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## Education

**Ph.D. in Politics** May 2006  
The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Dissertation:** *The Origin and Nature of Political and Spiritual Power: Natural Rights and Natural Law in the Thought of Francisco Suarez*

**Master of Arts Degree in Politics,** May 2001  
The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy,** May 1997  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio  
**Thesis:** *Law, Morality, and the Common Good*

**Language:** Reading proficiency in Latin  
Basic level Spanish

**Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, May 1989**  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California  
Emphasis: Business Administration/Real Estate Development

## Teaching Experience

**Assistant Professor: Seattle Pacific University, Seattle Wash.** 2006-7

POL 1120 American Government and Politics  
POL 2641 Christianity and American Politics  
POL 3780 Law and Society  
POL 4000 Public Policy and Administration  
POL 4450 Constitutional Law  
POL 4642 Theories of Political Systems – Modern

**Lecturer: Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**  
POL 360 Modern Political Thought Spring 2006

**Adjunct Professor: George Washington University, Washington, DC**  
PSC 106 Issues in Western Political Thought II: 16<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries  
Summer 2005

**Adjunct Professor: Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD**  
POS 101 American National Government Summer 2005

## Range of Teaching and Research Interests:

|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ancient Political Philosophy       | Medieval Political Philosophy   |
| Modern Political Philosophy        | History of Political Philosophy |
| American Political Philosophy      | War and Peace                   |
| Religion and the American Founding | Foundations of Democracy        |
| Church and State Relations         | Law, Morality and Society       |
| Religion and Liberalism            | Natural Law and Natural Rights  |
| Foundations of Constitutionalism   | Philosophy of Law               |
| Christian Political Thought        | Constitutional Law              |
| Catholic Social Teaching           | American Government             |

**Teaching  
Assistantships**

***The Catholic University of America***

**Pentagon and Congressional Studies Programs:**

|                                                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                  | Sept. 2002-May 2005 |
| Global Issues: Pol 307                           | Spring 2001         |
| Introduction to American Government: Pol 111     | Fall 2001           |
| Introduction to International Relations: Pol 212 | Spring 2000         |
| National Elections: Pol 405                      | Fall 2000           |

**Scholarly  
Presentations:**

*Society of Catholic Social Scientists* Oct. 2001  
Title: "A Critique of Barry Shain's *Myth of American Individualism*"

*Northeastern Political Science Association* Nov. 2001  
Title: "Aristotle's Best Life and Best Constitution"

*Northeastern Political Science Association* Nov. 2003  
Title: "Edmund Burke on Religion, Church and State and Religious Toleration"

*Society of Catholic Social Scientists* Oct. 2004  
Title: "Natural Rights and Law in the Thought of Francisco Suarez: Origins and Conditions"

*Northeastern Political Science Association* Nov. 2004  
Title: "A Theory of 'Original' Democracy"

*American Catholic Philosophical Association* Nov. 2004  
Title: "Response to paper 'Francisco Vitoria's, O.P. Just Intervention Theory and the Iraq War'"

*Northeastern Political Science Association* Nov. 2005  
Title: "Pre-Modern Notions of Natural Rights"

*Society of Catholic Social Scientists* Oct. 2005  
Title: "A Comparison of Catholic Social Teaching with the Classical Liberalism of Friedrich von Hayek"

*Southern Political Science Association* Jan. 2006  
Title: "Pre-Modern Political Thought before Hobbes and Locke: Natural Rights and Natural Law"

*Franciscan University of Steubenville* March 2006  
*2006 Annual Conference on Christian Philosophy: The Significance of Francisco Suarez*  
Title: "Suarez on the Origin of Political Power: An Alternative to Modern Political Thinkers"

Title: "Pre-Modern Social Contract: Francisco  
Suarez against the Divine Right Theory"

**Publishing**

Encyclopedia Entries: "Tyranny" and "Political Theology" and "Church:  
Indirect Power of the Pope (*Potestas Indirecta*)" to be published in ***Catholic  
Social Thought, Social Science and Social Policy: An Encyclopedia***  
**(Scarecrow Press Expected 2007)**

Book Review of "*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*," (Libreria  
Editrice Vaticana, 2004), in *The Catholic Social Science Review* vol. 10, 2005.

**Awards/  
Scholarships**

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, The Catholic University of America, Fall  
2000- Spring 2005.

Bradley Fellow, Summer 2003

Bradley Fellow, Summer 2004

Bradley Fellow, Summer 2005

Earhart Dissertation Grant, June 2004 – May 2005

**Memberships:**

|                                                   |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| American Political Science Association,           | 2002- present  |
| Society of Catholic Social Scientists,            | 2001- present  |
| Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society, | 2004 - present |

**University  
Community  
Activities:**

**Graduate Student Representative**, Academic Senate, The Catholic  
University of America, August 2004 – May 2005

**Graduate Student Representative**, Development Committee, Board of  
Directors, The Catholic University of America, June 2002 – May 2005

**Graduate Student Representative**, Board of Directors, Alumni  
Association of The Catholic University of America, Oct. 2004 – May 2005

**Member**, Catholic University Bookstore Advisory Committee September  
2003 – May 2004

**Member**, University Lectures Committee, September 2002 – May 2003

**Member**, Dean Search Committee for a Dean for School of Arts and  
Sciences, The Catholic University of America, Oct. 2001 - May 2002.

**Politics Dept. Representative**, Graduate Student Association, Sept.  
2001 – May 2002

***Continued Research Interests***

Religion and Culture

Economics, Religion and Politics

The Nature of Freedom

Philosophy of Education

Constitutional Interpretation