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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**Harvard Law School**, William J. Friedman and Alicia Townsend Friedman Visiting Professor of Law, spring 2026

**Notre Dame Law School**, Professor of Law, 2025–present

Associate Professor of Law, 2021–2025

*Courses Taught:* Constitutional Law II (rights), Jurisprudence, Criminal Law

**American Academy of Sciences & Letters**, Elected Member, 2025–present

## **EDUCATION**

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**Princeton University**, Ph.D. (philosophy), expected 2026

**Yale Law School**, J.D., 2016

*Yale Law Journal*, Editor

Felix S. Cohen Prize for best paper in legal philosophy, 2013

**University of Oxford**, B.Phil. (philosophy), 2010

Rhodes Scholarship

**Princeton University**, A.B. (philosophy), 2008

Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

Class of 1869 and McCosh Prizes for best thesis in ethics and best thesis in philosophy

## **CLERKSHIPS & LEGAL PRACTICE**

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**Jones Day**, Associate in Issues & Appeals Practice Group, Washington, D.C., 2020–21

**Supreme Court of the United States**, Law Clerk to Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., 2018–19

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit**, Law Clerk to Judge Thomas B. Griffith, 2016–17

## **LAW JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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*The Point of Constitutional Theory*, 114 CAL. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (Jorde Symposium)

*Originalism's Difference?*, 77 FLA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2025) (invited Dunwody Lecture)

*Abuses of History in Constitutional Interpretation*, 173 U. PENN. L. REV. 1995 (2025) (Symposium on JACK BALKIN, MEMORY AND AUTHORITY: THE USES OF HISTORY IN CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION (2024))

*Unfinished Liberties, Inevitable Balancing*, 125 COLUM. L. REV. 531 (2025)

*Originalism's Age of Ironies*, 138 HARV. L. REV. F. 1 (2024)

*Living Traditionalism*, 98 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1477 (2023) (quoted and cited in *United States v. Rahimi*, 144 S. Ct. 1889, 1916 n.4, 1918 (2024) (Kavanaugh, J., concurring))

*Defining "Substantial Burdens" on Religion and Other Liberties*, 108 VA. L. REV. 1759 (2022)

*Fragility, Not Superiority? Assessing the Fairness of Special Religious Protections*, 171 U. PENN. L. REV. 147 (2022)

*Misreading and Transforming Casey for Dobbs*, 20 GEO. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 331 (2022)

*Update: Why the Equal-Protection Case for Abortion Rights Rises or Falls with Roe's Rationale*, 17 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y PER CURIAM 1 (2022)

*Nervous Victors, Illiberal Measures: A Response to Douglas NeJaime and Reva Siegel*, 125 YALE L.J. F. 399 (2016)

Windsor: *Lochnerizing on Marriage?*, 64 CASE W. RES. L. REV. 971 (2014)

*The Mens Rea of Accomplice Liability: Supporting Intentions*, 123 YALE L.J. 460 (2013) (Note)

*How the Law School Can Succeed—An Invitation*, 37 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 187 (2013)

*What Is Marriage?*, with R. P. George & R. T. Anderson, 34 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 245 (2010) (revised and expanded into *WHAT IS MARRIAGE? MAN AND WOMAN: A DEFENSE* (2012), cited in dissent in *United States v. Windsor*, 570 U.S. 744 (2013))

## CASEBOOKS

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CHOPER, DORF, FALLON, GIRGIS, & SCHAUER, *CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS* (15th ed. forthcoming 2027)

GIRGIS, SCHAUER, & CHOPER, *THE FIRST AMENDMENT: CASES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS* (9th ed. forthcoming 2027)

## OTHER WRITINGS IN LAW & LEGAL THEORY

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*Two Obstacles to (Merely) Chipping Away at Roe in Dobbs* (Aug. 19, 2021) (unpublished manuscript), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3907787> (cited in partial dissent in *Memphis Center for Reproductive Health v. Slatery*, 14 F.4th 409 (2021))

