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**Curriculum Vita**

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**Education:**

Ph.D.	1992	Yale University (Political Science)
M.A.	1989	Yale University (Political Science)
M.Div.	1986	Yale University Divinity School (Theology)
B.A.	1983	University of Washington (Political Science)

**Professional Experience**

Professor of Political Science, Pepperdine University, 2002-present.  
Executive Director, Center for Faith and Learning, Pepperdine University, 2006-2008  
Chairperson, Social Science Division, Pepperdine University, 2000-2006  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Pepperdine University, 1995-2001.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Pepperdine University, 1992-1994

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*Confucianism and Democracy in Taiwan*, co-authored with Joel Fetzer, (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2012).

*The Challenge of Pluralism: Church and State in Five Western Democracies*, second edition, co-authored with Stephen V. Monsma. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2008.

*Faith, Hope, and Jobs: Welfare-to-Work in Los Angeles* co-authored with Stephen V. Monsma Washington, D.C: Georgetown University Press, 2006.

*Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany*, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

*Equal Treatment of Religion in a Pluralistic Society*, co-edited with Stephen V. Monsma. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Press, 1998.

*The Challenge of Pluralism: Church and State in Five Western Democracies*, first edition, co-authored with Stephen V. Monsma. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 1997.

*Evangelical Christianity in the United States and Great Britain: Religious Beliefs, Political Choices*. New York: Macmillan and New York University Presses, 1994.

## Journal Articles

“The Determinants of Public Attitudes toward the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, volume 7, no. 1, July 2011: 95-114.

“Confucian Values and Elite Support for Liberal Democracy in Taiwan: The Perils of Priestly Religion,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Politics and Religion* 3(2010): 495-517.

“The Not So Naked Public Square: Islam and the State in Western Europe,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Orient* [Berlin] 2010(2):6-14.

“Rock and Roll Will Never Die: Using Music to Engage Students in the Study of Political Science.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (April 2010): 363-367.

“Religious Institutions, Church-State History and Muslim Mobilization in Britain, France, and Germany,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33, 6, (August 2007): 933-944.

“The Effect of Confucian Values on Support for Democracy and Human Rights in Taiwan,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* 3, 1, (July 2007): 143-54.

“Religious Freedom for European Muslims,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Insights on Law and Society* 7, 3, (Spring 2007): 7-9.

“Practicing their Faith: Muslims and the State in Britain and France, co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Public Policy Research* 12, 4, (December 2005-February 2006): 234-238.

“Explaining the Accommodation of Muslim Religious Practices in France, Britain, and Germany”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *French Politics* 1 (2003): 39-59.

“The Roots of Public Attitudes Toward State Accommodation of European Muslims’ Religious Practices Before and After September 11”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer, *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 2 (2003): 247-260.

“Tribal Instinct and Religious Persecution: Why Do Western European States Behave so Badly?” *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 40 (June 2001): 177-180.

“Church and State: Two Models”, co-authored with Stephen V. Monsma, *Policy Studies Review* 14 (Summer 1995): 205-214.

“Political Structures and Interest Group Activism: A Comparison of the British and American Pro-life Movements,” *Social Science Journal* 33, 3 (July, 1994): 314-335.

## **Book Chapters and Reports**

“Democratization, Human Rights, and Religion-State Relations in Taiwan and Hong Kong”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 46-68 in Mehran Tamadonfar and Ted G. Jelen, eds., *Religion and Regimes Support, Separation, and Opposition*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2013.

“An Ecological Analysis of the 2009 Minaret Initiative in Switzerland”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 101-111 In Marc Helbling, ed., *Islamaphobia in Western Europe and North America*. London: Routledge, 2012.

“The Practice of their Faith: Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 35-49 in Addulkader Sinno, ed. *Muslims in Western Politics*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2008.

“The Roots of Public Attitudes Toward State Accommodation of European Muslims’ Religious Practices Before and After September 11”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 160-176 in *Religion, Terror, and Violence*, edited by Bryan Rennie and Philip L. Tite. London: Routledge, 2008.

“Religija i politika u sekularnoj Evropi [Religion and Politics in Secular Europe]”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 75-99 in Ivan Cvitković and Dino Abazović, eds. *Religija i europske integracije* [Religion and European Integration]. Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Magistrat. 2006.

“Religión y política en una Europa laica: caminando a contracorriente”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 219-250 in Ted Gerard Jelen and Clyde Wilcox, eds. *Religión y política: una perspectiva comparada*. Álvaro Ramón Arizaga Castro, trans. Madrid: Akal. 2006.

