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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Professor of Political Science, Brigham Young University, 1997-; Associate 1991-97; Assistant 1987-91.

Visiting Scholar, Liberty Fund, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001-2002

Visiting Professor, University of Rennes, France, Law Faculty, Spring 1991 & 1999.

Assistant Professor, University of Idaho, 1986-1987.

Assistant Professor, Hillsdale College, 1983-1986; Instructor, 1982-1983

## **SUBJECTS TAUGHT**

Introduction to Politics; Political Thought and Philosophy (Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary, American, Tocqueville); American Government, Politics, and Contemporary Problems; American Heritage; French Political and Intellectual History, Liberal Education and Democracy; Family and Political Philosophy, Reason and Revelation.

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Political Science, Harvard University, 1983.

MA, Political Science, Harvard University, 1980.

BA, *Summa Cum Laude*, Brigham Young University, 1977.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

J. Reuben Clark Fellow, Brigham Young University, 2000-2001, 2002-2003

Earhart Foundation Research Grants, Summer 1998 & Summer 1999.

Alcuin Fellowship for General Education Teaching, BYU 1994-97.

NEH Fellowship for College Teachers for research on "Roots of the American Political Order in Calvinism and the Enlightenment," 1988-1989.

NEH Summer Stipend for research on Tocqueville's View of Christianity and Democracy, 1985.

Toppan Prize (Harvard) for "the best essay or dissertation upon a subject of Political Science," 1984, for *Reformation and Modernity*.

Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, 1981-1982.

H.B. Earhart Fellowship, 1980-1981.

## **PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS (Authored and Edited)**

*The Responsibility of Reason: Theory and Practice in a Liberal-Democratic Age*. (February 2011, Rowman & Littlefield) On the basis of the triangulation Tocqueville-Heidegger-Strauss, this book argues that the question of the humanity of modern liberal democracy is inseparable from the problem of the relation theory to practice. It examines the question how our most careful and radical thinking should stand with respect to our deepest and most comprehensive ethical and political judgments.

*Calvin and the Foundations of Modern Politics* (Saint Augustine's Press, 2011; original edition Cornell University Press, 1989). On the basis of a new interpretation of Calvin's *Institutes*, this

work reopens the question of the relation of the Protestant Reformation to the foundations of the modern world. At the same time, it argues the inadequacy of the familiar dichotomy between "religious" and "secular" thought for comprehending modernity.

*America, the West, and Liberal Education* (edited, Rowman & Littlefield, 1999.) Essays by the editor and by Allan Bloom, Michael Gillespie, James Nuechterlein, Michael Platt, and Stanley Rosen.

*Just and Holy Principles* (edited, Simon & Schuster 1998; a presentation of L.D.S. texts relating to America and the Constitution)

*The Legacy of the French Revolution* (Edited, with Gary Lambert); Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996.) Essays by the editor and by Philippe Beneton, James Ceaser, Pierre Manent, Harvey Mansfield, Terence Marshall, Jeremy Rabkin, Philippe Raynaud, Noel Reynolds and Bradley Thompson.

*American Heritage: Selected Readings* (edited, Kendall/Hunt, 1989.)

## **PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

"The Responsibility of Reason" (Italian translation of sections of my book), *Rivista di Politica* (Forthcoming)

"The Mutual Sacrifice of Science and Virtue," forthcoming in Peter A. Lawler and Marc Guerra, eds., *The Science of Virtue* (Northern Illinois University Press)

"A Familiar Eternity: the Meaning of Family for the Latter-day Saints," forthcoming

"Emmanuel Levinas and Leo Strauss: The Justice of Philosophy," forthcoming in *Levinas autrement*, Peeters.

"Preface," to St. Augustine's Press edition of Ralph C. Hancock, *Calvin and the Foundation of Modern Politics* (2011)

"David Walsh's Theory and Practice," *Perspectives on Political Science* 40:1 (January-March 2011), pp.

"The Existential and the Practical," *Perspectives on Political Science* 39:5 (July-September 2010), pp. 147-152.

"Law and Counsel: On Remi Brague's *The Law of God*," *Modern Age* 51:1 (Winter 2009), 36-41.

"Back to Where We Started or, The New Hobbism Comes Out," *Perspectives on Political Science* 38:1 (Winter 2009), 13-15.

"Luther and Calvin," in *An Invitation to Political Thought*, ed. Kenneth L. Deutsch and Joseph R. Fornieri, Thomson Wadsworth: Belmont, CA 2008, pp. 144-181.

“Brownson's Political Providence, with Some Preliminary Comparisons with Tocqueville's Providential Statesmanship,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 37:1 (Winter 2008), pp. 17-22.

“What Was Political Philosophy? Or: The Straussian Philosopher and His Other,” *Political Science Reviewer* 36 (2007), 13-46.

“Tocqueville: Democratic Politics and the Modern Soul (Guest Editor's Introduction),” *Perspectives on Political Science* 30.4 (Fall 2001), 201-202.

“The Modern Revolution and the Collapse of Moral Analogy: Tocqueville and Guizot,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 30.4 (Fall 2001), pp. 213-217. (Republished in Peter Lawler, ed., *Democracy and its Friendly Critics*, Lexington Books, 2004)

“Necessity, Morality, Christianity,” in Mark Blitz and William Kristol, eds., *Educating the Prince: Essays in Honor of Harvey Mansfield* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000), 45-61.

“Introduction: America, the West, and Liberal Education,” in Ralph Hancock, ed., *America, The West, and Liberal Education* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999), 1-6.

