

Curriculum Vitae

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- Education** University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin)
Ph.D., Political Science, 1997
M.A., Political Science, 1992
- Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois)
B.A. (with distinction), Political Science, 1989
- Appointments** 2007-present Associate Professor, University of Toledo (Toledo, Ohio)
- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor, University of Toledo (Toledo, Ohio)
- 1999-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Ohio University (Athens, Ohio)
- 1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)
- 1997-1998 Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin)
- Book** *Beyond the First Amendment: Free Speech, Politics and Pluralism* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005, 226 pp.) The concept of freedom of speech is poorly defined in current debates structured by the First Amendment, exacerbating contentious disputes over the regulation of hate speech, new information technology, arts funding and workplace speech. I develop a model of justification drawn from the libertarian, expressivist and egalitarian justifications of freedom of speech that enables us not only to move beyond these quagmires but to recognize, contextualize, and resolve previously unrecognized free speech claims.

Articles and Book Chapters

Nelson, Samuel P., and Catherine Prendergast, 2009. "Murderabilia Inc.: Where the First Amendment Fails Academic Freedom," *South Atlantic Quarterly* 108_4, Fall 2009.

Nelson, Samuel P., 2006. "Religion in the Workplace and the Problem of the First Amendment" in *Religion, Politics and American Identity: New Perspectives, New Directions*, David S. Gutterman and Andrew R. Murphy (eds.) pp. 177-198. Lexington Books, an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield.

Downs, Donald, and Samuel P. Nelson, 1994. "Censorship" in *Encyclopedia of Democracy*, Samuel Huntington and Seymour Martin Lipset (eds.). Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.

Conference Papers and Manuscripts

"Religion, Value Pluralism, and State Prohibition of Same-Sex Marriage," Paper presented at the Association for Political Theory Conference, London, Ontario, October, 2007.

"Religious Toleration, Privacy Rights and the First Amendment," Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Las Vegas, NV, June, 2005.

"Religious Liberty Beyond the First Amendment," Paper presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2003.

"Speech Across Boundaries: Hate Speech, Libel Suits, and the Limits of National Constitutional Frameworks for Freedom of Speech," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 2003.

"Canadian and American Approaches to Equal Dignity and Free Speech," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Vancouver, BC, May-June, 2002.

"Keeping the Marketplace of Ideas a Metaphor: Mill, Holmes and the New Regard for Intellectual Property," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2002.

"Corporate Speech and Failure in the Marketplace of Ideas: Towards an Expressivist Justification of Free Speech," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2000.

"Beyond the First Amendment: A Pluralist Framework for Debates Over Freedom of Speech," Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

"Acts of Hate: Speech Act Theory, Racist Epithets and Freedom of Speech," Paper presented at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

"Schiller, Schlegel and the Romantic Justification of Freedom of Speech," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 1997.

"Fissures in the Libertarian Conception of Freedom of Speech," Paper presented at the meetings of the Northeast Political Science Association, Newark, NJ, November 1995.

Talks and presentations

"The Constitution Outside the Courts: Three Stories About Rights" Keynote speaker, Ohio University Constitution Day, 9/17/2008.

“An Expressive Theory of Religious Voting” Humanities Institute Working Group, 3/31/2006.

“The Fifth and Sixth Amendments” University of Toledo Constitution Day, 9/15/2005.

“The New Attack on Academic Freedom” Lecture and discussion at UT Censorship Symposium, 4/1/2005.

“Across Party Lines: A Forum on Civil Liberty” sponsored by Log Cabin Republicans, NW Ohio ACLU et. al. at the UT College of Law, 4/5/2004.

“Patriot Act” panel discussion, sponsored by Program in Law and Social Thought, University of Toledo 10/29/2003.

“Panel Discussion” Censorship Symposium 2003, UT Dept of Theatre and Film, 1/28/2003.

“A Pluralist Framework for Freedom of Speech” Law and Social Thought Working Group Presentation, 10/2002.

Fellowships and Honors

2002	URAF Summer Research Award University of Toledo
1995-96	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, Fairfax, VA.
1990-91	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Fellowship University of Wisconsin-Madison

Teaching Experience

Dept. of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Toledo

2001 - “Principles of Law” (PSC 3500 / LST 3550 WAC, 3 credits) provides an overview of law and politics in a writing intensive format and addresses a range of issues such as the existence of law, civil and criminal procedure, the relationship between law and equality, and the status of rights (enrollment 25-40).

“Constitutional Law I” (PSC/LST 3510, 3 credits) addresses both Constitutional doctrine and the role of the Supreme Court in the American political system through analysis of case law and Political Science literature on the legal process (enrollment 30-40).

"Constitutional Law II" (PSC/LST 3520, 3 credits) addresses the constitutional doctrine and politics of freedom of speech and religion, abortion, privacy and criminal defendant's rights through examination of case law and contemporary constitutional theory (enrollment 20-30).

