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### **EDUCATION**

Rutgers University, Ph.D., 1983  
Rutgers University, M.A., 1981  
Princeton Seminary (Graduate Study)  
New School for Social Research (Graduate Study)  
University of New Mexico, B.A. Summa Cum Laude, 1977

### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

“Classical and Modern Influences on American Political Thought: The Political Theories of Thomas Jefferson.”

### **TEACHING FIELDS**

Political Theory, American Government, Public Law, Public Administration, Religion and Politics

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

The John Morton Beaty Professor of Political and Social Sciences, Fall 1997 - present, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Professor of Political Science, 1993 - present, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.  
Chair of Department of Social Sciences, 1993-1995.

Visiting Associate Professor, University of Virginia, Summer I, 1993.

Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences,  
The University of Virginia's College at Wise, 1988 - 1993.

Visiting Associate Professor, University of Virginia, Summer II, 1992.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, 1983 - 1988.

Adjunct Professor, Douglass College, Rutgers University, Fall 1982.

Instructor, Rutgers College, Summer 1980.

Teaching Assistant, Livingston College, Rutgers University, 1978 - 1980.

Instructor, Honors Program, University of New Mexico, 1976 - 1977.

## RESEARCH

### Books

The Encyclopedia of Political Thought (New York: Facts on File, 2002).

Jefferson and Ataturk: Political Philosophies (New York and Berne: Peter Lang, 2000).

The Political Thought of John Taylor with William Hill, (in progress).

Religion and Political Culture in Jefferson's Virginia co-edited with Daniel Dreisbach (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000).

The Political Philosophy of James Madison (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001).

What Would Jefferson Say? (New York: Penquin Books, 1998).

The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press: 1991, 1993). Also published by Popular Prakashan, Bombay, India, 1993; and Respublica Publ., Moscow, Russia, 1996).

What Would Jesus Do? (a novel) Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1993.

Religion and Politics: Major Thinkers on The Relationship Between Church and State. Edited. (New York and Berne: Peter Lang Publishing, American University Studies, 1990).

The History of Political Theory: Ancient Greece to Modern America (New York and Berne: Peter Lang Publishing, American University Studies, 1988, 1991, 1993).

### Articles

"Thomas Jefferson" in The Encyclopedia of American Studies (2000)

"Eclectic Synthesis: Jesus, Aristotle and Locke" in Thomas Jefferson and The Politics of Nature Thomas Engeman, Editor (Notre Dame University Press, 2000).

"Religious Freedom: Jefferson's Theory and American Practice," USA Economics Politics Ideology (Moscow: Forthcoming).

"The Classics and Jefferson's Political Philosophy" and "Liberalism vs. Republicanism: Where Does Jefferson Stand?" in Great American Presidents, ed. by Kenneth W. Thompson (Lanham: University Press of America, 1995).

"Jefferson and Jeffersonian Democracy:" "Thomas Paine;" "The Declaration of Independence" The Encyclopedia of Democracy, Seymour Martin Lipset, Editor (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Books, 1995.)

"Church and State" American Academic Encyclopedia (New York: Forthcoming).

"Mr. Jefferson's Political Theory" in Kenneth Thompson, ed. The Political Theory of the Constitution (University Press of America, 1990).

“Those Dogmatic Debates Between Right and Left Ignore Academe’s Tradition of Intellectual Liberty”  
The Chronicle of Higher Education, April 26, 1989.

“Religion and Politics” in Religion and Politics Syllabi Book, Rex Rogers ed. (Cedarville: 1988).

“Religious Freedom in Jefferson’s Virtuous Republic,” Politics and Policy VII, 1987.

“Thomas Jefferson,” in The Encyclopedia of Political Thought (Oxford: 1987).

“The Virginia Gentry and Thomas Jefferson, Esq.: A Study in Political Culture,” Virginia Social Science Journal (Winter, 1984).

“John Locke in Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence: A Thematic Collation,” Virginia Social Science Journal (Winter, 1984).

“The Ethical Heresies of the Neoconservatives,” Journal of Religious Thought Fall/Winter, 1981-1982.

“Learning,” The Independent (Special Edition on The University), May, 1977.

“Rousseau, Robespierre and the French Revolution of 1789,” Dialogue, April, 1976.

## REVIEWS

Reason and Republicanism Edited by Gary McDowell and Sharon Noble, William and Mary Quarterly (forthcoming).

The Jefferson Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth by Thomas Jefferson.  
Introduction by F. Forrester Church (Beacon Press, 1991), in Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, October, 1992.

Tragedy and Denial by Michael Brint (Boulder: Westview Press, 1991) in International Journal of Philosophy (forthcoming).

