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Personal

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

Married to Eliza Ellison; Two Daughters and Five 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)
 - 3(a). Reprinted as *Christianity and Democracy in Global Context* (London: Routledge, 2018)
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)

- 6(a). *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, NY: Orbis Books, 1999) (with Michael Bourdeaux) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2013)
- 8(a). Reprinted as *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, NY: 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)
- 10(a). *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 2d ed. (Boulder/New York: Westview Press/Perseus Books Group, 2005) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2011)
 - 10(b). *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)
 - 10(c). *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 4th ed. (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) (with Joel A. Nichols) (Spanish translation by Nicolás Zambrana-Tévar and Rafael Domingo, 2018; Ecuadorian edition, 2020; Peruvian edition, 2021; French translation forthcoming)
 - 10(d). *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment*, 5th ed. (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022) (with Joel Nichols and Richard W. Garnett)
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, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2005) (with Robert M. Kingdon)

13. Co-Editor, *Covenant Marriage in Comparative Perspective* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2005) (with Eliza Ellison)

14. Co-Editor, *Family Transformed: Religion, Values, and Family Life in Interdisciplinary Perspective* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2005) (with Steven M. Tipton)

15. Co-Editor, *Modern Christian Teachings on Law, Politics, and Human Nature* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2005; 3 vols. pbk. ed. 2007) (with Frank S. Alexander)

- 15(a) Partial translation of Orthodox materials in K.B. Sigov, ed., *Chelovek. Istoriia. Vest'* (Kiev: Dukh i Litera, 2006)

16. Co-Editor, *Modern Christian Teachings on Law, Politics, and Human Nature: Primary Sources* (New York/London: Columbia University Press, 2005) (with Frank S. Alexander)

17. 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)

18. *God's Joust, God's Justice: Law and Religion in the Western Tradition* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006) (Chinese translation by Yuan Yucheng, 2016)

- 18a. 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)

19. Co-Editor, *To Have and to Hold: Marrying and its Documentation in Western Christendom, 400-1600* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007) (with Philip L. Reynolds)

20. Co-Editor, *The Equal Regard Family and its Friendly Critics* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2007) (with M. Christian Green and Amy Wheeler)

21. *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, 2017)

- 21a. Abridged and translated as *Diritti Umani e Protestantesimo*, trans. Andrea Pin (Naples: Jovene Editori, 2011) (Italian edition)

22. Co-Editor, *Christianity and Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008) (with Frank S. Alexander) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2015)

23. *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 by David Jung, 2021)
24. Coeditor, *Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010) (with Frank S. Alexander) (Chinese translation forthcoming)
25. Coeditor, *Religion and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2012) (with M. Christian Green)
26. Coeditor, *No Establishment of Religion: America's Original Contribution to Religious Liberty* (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2012) (with T. Jeremy Gunn)
27. Editor, Harold J. Berman, *Law and Language: Effective Symbols of Community* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013) (Russian translation forthcoming)
28. *The Western Case for Monogamy over Polygamy* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015) (Italian translation by Giada Ragone and Andrea Pin, 2018; Chinese translation by Ruihua Zhong, 2022; Hungarian edition by Mathias Corvinus Collegium Foundation, 2022)
29. Coeditor, *Texts and Contents in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue* (Berkeley, CA: Robbins Collection, 2016) (with Sarah McDougall and Anna di Robilant)
30. Coeditor, *Christianity and Family Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) (with Gary S. Hauk)
31. Coeditor, *The Protestant Reformation of the Church and the World* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018) (with Amy Wheeler)
32. *Church, State, and Family: Reconciling Traditional Teachings and Modern Liberties* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019) (Chinese translation forthcoming)
- 32(a). Abridged as *In Defense of the Marital Family* (Leiden: Brill, 2023)
33. Coeditor, *Christianity and Global Law* (London: Routledge, 2020) (with Rafael Domingo)
34. Coeditor, *Great Christian Jurists in German History* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020) (with Mathias Schmoeckel)
35. Coeditor, *Christianity and Criminal Law* (London: Routledge, 2020) (with Mark Hill, Norman Doe, and R.H. Helmholz)

