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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – John Brown University
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2019 –
Assistant Director, Center for Faith and Flourishing, 2019 –
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-19
- 2014-16 Eastern Kentucky University
Assistant Professor of Government
- 2013-14 University of Washington-Tacoma
Lecturer in Political Science

EDUCATION

- 2013 PhD, Political Science, Southern Illinois University
- 2008 BA, Political Science, George Fox University

RESEARCH

Book

- 2017 Bennett, Daniel. *Defending Faith: The Politics of the Christian Conservative Legal Movement*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas
Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics, Politics and Religion, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Church and State, Great Plains Research, and Reading Religion*

Articles & Book Chapters

- 2021 Strother, Logan and Daniel Bennett. “Racial Group Affect and Support for Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Forthcoming.
- Bennett, Daniel and Andrew R. Lewis. “The Coronavirus Pandemic and Restrictions on Churches: Evaluating the Christian Legal Movement’s Role in Polarizing Religious Freedom.” *Fides and Libertas*. Forthcoming.
- 2020 Bennett, Daniel. “Toward a Better Christian Political Engagement: Acknowledging Challenges, Recognizing Opportunities.” *Visions for Christian Public Life: Exploring Christian Engagement in Contemporary American Politics and Society*. Initiative on Faith & Public Life, American Enterprise Institute. 3-18

- 2018 Bennett, Daniel. "A Match Made in Heaven? Linking Christian Legal Advocacy with Conservative Politics." *The Evangelical Crackup? The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition*. Paul A. Djupe and Ryan L. Claassen, eds. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. 222-239
- 2015 Habel, Philip, Daniel Bennett, Shane Gleason, and Scott Comparato. "The Implications of Salary for the Quality of Nominations to the Federal Courts, 1964-2012." *Justice System Journal* 36 (4): 323-340
- 2014 Bennett, Daniel. "Serving God by Shaping Law: Religious Legal Advocacy in the United States." In *Mediating Religion and Government: Political Institutions and the Policy Process*. Elizabeth Oldmixon and Kevin den Dulk, eds. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 83-108
- 2013 Mulligan, Ken, J. Tobin Grant, and Daniel Bennett. "The Dynamics of Public Opinion on Cultural Policy Issues in the U.S., 1972-2010." *Political Behavior* 35 (4): 807-829

Book Reviews

- 2021 *Separate But Faithful: The Christian Right's Radical Struggle to Transform Law and Legal Culture*, by Amanda Hollis-Brusky and Joshua C. Wilson. *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (2): 650-652.
- 2018 *When Free Exercise and Nonestablishment Conflict*, by Kent Greenawalt. *Politics and Religion* 11 (3): 701-704
- 2016 *Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution*, by Amanda Hollis-Brusky. *Political Science Quarterly* 131 (1): 187-188
- 2015 *The Politics of Evangelical Identity: Local Churches and Partisan Divides in the United States and Canada*, by Lydia Bean. *Journal of Church and State* 57 (3): 590-591
- 2014 *An Unusual Relationship: Evangelical Christians and Jews*, by Yaakov Ariel. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53 (1): 221-223
- 2012 *Honoring God in Red or Blue: Approaching Politics with Grace, Humility, and Reason*, by Amy Black. *Christians in Political Science* 4 (2): 2

WORK IN PROGRESS

Bennett, Daniel. *Uneasy Citizenship: Embracing the Tension in Faith in Politics*. Book under contract (Cascade)

Lewis, Andrew R. and Daniel Bennett. "Precedent and Performance: Church Closures, Religious Freedom, and the Coronavirus Pandemic." *An Epidemic on My People?: Religion in the Age of COVID-19*. Paul A. Djupe and Amanda Friesen, eds. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. Under review.