The Political Mobilization of Religious Beliefs by Ted G. Jelen (New York: Praeger, 1991), in Journal of Church and State, Spring, 1992.

The Rise and Fall of Democracy in Early America, 1630-1789 by Joshua Miller (The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1991), in Journal of Politics, November, 1992.

New Order of the Ages by Michael Lienesch (Princeton University Press 1988) in American Political Science Review, December 1989.

The Critical Legal Studies Movement by Roberto Unger (Harvard University Press), CHOICE, December, 1986.

Liberalism and Its Challengers by Alonzo Hamby (Oxford University Press), CHOICE, September, 1985.

The Political Presidency: Practice of Leadership from Kennedy Through Reagan by Barbara Kellerman, WORLDVIEW April, 1985.

The Future of the Democratic Revolution by Neil Riemer, CHOICE, April, 1985.

The Old Christian Right: The Protestant Far Right From The Great Depression To The Cold War by leD Ribuffo, WORLDVIEW October, 1984.

The Political Theory of The Federalist by David Epstein, CHOICE October, 1984.

The American Political Science Association Panel on The Political Theory of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Society for Rousseau Studies, Spring, 1981.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

American Political Science Association Meeting, “Christianity in James Madison” Sept. 2000, Washington, D.C.

New England Political Science Association Conference, Roundtable on Jefferson’s Political Thought, Providence, RI, May, 1999.

American Political Science Association Meetings, Discussant on “Creating Community in the Classroom” Panel, Sept. 1999, Boston, Mass.

Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Conference on “Integration and Disintegration in the Modern World: Russia and the and the West” paper entitled “Religion and Social Change in American Democracy.” Moscow, Russia October 9-14, 1996.

Moscow University, Lectures on American democracy, society and religion. October 15-16, 1996.

“Religion and Political Thought in Nineteenth Century America” Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Meetings, August 30, 1996, San Francisco.

“Democracy and Christianity in Madison and Jefferson” The Jefferson Symposium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, June 4, 1996.

“Philosophical and Theological Foundations of Jefferson’s Thought” at Conference: Religion in Jefferson’s Virginia, Charlottesville, January, 1996 sponsored by Virginia Foundation Humanities.

“The Sheldon Collection” presentation at The Virginia Festival of the Book, March 1996, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Oxford University, The Jefferson Symposium in England, a series of seven lectures on the political philosophy of Thomas Jefferson (using The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson as the Symposium text) cosponsored by the University of Virginia and Oxford University, August 22-26, 1993, Trinity College, Oxford.

“Jefferson and Religion” and “Jefferson and Slavery,” The Jefferson Symposium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, June, 1993.

Library of Congress, conference on Thomas Jefferson and the Education of the Citizen in a Republic, May, 1993.

The Christian Thought Lectureship, “Early American Political Philosophy and Christianity” and “In His Steps: 1890’s and 1990’s” at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, April, 1993.

Chair and Discussant, “The Roots of Early American Political Philosophy” Northeastern Political Science Association conference, Providence, Rhode Island, November, 1992.

“The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson: Just When You Thought He Couldn’t Do Anything More,” The Jefferson Symposium, University of Virginia, June 3, 1992.

“Culture, Multiculture and Freedom of Speech in American Academia,” Union College, April 9, 1992.

Organizer and Chair, Roundtable on “Liberalism and Republicanism in Early American Political Thought,” American Political Science Association Conference, August, 1991, Washington, D.C.

“Reconciling Liberalism and Classicism in Thomas Jefferson’s Political Philosophy,” The Miller Center, University of Virginia, March 15, 1991.

Chair, “Weber, Power and Charisma” panel, American Political Science Association Convention, August, 1990, San Francisco.

“The Federalists.” Symposium on the Constitution sponsored by The Jefferson Foundation, Washington, D.C. August 1, 1990.

“The Classics in Thomas Jefferson’s Political Philosophy”: The White Burkett Miller Center for Public Policy, University of Virginia, April 1990.

Discussant, “The Founding Theory of The American Constitution” panel, American Political Science Association Convention, September, 1989, Atlanta.

Discussant, “Religion and The Founding of Regimes” panel, American Political Science Association Convention, September, 1989, Atlanta.

“Co-chair and Discussant, “Critical Questions and Epistemological Directions in Modern Political Philosophy,” Northeastern Political Science Association Meetings, November, 1988, Providence, Rhode Island.

Republicanism and Liberalism in Jefferson’s Political Philosophy,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, November, 1988, Atlanta.

“The Liberalism versus Republicanism Debate in Jefferson’s Political Theory,” American Political Science Association Convention, September, 1988, Washington, D.C.