36. Coeditor, *Character Formation, Ethical Education and the Communication of Values in Late Modern Pluralistic Societies*, 10 vols. (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt GmbH / Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2020-23)

- *The Impact of the Market ...* (2020) (with Jürgen von Hagen and Michael Welker)
- *The Impact of Religion ...* (2020) (with Michael Welker and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of the Law ...* (2021) (with Michael Welker)
- *The Impact of Academic Research ...* (2021) (with William Schweiker, Michael Welker, and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of Education ...* (2021) (with Michael Welker and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of the Family ...* (2022) (with Michael Welker and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of the Military ...* (2022) (with Michael Welker and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of the Media ...* (2022) (with Michael Welker, Jürgen von Hagen, and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of Health Care ...* (2023) (with Michael Welker, Eva Winkler, and Stephen Pickard)
- *The Impact of Political Economy ...* (2023) (with Piet Naude and Michael Welker)

37. *Faith, Freedom, and Family: New Essays in Law and Religion*, eds. Norman Doe and Gary S. Hauk (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021)

38. *The Blessings of Liberty: Human Rights and Religious Freedom in the Western Legal Tradition* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021)

39. *Raíces protestantes del derecho*, trans. and ed. Rafael Domingo (Madrid: Aranzadi, 2023)

40. *Table Talk: Short Talks on the Weightier Matters of Life and Law* (Leiden: Brill, 2023)

41. Coeditor, *Oxford Handbook on Christianity and Law* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023) (with Rafael Domingo)

42. *Le origini e il futuro della libertà religiosa in Europa e negli Stati Uniti* (Milan/Bologna: Il Mulino, 2023) (with Andrea Pin)

Forthcoming Books

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

John Calvin the Lawyer

A New Reformation of Rights: Calvinist Contributions to Modern Human Rights

The Religious Vindication of Law: The Uses of Laws 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 25th Anniversary Celebration of the 1981 Declaration on Religious Tolerance," 21 *Emory International Law Review* 1-276 (2007) (Chinese translation by Paul Lui, 2018)

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 Christianity Offers to the World of Law," *32 Journal of Law and Religion* 4-97 (2017)
18. "Festschrift for Michael J. Perry," *70 Emory Law Journal* i-xxxii, 1365-1685 (2022)

Articles and Book Chapters

300 plus 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. List of articles available upon request.

Lectures

425 plus major public lectures at numerous schools, research institutes, and academic conferences in North America, Europe, Israel, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa. List of lectures available upon request.

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, 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 Lectures, 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 Lectures, 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 Lectures, University of Heidelberg and Yale Divinity School (2016); Cunningham Lectures, New College, University of Edinburgh (2016); Emory Williams Lecture, Emory University (2017); McDonald Distinguished Scholar Lectures, Emory University (2017) and Christ Church, Oxford (2018); Gifford Lectures, Aberdeen (2022)

Editorial Appointments

- Series Co-Editor,
- Series Co-Editor, Brill Research Perspectives on Law and Religion, Brill (2021-)
- Series Editor, Cambridge Studies in Law and Christianity, Cambridge University Press (2014-)
- Coeditor, *Journal of Law and Religion*, Cambridge University Press (2013-)
- Editorial Board, *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, Cambridge University Press (2006-)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Church and State*, Oxford University Press (1999-)
- Series Editor, Emory Studies in Law and Religion, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. (1989-)

Selected 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 Scholar/Teacher Award, 1994
- Most Outstanding Educator Award, 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, Black Law Students Association, Emory Law School, 1998
- 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, Emory University, 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 Raised for Research Projects

- Anonymous: \$500,000 (2012-2016); \$350,000 (2012); \$1,000,000 (2015); 250,000 (2016)
- Ford Foundation: \$897,000 (1995-1999)
- 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); \$360,000 (2020)
- Maguire Oil Company: \$90,000 (2016-2017)
- McDonald Agape Foundation: \$500,000 (2004); \$750,000 (2007); \$575,000 (2010); \$250,000 (2012); \$1,000,000 (2016); \$250,000 (2019); \$750,000 (2020); \$1,870,000 (2023); \$30,000 (2023); \$200,000 (2023)
- The 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)