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Court admissions: Ga. and S.C. (state and all U.S. district courts); 4th, 9th, and 11th Circuits

EDUCATION

Emory University Class of 2015 (Juris Doctor, top 15%, honors | Masters of Theological Studies)

Emory International Law Review Executive Articles Editor

International Law & Religion Moot Court World Champion

Emory Law School Supreme Court Advocacy Program Director

Harvard University Class of 2011 (Bachelors, high honors in field, cum laude)

Primary concentration: Comparative Study of Religion

Secondary concentration: Government

Thesis—*Fuenteovejuna Lo Hizo*: The Natural-Law Political Philosophy of the School of Salamanca

CAREER

Emory University School of Law (2022–2025)

Robert Pool Fellow in Law and Religion (supported by the McDonald Agape Foundation)

Cato Institute (2022–present)

Visiting Legal Fellow

Supreme Court of Georgia (2021–2022)

Law Clerk to Presiding Justice Nels S. D. Peterson

Northeastern Judicial Circuit (GA) Public Defender's Office (2017–2021)

Assistant Public Defender

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia (2016–2017)

Law Clerk to Hon. Lisa Godbey Wood

Institute for Justice (2015–2016)

Constitutional Fellow

TEACHING AT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Law 622B: Criminal Procedure—Adjudication (Fall 2024)

Law 602A: First Amendment—Free Expression (Spring 2024)

Law 767: Cross Examination Techniques (Fall 2023)

Law 823A: Legal Issues in Family Violence (Spring 2023)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND GRANTS

Center for Religion, Culture, & Democracy Research Fellowship (2024–2025) and Fellowship (2023–present)

Federalist Society Criminal Law & Procedure Practice Group Exec. Comm. (2017–2021, 2022–present)

Federalist Society Emory Student Chapter Faculty Advisory Comm. (2023–present)

Latin American Studies Association member (2023–2024)

PUBLISHED SCHOLARSHIP

The Marijuana Insurgency: Federalism and Social Reframing in Policy Reform,
47 SEATTLE U. L. REV. ____ (2024) (forthcoming)

Georgia's Law of Rules: Textualism and a Survey of the Canons,
76 MERCER L. REV. ____ (2024) (forthcoming)

Background Noise: Lessons about Media Influence, Mitigation Measures, and Mens Rea from Argentine and U.S. Criminal Cases, 49 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 1 (2024) (coauthored with Agustina Mitre)

FROM THE POPE'S HAND TO INDIGENOUS LANDS: ALEXANDER VI IN SPANISH IMPERIALISM,
Brill Research Perspectives in Law and Religion (Leiden | Boston: Brill, 2024)

EVAN HAEFELI, ACCIDENTAL PLURALISM: AMERICA AND THE RELIGIOUS POLITICS OF ENGLISH
EXPANSION, 1497–1662 (Univ. of Chicago Press 2021), 93 CHURCH HIST. ____ (2024) (book review)

LAW AS RELIGION, RELIGION AS LAW (David C. Flatto & Benjamin Porat eds., Cambridge Univ. Press
2022), 104 J. RELIGION 108 (2024) (book review), *available at* <http://tinyurl.com/5n86d437>

Early Stirrings of Modern Liberty in the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas,
16 POLITICS & RELIGION 567 (2023) (peer-reviewed), *available at* <https://tinyurl.com/2vb9y7cw>

Los Medios de Comunicación y Las Causas Penales: Algunas Pautas para Reflexionar, a Propósito del Caso
Báez Sosa, in SUPLEMENTO PENAL N° 1 (Thomson Reuters La Ley, 2023) (Arg.) (coauthored with Agustina
Mitre), *republished as* TR La Ley Ar/Doc/840/2023, *available at* <https://tinyurl.com/mwy65nct>

THE RISE OF CORPORATE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (Micah Schwartzman et al. eds., Cambridge Univ. Press
2016), 33 J.L. & RELIGION 315 (2018) (book review), *available at* <http://tinyurl.com/3aav27d5>

