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**Personal**

Born: August 14, 1959, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Married to Eliza Ellison; Two Daughters and Four Grandchildren

**Education**

Harvard Law School (J.D., 1985)

Calvin College (B.A., 1982)

**Books**

1. Editor, Herman Dooyeweerd, *A Christian Theory of Social Institutions*, Magnus Verbrugge, trans. (Toronto: Paideia Press, 1986)
2. Co-Editor, *The Weightier Matters of the Law: Essays on Law and Religion* (Atlanta, GA: American Academy of Religion Studies in Religion Series, 1988) (with Frank S. Alexander)
3. Editor, *Christianity and Democracy in Global Context* (Boulder, CO/San Francisco: Westview Press, 1993)
4. Co-Editor, *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Legal Perspectives* (Dordrecht/London/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996) (with Johan D. van der Vyver)
5. Co-Editor, *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Religious Perspectives* (Dordrecht/London/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996) (with Johan D. van der Vyver) (Abridged Chinese translation by Paul Liu, 2013)
6. *From Sacrament to Contract: Marriage, Religion and Law in the Western Tradition* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997) (Korean translation by Kevin Jung, 2006; German translation by Dagmar Kelle, 2008)

- 6a. *From Sacrament to Contract: Marriage, Religion and Law in the Western Tradition*, 2d ed. (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012) (Chinese translation by Ruihua Zhong, 2015)
7. Co-Editor, *Human Rights in Judaism: Cultural, Religious and Political Perspectives* (New York: Jason Aronson Publishers, 1998) (with Michael J. Broyde)
8. Co-Editor, *Proselytism and Orthodoxy in Russia: The New War for Souls* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1999) (with Michael Bourdeaux) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2013)
- 8a. Reprinted: *Proselytism and Orthodoxy in Russia: The New War for Souls* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2015)
9. Co-Editor, *Sharing the Book: Religious Perspectives on the Rights and Wrongs of Proselytism* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1999) (with Richard C. Martin)
10. *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment: Essential Rights and Liberties* (Boulder/New York: Westview Press/Perseus Books Group, 2000)
- 10a. *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 2d ed. (Boulder/New York: Westview Press/Perseus Books Group, 2005) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2011)
  - 10b. *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 3d ed. (Boulder/New York: Westview Press/Perseus Books Group, 2011) (with Joel A. Nichols) (Chinese translation by Yuan Yucheng and Miao Qilong, 2012)
  - 10c. *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) (with Joel A. Nichols) (Spanish and Chinese translations forthcoming)
11. *Law and Protestantism: The Legal Teachings of the Lutheran Reformation* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002) (Chinese translation by Ruihua Zhong, 2011; German translation by Dagmar Kelle, 2012; Italian translation by Andrea Pin, 2013)
12. *Sex, Marriage and Family in John Calvin's Geneva 1: Courtship, Engagement and Marriage* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2005) (with Robert M. Kingdon)
13. Co-Editor, *Covenant Marriage in Comparative Perspective* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2005) (with Eliza Ellison)
14. Co-Editor, *Family Transformed: Religion, Values, and Family Life in Interdisciplinary Perspective* (Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2005) (with Steven M. Tipton)

15. Co-Editor, *The Teachings of Modern Orthodox Christianity on Law, Politics and Human Nature* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2007) (with Frank S. Alexander)
16. Co-Editor, *The Teachings of Modern Protestantism on Law, Politics and Human Nature* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2007) (with Frank S. Alexander)
17. Co-Editor, *The Teachings of Modern Roman Catholicism on Law, Politics and Human Nature* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2007) (with Frank S. Alexander)
18. Co-Editor, *Sex, Marriage, and Family in the World Religions* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2006) (with Don S. Browning and M. Christian Green)
19. *God's Joust, God's Justice: Law and Religion in the Western Tradition* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006) (Chinese translation by Yuan Yucheng, 2016)
- 19a. Abridged and translated as *The Foundations of Faith, Freedom, and the Family*, trans. H. Ohki and Y. Takasaki (Tokyo: Seigakuin University Press, 2008) (Japanese edition)
20. Co-Editor, *To Have and to Hold: Marrying and its Documentation in Western Christendom, 400-1600* (Cambridge/London: Cambridge University Press, 2007) (with Philip L. Reynolds)
21. Co-Editor, *The Equal Regard Family and its Friendly Critics* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2007) (with M. Christian Green and Amy Wheeler)
22. *The Reformation of Rights: Law, Religion, and Human Rights in Early Modern Calvinism* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007) (Chinese translation by Yuan Yucheng and Miao Qilong, 2011; German translation by Annette Glaw, 2015; Korean translation by David Jung, 2015; Polish translation by Macej Dymbowski forthcoming)
- 22a. Abridged and translated as *Diritti Umani e Protestantesimo*, trans. Andrea Pin (Naples: Jovene Editori, 2011) (Italian edition)
23. Co-Editor, *Christianity and Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008) (with Frank S. Alexander) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2014)
24. *The Sins of the Fathers: The Law and Theology of Illegitimacy Reconsidered* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009) (Chinese translation by Ruihua Zhong, 2011; Korean translation forthcoming)
25. Coeditor, *Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010) (with Frank S. Alexander) (Chinese translation forthcoming)

