

## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

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### **UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph. D in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 1973  
Dissertation: "The Moral Versus Material Incentives Controversy in Cuba: Where Ideology and Public Policy Meet." Teaching and research fellowships, 1969-73.

M.A. in Political Science, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. 1966  
Tulane University Fellow.  
Thesis: "Constitutional Problems in Freedom of Expression: Postal Censorship of Obscenity under 18 USC Sec. 1461."

Graduate Studies in Government and Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. 1965-66. Thomas Jefferson Fellow.

B.A. with Honors in Political Science, Newcomb College of Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. 1964. *Phi Beta Kappa*  
Honors thesis: "Development and Ramifications of the Civil Rights Movement."

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska: 1975-present  
Tenure granted 1981  
Professor 2005-present  
Associate Professor 1985-2005  
1975-1984 Assistant Professor

Visiting Instructor of Political Science, Point Park College, Pittsburgh PA. 1974

Instructor of Political Science (part time) University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. 1971-74

Research Associate, United States Agency for International Development, bi-National Development Plan, Denver, CO. 1967

## **ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS**

United States Constitutional Interpretation  
United States Civil Rights and Liberties Policies  
Philosophy of Law  
Religion and Politics  
Political Philosophy

## **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

*Phi Beta Kappa*, Tulane University 1964.  
*Pi Sigma Alpha* (Political Science Honor Society) award for outstanding political science student, Tulane University, 1964.  
Forensics Honor Society 1963-64.  
Graduate with Honors in Political Science 1964  
Tulane University Scholars Award, 1963.  
Tulane University Fellow, 1964-65.  
Thomas Jefferson Fellow, University of Virginia, 1965-66.  
University of Pittsburgh Teaching Fellow, 1967-1971.  
Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantships, University of Pittsburgh, 1967-1974.  
Robert Kennedy Teaching Award, Creighton University, 1983.  
Mary Lucretia Creighton Award, Creighton University, 1999.  
*Alpha Sigma Nu* National Jesuit Book Award, 2001.  
College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award, Creighton University, 2002.

# SCHOLARSHIP

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*Interpreting the Free Exercise of Religion: The Constitution and American Pluralism*, University of North Carolina Press, 1998.  
Winner of National Jesuit Book Award in Professional Studies from *Alpha Sigma Nu* in 2001.

### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS OF BOOKS

"Reflections on the School Wars," in Ronald Simkins, ed. *Religion and Family: Historical, Social, and Theological Perspectives*, Creighton University Press, forthcoming.

"The Constitutional Context of Religious Freedom in the United States," in Mary Segers, ed. *Piety, Politics, and Pluralism: Religion, the courts, and the 2000 Election*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2002.

"The Free Exercise of Religion," in Menachem Mor, ed., *International Perspectives on Church and State*, Creighton University Press, 1993.

"Religions Freedom versus Compelling State Interests," *Newsletter of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society*, Vol. IX, No. 2, 1988 pp. 1-5. (lead article; invited, not refereed)

"The Notion of a Protected Class," in Joel Grossman and Robert Wells, *Constitutional Law and Public Policy*, Longman Publishing Co., 1988.

"Contradictory Demands on the First Amendment Religion Clauses: Having it Both Ways," *Journal of Church and State*, Autumn, 1988.

"Ethnic Definitions as Reflections of Public Policy," (with Ashton W. Welch) *Journal of American Studies*, Dec. 1983.

"Arguing About Equality," chapter in *Elusive Equality* by James Foster and Mary Segers, with Mary Thornberry and Bette Novit Evans, Associated Faculty Press, 1983.

"Equality, Ambiguity, and Public Choice," *Creighton Law Review*, Vol. 14, No. 4, Spring, 1981.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

*Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*, edited by Paul Djupe and Laura Olsen (Facts on File) 2002. (Five entries)

*Sherbert v Verner* 374 US 398 (1963).

*Wisconsin v Yoder* 406 US 205 (1972).

*Grand Rapids v Ball* 473 US 373 (1985).

