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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Professor of Political Science, Brigham Young University, 1997-; Associate 1991-97; Assistant 1987-91.

Visiting Scholar, Liberty Fund, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001-2002

Visiting Professor, University of Rennes, France, Law Faculty, Spring 1991, 1999, 2011.

Assistant Professor, University of Idaho, 1986-1987.

Assistant Professor, Hillsdale College, 1983-1986; Instructor, 1982-1983

## **SUBJECTS TAUGHT**

Introduction to Politics; Political Thought and Philosophy (Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary, American, Tocqueville); American Government, Politics, and Contemporary Problems; American Heritage; French Political and Intellectual History, Liberal Education and Democracy; Family and Political Philosophy, Reason and Revelation.

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Political Science, Harvard University, 1983.

MA, Political Science, Harvard University, 1980.

BA, *Summa Cum Laude*, Brigham Young University, 1977.

## **PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS (Authored and Edited)**

*Freedom, Virtue and the Common Good.* Book under contract with Notre Dame University Press.

Freedom is an essentially spiritual notion, and therefore somewhat elusive and not subject to a complete theoretical definition. But freedom is not altogether limitless, boundless or undefined: freedom expresses itself within a meaningful horizon in which there is commerce between the most elevated and the most common. In Tocqueville's terms, freedom experiences itself as "under the government of God and the laws alone." That is, Freedom is without merely human or arbitrary constraint, but freedom is limited and defined by its relation to some higher reality. But this formula of Tocqueville's is at least as much a question as an answer; indeed, one might say that the central question, the problem that drives the whole history of political philosophy is bundled up in this dual reference. What is the relation between boundless freedom (originally modeled by a Creator God) and concrete and knowable laws (moral and political) as dimensions in the necessary horizon of meaningful human action?

*The Responsibility of Reason: Theory and Practice in a Liberal-Democratic Age.* (February 2011, Rowman & Littlefield) On the basis of the triangulation Tocqueville-Heidegger-Strauss, this book argues that the question of the humanity of modern liberal democracy is inseparable

from the problem of the relation theory to practice. It examines the question how our most careful and radical thinking should stand with respect to our deepest and most comprehensive ethical and political judgments.

*Calvin and the Foundations of Modern Politics* (Saint Augustine's Press, 2011; original edition Cornell University Press, 1989). On the basis of a new interpretation of Calvin's *Institutes*, this work reopens the question of the relation of the Protestant Reformation to the foundations of the modern world. At the same time, it argues the inadequacy of the familiar dichotomy between "religious" and "secular" thought for comprehending modernity.

*America, the West, and Liberal Education* (edited, Rowman & Littlefield, 1999.) Essays by the editor and by Allan Bloom, Michael Gillespie, James Nuechterlein, Michael Platt, and Stanley Rosen.

*The Legacy of the French Revolution* (Edited, with Gary Lambert); Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996.) Essays by the editor and by Philippe Beneton, James Ceaser, Pierre Manent, Harvey Mansfield, Terence Marshall, Jeremy Rabkin, Philippe Raynaud, Noel Reynolds and Bradley Thompson.

*American Heritage: Selected Readings* (edited, Kendall/Hunt, 1989.)

## **PUBLICATIONS – RECENT ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

“The Restored Gospel and the New Liberalism: The Inescapability of Political Apologetics.” Book Chapter, forthcoming.

“A Familiar Eternity.” In *Remembrance and Return: Essays in Honor of Louis C. Midgley*, eds. Ted Vaggalis and Daniel C. Peterson, Interpreter Foundations/Eborn Books, © 2019, published 2021.

Thinking, Acting, Flourishing: The Audacious Modesty of Pierre Manent's Practical Natural Law. *Perspectives on Political Science*, 49(4), 209-220.

Translator's Introduction, Pierre Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020). . /

« Le noble et le juste: les préconditions naturelles de la charité chrétienne » (“The Noble and the Just : Natural Preconditions of Christian charity”), chapter in *Charity and the Common Good*, (Presses Universitaires de ICES, ed. Philippe Bénéton), 2019

“Leo Strauss’s Profound and Fragile Critique of Christianity,” in Daniel Mahoney and Geoffrey Vaughan, eds., *Leo Strauss and His Catholic Readers*, Catholic University Press (2018).

“Stuck with Pride: Belated Reflections on Peter Lawler’s Tocquevillean Greatness,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, January-March 2018.

“Mormon Apologetics and Mormon Studies: Truth, History, and Love,” in Blair G. Van Dyke and Loyd Isao Ericson, eds., *Perspectives on Mormon Theology: Apologetics* (Greg Kofford Books, 2017).

“Conservatism, Aesthetic and Active: Reflections on Roger Scruton and Pierre Manent,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 45:4 (2016)

“The Claims of Subjectivity and the Limits of Politics,” in *Subjectivity, Ancient and Modern*, eds. R. J. Snell and Steven F. McGuire, Lexington Books, 2016.

“Transcendence and Human Purpose: Marilynne Robinson and the Travails of Liberal Calvinism,” in Shannon Mariotti and Joseph Lane, eds., *A Political Companion to Marilynne Robinson*, University of Kentucky Press (2016).