“Leadership and Democracy in Jefferson’s Political Theory,” for PI SIGMA ALPHA Political Science Honor Society, Lynchburg College, April 14, 1988.

“Jeffersonian Democratic Theory,” Southwestern Political Science Association Convention, Spring, 1988, Houston.

“Jeffersonian Constitutionalism,” Southern Political Science Association Convention, November, 1987, Charlotte.

Discussant, “The Communitarian Presuppositions of the Constitution’s Liberalism” panel, American Political Science Association Convention, September, 1987, Chicago.

Discussant, “Ratifying the constitution” panel, Southern Political Science Association Convention, November, 1986, Atlanta.

“Religious Freedom in Jefferson’s Virtuous Republic,” American Political Science Association Conference, September, 1986, Washington, D.C.

“Freedom of Religion in Jefferson’s Virtuous Republic,” Southern Political Science Association Convention, November, 1985, Nashville.

“Thomas Jefferson’s Classicism in Psyche and Polis,” Conference of Virginia Political Scientists, December, 1984, Radford.

“The National Natural Aristocracy: Mr. Jefferson’s Theory of Presidential Elections and Classical Democracy,” Conference of Virginia Political Scientists, December 1983, Charlottesville.

“Religious Freedom and Civic Virtue in Thomas Jefferson’s Political Philosophy,” Annual Political Studies Conference, University of North Carolina - Asheville, September, 1983.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Outstanding Research and Publications Award, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, 1999.

Outstanding Faculty in Virginia Award, 1992, State Council of Higher Education.

Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 1992, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia.

Mini-Leave, Summer I, 1992, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia (to study and prepare course on philosophy of American law).

Summer Research Grant, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia (for work on The Political Theory of John Taylor), June-July 1989.

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Grant to conduct five-part series celebrating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, “The Supreme Court, The bill of Rights, and the Law,” Site Coordinator, 1987.

Summer Research Grant, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia (to complete textbook, The History of Political Theory), June-July, 1987.

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities program celebrating the Bicentennial of Jefferson’s Statute For Religious Freedom, Speakers Bureau (delivered paper to The Jefferson Scholars, University of Virginia, November, 1985).

Rutgers University Fellow, 1981-1982.

Assistant to the National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for College Teachers on Religion and Politics, Rutgers University, Summer, 1982.

Phi Sigma Tau, National Philosophy Honor society, Elected 1975.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

General Editor, book series “Major Concepts in Politics and Political Theory” (Peter Lang Publishing, New York, Berne, Frankfurt, Berlin, Paris) 1991-present.

Liberty Fund Symposium on Politics and Religion in Early Nineteenth Century America, Richmond, VA, March, 1999.

Virginia Festival of the Book talk on What Would Jefferson Say? Charlottesville, VA April 1999 (on C-SPAN).

Virginia Foundation Humanities Library Series on “Public Choices” April 1, 1998.

Board of Advisors, Providence Foundation Policy Advisory Council

Board of Advisors, Virginia Institute for Public Policy

“With Good Reason” radio program interview with Professor Peter Onuf, University of Virginia, “Rival Visions: The Political Legacies of Adams and Jefferson” aired July 4, 1996.

“The Write Stuff” video interview on my writing for proposed television series, Charlottesville, Virginia, March, 1996.

External Review Committee, University of Pittsburg at Greensburg, April, 1996.

Judge, Outstanding Faculty in Virginia Award, State Council of Higher Education, 1996-97.

Outside reviewer, tenure case at American University School of Public Affairs.

External Reader, doctoral dissertations at University of Virginia (Mark Hall, Ron Price) and Virginia Tech University (Susan Gates).

Faculty Directory, UVA, The Jefferson Symposium at Oxford, England, August 22-26, 1993, Trinity College, Oxford.

Fellow, Evangelicals for Social Action.

Member, Christians in Political Science.

Mutual Broadcasting Radio, Washington, D.C. interview on The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson, May, 1993.

Outside Reader, doctoral dissertation, University of Virginia, “The Political Thought of James Wilson” by Mark Hall, Ph. D., 1993.

Radio interview on book The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson, WBAL, Baltimore, July 3, 1992.

National Public Radio (Wisconsin) interview on book, The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson, Sept., 1991.

Virginia Assembly on State Court Reform, December 1989, Charlottesville.

Speakers Bureau, U.S. Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Co-author LSAT Study Guide, Research and Education Association.

Consultant to PROJECT 87: THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL BICENTENNIAL.