*Braunfeld v Brown* 366 US 599 (1961).

Religious Freedom Restoration Act (1993).

*Encyclopedia of Law and Religion*, Paul Finkelman, editor, Garland Publishing Co. 1999, (Five entries)

"Definitions of Religion in U.S. Constitutional Law"

"Judging Religious Veracity and Sincerity"

*Employment Division, Department of Human Resources of Oregon v Smith* 494 US 872 (1990).

*School District of the City of Grand Rapids v Ball* 473 US 373 (1985).

*United States v Lee* 455 US 252 (1982).

*United States v Aguilar* 871 F.2d 1436 (9th Cir. 1989).

*Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America*, David Bradley and Shelley Fisher Fishkin, editors Sharpe Reference, 1998. one entry: "Civil Rights"

*Ready Reference: Censorship*. Salem Publishing Co, 1997. one entry:

*Roth v United States* 354 US 476 (1957).

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Noah Feldman, *Divided by God: America's Church State Problem and What We Should Do About It*, (Farber, Straus and Giroux, 2005) *Creighton Journal of Religion and Society*, 2005 (forthcoming)

Review of Mark Weldon Whitten, *The Myth of Christian America*, *Creighton Journal of Religion and Society*, Spring, 2000.

Review of Sniderman, *et. al*, The Clash of Rights, in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 26, No.4, Fall, 1997.

Review of H. L. Pohlman, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: Free Speech and the Living Constitution, in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 21, No. 2, Spring, 1992.

Review of Ellen Frankel Paul and Howard Dickman, eds., Liberty, Property and the Future of Constitutional Development, in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 20, No. 4, Fall, 1991.

Review of John Hall, Liberalism: Politics, Ideology, and the Market, in *Perspective*, Vol. 21, No.2, Spring, 1989.

Review of C.J. Antieu, Adjudicating Constitutional Issues, (Oceana, 1985), in *Perspective*, Vol. 14, No. 6, Sept./Oct., 1985.

Review of Kevin Phillips, Post Conservative America (Random House, 1982) in *Perspective*, 1983.

Review of Gary L. McDowell, Equity and the Constitution (University Chicago Press, 1981) in *Ethics*, April, 1983.

Review of Edward Gaffney, Private Schools and the Public Good (University of Notre Dame Press, 1981) in *Perspective*, July-August, 1982.

Review of Scott Gordon, Welfare, Justice, and Freedom (Columbia University Press, 1981) in *Perspective*, Vol. 10, No.3, April, 1981.

Review of Theodore Benditt, Law as Rule and Principle (Stanford University Press, 1978) in *Teaching Philosophy*, September, 1979.

Review of Alan Gewirth, Reason and Morality (University of Chicago Press, 1978) in *American Political Science Review*, September, 1979.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Panel Chair, "Frontiers of Church-State Theory," American Political Science Association National Meeting, Boston, MA, August 29, 2002.

"Kids Caught in the Crossfire: Religious Conflicts Among Parents, Churches, and Schools over Public School Curricula," delivered at the Symposium on Family and Religion sponsored by Creighton's Center for the Study of Religion and Society in April, 2002.

"Conscience or Religion: What does the Free Exercise Clause Protect?" presented at American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, November 18, 2000.

"The Constitutional Context of Religious Freedom in the United States, presented at Fiftieth International Congress of Americanists, Warsaw, Poland, July 10, 2000.

"The Free Exercise Clause and the Autonomy of Religious Institutions," presented at Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 17-21, 1993.

"The Scope and Meaning of Religious Freedom," New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 2-5, 1992. (I chaired and organized this workshop for scholars and practitioners on religion and the state.)

"Making Sense of the Free Exercise Clause," presented at Fourth Annual Klutznik Conference, "International Perspectives on Church and State," Omaha, NE, October 6, 1991.

"Reflective Equilibrium as an Interpretive Method," presented at New England Political Science Association, Wooster, MA, April 12-13, 1991.