“California Ménage à Trois: The Christian Right, the Republican Party, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.” Pp. 216-237 in *The Values Campaign? The Christian Right and the 2004 Elections*, edited by John C. Green, Mark J. Rozell, and Clyde Wilcox. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2006.

“What Works: Comparing the Effectiveness of Welfare-to-Work Programs in Los Angeles”, co-authored with Stephen V. Monsma, Philadelphia: Center for Research on Religion and Urban Society.” 2003.

“The Christian Right in California: Dimming Fortunes in the Golden State”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 209-230 in *Marching to the Millennium*, edited by Clyde Wilcox, John Green, and Mark Rozell. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press 2003.

“Religion and Politics in a Secular Europe: Cutting Against the Grain”, co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 169-191 in *The One and the Many: Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Ted G. Jelen and Clyde Wilcox. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

“Differing Perspectives on Politics Across Religious Traditions in American History.” Pp. 13-24 in *In God We Trust: Religion and American Political Life*, edited by Corwin E. Smidt. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book Publishing, 2001.

“The Christian Right and the Republican Party in California: Necessarily Yoked,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 93-113 in *Religion at the Precincts*, edited by Clyde Wilcox and Mark J. Rozell. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press 2000. M “California: Between a Rock and a Hard Place,” co-authored with Joel Fetzer. Pp. 135-152 in *God at the Grass Roots, 1996* edited by Clyde Wilcox and Mark J. Rozell. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 1997.

“Divided by a Common Religion: The Christian Right in England and the United States.” Pp. 171-192 in *Sojourners in the Wilderness: The Christian Right in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Corwin Smidt and James Penning. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 1997.

“The Politics of Pragmatism: The Christian Right and the 1994 Elections.” Pp. 115-125 in *The Midterm Elections of 1994 in Context*, edited by Philip Klinkner. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1996.

“The Christian Right in California: Conservative Influence in a Liberal State.” Pp. 211-226 in *God at the Grass Roots: The Christian Right in the 1994 Elections*, edited by Clyde Wilcox and Mark J. Rozell. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 1995.

“Citizen Movements”, Pp. 248-253 in *Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics* (Salem Press: 1995).

## Book Forewords

Foreword to *The Role of Religion in Affecting Regime Change: A Study of Secularization and Charismatic Leadership in Iran and Poland*, Mehran Tamadonfar and Ted G. Jelen, authors. Forthcoming from Edwin Mellen Press.

Foreword to *Church, State, and Democracy in Expanding Europe*, Lavinia Stan and Lucian Turcescu, authors. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

## Book Reviews

Christopher B. Chapp, *Religious Rhetoric and American Politics: The Endurance of Civil Religion in Electoral Campaigns* (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2012); *Sociology of Religion* 2013; doi: 10.1093/socrel/srt040.

Jonathan Laurence, *The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012); *Journal of Church and State*, 55 (2) (2013):

Justin Gest, *Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in the West* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010); forthcoming in *Review of Middle East Studies*.

Ahmet T. Kuru, *Secularism and State Politics Toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009); reviewed in *Politics and Religion*, 5, 2 (2012): 479-481.

Hugh Heclio with Mary Jo Bane, Michael Kazin, and Alan Wolfe, *Christianity and American Democracy* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007); reviewed in *American Review of Politics*, 28 (2007): 278-281.

Kimberly Cowell-Meyers, *Religion and Politics in the Nineteenth Century: The Party Faithful in Ireland and Germany* (London: Praeger, 2002); reviewed in *The British Politics Group Newsletter*, Winter, 2004.

Jørgen S. Nielsen, *Towards a European Islam* (London: Macmillan Press, 1999); reviewed in *The International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 32 (2000): 588-590.

Steve Bruce, *Conservative Protestant Politics* (Oxford University Press, 1998); reviewed in *British Politics Group Newsletter*, Summer 2000.

Mark Hulsether, *Building a Protestant Left: Christianity and Crisis Magazine, 1941-1993* (1999); reviewed in *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion* vol. 39, no. 1: 118-119.

G.I.T. Machin, *Churches and Social Issues in Twentieth-Century Britain* (1998); reviewed in *British Politics Group Newsletter*, Fall 1999.

Ted Jelen and Clyde Wilcox, *Public Attitudes Toward Church and State* (1995); reviewed in *The American Political Science Review*, vol. 90, no. 4 (1996): 913-914.

Robert Booth Fowler and Allen D. Hertzke, *Religion and Politics in America* (1995); reviewed in *The Journal of Church and State* (Autumn, 1996): 903-904.

George M. Marsden and Bradley J. Longfield, editors, *The Secularization of the American Academy* (1992); reviewed in *Sociology of Religion* vol. 55, no. 1 (1994): 97-98.