Listed in “Scholars,” National Federation of State Humanities Councils’ RESOURCE AND PROGRAM GUIDE FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Reviewer, St. Martin's Press, Longman Publishers, Inc., CHOICE, D.C. Heath Publishers, Wm. Brown Publ., Southeastern Political Review; William and Mary Quarterly.  
Speakers Bureau, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Program celebrating the Bicentennial of Jefferson's Statute for Religious Freedom.

Site Coordinator, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Series celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, "The Supreme Court, The Bill of Rights, and The Law."

Editorial Assistant, POLITICAL THEORY: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (Columbia University, 1982).

Research Assistant, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, Summer, 1978.

### **COLLEGE SERVICE**

Founder and Chairman, Faculty Colloquium (1983-1991).

Faculty Resident, Honors House Dormitory (1986-1989).

Editor, Institutional Self-Study, 1985.

Moderator, Faculty Retreat Panel on Faculty Expectations, Effectiveness and Morale, Fall, 1985.

Chair, Task Force on Faculty Governance, 1985-86.

Pre-Law Advisor.

"Mr. Jefferson's College," First Annual Jefferson Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Poor Farm Society, April, 1983.

"Logic and Revolution: Reflections on the Degeneration of Regimes in Plato," Republic, Book VIII," for the Judd Lewis Philosophy Society, April, 1987.

Chair, Symposium on Civil Right with Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow John Herbers, Spring, 1990.

Wrote SCHEV Funds for Excellence grant proposal for Faculty Development Committee, January, 1990.

Task Force on Faculty Evaluation and Reward, College in the Twenty-first Century Report, Spring, 1991.

Mentor to black faculty member (RAE), 1991-92.

Moderator, Panel on Campaign Finance with Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Sara Fritz, Los Angeles Times, Washington Bureau, Feb. 18, 1992.

College Coordinator, Governor's Fellows Program, 1992.

Chair, Dean Search Committee, Spring, 1993.

"Mr. Jefferson's College," CVC Founder's Day Address, Chapel of All Faiths, April 13, 1993.

### **COMMITTEE SERVICE (Representative)**

Advisory Committee: Institute on the Study of Human Values.

**Chair**, Faculty Development Committee, Lecture Committee, Library Committee, Honors Program Committee.

**Member**, Faculty Committee on Evaluation, Chancellor Inauguration Committee, Faculty Development Committee, Faculty Relations Committee, Teacher Education Admissions Committee, General Education and Honors Committee, Vice Chancellor and Dean Search Committee, Library Addition Committee, Faculty Club Committee, New Faculty Orientation Committee.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE (Representative)**

“Modern Education and Spirituality: What Would Jefferson Say?” Talk to University of Virginia Student Group (Cavalier Life) April 9, 1997.

Executive Committee, S.W. Virginia Council of Social Studies, 1991-93.

Speech on U.S. Constitution for Daughters of the American Revolution (Norton), Sept. 5, 1990.

Talk on “Thomas Jefferson’s Religion” to Wise, Virginia Unitarian Fellowship, May 26, 1991.

Talk on In His Steps to CVC Baptist Student Union, Oct. 23, 1991.

Speech on U.S. Constitution, Big Stone Gap Kiwanas Club, February 21, 1990.

Speech on U.S. Constitution for Smyth County Constitutional Bicentennial Commission, October 26, 1989, Smyth County Courthouse.

Speech on U. S. Constitution to Daughters of the American Revolution, Gate City, VA, September 6, 1989.

President, Abingdon Convocation, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia (1988).

Senior Warden, All Saints Episcopal Church, 1985-1987.

Board of Governors, Appalachian People’s Service Organization, 1985-1988.

Executive Board, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, 1987-1990.

Committee on Ministry in Higher Education.

Presentation at ceremony of Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, U.S. Federal District Court, Big Stone Gap, VA, October, 1986.

Co-chairman, Wise County Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Lecture on United States Constitution for Wise/Norton Retired Teachers Association, September 2, 1987.

## **PERSONAL**

Born August 7, 1954, in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

Married to the former Elaine Schneider-Schroll.

Children: Gwendolyn Mary, born 1989; Peter John, born 1995.

## **INTERESTS**

Sailing, Swimming, Tennis, Literature, and Agriculture.

## **REFERENCES**

Professor Wilson Carey McWilliams, Rutgers University.

Professor Benjamin R. Barber, Rutgers University.

Professor M. J. Aronoff, Rutgers University.

Professor and Chair Peter Mangan, The University of Virginia's College At Wise.

Professor Peter S. Yun, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Chancellor Jay Lemons, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

Dean Alexander Sedgwick, University of Virginia.

Mr. Robert M. O'Neil, Director, Jefferson Center for the Study of Freedom of Expression, University of Virginia.

President John Casteen III, University of Virginia.