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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Marshall-Wythe School of Law, The College of William & Mary
Assistant Professor of Law, 2006-Present

Cornell Law School
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Spring, 2010

University of Richmond Law School
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Fall, 2008

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, 2003
Harvard Law Review, Articles Committee, Editor
Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Editor

Bachelor of Arts Brigham Young University, *cum laude*, 1999
Political Science, minors: Philosophy and Korean
Presidential Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Bargaining in the Shadow of God's Law: Context and Islamic Mahr Contracts, 45 WAKE FOREST L. REV. ____ (forthcoming) (solicited)

A Pragmatic Defense of Contract Law, 98 GEO. L.J. 77 (2009)

Specific Performance and the Thirteenth Amendment, 93 MINN. L. REV. 2020 (2009)

Preaching to the Court House and Judging in the Temple, 2009 BYU L. REV. 157

The Failure of Economic Interpretations of the Law of Contract Damages, 64 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 829 (2007)

Contract Law and Morality: Introduction, 48 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1643 (2007)

Book Review, *Unity and Pluralism in Contract Law*, 103 MICH. L. REV. 1483 (2005) (reviewing Stephen Smith, *Contract Theory*)

Corporations and Autonomy Theories of Contract: A Critique of the New Lex Mercatoria, 82 DENV. U.L. REV. 101 (2005)

Statutory Interpretation in Econotopia, 25 PACE L. REV. 49 (2005)

Note, *Wagering on Religious Freedom*, 116 HARV. L. REV. 946 (2003)

Book Review, *Story of a Forgotten Battle*, 2002 BYU. L. REV. 745 (2002) (reviewing Sarah Barringer Gordon, *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in Nineteenth-Century America*)

Case Comment, *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 116 HARV. L. REV. 272 (2002)

Case Comment, *Washington v. Heckel*, 115 HARV. L. REV. 931 (2002)

Non-Law Review Articles

Mormons, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (David S. Tanenhaus et al eds. forthcoming) (solicited)

Reynolds v. United States, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MORMON HISTORY (Paul Reeve & Ardis Parshall eds. forthcoming) (solicited)

Church-State Relations, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MORMON HISTORY (Paul Reeve & Ardis Parshall eds. forthcoming) (solicited)

Mordred had a Point, DIALOGUE: A JOURNAL OF MORMON THOUGHT (forthcoming) (reviewing Gary Topping, *Leonard J. Arrington: A Historian's Life*)

'The Living Oracles': Legal Interpretation and Mormon Thought, DIALOGUE: A JOURNAL OF MORMON THOUGHT, 42/2 (Summer 2009) at 1

The Scholar as Celebrant, DIALOGUE: A JOURNAL OF MORMON THOUGHT, 41/3 (Fall 2008) at 163 (reviewing Terryl Givens, *People of Paradox: A Cultural History of Mormonism*)

Mormonism's Al Smith Moment? SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Jan. 2, 2008 at B7 (reprinted in *The Salt Lake Tribune*)

Shylock and Article Nine of the U.C.C., in PERSPECTIVES ON THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE 106 (2d ed. Douglas E. Litowitz ed., 2007) (solicited)

A Defense of the Authority of Church Doctrine, DIALOGUE: A JOURNAL OF MORMON THOUGHT, 40/4 (Winter 2007) at 1

Jurisprudence and the Problem of Church Doctrine, ELEMENT: THE JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY FOR MORMON PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY, 2/2 (Fall 2006) at 1

Secret Combinations: A Legal Analysis, FARMS REVIEW, 16/1 (Spring 2004) at 49

Review of Sarah Barringer Gordon, The Mormon Question, BYU STUDIES 41/3 (Fall 2002) at 71

Out of Zion Shall Go Forth the Law, FARMS REVIEW OF BOOKS 12/1 (2000) at 113 (reviewing Richard Collin Mangrum & Edwin Firmage, *Zion in the Courts: A Legal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1900*)

CLERKSHIP

Hon. Morris Sheppard Arnold, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2003-2004

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC, 2004-2006

Acting Legislative Assistant, Senator Mitch McConnell, Washington, DC, 1999-2000

WORKING PROJECTS

“Consent to Retaliation: A Civil Recourse Theory of Contract”

“Promise and Private Law”

“Natural Law and the White Man’s Burden: *Reynolds v. United States*, Polygamy, and the Rhetoric of Empire”

PRESENTATIONS

University of Loyola-New Orleans Law School, J. Reuben Clark Society Faculty Conference, Panelist, “Mormonism and Legal Scholarship,” 2010