*A Philosophy of Civil Rights and Liberties*, with Robert P. George, in *CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW* (John Tasioulas ed., Cambridge University Press, 2020)

*Dissenting Opinion*, with Robert P. George, in *WHAT OBERGEFELL v. HODGES SHOULD HAVE SAID* (Jack Balkin ed., Yale University Press, forthcoming 2020)

*DEBATING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND DISCRIMINATION*, point/counterpoint with Ryan T. Anderson & John Corvino (Oxford University Press, 2017) (Reviewed in *Notre Dame Phil. Review* (Sept. 1, 2018); *Cleveland State Law Review* (67:141-172); *Faith & Philosophy* (35:491-497); *Journal of Law & Religion* (32:369-373))

*Review: American Constitutionalism, Marriage, and the Family*, 6 AM. POL. THOUGHT 681 (2017)

## PUBLICATIONS IN PHILOSOPHY

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*Parity and Incomparability of Value*, 70 AM. J. JURIS. (forthcoming 2026)

*Religious Exemptions*, with Ryan T. Anderson, in *ETHICS, LEFT AND RIGHT: THE MORAL ISSUES THAT DIVIDE US* (Bob Fischer ed., Oxford University Press, 2020)

*The Wrongfulness of Any Intent to Kill*, 19 NAT'L CATH. BIOETH. Q. 221 (2019)

*Subjectivity Without Subjectivism: A Defense of Objectivity in Ethics*, in *SUBJECTIVITY: ANCIENT AND MODERN* (R.J. Snell and Steven McGuire eds., Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)

*Whose Justice? Which Diversity?* in *JUSTICE THROUGH DIVERSITY?: A PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEOLOGICAL DEBATE* (ed. Michael J. Sweeney, Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)

*Equality and Moral Worth in Natural-Law Ethics and Beyond*, 59 AM. J. JURIS. 143 (2014)

*Making Sense of Marriage*, in *CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN APPLIED ETHICS*, 2ND ED. (eds. Andrew I. Cohen and Christopher Heath Wellman, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013)

## SELECT CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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*2026 Edwin Meese III Originalism Lecture* (invited), Edwin Meese III Institute of Law, Washington, D.C., March 2026

*2026 Jorde Symposium* (invited commentator), Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law, February 2026

*Fixing History and Tradition* (presenter), Public Law Workshop, Harvard Law School, February 2026

*Fixing History and Tradition* (speaker), Notre Dame Law School Faculty Colloquium, December 2025

*Fixing History and Tradition* (speaker), Fordham Law School Faculty Colloquium, November 2025

*Levels of Generality in Constitutional Law* (presenter), Oxford-Notre Dame Public Law Theory Workshop, London, UK, October 2025

*History, Tradition, and Levels of Generality* (presenter), Law & Philosophy Workshop, Harvard Law School, October 2025

*2025 Dunwody Lecture: Originalism's Difference?* (invited), *Florida Law Review*, University of Florida Levin College of Law, April 2025

*Balancing Constitutional Liberties (Workshop Speaker Selected from Pool of Submissions)*. Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, University of San Diego School of Law, February 2025

*Symposium on JACK BALKIN, MEMORY AND AUTHORITY: THE USES OF HISTORY IN CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION* (2024) (Speaker). *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, University of Pennsylvania, November 2024

*Parity and Incommensurability of Values (Speaker)*, Natural Law Theory and Analytic Thomism: Sources and Future Directions, Politics Department, Princeton University, November 2024

*Balancing Constitutional Liberties (Workshop Speaker)*. Legal Theory Workshop, University of Virginia School of Law, November 2024

*Models of Constraint (Symposium Speaker)*, Symposium on TIMOTHY ENDICOTT, ET AL. (eds.), *PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF PRECEDENT* (2023), University of Notre Dame, October 2024

*Balancing Constitutional Liberties (Colloquium Speaker)*. BYU Law School, October 2024

