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Education:

Ph.D., 2013, Baylor University.

Dissertation: Legal Equality and State Neutrality in the United States, France, and the Netherlands Applied to Islamic Women's Religious Dress.

M.T.S., 2009, Southern Methodist University.

J.D., 1984, Texas Tech University.

B.A., (Political Science), 1981, Creighton University

Teaching Experience:

Angelo State University 2017-present

Baylor University: 2010-2017

El Paso Community College: adjunct 1992-94

Publications:

Texas Government, O.E.R. resource with Dr. Matt Gritter

Introduction to Political Science, Chapter 4 Civil Liberties, Chapter 11 Courts and Law, OpenStax 2022, an O.E.R. resource for all college-level Introduction to Political Science classes.

A Question of Balance: Legal Equality and State Neutrality in the United States, France, and the Netherlands (Lexington, 2016).

Technical Paper: "A Primer in Perfecting the Appeal, Filing the Record, and Briefing Techniques, Texas Bar C.L.E., Civil Appellate Practice Boot Camp (2002).

Conference Presentations:

"It's all about the Balance: Law, Politics, and Religion in Europe" presented at Alternative Academia's 6th Annual Symposium on Identity and Multicultural Politics in Montreal October 29-31, 2012

"The Necessary Divorce: The Separation of Legal and Religious Marriage in the United States" was presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference in January 2013 in Orlando, Florida (with Jason Hines).

"Resurrection: Desecularization in Europe" part of Boston University Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs Secularism and its Adversaries Project led by Dr. Peter L. Berger, 2011.

Other Academic Activities:

2020 Received grant from the State of Texas to develop O.E.R. resources for students for the legislatively required Texas Government course for all state college and university students.

2011-2017. Assistant Editor for *The Journal of Church and State*, a journal produced through the Dawson Institute of Church-State Affairs at Baylor University by Oxford University Press.

Professional Affiliations:

Licensed to Practice Law in Texas (Active) & New Mexico (Inactive)

Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (inactive)

Non-Academic Employment:

Attorney in private practice, 1984-2009.