Ellis Sandoz, "A Government of Laws: Political Theory, Religion, and the American Founding (1990); reviewed in *The American Political Science Review*, vol. 85, no. 3 (1991): 1005-6.

## **Other Published Work**

"Confucianism, Democratization, and Human Rights in Taiwan" (with Joel Fetzer). Georgetown Journal of International Affairs Online, March 24, <http://journal.georgetown.edu/2014/03/24/confucianism-democratization-and-human-rights-in-taiwan-by-drs-joel-s-fetzer-and-j-christopher-soper/>. 2014.

"Using Music to Teach Politics: 5 Questions for Political Scientist Chris Soper." *Encyclopedia Britannica Blog*, September 9, 2010. Available at: <http://www.britannica.com/blogs/2010/09/using-music-to-teach-politics-5-questions-for-political-scientist-chris-soper/>

J. Christopher Soper and Paul J. Contino, "Is there a values gap, and does it really matter?" *Chicago Tribune*, December 8, 2004: 31.

## **Grants Received**

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant Award, 2001. \$2400 for the project "Accommodating the Religious Practices of Muslim Immigrants in Western Europe."

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Award (With Joel Fetzer), 2001 \$1500 for the project "Accommodating the Religious Practices of Muslim Immigrants in Western Europe."

The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, 2000 (with Steve Monsma). \$94,096 for the project "The Faith Factor in Los Angeles Welfare-To-Work Programs."

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant Award, 1995 (With Steve Monsma). \$1200 for the project "The Challenge of Pluralism: Church and State in Western Democracies."

## **PROFFESIONAL SERVICE**

### **External Reviewer for Grant Applications**

The Austrian Science Fund, 2013

The Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, 2013

The Grawemeyer Award, 2011

The Open Society Institute, 2010

The Austrian Science Fund, 2009  
National Science Foundation, 2008-2009  
Israel Science Foundation, 2008  
Central European University Summer Program, 2007  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 2007  
German Marshall Fund Scholarship Program, 2002 - 2005.

### **External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion**

Review for promotion to Full Professor, Concordia University, Canada, 2010  
Review for tenure application, Wheaton College, 2009  
Review for promotion to Full Professor, Arizona State University, 2009  
Review for promotion to Full Professor, Baylor University, 2009

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Niels Smidt, Ph.D. candidate in European Politics, University of Copenhagen, 2012  
Joan Miller, Ph.D. candidate in History, Arizona State University.  
Sarah Feuer, Ph.D. candidate in Political Science, Brandeis University, 2014.

### **Professional Memberships and Offices Held**

American Political Science Association, 1992-present  
Board Member, Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 1998-2000.  
Wildavsky Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 1999, 2002.  
Western Political Science Association, 1998-present  
British Politics Group, 1992-present  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, 1999-present  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1996-present  
Editorial board member for the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2008-present.  
Editorial advisory board member, Georgetown University Press, 2006-present

### **Manuscript reviewer:**

*American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Ethnicity and Nationalism, Evaluation and Program Planning, Georgetown University Press, Journal of Church and State, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Nonprofit Quarterly, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Politics and Religion, Polity Press, Social Forces, Sociology Compass, Temple University Press, University of Notre Dame Press.*

### **Invited Lectures/presentations**

The American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, American University, Baylor University, East Central Oklahoma University, Harvard University, George Fox University, University of Amsterdam, University of Florida, University of Indiana, Bloomington, University of Southern California, University of Washington, Saint Olaf College, San Diego State University, Yale University.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Coordinator, Political Science Department, 2011-2014  
Member, Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2010-2011  
Member, Seaver Fellowship Application Review Committee, 2004-2011  
Member, University Faculty Committee, 2007-2008  
Executive Director, Center for Faith and Learning, Pepperdine University, 2006-2008  
Chairperson, Religion External Scan Team for the University Planning Committee, 2006  
Chairperson, Social Sciences Division, 2000-2006  
Member, Seaver General Education Committee, 2000-2002.  
Member, Seaver Rank, Tenure, Promotion Committee, 1998-2001.  
Member, Faculty-Staff Scholarship Committee, 1993-96  
Chair, University Library Committee, 1994-96  
Coordinator, Political Science Department, 1995-97  
Member, University Library Committee, 1993-96

## **AWARDS**

Howard A. White Teaching Award, Pepperdine University, 2005.  
Yale Divinity School, Valedictorian, 1986.  
Yale Divinity School, Dwight Fellowship, 1986.  
Yale Divinity School, Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship, 1986.  
Yale Divinity School, Tew Prize, 1984.  
University of Washington, Phi Beta Kappa, 1983.  
University of Washington, Honors Program in Political Science