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### EDUCATION

Ph.D.	1993	Brown University
M.A.	1984	Boston College
B.A.	1982	Western State College of Colorado

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005-	BB&T Research Professor and Professor of Political Science, Clemson University
2003-05	Professor, Department of Political Science, Ashland University
1998-	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ashland University
1992-97	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ashland University

### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2005-	Executive Director, The Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism
1996-2002	Chairman, Department of Political Science, Ashland University

### AWARDS FELLOWSHIPS, VISITING APPOINTMENTS

James Madison Fellow, Department of Politics, **Princeton University**, Department of Politics, 2004-05

Visiting Research Fellow, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Spring semester, 2003

**American Political Science Association, Foundations in Political Theory Award for “Best First Book in Political Theory.”**

Merrill Endowment Distinguished Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Utah State University, 2001.

The John Adams Fellow, Institute of United States Studies, **University of London**, 1995-96

Associate Fellow, Center for the Study of American Politics, Department of Government, **Harvard University**, 1991-92.

## AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

American Political Thought  
American Constitutional and Political Development  
History of Political Philosophy

## BOOKS

*John Adams and the Spirit of Liberty* (University Press of Kansas, 1998).

(Winner of the American Political Science Association's Foundations in Political Theory Award for "Best First Book in Political Theory")

Editor, *Antislavery Political Writings, 1833-1860: A Reader* (M. E. Sharpe, 2003).

Editor, *The Revolutionary Writings of John Adams* (Liberty Press, 2000).

Associate Editor, *The Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* 4 vols. (Oxford University Press, 2002).

## BOOK IN PROGRESS

*The Ideological Origins of American Constitutionalism*

This book will examine the theoretical and practical development of the idea of a written constitution as fundamental law.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Constitutionalizing the Republic: James Madison and the Fundamental Law," *The Enlightenment and the Development of American Constitutionalism*, eds. Jonathan O'Neill and Gary McDowell (Palgrave--MacMillan Press--forthcoming, 2006).

"The Decline and Fall of American Conservatism," *The Objective Standard*, Vol 1, no. 3, (Fall 2006): 15-51.

"John Adams's Machiavellian Moment," in *The American Faces of Machiavelli*, ed. Paul H. Rahe [Cambridge University Press--forthcoming, September 2005]. Originally published in *Review of Politics* 57 (Summer 1995): 389-417.

"John Adams and the Enlightenment," in the *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment*, ed. Alan Kors et al., 4 vols. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2001).

"John Adams and the Science of Politics," in *John Adams and the Founding of the Republic*, ed. Richard Ryerson (Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001).

"Our Killing Schools," in *American Secondary Education* 27 (Summer 1999): 51-54.

"Lawyer, Statesmen, Lawgiver: John Adams and the Quest for Fame," in *The Founders: Essays on Fame and the American Founding*, ed. Peter McNamara (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999).

"John Adams and the New Philosophic Rationalism," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d Series, LV, 2 (April 1998): 259-280.

“John Adams and the Coming of the French Revolution,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 16 (Fall 1996): 361-87.

“The American Founding and the French Revolution,” in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, eds. Ralph C. Hancock and Gary Lambert (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995): 109-51.

#### BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of “John and Abigail Adams: The Film,” Prod. Elizabeth Dean. WGBH Boston, 2006. 120 mins. (PBS Video). In the *Journal of American History* (forthcoming).

Review of *1776: America and Britain at War* by David McCullough, and *Iron Tears: Rebellion in America, 1775-1783* by Stanley Weintraub. In *The Times Literary Supplement* (TLS), (December 9, 2005).

Review of *The Politics of Liberty in England and Revolutionary America* by Lee Ward. In *The Historian* (forthcoming in *The Historian*).

Review of *Power versus Liberty: Madison, Hamilton, Wilson, and Jefferson* by James H. Read. In *The William and Mary Quarterly* (January 2003).

Review of *America's First Dynasty: The Adams's, 1735-1918* by Richard Brookhiser. In **The Times Literary Supplement** (July 12, 2002).

Review Essay of *Setting the World Ablaze: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and the American Revolution*, by John Ferling, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, by Joseph J. Ellis, and *America Afire: Jefferson, Adams, and the Revolutionary Election of 1800* by Bernard Weisberger. In **The Times Literary Supplement**, (August 10, 2001).

Review of *Sister Revolutions: French Lightning, American Light*, by Susan Dunn. In **The Journal of American History** (March 2001).

Review Essay of *Left Back: A Century of Failed School Reforms*, by Diane Ravitch. In *World & I* (March 2001).

Review of *American Compact: James Madison and the Problem of Founding*, by Gary Rosen. In the **American Historical Review** (December 2000).

Review of *The Rediscovery of America: Transatlantic Crosscurrents in an Age of Revolution*, by Stuart Andrews. In *The Journal of American History* (June, 2000): 206.

Review of *Alexander Hamilton, American*, by Richard Brookhiser. In **The Times Literary Supplement**, (June 18, 1999): 38.

Review of *From Parchment to Power: How James Madison Used the Bill of Rights to Save the Constitution*, by Robert Goldwin. In **The Times Literary Supplement**, (September 4, 1998): 26.

Review of *The Paris Years of Thomas Jefferson* in *Journal of American History*, by William Howard Williams. In *Journal of American History* (September, 1998): 658-59.

Review of *The Fictional Republic: Horatio Alger and American Political Discourse*, by Carol Nackenoff. In *The Journal of Politics* 59 (Winter 1996).

Review of *The Constitutional Thought of Thomas Jefferson*, by David Mayer. In *The Insider* (November, 1994).

Review of *The Learning of Liberty: The Educational Ideas of the American Founders*, by Thomas and Lorraine Pangle. In *The Journal of Church and State* 37 (Winter, 1995).

Review of *The Classics and the Founders*, by Carl R. Richard. In *Società e storia* 71 (1996).

#### ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

"James Madison's Revolutionary Constitutionalism." Bowling Green State University, November 14, 2003.

"Constitutionalizing the Republic: James Madison and the Fundamental Law." Delivered at a conference (by invitation only) on *The Enlightenment and the Development of American Constitutionalism* at the University of London, London, England, May 2002.

"James Madison and the Idea of a Written Constitution as Fundamental Law," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2001.

"John Adams and the Science of Politics," Massachusetts Historical Society Conference (by invitation only) on "John Adams and the Founding of the Republic" Boston, 1996.

"John Adams's Machiavellian Moment," American Political Science Association, New York City, September, 1994.

"John Adams and the French Revolution," Society on 18th-Century Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, March 1993.

"Adams and Condorcet Debate the Science of Politics," Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 1992.

"John Adams and the French Connection," History Research Workshop, George Mason University, April 1991.

"Debates in American Constitutional Historiography," History Research Workshop, George Mason University, 1990.

"Liberty, Virtue, and the Small Republic: The Anti-Federalist Vision of American Society," Canadian Association for American Studies, Montreal, Canada, October 1986.

#### INVITED GUEST LECTURES AND PUBLIC SPEECHES

"Neoconservatism: An Obituary for an Idea." Delivered in Boston, OCON conference, July 7, 2006.

"On the Separation of School and State." Delivered at Princeton University, August, 2005.

“The Revolutionary Origins of American Constitutionalism.” Delivered at Princeton University, February, 2005.

“The American Founding and the French Revolution.” Delivered in 2004 at Williams College, Bowling Green State University, University of Missouri St. Louis, Hampden-Sydney College, University of Kentucky, and University of Alabama.

Debate with Professor Robert McDonald (West Point) on “Who Was America’s Greatest Founding Father—John Adams or Thomas Jefferson” hosted by the Institute for Humane Studies in Laguna Niguel, California, February, 2002.

“The Political Thought of John Adams.” Delivered at the Adams National Historic Site in October, 2001.

“John Adams: Forgotten Founding Father,” Presidents’ Day Lecture, Capitol University Law School, February 2001.

“A Comparative Philosophic Analysis of the American and French Revolutions,” Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University, May 2000.

“John Adams and the Spirit of Liberty,” Delivered as The F. Robert Paulsen Lecture, Utah State University, November 1999.

"Lawyer, Statesmen, Lawgiver: John Adams and the Quest for Fame," Utah State University, 1996.

"Liberalism Old and New: Three Lectures" Bryn Mawr College, July 1995.

- "The Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution"
- "A Brief History of the Constitution"
- "Progressivism and the New Liberalism"

"The Colonial Origins of American Constitutionalism," Institute for the Study of American Constitutional Government, Ashland, OH, June, 1993.

#### TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES

“Reviving the Spirit of Liberty: What John Adams Teaches America” **American Presidency Series, C-SPAN** television, 1999. This show was rebroadcast at least three times.

“Reviving the Spirit of Liberty: What John Adams Teaches America,” **C-SPAN television**, Washington, D.C. 1998.

#### ACADEMIC JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT READER

American Political Science Review

Review of Politics

William and Mary Quarterly

Journal of the Early Republic

University of Press of Kansas

Yale University Press

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
American Historical Society

## REFERENCES

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