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Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Ph. D. in Political Science, May 1993. Areas of concentration: Public Law, Political Philosophy, and American Political Institutions. Dissertation Title: "The Gavel and the Chalice: Catholic Judges and Abortion." Advisor: Dr. Wilson Carey McWilliams.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

M.A. in Political Science, May 1990.

Albright College, Reading, PA.

A.B. in Political Science and Economics, May 1984.

Teaching and Administrative Positions

Youngstown State University, 1992 –

Chair, Department of Political Science, 2007 –

Chair and Coordinator, University General Education Program, 2006- 2007.

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2006 -

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 1999-2006

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 1994-1999

Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, 1992-1994

Director, Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center, 2005 –

Publications

Books

San Antonio v. Rodriguez and the Pursuit of Equal Education: The Debate Over Discrimination and School Funding (University Press of Kansas, 2006).

The Encyclopedia of American Parties, Campaigns, and Elections, with William Binning and Larry Esterly (Greenwood Publishing, 1999).

Scholarly Publications

"Alan Dershowitz." In *Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law*, Roger Newman, ed. (forthcoming, Yale University Press, 2008).

"Courting Megalogues: Judicial Power in the Active Society." *The Active Society Revisited*. Wilson Carey McWilliams, ed. (Roman and Littlefield, 2005).

"The Brown Decision's Other Legacy: Civic Education and the Rodriguez Case." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. April 2004.

Federalism and States Rights." *The Constitution and its Amendments*. Roger Newman, ed. (Macmillan Reference, 1998).

"Tenth Amendment." *The Constitution and its Amendments*. Roger Newman, ed. (Macmillan Reference, 1998).

Op-ed Pieces, Book Reviews, and Television and Radio Interviews.

Guest. *Beyond the Beltway with Bruce Dumont*. Nationally syndicated radio talk show. 24 February 2008.

"Teach Only What You Know." Opinion article. *Inside Higher Ed*. 11 October 2007.

"A Revealing Hearing? I Could Happen." Op-Ed column. *USA Today*. 1 September 2005.

"Politician on Court isn't Necessarily a Bad Thing." Op-Ed column. *USA Today*. 29 March 2005.

"All Tied Up in Presidential What-Ifs." with Nathan Ritchey. *The Washington Post*. 22 August 2004.

Interview. *Paula Zahn Now*. CNN. 18 August 2004.

Interview. *All Things Considered*. NPR. 25 May 2004.

"Shouldn't We Rethink Who's Next in Line?" *The Washington Post*, 2 December 2002.

Interview. *Weekend Edition*. NPR. May 5, 2001.

"Once Upon a Time, There was Clarity." *The Washington Post*, 17 December 2000.

"My Campaign 'Tis of Thee," *The Washington Post*, 23 January 2000.

"Misreading A GOP Powershift" *The Washington Post*, 29 November 1998.

Review of *The Man Who Was Whizzer White* by Dennis J. Hutchinson. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 9 August 1998.

"On its High Horse," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 2 July 1997.

Review of *Freedom's Law: A Moral Reading of the American Constitution* by Ronald Dworkin. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 2 June 1996.

Review of *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* by Jack Rakove. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 2 June 1996.

Review of *Hugo Black: A Biography* by Roger Newman. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 23 October 1994.

Review of *A Justice For All: William J. Brennan, Jr., and the Decisions that Transformed America* by Kim Eisler, *Commonweal*. 3 October 1994.

Review of *Learned Hand: The Man and the Judge* by Gerald Gunther. *Commonweal*. 3 October 1994.

Professional Activities

Grants

U.S. Election Assistance Commission grant in the amount of \$25,278 to recruit and train college poll workers. 2008.

Lectures

"Justice Powell and the Creation of Judicial Purgatory," Ohio Appellate Judges Association, October 2006.

Conference Papers

"Taking the 'Undue Burden' out of Teaching Legal Reasoning." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, 2002.

"Much Ado about Something: Catholic Judges, Natural Law, and the Natural Right to an Abortion." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, 1994.

Panel/Conference Participation

Chair. "Roundtable: Electoral College Problems, Solutions, and Reforms." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2008.

Invited participant. 3rd Annual Conference of the Achievement Gap Initiative. Harvard University. Boston, MA. June 2007.

Invited participant. "Rethinking Rodriguez: Education as a Fundamental Right." Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity and Diversity, Boalt Hall School of Law. University of California at Berkeley, June 2006.

Chair. "Brown's Legacy: 50 Years Later." Annual meeting of The American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 2003.

Chair. "Religion and Political Discourse." Annual meeting of The American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. August 1995.

Chair. "New Perspectives on State Judicial Research." Annual meeting of The Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 1995.

Chair. "Roundtable: The Russian Constitution." Annual meeting of The Pennsylvania Political Science Association, annual meeting, November 1994.

Article Referee

American Journal of Political Science. 2008.

Politics and Policy. 2001 and 2002.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Professor Award. Youngstown State University. 2004

Professor of the Year. Youngstown State University. 1998

Master Teacher Award . Youngstown State University. 1995

University and Community Service

Member of University Assessment Council. Youngstown State University. 2006-2007

Elected Representative to the Ohio Faculty Council. 2003 – 2006

Arts and Sciences Representative, University General Education Committee. Youngstown State University. 2003 – 2006

Elected member of Executive Committee. Ohio Education Association. 2000-2004

Candidate for County Commissioner. Mahoning County, Ohio. November 2000

Faculty Advisor to Student Government. Youngstown State University. 1999 - 2000

Coach of Moot Court Team. Youngstown State University. 1997 -

Faculty Advisor to the Pre-Law Society. Youngstown State University. 1993 -

Elected Representative to the Academic Senate. Youngstown State University. 1993 - 1995; 1997 - 1999

Member of Dean's Advisory Council. 1994 - 1995; 1996 - 1997; 2001 - 2002; 2007 –

Member of the Chinese Association of Greater Youngstown. 1998 -