“Issues in Contemporary Law” (PSC/LST 4/550, 3 credits) examines questions of legal theory and interpretation such as the natural law, utilitarian, and deontological justifications for law, and the implications of these theories for current controversies over judicial review, privacy, freedom of speech, and counter-terrorism (enrollment 12-25).

“Religion, Privacy and the Constitution” (PSC 4/5980, LST 4900, 3 credits) considers the interaction of the religion clauses of the First Amendment with the right to privacy in areas such as abortion rights and sexual freedom and examines the broader question of the constitutional status of laws seeking to regulate moral belief and behavior (enrollment 12-15).

“Law and Social Thought” (LST 2010, 3 credits) serves as the gateway course for the Law and Social Thought major and as a survey of approaches to the interdisciplinary study of law and society including subjects such as justice, equality, and the nature of law.

“Orientation- FYF” (ARS 1000, 1 credit) provides a general orientation to the University for first year students covering topics such as course registration, choosing a major, study habits, and strategies for success tailored to the needs of students who enter with Pre-law as their major designation or who are interested in pursuing legal careers (enrollment 35-40).

“Pro-seminar” (LST 2500, 1 credit) in Law and Social Thought is a participatory seminar designed to allow students and faculty to discuss law and society from an interdisciplinary perspective as well as assess the LST program organization and curriculum.

Undergraduate advisor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration: Provide advising for approximately 75 students in the major on course selection, university, college, and department requirements, graduation applications, career planning, graduate school preparation and applications, and assessment.

Pre-law advisor, College of Arts and Sciences: Provide advising to 50-60 students, prospective students and transfers on diverse aspects of preparation for and application to law school including selection of a major, designing a success-oriented curriculum of study, the LSAT and developing effective law school applications (I receive an annual course release for this assignment).

Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, Ohio University

1999-2001 "Political Theory" serves as the introductory political theory course at Ohio University. It addresses a range of ideas in political thought including liberty, equality and authority through examination of key texts in the history of political theory as well as contemporary readings.

"Modern Political Thought" is the second in a three quarter history of political thought sequence. It examines the development of Western political theory from Machiavelli to Marxism through the critical reading of primary texts.

"Contemporary Political Thought" is the third in a three quarter history of political thought sequence. It critically examines major traditions in 20th century political theory such as liberalism, conservatism and feminism through an analysis of key texts by diverse authors as well as contemporary interpretations of primary texts.

"Topics in Political Philosophy: Freedom" is a Graduate seminar that critically examines the concept of freedom through the analysis of historical works by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Kant as well as contemporary philosophical accounts associated with libertarianism, republicanism, feminism and post-modernism.

"Legal Theory and Social Problems" addresses a range of theoretical and philosophical questions that arise from key legal controversies over freedom of speech, abortion rights, affirmative action, and the practice of judicial review.

"American Constitutional Law II" addresses the constitutional doctrine and politics of freedom of speech and religion, abortion, privacy and criminal defendant's rights through examination of case law and contemporary constitutional theory.

"American National Government" is a large lecture course that serves as the basic American Government course at Ohio University.

Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, Drake University

1999, Spring "The American Political System" serves as the basic American Government course at Drake University. (2 sections)

"Civil Liberties" examines the status of civil liberties in the United States through analysis of relevant case law and discussion of contemporary controversies such as free speech, religion, abortion and physician assisted suicide.

Lecturer Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin - Madison

1997 - 1998 "Contemporary Political Philosophy" critically examines major traditions in 20th century political theory such as liberalism, conservatism and constitutionalism through an analysis of key texts by diverse authors as well as contemporary interpretation.

"Introduction to American Politics and Government" serves as the basic American Government course at UW-Madison.

"Constitutional Law" is a large lecture course that addresses both Constitutional doctrine and the role of the Supreme Court in the American political system through analysis of case law and Political Science literature on the legal process.

1995 "Introduction to Political Theory" addresses a range of ideas in political thought including liberty, obligation, rule of law and equality through examination of key texts in the history of political theory as well as contemporary readings.

Professional Activities and Service

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Pre-Law Advisor College of Arts & Sciences, University of Toledo

Departmental Liaison to Program in Law and Social Thought

Current Member Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum and Assessment Committee

Current Member Law and Social Thought Curriculum and Assessment Committee

Website coordinator Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Member Graduate Faculty, University of Toledo

Panel Chair "New and Recurring Free Speech Issues," 1999 Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Panel Chair "Broken Bodies in Legal Space," 1999 Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Panel Chair "Competing Conceptions of Law: Tolerance, Participation, and Free Speech," 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

Research Interests

Constitutional Politics

Legal Theory

Analytic Political Philosophy

Political Theory and Public Affairs

History of Political Philosophy: Classical, Medieval and Modern