Investiture Controversy, WAR AND RELIGION: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FAITH AND CONFLICT
(Jeffrey M. Shaw & Timothy J. Demy eds., ABC-CLIO 2017)

Comment, Men of the Spear and Men of God: Islamism's Contributions to the New Somali State,
28 EMORY INT'L L. REV. 473 (2014), <https://tinyurl.com/2p96dka4>

Defying Apartheid: Interview with Johan Van der Vyver,
1 CORNELL INT'L L.J. ONLINE 13 (2013), <https://tinyurl.com/33twst83>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Carnal Knowledge: How Child Pornography Violates Privacy Rights

“We Is Not Converted”: Kongolese Catholics, the Stono Rebellion, and Spanish Religious Sanctuary

Dominion and Stewardship: Imaging God in Creation

Las Casas's Use of Legal Interpretive Rules at Valladolid

LEGAL COMMENTARY

Quoted in Doug Reardon, *The First Offender Act: Why Are So Many Election Indictment Defendants Using It?*, ATLANTA NEWS FIRST (Oct. 25, 2023), <https://tinyurl.com/yc867hzy>

After the Consensus: Democracy, Integralism, and Saint Thomas Aquinas, RELIGION IN PUBLIC (June 28, 2023), <https://tinyurl.com/4uy7cnz5>

Quoted in Chandra Wallace, *Supreme Court Sides with IRS on Secret Summons Power*, 179 TAX NOTES FED. 1416 (May 22, 2023)

Did Pope Alexander VI Authorize England's Colonization of North America?, CANOPY FORUM (Mar. 21, 2023), <https://tinyurl.com/mrmz3h9n>

Podcast Co-Host with Ira Bedzow, INTERACTIONS (spring 2023), <https://canopyforum.org/listen/>

Rights to Privacy and Life Were Compatible until Roe, FEDSOC BLOG (Nov. 10, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/mts7mv25>

Contributor, CANOPY FORUM (2022–present), <https://canopyforum.org/>

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Alexander, FED. SOC. STATE CT. DKT. WATCH (Mar. 8, 2021), <http://bit.ly/3kWhooo>

Senior Editor, *Conviction: A Series on Criminal Law and Religion*, CANOPY FORUM (2020–2021), <https://canopyforum.org/conviction/>

No Elephants—Women Who Have Abortions Won't Face Criminal Charges under Georgia's New Law, DAILY REP. (May 14, 2019), <http://bit.ly/2JkMc2b>

Quoted in Martin Kaste, *Defining What's Excessive in Police Property Seizures Remains Tricky*, NPR MORNING ED. (Apr. 9, 2019), <https://n.pr/2HMcadb>

Party Like It's 1935?: Gundy v. United States and the Future of the Non-Delegation Doctrine, 19 FED. SOC. REV. 42 (2018) (coauthored with Jonathan Skrmetti), <https://tinyurl.com/yjkyx4yp>

Liquor Licenses: A Drinker Rethinks Larkin v. Grendel's Den, SOC'Y OF WINE & JURISPRUDENCE (2013)

The Coming Counter-Reformation in Religious Freedom: How the Contraception Mandate Will Expand American Constitutional Law Beyond Its Liberal Protestant Origins, 5 CHRISTENDOM REV. (2013), <https://tinyurl.com/yd9aj3p2>

Tobacco and Contraceptives: Legislative Preemption, JURIST DATELINE (Sept. 2, 2012), <https://tinyurl.com/4djce94b>

PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentation, “We Is Not Converted”: Trans-Atlantic Religious Lawfare in the Stono Rebellion, LASA2024: *Reacción y Resistencia: Imaginar Futuros Posibles en las Américas* (Bogotá, Colombia, June 12, 2024)

Paper presentation, *Dominion and Stewardship: Imaging God in Creation*, *Faith and the Environment*, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies Oxford (Oxford, UK, Mar. 1, 2024) (virtual)