"The Free Exercise of Religion Guarantee: Protecting Alternate Sources of Meaning," presented at Southwestern Political Science Association meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March, 1991.

"Religious Free Exercise Claims: What is at Stake?" presented at Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA, March 10, 1988.

"Having it Both Ways: Conflicting Demands of the Religion Clauses," presented at Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL, April 9-11, 1987

"Constitutional Vulnerability: The Rights of Public Employees," presented at National Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA, March, 1987.

"EEO Response to Racial and Ethnic Harassment in the Workplace," presented at National Association of Ethnic Studies," San Diego, March, 1987.

"The Constitutional Agenda of the New Religious Right," Southern Political Science Association, Nashville, TN, November, 1985.

"Individual Rights and Protected Classes in Contemporary Civil Rights Policy," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 19, 1985.

"Indianapolis Pornography Statute: Offspring of Strange Bedfellows," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

"Two Models of Discrimination," Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March, 1985.

"Reconciling Conflicting Models of Minority Group Membership" presented at 12th Annual Conference on Minority and Ethnic Studies, Kansas City, MO, February 29-March 2, 1984.

"Racial and Ethnic Definitions in United States Law and Policy" (with Ashton W. Welch) presented at Tenth Annual Conference on Minority and Ethnic Studies, University of Santa Clara, April 14-17, 1982.

"Morality, Rationality, and Political Judgment," presented at Conference on Teaching Political Science, Omaha, Nebraska, April 1-2, 1982.

"Equality, Ambiguity, and Public Choice," Conference on Ethical Issues in Political Life, American Political Science Association National Convention, August 26, 1980.

"Arguing About Equality: Conceptual Premises and Why They Make a Difference," American Political Science Association National Convention, Washington, D.C., September 1977.

"Political Theory and Public Policy in Revolutionary Cuba," Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, May 1-3, 1975.

"The Concept of Value in International Relations," Nebraska Political Science Association Annual Conference, Omaha, April 17, 1975.

### **ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS ATTENDED**

"Religious Diversity and the Common Good," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, Boston College, June 6-July 14, 2005 (Directed by Alan Wolfe, Director of Boisi Center for Religion and Public Life).

Conference on Reconciling the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses, Creighton University School of Law, October 9, 2004.

Conference on New Religious Movements in America, Dawson Institute on Church State: Baylor University. March 23-24, 2001.

Professional Workshop on Approaches to Studying the Supreme Court, entitled "The New Institutionalism" directed by Professor Ronald Kahn of Oberlin College, presented in conjunction with American Political Science Association Meeting, Sept. 2, 1998.

Conference on Diversity, sponsored by American Academy of Colleges and Universities. New Orleans Mar. 2-5, 1995. Participant at the invitation of the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

American Bar Association Symposium on Pluralism and Identity: Community Conversations Projects sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. November 3-5, 1995.

"The Role of Governments in Monitoring and Regulating Religion in Public Life," Dawson Center for Church and State, Baylor University, Waco, TX, April 13-14, 1992.

Conference on Sects and New Religious Movements, Center for Religion and Society, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, May 10-12, 1991.

"Law and Liberalism," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, directed by Robert Gordon, Stanford University, (seven weeks) Summer, 1990.

"The Concept of Rights as Limitations on Government," sponsored by American Political Science Association, Atlanta, (3-4 days) August, 1989.

International Organization of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference, Seattle, (approx. 5 days) July 1989.

Philosophy and Public Policy Workshop, sponsored by Maryland Center for Philosophy and Public Policy, June 21-23, 1989.

Conference on Church and State, Baylor University, (3 days) April, 1989.

International Organization of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference, New York, NY, (about five days) July, 1987.

Equal Opportunity Commissioners Training Seminar, Kansas City, (about 3 days) Sept., 1987

International Organization of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, (about one week) July, 1986.

"Conference on Law and Philosophy," University of Michigan School of Law, March, 1986.

Conference on Philosophy and the Constitution, Western/Midwestern Philosophical Association, Laramie, WY, October, 1986.