Bennett, Daniel. "Conspiracy Theories, Political Trust, and Christian Witness." Book chapter in progress

Strother, Logan and Daniel Bennett. "Measuring Support for Constitutional Rights." Article in progress

Bennett, Daniel. "Freedom for All? Defining Religious Liberty in Conservative Legal Advocacy." Article in progress

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (webinar)
- 2020 International Conference on Covid-19 Pandemic & Religious Freedom,
Berrien Springs, MI (webinar)
International Center for Law and Religion, Provo, UT (webinar)
Initiative on Faith & Public Life, Houston, TX
- 2019 Presidential Politics Conference of Iowa, Sioux Center, IA
Law and Society Association, Washington, DC
Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Grand Rapids, MI
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA
- 2018 Christians in Political Science, Lookout Mountain, GA
- 2017 Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico
Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada

COMMENTARY

- 2021 "The Story of Same-Sex Marriage, as Told by the Victors." *Christianity Today*
"Care About Religious Liberty? Defend Religious Minorities." *Christianity Today*
"We Need to Be Better Losers." *Christianity Today*
- 2020 "Amy Coney Barrett's Confirmation Would Be a Major Victory for the Christian Legal Movement." *Religion and Politics*
"LGBT Rights Ruling Isn't the Beginning of the End for Religious Liberty." *Christianity Today*
"Are Nationalism and Populism the Cure for What Ails the West?" *Christianity Today*

- “Who is Jay Sekulow, President Trump’s Lawyer?” *Religion and Politics*
- 2019 “How Christians Can Prepare for the 2020 Election.” *The Gospel Coalition*
- “Which Americans support the Second Amendment? The answer depends on whether whites or blacks have the guns.” *The Washington Post* (with Logan Strother)
- 2018 “Brett Kavanaugh, Christian Conservatives, and the Art of the Deal.” *Religion and Politics*
- “Go Talk with Those Who are Rumored to be Unlike You.” *Front Porch Republic*
- 2017 “These are the conservative legal groups behind the Masterpiece Cakeshop case.” *The Washington Post*
- “Masterpiece Cakeshop: Meet the Christian Legal Group Behind the High-Profile Court Case.” *Religion and Politics*
- 2015 “The Rise of Christian Conservative Legal Organizations.” *Religion and Politics*
- Misc. Political Analyst, KNWA & Fox 24 News
- Contributor, “Mornings with Carmen Laberge”
- Guest, “The Ride Home with John and Kathy”
September 18, 2019; April 29, 2015
- Guest, “The Neighborly Faith Podcast”
July 21, 2019
- Guest, Pilgrim Radio’s “His People”
October 15, 2018
- Guest, WEKU’s “Eastern Standard”
September 12, 2015
- Cited in the Associated Press, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, *The Tennessean*, *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Deseret News*, *Newsweek*, *Salon*, and more

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2019-22 Summer Scholars Fellowship, John Brown University
- 2021 Cultural Challenges to Pluralism Project, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2021 Hatfield Prize, Center for Public Justice (with Seth Billingsley)
- 2020-21 Research Grant, Charles Koch Foundation

- 2017-21 Summer Professional Development Grant, John Brown University
- 2018 Lee Balzer Lecture, John Brown University
- 2015 Junior Faculty Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University
- Early Career Workshop Grant, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA
- 2013 Graduate Student Workshop Grant, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Boston, MA
- 2012 “Pass with Distinction” on Field Examinations, Southern Illinois University

SERVICE

John Brown University

- 2019 – Faculty Affairs Committee
- 2018 – Chair, Institutional Review Board
- 2017 – Campus Diversity Committee
Model UN Adviser
Pre-Law Adviser
- 2018-21 Core Curriculum Committee
- 2019-20 Undergraduate Council

Discipline

- 2021 – Board of Directors, American Values Coalition
- 2018 – President, Christians in Political Science
- 2017 – Founding Contributor, *Religion in Public*
- 2020 Small Research Grants Committee, Politics & Religion Section, American Political Science Association
- 2019 Chair, Kenneth D. Wald Award Committee, American Political Science Association
- 2018 Chair, Aaron Wildavsky Award Committee, American Political Science Association

- 2016-18 Vice President, Christians in Political Science
- 2016 Student Paper Prize Committee, Law and Society Association
- Misc. Manuscript Referee
Cambridge University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Political Research Quarterly; Politics and Religion; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Law and Society Review; Law and Social Inquiry; Journal of Law and Religion; Law, Culture, and Humanities; Law and History Review; Laws; Communication and Society

Community

- 2019 – Deacon, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas
- 2019 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Politics & Religion section)

Law and Society Association (Law & Social Movements network)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Christians in Political Science

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2013 Mentor, Study of the U.S. Institute, Southern Illinois University
- 2011-12 Editorial Assistant, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

REFERENCES

J. Tobin Grant
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