*Balancing Constitutional Liberties (Workshop Speaker)*. Public Law Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, October 2024

*Artistic Expression and the First Amendment (Guest Lecturer)*. Seminar of Profs. Michael Dorf and Nelson Tebbe, Cornell Law School, September 2024

*The Doors Dobbs Opened (Panelist)*. Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, July 2024

*Living Traditionalism (Colloquium Speaker)*. Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, University of San Diego School of Law, April 2024

*Balancing Constitutional Liberties (Colloquium Presentation)*. Nootbaar Fellows Workshop, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (virtual), April 2024

*Constitutions, Elections, and Procedure: (How) Can We Change How We Separate Powers?* National Student Symposium, Federalist Society, Harvard Law School, March 2024

*Artistic Expression, Antidiscrimination, and the First Amendment (Guest Lecturer)*. Sexuality, Gender, and the Law Seminar of Prof. Bill Eskridge and Christopher Riano, Yale Law School, March 2024

*Recent Constitutional Cases in Family Law (Guest Lecturer)*. Advanced Family Law Seminar of Prof. Marc Spindelman, Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, March 2024

*Select Issues in Jurisprudence: A Seven-Seminar Series (Lecturer).* Scalia Law School, Fall 2023

*History, Tradition, and Analogical Reasoning: Notre Dame Law Review & Duke Center for Firearms Law Symposium (Moderator).* Notre Dame Law School, November 2023

*A Conversation with Justice Elena Kagan (Interviewer).* Notre Dame Law School, September 2023

*Living Traditionalism (Colloquium Speaker).* Legal Theory Workshop, Yale Law School, September 2023

*The Supreme Court's Traditionalism Turn: Antonin Scalia Constitution Day Lecture.* James Madison Program, Princeton University, September 2023

*Salmon P. Chase Distinguished Colloquium (Participant).* Georgetown Center for the Constitution, Georgetown University Law Center, September 2023

*Current Issues in Law, Faith, and Religion (Colloquium Speaker).* Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, August 2023

*The Modern History of Originalism (Panelist).* National Constitution Center (virtual), August 2023

*Freedom, Equality, Religion (Panelist).* Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 2023

*Text and (What Kind of) History? (Panelist).* Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School, May 2023

*The Age of Roe: The Past, Present, and Future of Abortion in America (Panelist).* Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, January 2023

*Dobbs, Roe, Casey, and the Rule of Law (Panelist).* National Lawyers Convention, Federalist Society, November 2022

*American Culture on Appeal: 303 Creative v. Elenis (Panelist, with David Cole and Kristen Waggoner).* Alliance Defending Freedom, National Archives Building, October 2022

*Constitutional Law After Dobbs: Constitution Day Lecture.* Calvin University, September 2022

*Natural Law and Original Meaning (Panelist).* Catholic Law School Project on Constitutional Originalism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, September 2022

*Fragility, Not Superiority? Assessing the Fairness of Special Religious Protections (Colloquium Presentation).* Nootbaar Workshop, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (virtual), August 2022

*Beyond Roe and Dobbs: Understanding the New Reproductive Rights Landscape (Panelist, with Prof. Melissa Murray) and Is the Weakest Branch Becoming the Most Dangerous (Panelist, with Prof. Melissa Murray and Neal Katyal).* Aspen Institute Ideas Festival, June 2022

*Defining "Substantial Burdens" on Religion and Other Liberties (Workshop Presentation).* Yale Law School Free Exercise Clinic Speaker Series, April 2022

*Justice and Redemption.* Conference on Wrongdoing and Redemption, Notre Dame Law School, September 2019

*Annual Conference on Themes in Neo-Classical Natural Law Theories (Presenter).* Politics Department, Princeton University: Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2015; Spring 2012; Fall 2010

*The Nature and Scope of Human Rights.* Vita Institute, University of Notre Dame, June 2018

*Conference on Law, Religion, and Complicity (Panel Chair).* University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, May 2018

*Symposium on Civil Liberties (Panelist).* Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation, University of Wisconsin-Stout, April 2018

