy Studies Journal

Book manuscript or proposal reviewer

Palgrave Macmillan Addison Wesley Longman Allyn and Bacon Peter Lang Publishing

Broadview Press Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group State University of New York Press CQ Press

Georgetown University Press W. W. Norton & Co.

Harper & Row Wadsworth

Lexington Books Yale University Press

Professional American Political Science Association affiliations

(sections: Religion and Politics; Political Theory)

Association for Political Theory

Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR)

International Studies Association

International Society for the Study of New Religions

(ISSNR)

Karl Jaspers Society of North America

Political Theology Network

Society for Greek Political Thought

Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics

Service to the University

Member of the following policy steering committees:

UAH Ancient and Medieval Studies (formerly Classical Studies) Steering Committee (August 1992-Present)

UAH Humanities Center Steering Committee (1989-1994, 2013-2019)

UAH Daedalus XXI Steering Committee, 1991

UAH Honors Program Steering Committee (1988-1990)

Member of other committees:

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Lecture, "Critical Thinking" guest lecturer

Recognized for support of Odyssey Online, at the UAH Student Life and Leadership Awards Ceremony, Huntsville, Alabama, April 2, 2017

Honored in recognition of Exemplary Citizen Diplomacy and Board Leadership, Global Ties Alabama, Huntsville, Alabama, October 22, 2015

Outstanding Intercultural Community Leadership Award, International Society of Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama, July 13, 2013

Citizen Diplomat of the Year Award, International Services Council of Alabama, Huntsville, Alabama, October 12, 2011

Honored for support of the Open World Leadership Program, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., May 20, 2008

Honored for support of the International Cultural Organization (twice), at the UAH Unity Banquet, Huntsville, Alabama, April 19, 2006 and in 2004

Executive of the Year Award (twice) for support of professional women, Executive Women International, Huntsville chapter, Huntsville, Alabama, 2002 and 2005

Interfaith Mission Service Award, Huntsville Interfaith Mission Service, Huntsville, Alabama, 2004

Language Competence/Technical Training

Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (adequate), Classical Greek and Modern Russian (rudimentary stages); Quality Education Practices Online (QEPO) certification

International Residence, Academic Research and Professional Projects, other Travel

Residence	Brazil		
Academic Research and Professional Service Projects	Canada China (PRC) Egypt France Hungary	Israel Kazakhstan (USSR) Lithuania Netherlands Nicaragua	Panama Romania Russian Federation (USSR & post-Soviet) Ukraine (USSR & post-Soviet) Uzbekistan
Other Professional or Personal Travel	Mexico Morocco	Peru Turkey	

References

Professor Emeritus Charles E. Butterworth (political philosophy), Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 cebworth@gvpt.umd.edu

Professor Jo Renee Formicola (religion and politics), Department of Political Science, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ 07079 Jo-Renee.Formicola@shu.edu

Professor Barbara A. McGraw (social ethics, law, and public life), Center for Engaged Religious Pluralism, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA 94575 bmcgraw9@mac.com

