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EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

August 2012–Present

PhD; Concentration: Political Theory; Minor: American Politics; GPA: 3.82/4.00

Dissertation: “State, Community, and Individual: Robert Nisbet and Freedom of Association in American Constitutionalism.” This dissertation applies the American sociologist Robert Nisbet’s thesis on the triangular relationship between the individual, the state, and the social group to the concept of freedom of association in Supreme Court jurisprudence. Committee: Claes Ryn, David Walsh, Dennis Coyle

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

May 2012

Master of Arts in Politics, Concentration: Political Theory, GPA: 3.83/4.00

University Honors College, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

September 2006

Honors Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Minor in Business Administration; *Cum Laude*. GPA: 3.65/4.00

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), Philadelphia, PA

July 2006–August 2010

Director, Campus Freedom Network; Founded and developed Campus Freedom Network programs; Lectured on free speech at numerous universities; Recognized by *Templeton Freedom Awards* for Student Outreach in 2009

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I. Areas of Scholarly Specialization

Free speech and academic freedom

Freedom of association and religious liberty

II. Teaching Interests and Competence

Constitutional Law, Law and Politics, American Political Thought, Classical Political Theory, Modern Political Theory, Religion and Politics, Literature and Politics

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

I. Peer-Reviewed Publications

“The Shared Humanism of C.S. Lewis and Irving Babbitt: Will and Imagination in *That Hideous Strength*,” *Humanitas*, Revise and Resubmit.

“Guardians of the Word: Kirk, Buckley, and the Conservative Struggle with Academic Freedom,” *Humanitas*: Volume XXV, Nos. 1 and 2 (2012), Page 44–65.

II. Working Papers

“Equality, Liberty, and Assembly: Freedom of Association in Light of *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*”

“The One, the Many, and the In-Between: Robert Nisbet and Freedom of Association”

“From God but Not of God: Augustine and Schelling on Evil”

III. Book Reviews

The Power of Glamour by Virginia Postrel, Under Review.

Rethinking the Teaching of American History ed. by Michael P. Federici, *Anamnesis*: Number 4 (2015), Page 138–144.

Unlearning Liberty: Campus Censorship and the End of American Debate by Greg Lukianoff, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*: Volume 47, Issue 1 (2013), Page 167–173.

TEACHING

I. Academic Appointments

Fall 2015 – POL 220: Introduction to Law and Politics, Catholic University of America

– POL 323: Constitutional Law, Catholic University of America

Spring 2015 – POL 220: Introduction to Law and Politics, Catholic University of America

– POL 324: Constitutional Law, Catholic University of America

Fall 2014 – POL 211: Introduction to Political Theory, Catholic University of America

II. Assistant Teaching

Spring 2014 – POL 313: Urban Politics, Dr. John Kromkowski

Fall 2013 – POL 301: Public Administration, Dr. John Kromkowski

Spring 2013 – POL 360: Modern Political Thought, Dr. David Walsh

Lectured on Machiavelli, Hobbes, Rousseau; graded term papers, exams

Fall 2012 – POL 111: Introduction to American Government, Dr. John White

Spring 2012 – POL 112: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Dr. Dorle Hellmuth

Fall 2011 – POL 111: Introduction to American Government, Dr. John Kromkowski

Guest lectured on judiciary, federalism, and separation of powers

III. Other Teaching

Institute of Reading Development (IRD) – only 250 teachers selected from nearly 8,000 applicants

Summer, 2015 – Washington, DC and Southern Maryland

Taught reading skills to pre-K through adults including speed reading and study skills

Fall, 2014 – Taught intensive courses on speed reading and study skills to University of Delaware students

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Summer 2013 – Penn State University, University of East Stroudsburg, Muhlenberg University

Taught reading skills to pre-K through adults including speed reading and study skills

Fall 2012 – Taught intensive courses on speed reading and study skills to University of Delaware students

Summer 2012 – Washington, DC and Southern Maryland

Taught reading skills to pre-K through adults including speed reading and study skills

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

I. Fellowships and Scholarships

Humane Studies Fellowship

Research Fellowship, 2015–2016, 2014–2015, 2013–2014, 2012–2013, 2011–2012

Richard M. Weaver Fellowship

Research fellowship, 2014–2015

Department of Politics, The Catholic University of America

Full Scholarship and Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 2011 (through 2014)

