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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*

"A Personal Point of View: The Dissidents, Peter Augustine Lawler, and Us,"  
Perspectives on Political Science, July 2022, vol. 51, no 3, pp. 141-148.

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symposium devoted to Pierre Manent's *Natural Law and Human Rights* in Perspectives  
on Political Science, published online August 28, 2020.

Review essay on Ralph Lerner, *Naïve Readings: Reveilles Political and Philosophic*  
(Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2016), in *Interpretation: A Journal of  
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*A Constitution in Full: Recovering the Unwritten Foundation of American Liberty*  
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Richard Reinsch II, in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Dec., 2019, pp. 53-55; 56-73.

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Quarterly*, Vol. 93, Issue 4, Fall 2019, pp. 767-772.

"Humanitarian Illusions," review essay on Daniel J. Mahoney, *The Idol of Our Age: How  
the Religion of Humanity Subverts Christianity*, *Modern Age*, Spring, 2019, pp. 73-76

Review Essay on Thomas Hibbs, *Wagering on an Ironic God: Pascal on Faith and Philosophy*, *The Review of Politics*, Special Issue Honoring Catherine H. Zuckert, Spring 2018, Vol. 80, No. 2, pp. 365-369.

“Charlemagne’s European Project – and Rémi Brague’s,” *Modern Age*, Winter 2018, Vol. 60, No. 1, pp. 45 –54.

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Review Essay of J. Budziszewski, *The Line Through the Heart: Natural Law as Fact, Theory, and Sign of Contradiction, Perspectives on Political Science*, April-June 2012, Vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 106 –115.

“Between the Human Condition and Contemporary Societies: The Exemplary Mode of Being-in-the-World of Chantal Delsol,” in *Lucid Mind, Intrepid Spirit: Essays on the Thought of Chantal Delsol* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012), ed. by Lauren K. Hall & Paul Seaton, pp. 21-49.

“‘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.

“Democracy’s Darkside?: 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

Review essay on Roger Scruton, *The West and the Rest: Globalization and the Terrorist Threat*, *Society*, Sept/Oct 2003, Vol. 40, No. 6, pp. 87-91

“Liberation from the Weberian Iron Cage: Pierre Manent on Max Weber,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Summer 2002, Vol. 31, No. 3, pp. 165-172

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

Review essay on Steven Smith, *Spinoza, Liberalism, and the Question of Jewish Identity, Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Spring 1999, pp. 393-404

### **Book Reviews**

Pierre Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020), Review of *Metaphysics*, Vol 74, No. 2, December 2020, pp. 395-397.

### **Blog Essays** (at [www.libertylawsite.org](http://www.libertylawsite.org))

“Government under Judgment,” July 4, 2022

“A Better Sort of Political Philosophy?” (contribution to a symposium on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Francis Fukuyama’s “The End of History?”), May 18, 2022.

“Classical Historicism?” (contribution to a symposium on Adrian Vermeule, *Common Good Constitutionalism*), April 28, 2022.

“Medieval Remedies for Modern Maladies” (review of Rémi Brague, *Curing Mad Truths: Medieval Wisdom for Modern Man*), March 24, 2022.

“America’s Secular Church (review of Leigh Eric Schmidt, *The Church of St. Thomas Paine*), March 2, 2022,

“Intellectual Sins” (review of Gregory Mellema, *Sin*), Oct. 24, 2021.

“Yves Simon: Thomist for the Modern World” (review of *An Yves Simon Reader*), September 24, 2021.

- “The Declaration’s Principled “We”,” July 4, 2021
- “Between Philosophy and Prophecy” (review of Heinrich Meier, *What is Nietzsche’s Zarathustra? A Philosophical Confrontation*), June 24, 2021
- “Tantae Molis Erat: Machiavelli on “the Greatest Examples,”  
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- “Augustine’s Spirited Defense of the City of God” (review of Veronica Roberts Ogle, *Politics and the Earthy City in Augustine’s City of God*), June 15, 2021.
- “Étienne Gilson’s City of God” (review of Étienne Gilson, *The Metamorphoses of the City of God*), April 14, 2021.
- “The Prophetic and the *Logos*” (review of Zena Hitz, *Lost in Thought*), July 3, 2020.
- “America, Young and Beautiful” (review of Robert Reilly, *America on Trial*), Catholic World Report, June 3, 2020.
- “Martha Nussbaum’s Flawed Humanism” (review of *The Cosmopolitan Tradition: A Noble but Flawed Ideal*), June 12, 2020.
- “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
- “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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“Religion of Humanity” (August 9, 2017)

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“Resistance, in the light of 1776” (July 4, 2017)

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

“Pierre Manent’s Defense of the Nation-State” (June 1, 2017)

“A Restless Mind, In Search of Truth: Peter Augustine Lawler (1951-2017)” (First Things.org, May 30, 2017)

“France Must Practice a Politics of the Possible” (review of Pierre Manent, *Beyond Radical Secularism*) (October 13, 2016)

“Dark Times, the Declaration, and the Despot Executive” (July 4, 2016)

“What Does Europe Hold in Common?” (review of Pierre Manent, *Metamorphoses of the City*) (March 7, 2016)

“The Declaration’s Principles of Politics” (July 4, 2015)

“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)

“The Declaration and Thoughtful Citizenship” (June 4, 2014)

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

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*Montaigne: Life without Law* (South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020), by Pierre Manent, translated with a Translator’s Introduction by Paul Seaton.

*Moderately Modern* (St. Augustine Press, 2019), by Rémi Brague, translated with an Introduction by Paul Seaton

*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

*On the Legitimacy of the Human* (St. Augustine Press, 2017), by Rémi Brague, translated with an Introduction by Paul Seaton

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*Unjust Justice: The Tyranny of International Law* (ISI Books, June 2008), by Chantal Delsol, translated with an Introduction by Paul Seaton.

*Democracy without Nations? The Fate of Self-Government in Europe* (ISI Books, Oct. 2007), by Pierre Manent, trans with an Introduction by Paul Seaton.

*Modern Liberty and Its Discontents*, by Pierre Manent, translated and edited by Daniel J. Mahoney and Paul Seaton (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1998)