26. Coeditor, *Religion and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2012) (with M. Christian Green)

27. Coeditor, *No Establishment of Religion: America's Original Contribution to Religious Liberty* (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2012) (with T. Jeremy Gunn)

28. Editor, Harold J. Berman, *Law and Language: Effective Symbols of Community* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013) (Russian translation forthcoming)

29. *The Western Case for Monogamy over Polygamy* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015) (Chinese translation forthcoming; Italian translation forthcoming)

30. Coeditor, *Texts and Contexts in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue* (Berkeley, CA: Robbins Collection, 2016) (with Sara McDougall and Anna di Robilant)

31. Coeditor, *Christianity and Family Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017) (with Gary S. Hauk)

### **Forthcoming Books**

*Church, State, and Family: Reconciling Traditional Teachings and Modern Liberties*

*Sex, Marriage & Family in John Calvin's Geneva 2: The Christian Household* (with Robert M. Kingdon)

*Toward a New Reformation of Rights*

Coeditor, *The Reformation of the Church and the World* (with Amy Wheeler)

*John Calvin as Lawyer*

*Law & Protestantism 2: The Legal Teachings of the Calvinist Tradition*

*Law and Gospel in Brief: Short Tracts on the Weightier Matters of the Law*

*Law and Protestantism 3: The Legal Teachings of the Anglican Reformation*

*The Vindication of Law: The Uses of Law in Modern Society*

### **Journal Symposia Edited**

1. "Religious Dimensions of American Constitutionalism," 39 *Emory Law Journal* 1-266 (1990)

2. "International Conference on Christianity and Democracy," 6 *Emory International Law Review* 19-70 (1992)
3. "A Conference on the Work of Harold J. Berman," 42 *Emory Law Journal* 419-589 (1993)
4. "The State of Religious Human Rights in the World Today," 10 *Emory International Law Review* 52-186 (1996), translated as "Les Droits de l'homme et la liberte religieuse dans le monde," 51 *Conscience et liberte*, 18-120 (Spring, 1996); "I Diritto dell'uomo e la liberta religiosa nel mondo, 27 *Coscienza e Liberta* 47-191 (Spring, 1996); "Religiose Menschenrechte heute," 46/47 *Gewissen und Freiheit* 24-176 (1996) (Chinese translation, Shanghai Sanlian Publishing House, 2013)
5. "Soul Wars: The Problem of Proselytism in Russia," 12 *Emory International Law Review* 1-738 (1998)
6. "Pluralism, Proselytism, and Nationalism in Eastern Europe," 36 *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 1-286 (1999)
7. "The Foundations of Law," 54 *Emory Law Journal* 1-375 (2005)
8. "What's Wrong with Rights for Children?" 20 *Emory International Law Review* 1-239 (2006)
9. "The Foundations and Frontiers of Religious Liberty: A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the 1981 Declaration on Religious Tolerance," 21 *Emory International Law Review* 1-276 (2007) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2013)
10. "In Praise of a Legal Polymath: A Special Issue Dedicated to the Memory of Harold J. Berman (1918-2007)," 57 *Emory Law Journal* 1393-1643 (2007)
11. "The Future of Law, Religion, and the Family," 58 *Emory Law Journal* 1-102 (2009)
12. "Religion, Human Rights, and Religious Freedom: A Symposium Issue," Fides et Libertas 13-173 (2010) (also published in French, German, Romanian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese translation)
13. "Religious Symbols on Government Property," 25 *Emory International Law Review* 5-150 (2011)
14. "Sharia, Family, and Democracy: Religious Norms and Family law in Pluralistic Democratic States," 25 *Emory International Law Review* 779-1059 (2011)
15. "The Pursuit of Happiness in Interreligious Perspective," 29 *Journal of Law and Religion* 1-216 (2014)
16. "Christianity and Human Rights," 30 *Journal of Law and Religion* 353-495 (2015)

17. "What Does Christianity Offer to the World of Law?" 32 *Journal of Law and Religion* 4097 (2017)

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

250 articles, book chapters and reviews in the fields of marriage and family law; religion, human rights, and religious freedom; law and religion; legal history; and legal and political theory in such journals as *Calvin Theological Journal*, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, *Emory International Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, *Journal of Church & State*, *Journal of Law & Religion*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Southern California Law Review*, *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung*, and other journals and anthologies in German, French, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Chinese, Korean, Urdu, Hebrew, and Arabic translations.