University of Richmond Law School, Virginia Junior Faculty Forum, “Bargaining in the Shadow of God’s Law: Context and Islamic *Mahr* Contracts,” 2009

De Paul University Law School, Faculty Workshop, “Contract, Consent, and Recourse,” 2009

Georgetown University Law Center, Contract and Promise Workshop, “Contract, Consent, and Recourse,” 2009

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Works in Progress Workshop, “Contract, Consent, and Recourse,” 2009

William & Mary Law School, Faculty Workshop, “Contract, Consent, and Recourse,” 2009

Wake Forest University Law School, Faculty Workshop, "A Preliminary Case for Specific Performance of Personal Service Contracts," 2009

Liberty Fund, Annapolis, Maryland, Seminar Participant, "The History of the Lex Mercatoria" 2009

Harvard Law School, J. Reuben Clark Society National Conference, Panelist, "Religious Conscience and the Judicial Office," 2009

University of Loyola-Chicago Law School, Faculty Workshop, "A Pragmatic Defense of Contract Law," 2008

Georgetown University Law Center, Contract and Promise Workshop, "The Option Theory of Contract Reconsidered," 2008

William & Mary Law School, Faculty Workshop, "A Brief and Pragmatic Defense of Contract Law," 2008

George Mason University Law School, Institute for Humane Studies Workshop, "Specific Performance and the Thirteenth Amendment," 2008

Mormon History Association, Annual Meeting, "Preaching to the Court House and Judging in the Temple," 2008

Southern Virginia University, Conference on Interpretation: Latter-day Saint Perspectives, "'The Living Oracles': Legal Interpretation and Mormon Thought," 2008

Boalt Hall Law School, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Panelist, "Instrumentalism and Justice in the Private Law," 2008

Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, Indiana, Seminar Participant, "Law, Liberty, and Custom in James C. Carter," 2008

Liberty Fund, Alexandria, Virginia, Seminar Participant, "Hayek and the Common Law," 2007

William & Mary Law School, Virginia Junior Faculty Seminar, "Specific Performance and the Thirteenth Amendment," 2007

American Bar Foundation, ABF/Chicago-Kent Legal History Colloquium, "Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple," 2007

American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference, "Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple," 2007

Georgetown University Law Center, Contract and Promise Workshop, "Economic Analysis and Contract Theory," 2007

Brigham Young University, Faculty Center Seminar, “Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple,” 2007

University of Richmond Law School, Faculty Workshop, “Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple,” 2007

William & Mary Law School, Faculty Workshop, “Preaching in the Courthouse and Judging in the Temple,” 2007

Brigham Young University, Society for Mormon Philosophy & Theology, “Jurisprudence and the Problem of Church Doctrine,” 2007

Thomas Jefferson Law School, Faculty Workshop, “The Failure of Economic Explanations of Contract Damages,” 2006

Bill of Rights Institute, William & Mary Law School, Moderator, Panel on Contract Law, Symposium on Law & Morality, 2006

Minnesota Law School, Ohio State Law School, Marquette Law School, Wake Forest Law School, William & Mary Law School, University of Richmond Law School, Presentation to Faculty, “Corporations and Autonomy Theories of Contract,” 2006

Columbia Law School, J. Reuben Clark Society Law Students’ Conference, “On the Possibility of Mormon Legal Thought,” 2005

George Mason University Law School, Presentation to Faculty, “Roman Limbs and Dismembered Goats: Secured Credit at the Bar of Contract Theory,” 2004

Mormon History Association, Annual Meeting, “Polygamy, Positivism, and Natural Law,” 2003

George Mason University, Institute for Humane Studies, Legal Scholarship Conference, “Legislative History as a Property Right,” 2002

BLOG

I am a permanent blogger at *Concurring Opinions* (www.concurringopinions.com), which was chosen as one of the top 100 Blawgs by the *ABA Journal* and is routinely in the top 5,000 of the tens of millions of blogs rated by Technorati.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

The Wall Street Journal

Newsweek

The Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Virginian-Pilot

The Deseret Morning News

The Salt Lake Tribune
The New Orleans Times-Picayune

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advanced Contract Theory Seminar, William & Mary Law School
Contracts, William & Mary Law School
Secured Transactions, William & Mary Law School
Secured Transactions, University of Richmond Law School
Teaching Assistant, Contracts, Harvard Law School
Teaching Assistant, American Government, Brigham Young University
Teaching Assistant, Honors History of Civilization, Brigham Young University

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
American Society for Legal History
Society for Political & Legal Philosophy
Mormon History Association
Society for Mormon Philosophy & Theology

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia and the District of Columbia (both inactive)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit