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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS – University of Washington

2008-present Professor, Political Science.
2000-2008 Associate Professor (with tenure), Political Science.
1994-2000 Assistant Professor, Political Science.

2008-present Adjunct Professor of Sociology.
2005-2008 Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS – Additional Affiliations

2021-present Senior Fellow. American Institute for Economic Research. Great Barrington, MA.
2018-present Associated Scholar. Mises Institute. Auburn, AL.
2011-present Distinguished Senior Scholar. Institute for Studies of Religion. Baylor University.
2014-2017 Senior Research Associate. Religious Freedom Project. Georgetown University.
2006-2011 Non-Resident Scholar. Institute for Studies of Religion. Baylor University.

2010 – 2018 Creator and host of *Research on Religion* Podcast. <http://www.researchonreligion.org>

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles. Political Science. 1994.
M.A. University of California, Los Angeles. Political Science. 1989.
B.A. Marquette University. Milwaukee, WI. Political Science/History. 1987.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Book Award. ASA Section on Religion. *The Political Origins of Religious Liberty*. 2008.
Distinguished Teaching Award. University of Washington. 1999.
Best Paper Award. APSA Section on Religion and Politics. "Religion and Political Attitudes in Latin America: Evidence from the World Values Survey." 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2008. *The Political Origins of Religious Liberty*. Cambridge University Press. (Reprinted in Arabic by Arab Network for Research and Publishing in 2014).

1998. *Rendering Unto Caesar: The Catholic Church and the State in Latin America*. University of Chicago Press.

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

2020. "The Comparative Endurance and Efficiency of Religion: A Public Choice Approach." *Public Choice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-020-00842-1>
2019. "An Exchange Theory of Social Justice: A Gains-from-Trade under Uncertainty Perspective." *Independent Review* 24(1): 131-44.
2019. "Of Credence and Collective Action: Harnessing the Potential of Religious Organizations for Social Charity." *Independent Review* 23(4): 539-50.
2018. "An Economic and Pedagogical Defense of Gratuities." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 33(1): 79-102.
2017. "Christian Democracy without Romance: The Perils of Religious Politics from a Public Choice Perspective." *Perspectives on Political Science*. 46 (1): 35-42.
2017. "Religious Liberty and Economic Prosperity: Four Lessons from the Past" with John Owen IV. *Cato Journal*. 37(1): 115-34. Translated into Turkish and reprinted in *Liberal Düşünce* 2018.
2016. "The Political Economy of Religious Property Rights." *Forum for Social Economics*. [Published online April 4, 2016](#) (pending print copy in fall of 2016).
2013. "Religious Liberty & Economic Development: Exploring the Causal Connections." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 11 (4): 5-23.
2006. "Will a Million Muslims March? Muslim Interest Organization and Political Integration in Europe." Co-authored with Steven Pfaff. *Comparative Political Studies* 39 (7): 803-28.
2005. "The Political Origins of Religious Liberty." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 1 (1): 1-35.
2004. "State Welfare Spending and Religiosity: A Cross-National Analysis" with Erik Lundsgaarde. *Rationality and Society* 16 (4): 399-436.
2004. "Weber in Latin America: Is Protestant Growth Enabling the Consolidation of Democratic Capitalism?" *Democratization* 11 (4): 42-65.
2003. "Religiöse Dynamik und Demokratie in Lateinamerika" (transl. Religious Dynamics and Democracy in Latin America). *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 33 Sonderheft, Germany.
2001. "Religion and Comparative Politics." *Annual Review of Political Science* 4: 117-38.
1999. "Government Regulation, Social Anomie and Religious Pluralism in Latin America: A Cross-National Analysis." *Rationality and Society* 11 (3): 287-316.
1999. "State-Building and Religious Resources: An Institutional Theory of Church-State Relations in Iran and Mexico." Co-authored with Arang Keshavarzian. *Politics and Society* 27 (3): 430-64.
1999. "The Politics of Regulating Religion in Mexico: The 1992 Constitutional Reforms in Historical Context." *Journal of Church and State* 41 (4): 761-94.

1995. "The Institutional Limitations of Catholic Progressivism: An Economic Approach." *International Journal of Social Economics* 22 (9/10/11): 135-48.

1994. "Rendering Unto Caesar?: Religious Competition and Catholic Political Strategy in Latin America, 1962 - 1979." *American Journal of Political Science* 38 (2): 403-25. Reprinted in *Religion and Politics*, edited by John T.S. Madeley as part of the International Library of Politics and Comparative Government. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. Currently being translated into Portuguese for an edited volume on societies and authoritarian regimes published by Núcleo de Estudos Contemporâneos in Brazil.

Journal Articles (Non-Peer Reviewed).

2010. "Septics, Sewers & Secularization: How Government Flushes Religiosity Down the Drain." ARDA Guiding Paper Series.

2010. "Here Comes the -Tion: It's Not Alright." *APSA-CP Newsletter* 21 (1).

2003. "Lost in the Supermarket: Comments on Beaman, Religious Pluralism and What It Means to Be Free." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 42 (3).

2002. "Studying Liberation Theology: What Next?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 41(1):87-89

Book Chapters & Encyclopedia Entries

2019. "The Economic Origins of Religious Liberty." *Cambridge Companion to Religious Liberty*. Edited by Owen Anderson and Michael Breidenbach. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2018. "A Great Academic Re-Awakening: The Return to a Political Economy of Religion." In *Religion and the Social Sciences: Basic and Applied Research Perspectives*, edited by Jeff Levin. Templeton Press. (A shortened version is to appear in *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, edited by Jared Rubin and Sriya Iyer. New York: Palgrave.)

2012. "Religious Pluralism, Political Incentives, and the Origins of Religious Liberty," in *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* edited by Allen D. Hertzke. Oxford University Press.

2011. "Religion and Violence: An Economic Perspective." In *The Blackwell Companion to Religion and Violence*, edited by Andrew R. Murphy. Wiley-Blackwell Press.

2011. "Religious Civil Liberties." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion and Economics*, edited by Rachel McCleary. Oxford University Press.

2011. "Acting in Good Faith: An Economic Approach to Religious Organizations as Advocacy Groups." In *Rethinking Advocacy Organizations* edited by Aseem Prakash and Mary Kay Gugerty. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

2011. "State Church" and "Church and State" In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. SAGE Publications.

2007. "Secularization and the State: The Role Government Plays in Determining Social Religiosity." In *The Role of Religion in Modern Societies* edited by Detlef Pollack and Daniel Olson. London: Routledge.

2005. "Argentina." "Chile." "Uruguay." Three chapters in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomas Gale.

2002. "The Catholic Church and Democracy in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities." In *The One, The Few, and The Many: Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective*, eds. Ted G. Jelen and Clyde Wilcox. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2002. "A Political Economy of Religion." In *Sacred Markets, Sacred Canopies: Essays on Religious Markets and Religious Pluralism*, ed. Ted G. Jelen. Lanham: Rowman-Littlefield.

2002. "Comparative Political Economy." In *New Directions in Comparative Politics, 3rd Edition*, ed. Howard Wiarda. Boulder: Westview Press.

2000. "Mexico." In *Comparative Politics: Interests, Identities and Institutions in Today's Small World*, edited by Jeffrey Kopstein and Mark Lichbach. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Revised and updated in 2005).

1999. "The Struggle to be Soul Provider: Catholic Responses to Protestant Growth in Latin America." In *Latin American Religion in Motion: Tracking Innovation, Complexity and Unexpected Change*, edited by Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy. New York: Routledge.

1999. "The Economics of Evangelization." In *Evangelization and Religious Freedom in Latin America*, edited by Paul Sigmund. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

Writings and Other for Popular Media Outlets.

2021. "The Shadow of the State and the Sunshine of Civil Society." AIER (May 26)

2020. "The Use of Knowledge in a Pandemic." AIER (August 4) with Jonathan Newman

2020. "Tony Gill on Tipping." Freedom Center Today Podcast. (July 14 – Season 2, Episode 22)

2020. "Tear Down This Plexiglass." AIER (June 17)

2020. "The Internet Is No Substitute for Real Life." (June 12)

2020. "Local Charity Is the Best Charity in the Time of COVID." AIER (May 9)

2020. "How to Teach the Benefits of Trade." AIER (Jan. 7)

2019. "Gift Giving Is Better for the Economy than Most Economists Think." AIER (Dec. 20) with Michael Thomas

2019. "The Unbearable Drabness of Communism." AIER (Nov. 18)

2019. "California's Law on Paid Athletes Is Not a Free Market Reform." AIER (Oct. 2).

2019. "No, the Business Roundtable Did Not Repudiate Capitalism." AIER (August 22).

2019. "An Answer to that Viral Equality Meme." AIER (August 9).

2019. "Dear Billionaires, the US Treasury Awaits Your Voluntary Contribution." AIER (July 1).

2019. "Should Hikers Pay for Their Own Rescue?" AIER (May 28).

2019. "Is Big Oil Really Manipulating Oil Prices?" *American Institute for Economic Research* (May 20).

2018. "The Economics of Religion." *Free to Exchange*. KTTZ (West Texas).

2017. "Tipping." Interview appearance on EconTalk.org.

2017. "Why Do Donuts (Almost) Disappear at Faculty Meetings?" FEE.org. September 21.

2017. "Is 'Buying Local' Even Possible?" FEE.org. August 12.

2017. “Uber Would Be Wise to Let Passengers Tip.” *Fortune*. April 24, 2017.
2017. “A Flooded Valley Home Companion.” *Duvall Visitor Guide*. Duvall, WA.
2015. “The Economics of Religion.” Interview appearance on EconTalk.org.
2010. “Taking on Goliath.” *Range* XVIII (1): 60-61.
- Prof. Gill has appeared in a number of other media outlets such as radio and television.

Book Reviews

2020. *Sacred Liberty: America’s Long, Bloody, and Ongoing Struggle for Religious Freedom* by Steven Waldman, in *Review of Austrian Economics*. DOI: 10.1007/s11138-020-00526-5
2020. *Unjust: Social Justice and the Unmaking of America* by Noah Rothman in *The Independent Review*.
2010. *The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates* by Peter T. Leeson, in *Comparative Political Studies*.
2009. *Religious Liberty in America: The First Amendment in Historical and Contemporary Perspective* by Bruce T. Murray, in *The Journal of Media and Religion*.
2003. *Confessions of an Interest Group: The Catholic Church and Political Parties in Europe* by Carolyn M. Warner, in *Comparative Political Studies*.
1999. *The Challenge of Pluralism: Church and State in Five Democracies* by Stephen V. Monsma and J. Christopher Soper, in *American Political Science Review*. 93 (2): 468-69.
1998. *Sacred Trust: The Medieval Church as an Economic Firm* by Robert B. Ekelund, Robert F. Hébert, Robert B. Tollison, Gary M. Anderson, and Audrey B. Davidson, in *Journal of Economic Literature* (September): 1524-26.
1997. *Rational Choice Theory and Religion* edited by Lawrence A. Young, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 36 (4): 633-34.
1997. *The Rise of Christian Democracy in Europe* by Stathis Kalyvas, in *American Journal of Sociology* 103 (2): 472-74.
1996. *The Rebel’s Dilemma* by Mark Irving Lichbach, in *American Political Science Review* 90 (2): 455-56.
1995. *Rethinking Protestantism* by David Stoll and Virginia Garrard-Burnett, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34 (4): 541-42.
1995. *Samba in the Night: Spiritism in Brazil* by David J. Hess, in *Review of Religious Research* 37 (2): 176-77.
1994. *Popular Voices in Latin American Catholicism* by Daniel H. Levine, in *Comparative Political Studies* 27 (3): 454-56.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (prioritized)

- Why Religious Liberty Matters*. Book project with Allen Hertzke.
- The Endurance of Religion*. Book project aimed at major university press.

“The Efficient Smoke of Burnt Offerings: Trust and Transaction Costs in the Gifting Economy” with Michael Thomas (Creighton University).

“Adam Smith, Gifting, and the Importance of Reciprocity” with Michael Thomas (economics, Creighton University). Second part of the gifting project.

Laissez-Echanger: Social Justice and the Gains from Trade. Short book project.

Life’s Little Mysteries: The Importance of Questions and Wonderment in the Social Sciences. Short book project.

“The Libertarian Club Conundrum: Open Borders, Local Norms, and What I Learned at a Mega-Church.”

“The Libertarian Clown Conundrum: Can Social Norms Deal with Ab-normal Behavior?”

CONFERENCE PAPERS (since 2011)

“The Efficient Smoke of Burnt Offerings.” Public Choice Society (March 2021).

“The Efficient Smoke of Burnt Offerings: Trust and Transaction Costs in the Gifting Economy” with Michael Thomas (Creighton University). Scheduled to be presented at three cancelled conferences – Public Choice Society (March 2019); Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (April 2019); Association for Private Enterprise Education (April 2019). Finally presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2021).

“The Comparative Endurance and Efficiency of Religion: A Public Choice Approach.” Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (March 2019) and the Public Choice Society (March 2019).

“Teaching ‘Tips’: An Economic and Pedagogical Defense of Gratuities.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Private Enterprise Education (2017).

“The Libertarian Club Conundrum.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Private Enterprise Education (2017).

“Cultural Paternalism.” Presented at the inaugural meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (2017).

“Religious Liberty and the Violence Trap” (with Karrie Koesel). Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (2015).

“Is the God Gap Still Growing? Results from the 2008 Presidential Election.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (2011).

LIBERTY FUND CONFERENCES

“Religious Liberty at the Crossroads.” (Co-sponsored by IHS). Online colloquium.. April 2021.

“Liberty in the Political Economy of Douglass North.” Austin, TX. November 2017.

“Property Rights, Markets, and Freedom.” (Co-sponsored by PERC) Bozeman, MT. August 2016.

“Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Markets, and Liberty.” (Co-sponsored by Strata). Ogden, UT. March 2016.

“The Sacred Rights of Conscience: Testing Constitutional Principles of Religious Liberty and Church-State Relations in the New Nation, Part III.” Indianapolis, IN. April 2013.

“Free Market Environmentalism.” (Co-sponsored by PERC). Bozeman, MT. September 2009.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund Grant. 2020.

Institute for Humane Studies Small Grant (for student discussion group). 2017-18, 2019, 2020.

Intercollegiate Studies Institute Small Grant (for student discussion group). 2015-16, 2016-17.

John Templeton Foundation. Religious Liberty and Social Flourishing. 2014-2016.

Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. Arizona State University. 2004.

Royalty Research Fund Grant (University of Washington), 1999-2000.

Institute for Teaching Excellence Grant (University of Washington), 1999.

Junior Faculty Development Award (University of Washington). 1998.

National Science Foundation Educational Development Grant (co-PI), 1997.

Jackson School of International Studies and the UW Graduate School, 1997.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Small Grant, 1996.

Royalty Research Fund Grant (University of Washington), 1995-96.

Arts and Sciences Exchange Program Travel Grant (University of Washington), 1995.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant, 1993-1994.

UCLA Latin American Center Grant, 1992-1994.

UCLA Graham Fellowship, 1993 and 1994.

Ford Foundation Graduate Student Teaching Grant, UCLA 1992 and 1993.

UCLA Graduate Fellowship, 1987-1988.

INVITED LECTURES (ordered chronologically)

American Institute for Economic Research. May 2021.

Texas Tech University. Free Market Institute. November 2020. (in-person)

Washington College. November 2020. (remote delivery)

Creighton University. Heider School of Business. October 2020. (remote delivery)

Institute for Humane Studies. Online workshop because of virus. July 2020.

University of Arizona. Freedom Center. July 2020.

Florida Gulf Coast University. April 2020. [Cancelled due to virus.](#)

Ave Maria University (FL). April 2020. [Cancelled due to virus.](#)

University of Victoria (Canada). February 2020. [Cancelled due to high winds.](#)

Indiana University East. School of Business. October 2019.

Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Summer Seminar (three lectures). July 2019.

Baylor University, Department of Economics. April 2019.

Baylor University, Institute for Studies of Religion. April 2019.

Heider School of Business, Creighton University (two lectures). November 2018.

Competitive Enterprise Institute. September 2018.

Arizona State University, School of Politics and Global Studies, September 2018.

Arizona State University Center for Economic Liberty (two lectures), September 2018.

Boise State University, September 2018.

Institute for Humane Studies, Chapman University. July 2018.

