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Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Ph.D. University of Ottawa (Canada), History, 1999
- M.A. California State University, Sonoma, History, 1995
- B.A. California State University, San Bernardino, Social Science, June 1993.

Current position

Professor of History, John Brown University (since 2003)

- Great Books
- Ethics
- America at War, 1860-1920
- America at War, 1898-2014
- Second World War
- American Civil War
- Ethical Decisions in Organizations (graduate)
- Western Civilization I & II
- U.S. History I & II
- British Empire
- Twentieth-Century World
- Seminar in History
- Study of History
- Leaders and History
- Political Philosophy
- Latin

Previous position

Cambridge School of Dallas (2000-2003)

- Professor of Social Science
 - Advanced Placement courses in U.S. and European history, psychology and U.S. government
 - contributed to development of rigorous academic program
 - closely involved in hiring faculty

Scholarly books

The Fires of Patriotism: Alaskans and the First World War (University of Alaska, 2013)

City for Empire: An Anchorage History, 1914-1941 (University of Alaska Press, 2010)

Empire's Edge: American Society in Nome, Alaska, 1898-1925 (University of Alaska Press, 2006)

Scholarly monographs

God's Hiddenness in Combat: Toward Christian Reflection on Battle (University of America Press, 2009)

A Highly Favored Nation: The Bible and Canadian Meaning, 1860-1900 (University of America Press, 2008)

General books

American Government (Research and Education Association, 2009)

Western Civilization II (Research and Education Association, 2005)

Is Belief in God Good, Bad or Irrelevant? (InterVarsity, 2006)

Book chapters

“Sacred Words, Fighting Words: The Bible and National Meaning in Canada, 1860-1900,” in *Civil Religion in Political Thought* (Catholic University of America Press, 2010)

“History, Discernment, and the Christian Life” in *Best Christian Writing, 2001* ed., John Wilson (San Francisco: HarperCollins).

Scholarly articles

Fourteen peer-reviewed articles published in, among other places, the *Journal of Church & State*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, *Alaska History*, *Northern Studies*, *Fides et Historia*, and *Southern California Quarterly*.

Other writing

More than 230 essays and reviews contributed to numerous publications such as *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, *Books & Culture*, *Critique*, *Touchstone*, *Christianity Today*, *Dallas Morning News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *First Things*.

Lecture/seminar invitations

- International Centre of Northern Governance and Development (University of Saskatchewan; event in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory; 2016)
- University of Arkansas Air Force ROTC program (2016)
- High schools in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma & Virginia (2013-2016)
- Department of Music, James Madison University (2015)
- Gates Corporation (Siloam Springs, AR; 2014, 2015)
- University of Arkansas Army ROTC program (2015)
- University of Alaska, Fairbanks (2015)
- Cook Inlet Historical Society, Anchorage, AK (2015)
 - Lecture recorded for C-SPAN
- Walmart talent development program (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Universidad Francisco Marroquín (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016)
- Centro Esdras, Guatemala City (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)
- Ministerios Éxodo, Guatemala (2012, 2013, 2014)
- U.S. Army, 10th Division, 2nd Brigade, Fort Drum, NY (2014)
- La-Z-Boy factory (Siloam Springs, AR; 2014)
- Xiamen University (China) 2013
- Huntington University, via videoconference (2009, 2010)
- Forty-Ninth State Fellows Program, University of Alaska, Anchorage (2009)
- Roberts Wesleyan University (2008)
- Cambridge School of Dallas (2004, 2006)

Languages

- Spanish (strong reading, advanced-intermediate writing and speaking skills)
 - intensive language study in Mexico, Guatemala, and Ecuador
- French (strong reading, intermediate speaking skills)
 - lived two years in Quebec
- Welsh (intermediate reading, basic speaking skills)
 - intensive language study in Wales
- Teach first-year Latin
 - Unpublished manuscript for use in my class: *Sola Scriptura: Learning to Read the Gospels in Latin*

Military Service

- United States Navy, 1986-1990

- Operations Specialist; Navigation Instructor
- Three deployments to Asia