Conference on Civil Rights Law and Administration, Kansas City, MO, September, 1985.



"Constitutional Adjudication," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, (directed by Walter Murphy) Princeton University, June-August, 1985.

"Moral Foundations of Civil Rights Policy" sponsored by Maryland Center for Philosophy and Public Policy, College Park, MD, October 18-20, 1984.

"Individual Rights and the First Amendment," Sponsored by Project '87 (American Political Science Association and American Historical Association), University of Illinois at Chicago, August 6-10, 1984.

International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Professional Conference, St. Louis, MO, July 1984.

Conference on Philosophy and Public Policy Sponsored by University of Maryland Center for Philosophy and Public Policy, Washington, D.C., June, 1984.

Conference on Philosophy and Public Policy, Sponsored by University of Maryland Center for Philosophy and Public Policy, Washington, D.C., June, 1983.

"The Rights of Man and of Citizens," APSA/NEH Seminar on Ethical Issues in Political Life, Washington, D.C., June 1980.

"Equality and its Relation to Justice, II," Seminar on Ethical Issues in Political Life, Stanford University, May 22-23, 1976.

"Equality and its Relation to Justice, I," Seminar on Ethical Issues in Political Life, Stanford University, May 22-23, 1976.

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to attend 2005 Summer Seminar on "Religious Diversity and the Common Good" (See professional seminars, above)

Grant from Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society (Creighton University) \$2,000 for collaborative study of High Demand Liberal Religions. Awarded spring 2005 for 2005-06 academic year.

College of Arts and Sciences Summer Grant to develop course on Constitutional History with Dr. Betsy Elliot-Meisel, Department of History, Summer, 2005.

*Alpha Sigma Nu* National Book Award for best professional book published at a Jesuit College or University, for *Interpreting the Free Exercise of Religion*, awarded 2001.

American Bar Association (in Cooperation with Nebraska Humanities Council) Grant to develop Community Conversations on Pluralism and Identity, Omaha, Nebraska, 1996.

Creighton University Summer Research Grant for preparation of manuscript for *Interpreting the Free Exercise of Religion*, summer 1994.

Creighton College of Arts and Science grant for preparation new course development, 1993.

Scholar in Residence Award, Creighton Center for Health Policy and Ethics, responsibilities included research, participation in Center activities, and assisting in teaching ethics to second year medical students. Fall semester 1990.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar grant, 1990. (See Professional Seminars, above.)

American Political Science Association, Grant to participate in advanced seminar on "Rights as Limitations on Government," August, 1989.

Creighton University China Exchange Grant, for participation in exchange exploration program with Northwestern University in Xiang, China, summer, 1988.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar grant, 1985. (See Professional Seminars, above).

Project '87 Grant for participation in Seminar on Individual Rights and the First Amendment, August 1984. (See Professional seminars, above)

Nebraska Commission on the Humanities grant committee (chaired by Professor Bryan Le Beau) for public lecture series on "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance." Fall 1984.

Creighton Faculty Development Grant, for development of a course entitled "Minorities, Equality, and Public Policy" (with Dr. Ashton W. Welch) Summer, 1982.

National Endowment for the Humanities/APSA grant for organizing and chairing faculty conference on Ethical Issues in Professional and Public Life, Omaha, March 7, 1982.

Creighton Faculty Summer Research Grant for project entitled "Equal Rights and Rights to Equality: A Conceptual Analysis," Summer, 1981.

National Endowment for the Humanities (administered by American Political Science Association) support for research and participation in professional conferences on Ethical Issues in Political Life, Washington, D.C., 1980. (See seminars, above.)

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant (administered by American Political Science Association) support for research and participation in professional conference on Ethical Issues in Political Life, Stanford, 1976. (See seminars, above.)

College of Arts and Sciences grant for participation in science curriculum planning and faculty development project, Summer, 1976.

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER AND JOURNAL REVIEWER**

Publication commentary for John Blakeman, *The Bible in the Park* (University of Akron Press, 2005).

