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EDUCATION

J.D., Yale Law School, 2006

Ph.D., M.A., Ethics, Yale University, 2006/1999

M.Th., University of Aberdeen (Scotland), 1997

B.A., Cedarville College, 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Mich. 2008-present
Assistant professor. Teach in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional law, national security law, and ethics.

U.S. Attorney's Office – Western District of Michigan, Grand Rapids, Mich. 2011-present
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. Handle criminal matters.

Judge Thomas Griffith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit 2007-2008
Washington, D.C.
Law clerk. Researched a variety of statutory and constitutional issues, including several national security matters. Assisted in the drafting of opinions.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Appellate Staff 2006-2007
Staff attorney. Wrote appellate briefs and other motions for various U.S. courts of appeals and the Supreme Court, presented oral argument, and coordinated litigation with federal agencies on a variety of constitutional and statutory issues.

Indonesian Human and Environmental Health Project 2005-2011
Founding board member and legal counsel for a 501(c)(3) organization that is building a hospital in West Kalimantan, Indonesia to provide critical medical care and to protect the regional rainforest by creating local economic incentives for preservation.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

State Attorneys General and Consumer Financial Protection After Dodd-Frank

FIRST STRIKE: AMERICA, TERRORISM, AND MORAL TRADITION (Yale University Press 2010).

Using Force First: Moral Tradition and the Case for Revision, 43 STAN. J. INT'L L. 95 (2007).

The Politics of Faith: Rethinking the Prohibition on Political Intervention, 18 STAN. L. & POLICY REVIEW 298 (2007).

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“State Attorneys General and Consumer Financial Protection After Dodd-Frank,” Faculty Workshop Exchange, Univ. of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL (forthcoming – Feb. 9, 2012)

“Preemptive/Preventive Force: The Intersection of Moral and Legal Traditions,” “Is There a War on Terror?” Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, Feb. 19, 2010.

Panelist on issue of tax-exempt houses of worship and electoral politics, “Voices and Votes: Religious Convictions in the Public Square,” Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, Fall 2006.

“Yale Symposium on Religion and the Judiciary,” Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, Fall 2005 (Organized event with several state and federal judges exploring the intersection of faith and the judicial task, moderated by Professor Stephen Carter).

COURSES TAUGHT

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure I

Constitutional Law I

State Constitutional Law

National Security Law

Lawyers & Ethics

AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Scholar, George Washington University Law School, 2006-2007

Fellow, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, 2006-present

Heyman Fellowship for Federal Public Service (Dept. of Justice, Civil Appellate), 2006-2007

Pew Charitable Trusts Fellowship (for scholarship in religion and ethics), 1999-2003

Archibald High Scholarship Prize (Yale University, for highest GPA), 1999

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland), 1996-1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan (2006)

United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2008)