### **Lectures**

350 major public lectures at numerous schools, research institutes, and academic conferences in North America, Europe, Israel, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa.

### **Selected Endowed Lectures**

Jerald Brauer Lectures, University of Chicago (1995); Andrew R. Cecil Lectures, University of Texas at Dallas (1995); Encounter Lecture in Human Rights, McGill University (1996); Whiteside Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (1997); Abraham Kuyper Lecture, Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton University (1999); Gould Lectures, University of Vermont (2000); John Courtney Murray Lecture, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC (2000); Daniel J. Meador Lectures on Law and Religion, University of Virginia School of Law (2001); Richard A. Kessler Reformation Lectures, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (2002, 2008, 2015); Donald Gianella Memorial Lecture, Villanova Law School (2002); Parliament Hill Lecture, Ottawa (2003); Lane Lecture, Creighton University School of Law (2004); John Paul II Lecture, Catholic University of America (2004); John Witherspoon Lecture, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC (2004); Alonzo L. McDonald Family Foundation Lectures, Emory University (2005, 2006, 2009, 2012); Snuggs Lectures, University of Tulsa (2005); Geneva Lectures, University of Iowa (2005); Geneva Lectures, Queens University, Kingston (2005); Timbers Lectures, Dartmouth College (2005); Bradley Lectures, Boston College (2005); Beatty Memorial Lecture, McGill University (2007); Franke Lectures in the Humanities, Yale University (2008); Kamm Memorial Lecture, Wheaton College (2008); Randall Chair Lectures, Providence College (2008); Philip Pro Lectures in Legal History, University of Nevada at Las Vegas (2009); Tikvah Lecture, Princeton University (2009); John Calvin 500th Anniversary Lecture, St. Pierre Cathedral, Geneva (2009); McElroy Lectures in Law and Religion, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2010); Thomas Jefferson Memorial Lecture, University of California at Berkeley (2011); Sir James Lofton Lecture, University of Hong Kong (2011); Sir George Turner Lecture, University of Melbourne (2011); Henry Stobs Lectures, Calvin College and Seminary (2011); Don S. Browning Memorial Lecture, Emory University (2012); David Steinmetz Lecture, Duke University (2012); INTAMS Lecture, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2012); Brahms Lectures, Case Western Reserve University

Law School (2012); Cary and Ann Maguire Lectures, Library of Congress (2012-2013); Kluge Chair in Cultures of the North Lecture, Library of Congress (2015); James W.C. Pennington Lecture, University of Heidelberg and Yale Divinity School (2016); The Cunningham Lectures, University of Edinburgh (2017).

### **Other Ongoing Professional Appointments**

- Editor, Cambridge Law and Christianity Series, Cambridge University Press (2014- )
- Coeditor, *Journal of Law and Religion*, Cambridge University Press (2013- )
- Editor, Emory University Studies in Law and Religion, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. (1989- )

### **Awards**

- Most Outstanding Professor, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2006-2007, 2011-12, Student Bar Association, Emory Law School
- Emory University Most Outstanding Scholar/Teacher Award, 1994
- Most Outstanding Educator Award for All Methodist Affiliated Schools, United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education, Nashville, 1994
- Max Rheinstein Fellowship and Research Prize, Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, Bonn, 1995
- Professor of the Year Award for 1997-1998, Black Law Students Association, Emory Law School
- Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Theology and Public Life, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999
- Distinguished Faculty Award and Lecture, Emory University, 2001
- Choice Outstanding Academic Title Awards, 2002, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2016
- Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award, Emory University, 2002
- Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Professional School Teaching, 2007 and 2008
- National Religious Freedom Award, Council for America's First Freedom, 2008
- James W.C. Pennington Award, University of Heidelberg, 2016
- Harry Krause Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Law, University of Illinois, 2016
- Dr. Theol. h.c., University of Heidelberg, 2017

### **Major Grants for Research Projects**

- Anonymous: \$500,000 (2012-2016); \$350,000 (2012); \$1,000,000 (2015); 250,000 (2016)
- Ford Foundation (1995-1999): \$897,000
- Henry Luce Foundation: \$480,000 (2006)
- John Templeton Foundation: \$192,000 (2005); \$750,000 (2006)
- Lilly Endowment, Inc.: \$549,000 (1999); \$50,000 (2004); \$400,000 (2007), \$50,000 (2017)
- Maguire Oil Company: \$90,000 (2016)
- McDonald Agape Foundation: \$500,000 (2004); \$750,000 (2007); \$575,000 (2010); \$250,000 (2012); \$1,000,000 (2016)

- Pew Charitable Trusts: \$140,000 (1989); \$105,000 (1992); \$490,000 (1995); \$300,000 (1998); \$3.2 million (2000) with matching \$10 million endowment (2006); \$245,000 (2001)
- Social Science Research Network: \$100,000 (2010)