

## **J. Christopher Soper** **Curriculum Vita**

### **Personal Data:**

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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, 1999-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, 1992-1999.

### **Publications**

#### **Books**

*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-Wok 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**

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

“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**

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

“The Practice of their Faith: Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany” (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” (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]” (with Joel Fetzer). Pp. 75-99 in Ivan Cvitković and Dino Abazović, eds. *Religija i europske integracije* [Religion and European Integration]. Sarajevo, Bosnia and Hercegovina: Magistrat. 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”, (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”, (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 (Baker Book Publishing, 2001).

“The Christian Right and the Republican Party in California: Necessarily Yoked,” (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.

“California: Between a Rock and a Hard Place,” (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 Reviews**

Hugh Heclo 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.

## **Awards**

Howard A. White Teaching Award, Pepperdine University, 2005.  
American Political Science Association Small Research Grant Award, 2001, 1995  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Award, 2001  
Grant from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, 2001-2002.  
Pepperdine University Summer Research Grant Award, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000  
Outstanding Teaching Award, Alpha Phi Sorority, 1999  
Nominee, Charles and Harriet Luckman Teaching Award, Pepperdine University, 1996.  
Finalist, Tyler Teaching Prize, Pepperdine University, 1995  
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

### **Professional Activities**

External reviewer, Open Society Institute, 2010

External reviewer, Israel Science Foundation, 2008

External reviewer, Austrian Science Foundation, 2008

External reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2008, 2009

External reviewer, application for tenure application and promotion to Associate Professor, Concordia University, 2010

External reviewer, application for promotion to Full Professor, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, 2008

External reviewer, application for promotion to Full Professor, Department of Political Science, Baylor University, 2008

Editorial board member, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2008-present

Editorial advisory board member, Georgetown University Press, 2006-present

External reviewer, Central European University Summer Program, 2007

External reviewer, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 2007

External reviewer, German Marshall Fund Scholarship Program, 2002 - 2005.

Board member, Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science

Association, 1998-2000.

Member, Wildavsky Award Committee, American Political Science Association  
1999, 2002.

Manuscript reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Evaluation and Program Planning*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, *Nonprofit Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Georgetown University Press, and the 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.

### **University Service**

Member, University Faculty Committee, 2007-2008  
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, 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