

Deborah A. O'Malley

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D, Political Science, Baylor University (2017)

Dissertation: "Religious Institutions and Associational Freedom in U.S. Supreme Court Jurisprudence" (David K. Nichols, Chair)

Primary Concentration: American Politics and Constitutional Law

Secondary Concentration: Political Theory

MA, Political Science, Baylor University (2014)

BA, Philosophy and Political Science, Ashland University, graduated *magna cum laude* and with honors (2006)

Research Interests: American Founding; American Political Thought; Religious Freedom; Freedom of Speech and Association; Alexis de Tocqueville; Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Political Thought; Politics and Literature; Catholic Social Thought

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, The Institute of American Constitutional Thought & Leadership, University of Toledo (starting August 2024)

Associate Director, Center for Citizenship & Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame (September 2022-July 2024)

Visiting Assistant Professor and Associate Director, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Center for Scholarship and Statesmanship, Political Science Department, Assumption University (August 2018-August 2022)

2017-18 Forbes Postdoctoral Research Associate, The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University (September 2017-August 2018)

Academic Honors and Awards

Excellence in Civic Education Award, The Jack Miller Center (2022)

Faculty Award, Student Government Association, Assumption University (2020-21)

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Political Science, Baylor University (2016-17)

Stormie Schott Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Political Science, Baylor University (2016), for academic excellence and Christian service

Nominee, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University (2016)

Religious Freedom Project Dissertation Fellowship, Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, & World Affairs (Summer 2016)

Conyers Graduate Scholar, Baylor University (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), based on academic record and interest in faith and learning

Travel and Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (January 2015)

Charles E. Parton Outstanding Thesis Award, Ashland University, for "The Dictates of Conscience: The Debate over Religious Liberty in Revolutionary Virginia" (2006)

Outstanding Senior Award, Department of Political Science, Ashland University (2006)

Outstanding Senior Award, Department of Philosophy, Ashland University (2006)

Academic Honors Program, Ashland University (Fall 2002-Spring 2006)

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John M. Ashbrook Scholar, Ashland University (Fall 2002-Spring 2006)

Academic Publications

- Review of *The Classical and Christian Origins of American Politics* by Kody Cooper and Justin Dyer, *Review of Politics* (Fall 2024)
- Book chapter, “An Overview of First Amendment Free Exercise Jurisprudence,” *Palgrave Handbook of Religion and State* (Spring 2024).
- Review of *Why Associations Matter* by Luke Sheehan, *Review of Politics* (Spring 2022).
- Review of *Beyond Radical Secularism: How France and the Christian West Should Respond to the Islamic Challenge* by Pierre Manent, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 43.2 (Winter 2017), 357-61.
- “‘The Dictates of Conscience’: The Debate Over Religious Liberty in Revolutionary Virginia.” Ashland, Ohio: Ashbrook Center, 2006.

Prospective Publications

- “Democracy of the Dead?: Thomas Jefferson v. James Madison on Constitutional Legitimacy” (working paper)
- “Corporations as Religious Associations?: The Challenge of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*” (working paper).
- “*Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, the Impoverishment of Freedom of Association, and the Threat of Majority Tyranny.” (working paper)
 - Nominated for the 2017 NPSA/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award.
- “Beyond Personal Distaste: Justice Alito’s Principled Approach to First Amendment Freedom of Speech” (working paper).
- “George Mason’s Republicanism: Real Representation, Citizen Virtue, and the Limits of Democracy” (working paper).

Selected Journalistic and Professional Publications

- “RFRA is not enough. Indiana needs more religious freedom.” *IndyStar*, January 16, 2024.
- “Ohio would be better on religious freedom if it follows leads of Mississippi, Illinois,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, August 22, 2023.
- “Church and State Amid COVID-19: A New Debate for Modern Times,” *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, April 20, 2020.
- “Government Machinations and Religious Strife in Egypt,” co-authored with Asma Uddin, *The Washington Post*, February 17, 2011.
- “Key Questions for Sonia Sotomayor,” co-authored with Robert Alt, Heritage Foundation Web Memorandum, July 10, 2009.
- “Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places,” *American Spectator Online*, October 8, 2008.

Teaching Experience

The University of Notre Dame Term Assistant Teaching Professor
CNST 46001: Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics (Spring 2023)

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Assumption University Visiting Assistant Professor

POL 110: The Quest for Justice (Fall 2018-Spring 2022)

POL 318: Problems in Civil Liberties (Fall 2019)

POL 400: U.S. Constitution (Fall 2019)

POL 311: American Political Thought (Spring 2020)

POL 312: The American Founding (Fall 2020)

POL 315: U.S. Judiciary (Spring 2021)

POL 201: American Government (Fall 2021)

INT 300: Guided Readings: Alexis de Tocqueville (Summer 2021)

POL 314: American Presidency (Spring 2022)

Baylor University Teacher of Record

PSC 2302: American Constitutional Development (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)

Baylor University Teaching Apprenticeships

PSC 2302: American Constitutional Development (Spring 2014, Dr. David K. Nichols)