*Symposium on Publication of DEBATING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND DISCRIMINATION (Discussant).* Politics Department, Princeton University, May 2018

*What Are Natural Rights? (Panelist).* Tocqueville Forum, hosted at New York University, April 2017

*The Challenges of Public Accommodations (Panelist).* Conference on Faith, Sexuality, and the Meaning of Freedom, Yale Law School, January 2017

*What Obergefell Should Have Said (Panelist).* Yale Law School, April 2016

*Proportionality in Legal Analysis.* Legal Theory Seminar, Yale Law School, April 2016

*Symposium on Marriage in a Liberal Democracy (Keynote with Elizabeth Brake).* Philosophy Department, California State University Sacramento, April 2016

*Workshop on Antidiscrimination Law (Discussant).* Center for Values and Social Policy, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2015

*Religious Liberty and Free Speech.* Center for Values and Social Policy, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2015

*Subjectivity Without Subjectivism: A Defense of Objectivity in Ethics.* Conference on Subjectivity: Ancient and Modern, Eastern University, September 2014

*Equality in Neo-Aristotelian Thought.* Conference on the Scholarship of John Finnis, Politics Department, Princeton University, March 2014

*Rival Theories of Embodiment and Marriage (Keynote Address).* Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, November 2013

*The Supreme Court's Treatment of Same-Sex Marriage in United States v. Windsor and Hollingsworth v. Perry: Analysis and Implications (Panelist).* Case Western Reserve Law Review Symposium, Case Western Reserve Law School, October 2013

*Accomplice Liability.* YALE LAW JOURNAL Workshop Series, Yale Law School, April 2013

*Rawlsian Liberalism (Visiting Lecturer).* Social and Political Philosophy (Prof. Nathan Schlueter), Hillsdale College, February 2013

*The Case for Religious Freedom.* Conference on Freedoms of Religion and Conscience, Witherspoon Institute, hosted at Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2011

*Human Equality: Its Meaning and Basis.* Symposium: Equality, Freedom of Conscience, and the Common Good, London, U.K., March 2011

*The Case for Inclusive Legal Positivism.* Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, University of Oxford, January 2010

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED AND OTHER SERVICE**

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*Appointments Subcommittee*, Notre Dame Law School, 2025–present

*Chair-Elect*, American Association of Law Schools – Law & Religion Section, 2025–26

*Program Committee Chair*, American Association of Law Schools – Law & Religion Section, 2024–25

*Faculty Advisor*, Middle Eastern Law Students Association, Notre Dame Law School, 2023–present

*Member*, Notre Dame Law School Human Rights Program Admissions Committee, 2023–24

*Coordinator*, Notre Dame Academy (Faculty Roundtable), Notre Dame Law School, 2023–present

*Organizer*, Retirement Conference on the Work of Professor Gerard V. Bradley, Notre Dame Law School, August 2024 (proceedings to be published in AM. J. JURIS.)

*Member*, Clerkship Committee, Notre Dame Law School, 2021–23

*Conference on the Jurisprudence of Justice Samuel Alito (Co-organizer).* Princeton University James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions & American Enterprise Institute, March 2022 (proceedings published in HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y)

*Co-organizer, 2022* Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit, Fall 2021

*Co-organizer, Law, Politics, Revelation in the Work of John Finnis,* Notre Dame Law School, Fall 2021

*Referee, JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION; AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND MEDICINE; AMERICAN CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY; AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE*

*Coordinator, Monthly Princeton Workshops in Normative Philosophy.* Philosophy Department, Princeton University, 2014–15

*Organizer, Annual Conference on Themes in Neo-Classical Natural Law Theories.* Politics Department, Princeton University: Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2015; Spring 2012; Spring 2010

*Co-organizer, Social Ontology Conference.* Philosophy Department, Princeton University, April 2015

*Blind Reviewer, Princeton-Michigan Metaethics Workshop.* Princeton University, August 2014

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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