“Les Métamorphoses de Pierre Manent : le prix de la gloire,” dans G. De Ligio, J.-V. Holeindre, and D. Mahoney, eds., *La politique et l’âme : Autour de Pierre Manent* (CNRS Editions, 2014), trans. C. Litwin, 107-124.

“Keeping Faith in Provo,” *First Things* (March 2014), 47-52.

“Pierre Manent: Between Nature and History,” in Carson Holloway and Paul DeHart, eds., *Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2013)

“The Mutual Sacrifice of Science and Virtue,” ch. 10 of Peter A. Lawler and Marc Guerra, eds., *The Science of Virtue* (Northern Illinois University Press, De Kalb, IL, 2013)

“The Responsibility of Reason: Tocqueville and the Problem of Modern Transcendence,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 42:1 (January-March 2013); Italian translation in *Rivista di Politica*.

## **PUBLICATIONS – SELECTED TRANSLATIONS (from French)**

Pierre Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights* ( Notre Dame University Press 2020).

Alain Besancon, *Protestant Nation: the Fragile Christian Roots of America’s Greatness* (Saint Augustine Press, 2019).

Pierre Manent, *Beyond Radical Secularism: How France and the Christian West Should Respond to the Islamic Challenge* (Saint Augustine Press, 2016).

Pierre Manent, *Seeing Things Politically* (Saint Augustine Press, 2015). With “Translator’s Note.”

Alain Besancon, *A Century of Horrors: On Communism, Nazism, and the Uniqueness of the Shoah* (ISI Books, 2007) (with Nathaniel Hancock)

Philippe Bénéton, *Equality by Default: an Essay on Modernity as Confinement* (ISI Books, 2004)

Pierre Manent, “Reason and Faith: A Lenten Reflection,” *Modern Age* 50:1 (Winter 2008), 84-87.

Andre Glucksmann, “From the H-Bomb to the Human Bomb,” *City Journal* 17:4 (Autumn 2007) (with John Hancock)

Zarader, Marlène. "Phenomenality and Transcendence." In *Transcendence in Philosophy and Religion*. Edited by James E. Faulconer. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2003. 106-119. (with John and Nathaniel Hancock)

Philippe Beneton, "The Great Misunderstanding," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 175-185. (Trans. with P. Beneton)

Pierre Manent, "The French Revolution and French and English Liberalism," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 43-78. (Trans. with L. Gary Lambert)

Philippe Raynaud, "The 'Rights of Man and Citizen' in the French Constitutional Tradition," ), in *The Legacy of the French Revolution*, ed. Ralph C. Hancock & L. Gary Lambert, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland, 1996, 199-218. (Trans. with L. Gary Lambert)

## PUBLICATIONS – REVIEWS

"Nephi's Obsession, Or, How to Talk with Nephi about God" (Review of Joseph Spencer, *I Nephi*), *Interpreter: A Journal of Latter-day Saint Faith and Scholarship*, Vol. 41 (2020), pp. 131-144. <https://journal.interpreterfoundation.org/nephis-obsession-or-how-to-talk-with-nephi-about-god/>

"Beyond Agency as Idolatry. Review of Adam Miller, *Future Mormon*, *Interpreter* 21, pp. 147-153. <http://www.mormoninterpreter.com/beyond-agency-as-idolatry/>

"Faithful Presence or Excused Absence? Reflections on James Davison Hunter's *To Change the World*," *Perspectives on Political Science*, 44:2 (2015).

"City Limits" (Review of Pierre Manent, *Metamorphoses of the City: On the Western Dynamic*), *Claremont Review of Books* (XIV:3, Summer 2014), 88-91.

"To Really Read the Book of Mormon (Review of Grant Hardy, *Understanding the Book of Mormon*)," *Interpreter: A Journal of Mormon Scripture*, Vol 1, pp. 191-195.

Michael Gillespie, *The Theological Origins of Modernity*, *Perspectives on Political Science* 38:3 (Summer 2009) 173-184 (Feature Review).

"A Sinking Ship? Review of C. John Somerville, *The Decline of the Secular University*" *F.A.R.M.S. Review of Books* 19:1 (2007), pp. 355-350.

"Philosophy's Phantom Adversary: Review of Thomas Pangle, *Political Philosophy and the God of Abraham*," *First Things*, April 2004

"The Authority of Academic Freedom: On Two Cases of Miseducation at BYU," *Farms Review of Books* 14.1-2 (2002), pp. 321-327.

Review of Nathan Hatch, *The Democratization of American Christianity* and James Hunter, *Culture Wars*, *BYU Studies* 35 no. 1: 205-213.

Review of Andersen, H. Verlan, *The Book of Mormon and the Constitution*, and Hainsworth, Brad E., *If Men Were Angels: The Book of Mormon, Christ, and the Constitution*, *FARMS Review of Books* Vol 9 N. 2 (1997), pp 1-10.

"Monistic and Dualistic Paths to Radical Secularism: Comments on Tushnet," *BYU Law Review* (1993:1), pp. 141-146.

"Episodes in Christian Political Thought," review of Peter Kaufman, *Redeeming Politics*, *Review of Politics* 55 no.1 (Winter 1993): 172-5.

Review of Harry Neuman, *Liberalism, Perspectives on Political Science* vol. 23 no. 1, pp. 152-3.

Review of Benjamin Barber's *Strong Democracy*, *The Claremont Review of Books* IV no.2.