PSC 2302: American Constitutional Development – Honors (Fall 2012, Dr. Elizabeth Corey)

Baylor University Teaching Assistantships

PSC 4313: Politics and Literature, American Novel (Spring 2015, Dr. Mary P. Nichols)

PSC 4381: American Constitutional Law (Spring 2013, Dr. Jerold Waltman)

PSC 3330: American Presidency (Fall 2011, Dr. Curt Nichols)

Academic Fellowships

Research Fellow, **The Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy**, January 2023-present

Non-residential fellowship that entails producing popular and scholarly writing on the role of religious institutions in democratic societies

Participant, **The Tertio Millennio Seminar on the Free Society**, Summer 2014

Krakow, Poland

Three weeks of lectures and colloquia exploring the political, economic, and cultural components of a free society in the thought of Pope St. John Paul II

Fellow, **The John Jay Institute**, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Colorado Springs, CO

Semester-long residential academic fellowship for the study of Western ideals and institutions: an integrated curriculum of religion, history, political philosophy, and jurisprudence

Academic Conferences

Participant, “Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and the Human Condition Today,” The Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy Scholars Seminar (September 2023)

Discussant, “The Future Before Us: Early Career Women in Political Theory,” Southern Political Science Association (January 2023)

Participant, “America in the Republican Tradition,” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute (June 2019)

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Paper Presentation: "Corporations as Religious Associations?: The Challenge of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2018)

Paper Presentation: "*Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, the Diminution of Freedom of Association, and the Threat of Majority Tyranny," Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (November 2017).

Nominated for NPSA/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award.

Participant, "Catholic Social Thought: A Critical Investigation," Lumen Christi Institute (August 2017).

Paper Presentation: "The Greatness of Humility: Kingly Virtue in Shakespeare's *Henry V*" (revised), Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 2015).

Paper Presentation: "Beyond Personal Distaste: Justice Alito's Principled Approach to First Amendment Freedom of Speech," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (January 2015).

Paper Presentation: "The Greatness of Humility: Kingly Virtue in Shakespeare's *Henry V*," Lone Star Conference for the Study of Political Thought (March 2014).

Lectures and Panels

Guest Lecturer, "Alexis de Tocqueville on the American Mind," The McConnell Center at the University of Louisville (January 2024, postponed due to weather)

Seminar Leader, The Shaftesbury Fellowship, Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy (June 2023).

Constitution Day Speaker, "'A Republic, If You Can Keep it:' How the Constitution Protects Freedom," Assumption University (September 2019).

Guest Lecturer for the Society of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Cross College, "Religious Freedom and the Constitution" (February 2019).

Panelist, Colloquium, "'Full of Fears and Full of Hopes:' Conversations with Tocqueville on the Problems of Democracy in America," Alexander Hamilton Institute (May 2019).

Public Panel Presentation: "The Crisis in the Public Square: A Response from the Kuyprian Tradition," The Acton Institute (November 2018).

Panelist, Colloquium, "The Federalist Papers," Alexander Hamilton Institute (June 2017).

Panelist, Colloquium, "Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," Alexander Hamilton Institute (June 2014).

Panelist, Colloquium, "The Western Natural Law Tradition," Alexander Hamilton Institute (June 2012).

Additional Academic Activities

Director, Assumption University Moynihan Model Senate Project (scholarship program wherein 30 Assumption students recreate historic Senate debates)

Judge, Assumption University College Moot Court Club

Work History

Research Assistant, Baylor University (January 2013-December 2013)

Professor Jerold Waltman, Waco, TX

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- Provided research for and assisted in the drafting of an article on U.S. Supreme Court free exercise jurisprudence: “The Landscape of Contemporary Jurisprudence Regarding Free Exercise of Religion” in *Politics and Religion Journal* (2013).

Research Assistant, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (January 2011-June 2011)
Washington, D.C.

- Drafted and published numerous opinion editorials on domestic and international religious liberty; provided research for and assisted in the drafting of a book chapter on anti-blasphemy laws, focusing on Egypt and Pakistan.
- Drafted a paper on religious freedom in Venezuela for the United Nations’ Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review.
- Compiled a comprehensive research memo on religious liberty in the United States health care profession for use by Capitol Hill Staffers and other policy experts.

Research Associate, Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies (March 2008-August 2010)

The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC

- Published papers and opinion editorials on constitutional issues and judicial nominations.
- Provided scholarly legal research and analysis for former Attorney General Edwin Meese and other Heritage legal scholars. Research topics included presidential signing statements, *stare decisis*, constitutional interpretation, judicial philosophy, and coordinate branch construction of the Constitution.

Assistant Director, Lawyers Division (June 2006-March 2008)

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Washington, D.C.

- Edited publications, planned events, and communicated with Federalist Society chapter leaders across the country

Intern, “The Constitution, the Courts, and the Culture” Program (June 2005-August 2005)

Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

- Provided research for EPPC President Edward Whelan in preparation for his television interviews and debates, and for his articles and congressional testimonies

Language

French (reading knowledge)