Guest lecturer, *State Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure*, Univ. of Pitt. Sch. of L. (Pittsburgh, PA, Feb. 27, 2024) (virtual)

Panelist, *Media Influence on High-Profile Criminal Cases: Mens Rea in Review—A Comparative Analysis of Crass and Willful Ignorance in Argentine and U.S. Criminal Cases*, Emory L. Ctr. for Int'l & Comparative L./Nat'l Univ. of Tucuman/Training Ctr. of Judiciary of Tucuman (Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21, 2024)

Commenter, Oral Argument Listening Party: *Rabimi v. United States*,
Emory L. Sch. Sup. Ct. Advocacy Program (Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8, 2023)

Panelist, Supreme Court Preview,
Fed. Soc. Emory Student Chapter/Am. Const. Soc'y/ELSSCAP (Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 9, 2023)

Panelist, Reassessing Democracy: Contemporary Christian and Islamic Perspectives,
Parliament of World's Religions (Chicago, IL, Aug. 14, 2023)

Paper presentation, Las Casas as Lawyer: Using Legal Rules to Reinterpret *Inter caetera*,
Soc'y for Lascasian Studies (Providence Coll., Providence, RI, June 23, 2023) (virtual)

Moderator, Practice Groups Teleforum: Public Defenders and Political Advocacy: What Is a Public
Defender's Role?, Fed. Soc. (May 4, 2023), <https://tinyurl.com/2ufw9tj2>

Commenter, Natural Property Rights, Cato Inst. (Washington, DC, Apr. 27, 2023),
<https://www.cato.org/events/natural-property-rights>

Speaker, Religious Liberty Banquet, Fed. Soc. Emory Student Ch. (Atlanta, GA, Apr. 1, 2023)

Debater, Defund the Police?, Emory L. Free Speech Forum (Atlanta, GA, Mar. 29, 2023)

Moderator, Religious Legal Systems and Family Violence,
Emory Univ. Ctr. for the Study of L. & Religion (Atlanta, GA, Mar. 14, 2023)

Commenter, Religious Liberty in the States,
Ciceronian Soc'y (Belmont Abbey Coll., Belmont, NC, Mar. 10, 2023)

Guest lecturer, State Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure,
Univ. of Pitt. Sch. of L. (Pittsburgh, PA, Feb. 21, 2023) (virtual) (with Presiding Justice Nels S. D. Peterson)

Paper presentation, Early Stirrings of Modern Liberty in the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas,
Emory Univ. Ctr. for the Study of L. & Religion (Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2, 2022)

Speaker, Constitution Day, Charles R. Drew High Sch. (Riverdale, GA, Sept. 21, 2022)

Courthouse Steps Oral Argument and Decision Teleforums: *Caniglia v. Strom*,
Fed. Soc. (Mar. 26 & May 18, 2021) (with Robert Frommer), <https://fedsoc.org/case/caniglia-v-strom>

Supreme Court Criminal Law Roundup: A Look Back and a Look Ahead Teleforum,
Fed. Soc. (Oct. 20, 2020) (with Dean Mazzone), <https://tinyurl.com/2s5acpu9>

Paper presentation, Attention: Physical Presence for Court and the Catholic Church, Law, Religion, and
Coronavirus in the United States: A Six-Month Assessment (Canopy Forum virtual conference, Oct. 2, 2020),
<https://tinyurl.com/3rhatz3h>

Interviewee, Nabilah Islam Is Running for Congress,
Peachpod (May 31, 2019), <https://tinyurl.com/bdhebnu4>

Panelist, LGBT Equality and Religious Liberty: Friends or Foes?,
Emory OUTLaw (Atlanta, GA, Apr. 3, 2013)

OTHER ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION

Anonymous peer reviewer

Attendee, Integralism and Religious Anti-Liberalism,
Center for Religion, Culture, & Democracy (Fort Worth, TX, Feb. 2–3, 2024)

