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### **Education**

Ph. D. awarded in 2003: Fordham University, Bronx, NY  
Dissertation: "'The Healing Light': An Introduction to the Political Philosophizing of Pierre Manent"  
Major area: Political Philosophy  
Minor areas: American politics & Constitutional law  
Areas of interest: France; Europe; and Politics & Literature

### **Teaching**

2005– St. Mary's Seminary & University Associate professor

### **Publications**

#### *Articles/Book Chapters/Review Essays*

Editor's Introduction & an article, "A Socratic in the Late Modern Democratic City," in a symposium devoted to Pierre Manent's *Natural Law and Human Rights* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, published online August 28, 2020.

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“Benedict XVI on Secular Culture, Technological Rationality, and Contemporary Liberty,” in *Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome: Essays in Honor of James V. Schall, S. J.* (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine Press, July 2013), ed. by Marc Guerra.

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“‘European Dreamin’: Democratic Astigmatism and Its Sources,” in *Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization* (Lexington, KY: The University Press of Kentucky, 2011), edited by Lee Trepanier & Khalil M. Habib, pp. 305-337.

Editor’s Introduction to a special book review issue of *Perspectives on Political Science* & a Review Essay of Gilbert Meilaender, *Neither Beast nor God, Perspectives on Political Science* October/December, 2010, Vol. 39, No. 4, pp. 228-232.

Review essay of Francis Cardinal George, O. M. I., *The Difference God Makes: A Catholic Vision of Faith, Communion, and Culture* (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2009), *Perspectives on Political Science* July-September 2010, Vol. 39, No. 3, pp. 179-182.

Editor’s Introduction to a guest-edited symposium on the thought of Chantal Delsol & an article, “A Socratic on the Elysée: Chantal Delsol on ‘The Clandestine Ideology of the Time’,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Summer 2009, Vol. 38, No. 3, pp. 123-124; 133-141.

“Progress or Tyranny? The Goodridge Dissents,” *Democracy Reconsidered* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2009), edited by Elizabeth Kaufer Busch & Peter Augustine Lawler, pp. 215-232.

“‘Wrestling with Gods and Men’: Wilson Carey McWilliams and the Puritans,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Fall 2006, Vol. 35, No. 4, pp. 195-199.

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"Democracy's Dark Sides?: Robert Kraynak's Catholic Reflections on the Soul in the Liberal Democratic Dispensation," in *Democracy and Its Friendly Critics: Tocqueville and Political Life Today* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004), pp. 155-176

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"Havel's *Federalist Papers*: Summer Meditations and the Concept of Genuine Politics," *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. XXXI, 2002, pp. 183-235

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### **Book Reviews**

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Alan R. Gibson, *Interpreting the Founding: Guide to the Enduring Debates over the Origins and Foundations of the American Republic* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2006), 174pp., *Perspectives on Political Science*, Fall 2006, Vol. 35, No. 4, pp. 238-239.

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“God in the Declaration,” July 4, 2019

“Christian Humanism: A Path Not Taken” (review of Alan Jacobs, *In the Year of Our Lord 1943*), November 30, 2018

“Metaphysics as Politics? D. C. Schindler on Locke and Liberalism” (review of David C. Schindler, *Freedom from Reality: The Diabolical Character of Modern Liberty*), June 5, 2018

“Peter Lawler, A Year Gone By” (May 23, 2018)

“We’re on a Road to Nowhere” (review of Matthew W. Slaboch, *A Road to Nowhere: The Idea of Progress and Its Critics*), March 7, 2018

“Understanding Love and Marriage with Rousseau” (review of Mark Kremer, *Romanticism and Civilization: Love, Marriage, and Family in Rousseau’s Julie*), January 18, 2018

“The Resistance and Socrates” (August 30, 2017)

“The Business End of Transnational Progressivism” (August 22, 2017)

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“Pierre Manent: *Lux Gallica ex Tenebris*” (June 26, 2017)

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“Moses, Calvin, and the Puritans Would’ve Listened to NPR If They Were Around Today” (review of Marilynne Robinson, *When I Was a Child I Read Books*) (August 21, 2014)

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### ***Translations of Books***

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*The Kingdom of Man: On the Genesis and Failure of the Modern Project* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2018), by Rémi Brague, translated with an Introduction by Paul Seaton

*On Religion* (Liberty Fund Press, 2018), by Benjamin Constant, translated by Paul Seaton, with an Introduction by Pierre Manent

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