Rice University. April 2018.
 Texas A&M University. December 2017.
 George Mason University. October 2017.
 Mises Institute. Auburn, AL. June 2017.
 Free Market Institute. Texas Tech University. February 2017.
 University of Toronto (Wycliffe College). January 2017. Keynote address.
 Georgetown University. November 2016. (Panel for Religious Freedom Project.)
 George Mason University. November 2016. (Institute for Humane Studies.)
 St. Louis University. September 2016.
 University of Alabama. April 2016.
 Public Choice Society Annual Meeting. Graduate Student Plenary Session. March 2016.
 Institute for Humane Studies, Chapman University. July 2016.
 San Jose State University. April 2015.
 James Madison University. November 2014.
 Christian Newport University. October 2014. BB&T Colloquium Series. Keynote Address.
 George Mason University. March 2014.
 Georgetown University. Berkley Center. March 2014.
 Union University. November 2013.
 Georgetown University. Berkley Center. October 2013.
 Duke University. September 2013.
 University of Michigan. May 2013.
 Georgetown University. Berkley Center. December 2012.
 George Fox University. September 2012.
 Chapman University. Dept. of Economics. September 2011.
 Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2011.
 Baylor University. Institute for Studies of Religion. February 2011.
 Washington State University. Foley Center. December 2010.
 University of Washington, Tacoma. Dept. of Political Science. October 2010.
 Northwest University. Department of Political Science. September 2010.
 Baylor University. Institute for Studies of Religion. March 2010.
 Simon Fraser University. Dept. of Political Science. September 2009.
 Templeton Foundation. Istanbul, Turkey. April 2008.
 Central Washington University. Dept. of Political Science. May 2007.
 San Diego State University. Dept. of Political Science. April 2007.
 Pepperdine University. Dept. of Political Science. April 2006.
 Brigham Young University. Dept. of Political Science. March 2006.
 Georgetown University. Dept. of Political Science. January 2005.
 Duke University. Dept. of Political Science. September 2004.
 Arizona State University. Dept. of Political Science. February 2004.
 Koç University (Istanbul, Turkey). Dept. of Political Science. January 2004.
 Baylor University. Dept. of Political Science. December 2003.
 Arizona State University. Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. April 2003.
 Harvard University. Weatherhead Center. April 2002.
 Rice University. Dept. of Political Science. April 2001.
 University of Pittsburgh. Dept. of Political Science. February 2001.
 UCLA, Dept. of Sociology. Feb. 2001.
 University of New Mexico. Dept. of Political Science. April 2000.
 Harvard University. Rockefeller Center. November 1999.
 Emory University. Law School. October 1999.
 University of Washington, Tacoma. March 1999.
 McGill University. Dept. of Political Science. November 1998.
 Santa Clara University. Dept. of Economics. January 1998.

University of Chicago. Dept. of Economics (invited by Gary Becker). December 1997.
World Affairs Council, Seattle WA. May 1996.
Universidad de las Americas, Puebla (Mexico). June 1995.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Faculty Advisory Board, Rumsfeld Foundation (2017-2020)
Advisory Board, Greater Mekong Research Center (2017-present)
Faculty Mentor, Institute for Humane Studies (2016-present)
Advisory Board, Chapman Center on Civic Engagement (2015-present)
Creator and Host of *Research on Religion*, a weekly podcast series hosted by Baylor's ISR (2010-18).
Book Review Editor, *Comparative Political Studies* (1998 – 2013).
Founding Board Member, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics & Culture.
Executive Board Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2005-08).
Executive Officer, Religion & Politics Section of the APSA (1998-2000).
Editorial Boards
 Comparative Political Studies (1998 – 2014).
 Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (2003 – 2014)
 Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion (2004 – present).
 Georgetown University Press, series on religion (2002 – present)

For additional professional service, including grant and awards committees, please contact Prof. Gill.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Political Economy of Culture (graduate and undergraduate seminar)
Economic Theories of Politics (graduate seminar)
Research Design and Data Analysis (graduate seminar)
Quantitative Data Analysis (graduate seminar)
Comparative Politics (graduate core course)
Rational Choice in Comparative Politics (graduate seminar)
Religion and World Politics (graduate and undergraduate)
Latin American Politics (undergraduate and graduate)
Introduction to Political Economy
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Public Choice
Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*
International Political Economy of Latin America
Political Science as a Social Science (undergraduate methodology)

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Yu Sasaki (chair)	Waseda University.
Sebastien Lazardeux (chair)	St. John Fisher College (New York)
Ahmet Kuru (chair)	San Diego State University / Columbia U. post-doc
Anthony Pezzola (chair)	University of Santiago, Chile
Beatrice Magistro	Post-Doc, University of Toronto
Javier Crespan	Research Analyst, Colombia
Bradley Jensen Murg	Seattle Pacific University/Paragon Internat'l U.
Ketty Loeb	East-West Center (Honolulu, HI)
Jason Wollschleger	Whitworth University (Washington)
Adrian Sinkler	World Bank.
Christi Siver	St. Benedict's College (Minnesota)
Benjamin Smith	University of Florida & Harvard Fellow
Tamir Moustafa	Simon Frasier University (Canada)
Cynthia Horne	Seton Hall / Western Washington University
Katherine Stenger	Gustavus Adolphus University
Paul Froese	Baylor University (Sociology)
Magid Shihade	San Francisco Community College
Arang Keshavarzian (M.A.)	Concordia University (Canada)
Artashes Boyajian (M.A.)	Green River Community College
Thomas Murphy	Edmonds Community College (Anthropology)
T. Jens Feeley	NASA
Diana Pallais	Microsoft Corporation

Consult Prof. Gill for current list of graduate students.

Ph.D. THESIS

Rendering Unto Caesar: Religious Competition and Church-State Relations in Latin America, 1930-1979.

Barbara Geddes, chair; Jeffrey Frieden; Michael Wallerstein, David Lopez.