“Of Liberty and Liberal Education,” in Ralph Hancock, ed., *America, The West, and Liberal Education* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999), 153-172.

“Tocqueville's Practical Reason,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 27:4 (Fall 1998) pp. 212-219

“The Philosophical Problem of Religious Liberty,” in *Religious Liberty and the Global Church: the Challenge of Sharing*, Seventh Annual Conference of The International Society, David M. Kennedy Center, Brigham Young University, 1997.

“Introduction,” (with Gary Lambert), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 1-15.

“Two Revolutions and the Problem of Modern Prudence,” *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 257-288.

“Calvin et la raison révélée,” *Pensée Politique* 2 (1994), 216-229.

“Calvin et le mystère de l'état moderne,” *Confluences* (Paris: Centre de recherches sur les origines de la modernité), 1994.

“Liberal Education and Moral Liberty: Tocqueville as Critic of Bloom,” in Lawler & Alulis, eds., *Tocqueville's Defense of Human Liberty: Current Essays*, (New York: Garland, 1993.)

“The Uses and Hazards of Christianity in Tocqueville's Attempt to Save Democratic Souls,” in Ken Masugi, ed., *Interpreting Tocqueville's Democracy in America*, Rowman & Littlefield, 1991.

“Reason and Revelation,” *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, Macmillan, 1991.

"The Constitution of The United States of America," *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, Macmillan, 1991.

"Tocqueville on the Good of American Federalism," *Publius* 20 no. 2 (Spring 1990): 89-108. Abbreviated as "Tocqueville on the Theory and Practice of Federalism," *Tocqueville Review* 10 (1989/1990): 201-227. Republished in Lawler, ed., *Tocqueville's Political Science: Classic Essays* (New York: Garland, 1993.)

"Robespierre and the Rights of Man," *Policy Review* 49 (Summer 1989): 38-44.

"Religion and the Limits of Limited Government," *Review of Politics* 50 no. 4 (Fiftieth Anniversary Issue, Fall 1988): 682-703.

## **PUBLICATIONS – REVIEWS**

Michael Gillespie, *The Theological Origins of Modernity, Perspectives on Political Science* 38:3 (Summer 2009) 173-184 (Feature Review).

“A Sinking Ship? Review of C. John Somerville, *The Decline of the Secular University*” *F.A.R.M.S. Review of Books* 19:1 (2007), pp. 355-350.

“Philosophy's Phantom Adversary: Review of Thomas Pangle, *Political Philosophy and the God of Abraham*,” *First Things*, April 2004

ΔThe Authority of >Academic Freedom=: On Two Cases of Miseducation at BYU,@ *Farms Review of Books* 14.1-2 (2002), pp. 321-327.

Review of Nathan Hatch, *The Democratization of American Christianity* and James Hunter, *Culture Wars*, *BYU Studies* 35 no. 1: 205-213.

Review of Andersen, H. Verlan, *The Book of Mormon and the Constitution*, and Hainsworth, Brad E., *If Men Were Angels: The Book of Mormon, Christ, and the Constitution*, *FARMS Review of Books* Vol 9 N. 2 (1997), pp 1-10.

"Monistic and Dualistic Paths to Radical Secularism: Comments on Tushnet," *BYU Law Review* (1993:1), pp. 141-146.

"Episodes in Christian Political Thought," review of Peter Kaufman, *Redeeming Politics*, *Review of Politics* 55 no.1 (Winter 1993): 172-5.

Review of Harry Neuman, *Liberalism, Perspectives on Political Science* vol. 23 no. 1, pp. 152-3.

Review of Benjamin Barber's *Strong Democracy*, *The Claremont Review of Books* IV no.2.

## **PUBLICATIONS – ONLINE JOURNAL**

“What is at Stake: A Reply to Ben Herzberg,” *SquareTwo*, Vol 2. No. 1 (Spring 2009).

<http://squaretwo.org/Sq2ArticleSherlockMarriage.html>

"When Following the Prophet is Too Easy: Against the Identification of Reason with Progressive Liberationism," *SquareTwo*, Vol. 1 No. 1 (Fall 2008),  
<http://squaretwo.org/Sq2ArticleHancockProp8.html>

## **PUBLICATIONS – TRANSLATIONS**

Alain Besancon, *A Century of Horrors: On Communism, Nazism, and the Uniqueness of the Shoah* (ISI Books, 2007) (with Nathaniel Hancock)

Philippe Bénéton, *Equality by Default: an Essay on Modernity as Confinement* (ISI Books, 2004)

Pierre Manent, "Reason and Faith: A Lenten Reflection," *Modern Age* 50:1 (Winter 2008), 84-87.

Andre Glucksmann, "From the H-Bomb to the Human Bomb," *City Journal* 17:4 (Autumn 2007) (with John Hancock)

Zarader, Marlène. "Phenomenality and Transcendence." In *Transcendence in Philosophy and Religion*. Edited by James E. Faulconer. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2003. 106-119. (with John and Nathaniel Hancock)

Philippe Beneton, "The Great Misunderstanding," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 175-185. (Trans. with P. Beneton)

Pierre Manent, "The French Revolution and French and English Liberalism," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 43-78. (Trans. with L. Gary Lambert)

Philippe Raynaud, "The 'Rights of Man and Citizen' in the French Constitutional Tradition," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 199-218. (Trans. with L. Gary Lambert)

## **BOARDS, ETC.**

President, The John Adams Center for the Study of Faith, Philosophy and Public Affairs  
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