Manuscript evaluator for *Political Philosophies in Conflict*, (Wadsworth Publishing Company) April, 2004.

Manuscript evaluator for Creighton *Journal of Religion and Society* (about two manuscripts a year), 1999-2003.

Manuscript evaluator of Gregg Ivers, *American Constitutional Law: Power and Politics*, for Houghton-Mifflin. 1998.

Manuscript evaluator for *Constitutional Law: Cases in Context*, Volume I by James Foster and Susan Leeson (second edition) by Foster and Lesson for Prentice Hall (Summer, 1996).

Manuscript evaluator: *Constitutional Law: Cases in Context*, Volume II by James Foster and Susan Leeson by Foster and Lesson for Prentice Hall (November 1996).

Manuscript evaluator for Leslie Jacobs, *The Democratic Vision of Politics*, for Paramount Publishing, 1994.

Manuscript evaluator for John Arthur and William Shaw, *Readings in Philosophy of Law*, second edition, for Prentice-Hall, 1991.

Manuscript evaluator for proposed three-volume text (no title provided) on political philosophy for Prentice Hall, 1991.

Manuscript evaluator for *Women, the Law, and Public Policy*, St. Martin's Press, 1989.

Manuscript evaluation for John Arthur, *The Unfinished Constitution*, Wadsworth Press, 1988.

Manuscript evaluator for John Arthur, *The Constitution Against Itself*, Wadsworth Press, 1987.

Manuscript Review of Jeffrey Morris, proposed text on Constitutional Law, 1983  
(publisher information lost).

## **CREIGHTON DIVERSITY SEMINARS AND OTHER FACULTY READING GROUPS**

Science Faculty Reading Group, fall semester 2004 and spring semester, 2002.

Diversity Seminar, “Bible Translations,” directed by Leonard Greenspoon, fall term,  
2000.

Diversity Seminar, “The Search for God in Christianity, Judaism and Islam” directed by  
Michael Lawler, spring semester, 1998.

Diversity Seminar, “Gender issues in Teaching,” directed by Shirley Scritchfield, 1996.

Interdisciplinary Faculty Colloquium on Current Research, biweekly faculty seminars,  
1980s-approx.1990.

Faculty Philosophy Colloquium: 1975-approximately 1985.

“Contemporary Directions in Moral Philosophy,” extended multi-disciplinary bi-weekly  
faculty seminar, Fall Term, 1980.

Scientific Inquiry and Undergraduate Education,” extended multidisciplinary biweekly  
faculty seminar, Summer, 1976.

## **TEACHING**

### **TEACHING AWARDS**

College of Arts and Sciences Award for Professional Excellence for Teaching, February,  
2002.

Robert F. Kennedy Award for teaching excellence, awarded by Student Board of  
Governors, Creighton University 1983.

## **COURSES**

### **COURSES ON REGULAR ROTATION**

Introduction to Politics (PLS 101)  
Politics of Constitutional Law (PLS 337)  
Legal Theory (PLS 367)  
Classics of Political Thought (PLS 355)  
Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties (PLS 438)  
Dangerous Words and the First Amendment (PLS 439)  
Religion and Politics (PLS 437)

### **SPECIAL COURSES**

Honors Seminars: 1975, 1988, 1989, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2004  
Independent Studies: Average one per semester. Topic depending on interest of student

Graduate Courses

INR 659 Communist Ideology and Public Policy 1977, 1985  
INR Thesis Direction, 1992  
MLS 685 (Religion and Public Life) Fall 1998

### **INFREQUENT COURSES OR COURSES NO LONGER TAUGHT**

Liberalism and its Critics (PLS 360)  
Marxism (PLS 459)  
Minorities, Equality, and Public Policy in the United States (PLS 372)  
American Government and Politics (PLS 121)  
Senior Research Seminar (PLS 491)  
Political Analysis (PLS 290 under old curriculum)

**GUEST CLASSROOM LECTURES:** About eight a year