Full Scholarship and Advance Stipend, 2010–2011

Phillips Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship

Awarded by the Phillips Foundation, 2005–2006

Diversity Achievement Scholarship, Oregon State University

Full tuition scholarship, 2002–2006

Awarded to only 2% of incoming freshmen

II. Grants

Graduate Student Association, Catholic University of America, Travel Grant

American Political Science Association Presentation, September 3–6, 2015

Northeastern Political Science Association Presentation, November 13–15, 2014

American Political Science Association Presentation, August 28–31, 2014

American Political Science Association Presentation, August 29–September 1, 2013

Southern Political Science Association Presentations, January 12–14, 2012

American Political Science Association Presentation, August 29–September 1–4, 2011

Department of Politics, Catholic University of America, Travel Grant

Northeastern Political Science Association Presentation, November 18–19, 2011

American Political Science Association Presentation, August 29–September 1–4, 2011

III. Other Honors and Awards

Templeton Freedom Awards for Student Outreach in 2009

Only second American organization to receive award

Graduated from University Honors College, Oregon State University

77 Honors College graduates in class of 3,800

Leaders of Positive Innovation, 2002–2003

Nominated to take part in colloquiums with university leaders held throughout freshman year

Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society, National Dean's List, Oregon State University Honor Roll

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

I. Paper Presentations

- "The Individual, the State, and the In-Between: Robert Nisbet's Historical Argument for the Demise of Community and Association in the Age of the Modern State," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 4, 2015
- "*Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, Individualism, and Community," Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 15, 2014
- "Equality, Liberty, and Assembly: Freedom of Association in Light of *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28, 2014
- "One, the Many, and the In-Between: Robert Nisbet, Freedom of Association, and *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*," New York State Political Science Association, New York, NY, April 26, 2014
- "That Hideous Dream: Progressive Idealism, the Lust for Power, and the Nightmare of Scientism in CS Lewis's *That Hideous Strength*," American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30, 2013
- "Guardians of the Word: Kirk, Buckley, and the Conservative Struggle with Academic Freedom," American Political Science Association, New Orleans, scheduled for September 1, 2012 (uploaded to SSRN)

II. Panels

- Chair for "Historicism and the Norms of Politics," New York State Political Science Association, New York, NY, April 26, 2014
- Discussant for Dr. Ryan Holston, "The Seeds of Democratic Idealism: Examining Sources of Abstraction in the Thinking of Jean-Jacques Rousseau," American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 29, 2013
- Participant for Roundtable on Political Science and Social Science, Northeastern Political Science Association, November 19, 2011
- Discussant for Dr. Jeff Polet, "Notting Hill or Nowhere: On Subsidiarity in a 'Global Age,'" American Political Science Association, September 1, 2011

III. Colloquiums and Workshops

- Intercollegiate Studies Institute/Liberty Fund, Advanced Topics in Liberty, "Shakespeare and Plutarch: Liberty and Tyranny," April 23-26, 2015
- Institute for Humane Studies/Liberty Fund, Advanced Topics in Liberty, "Classical Liberalism in Contemporary Political Philosophy," Arlington, VA, October 17-19, 2014
- Humane Studies Fellows Research Colloquium, Arlington, VA, November 4-6, 2011
- "Scholarship and a Free Society," Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar, Bryn Mawr College; Bryn Mawr, PA; June 16-18, 2011
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute/Liberty Fund, "The Scottish Enlightenment"; Mecosta, MI; April 14-16, 2011
- Institute for Humane Studies/Liberty Fund Advanced Topics in Liberty, "Liberty, the Welfare State, and the New Deal"; Arlington, VA; September 3-5, 2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND SKILLS

Research and Professional Leadership

Research Associate, National Humanities Institute (NHI)
Book Reviewer, *The Review of Politics*, 2013-Present

Languages

Latin – Advanced competence
German – Basic competence

The Liberty (independent student paper), April 2003–April 2006

Publisher and Executive Editor; managed editorial and production staff, wrote and edited articles; raised all funds for publication; expanded distribution; spoke by invitation to community groups about contemporary political issues

Undergraduate Senate, Fall 2004–Spring 2005

Chaired committee to revise constitution and bylaws

REFERENCES

Dennis Coyle, Associate Professor, Department of Politics, The Catholic University of America
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Claes Ryn, Professor, Department of Politics, The Catholic University of America
Ryn@cua.edu, (202) 319-6225
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