Attendee, Int’l School of Ius Commune: International Law and Interfaith Relations in the “Ius Commune”
Tradition, Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture (Erice, Sicily, Dec. 3–7, 2023)
(virtual) LASA/Africa 2023 (Accra, Ghana, Nov. 15–18, 2023) (virtual)

Ext. Reviewer, Religious Liberty in the States, CTR. FOR RELIGION, CULTURE, & DEMOCRACY (2d ed. 2023)

AMICUS BRIEFS AUTHORED

Cato Inst., Wilson Ctr. for Sci. & Justice, Howard & Debbie Jonas Found., & NACDL, *Martin v. United States*,
No. 23-1022 (cert., U.S. Apr. 15, 2024) (appellate waivers) (co-author)

Cato Inst., *Montague v. United States*, No. 23-858 (cert., U.S. Apr. 3, 2024) (grand jury right) (student-drafted)

Cato Inst., *Benning v. Comm’r, GDOC*, No. 23-664 (cert., U.S. Jan. 19, 2024) (abolition of qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *André v. Clayton County*, No. 23-13253 (11th Cir. Jan. 19, 2024) (4th Amendment seizure)

Richard W. Garnett, *Bates v. Pakseresht*, No. 23-4169 (9th Cir. Jan. 17, 2024) (1st Amendment)

GACDL, *State v. Massey*, No. S24A0131 (merits, Ga. Jan. 16, 2024) (2nd Amendment)

Cato Inst., *Baxter v. Secretary, Florida Dept. of Corrs.*, No. 23-12275 (11th Cir. Jan. 12, 2024) (felony murder)

Cato Inst., *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, No. 22-1074 (merits, U.S. June 2, 2023) (takings)

Cato Inst., *Hulbert v. Pope*, No. 23-385 (cert., U.S. Nov. 3, 2023) (abolition of qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *Felkner v. Nazarian*, No. 23-274 (cert., U.S. Oct. 16, 2023) (abolition of qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *Molina v. Book*, No. 23-227 (cert., U.S. Oct. 12, 2023) (abolition of qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *Lieberenz v. Wilson*, Nos. 23-1055 & 23-1075 (10th Cir., Sept. 18, 2023) (qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *Rogers v. Jarrett*, No. 23-93 (cert., U.S. Aug. 31, 2023) (abolition of qualified immunity)

Cato Inst., *Gervin v. Florence*, No. 23-11452 (11th Cir. Aug. 8, 2023) (malicious prosecution)

Cato Inst., *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, No. 22-1074 (cert., U.S. June 2, 2023) (takings)

GACDL, *State v. Sosebee*, No. S23A0589 (merits, Ga. Apr. 24, 2023) (rule of lenity)

Cato Inst., Nat’l Ass’n of Evangelicals, Rutherford Inst., GACDL, & Woods Fdn., *Hester v. Gentry*,
No. 22-835 (cert., U.S. Apr. 3, 2023) (right to bail) (student-drafted)

Cato Inst., *Pennington v. West Virginia*, No. 22-747 (cert., U.S. Mar. 13, 2023) (4th Amendment)

COMMUNITY ROLES

Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc. Board Member at Large (2023–present)

GACDL Fall Conference Program Director (2023)

Augusta Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (2023–present)

GACDL Amicus Curiae Committee (2022–present)

Emory University School of Law Center for the Study of Law & Religion Alumni Advisor (2015–2016)

Knights of Columbus Past Grand Knight (2016–present)

Harvard College admissions interviewer (2011–2023)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fireside Chat, Emory Disabled L. Students Ass'n (Atlanta, GA, Aug. 9, 2023)

Judicial Clerkship Panel, Fed. Soc. Emory Student Ch. (Atlanta, GA, Nov. 7, 2022)

Career Talk, Emory Christian L. Soc'y (Atlanta, GA, Oct. 26, 2022)

Fireside Chat, Emory Disabled L. Students Ass'n (Atlanta, GA, Aug. 10, 2022)