

Jonathan Ashbach, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. in Politics, Hillsdale College, December 2020
--Dissertation: "The Logic of the Social Contract: Authority in the Constitutional Thought of James Madison"

M.A. in Politics, Hillsdale College, 2017

M.A. in Christian Apologetics, Biola University, 2014

B.A. in Politics and Economics, Humboldt State University, Summa Cum Laude, 2012

Academic Honors

"Mentioned Most Often" faculty recognition, helping online-only students succeed, Baylor University, Fall 2020

Bob R. Kittleson Memorial Scholarship, Economics Department, Humboldt State University.

Academic Achievement in Economics Award, Economics Department, Humboldt State University.

Completion of the Honors Program, College of the Redwoods

One semester spent as Honors Intern for the CR Honors Program, and four spent on the Honors Student Advisory Board.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Make High Majesty Look Like Itself: Shakespeare's Politics and *Richard II*." *History of Political Thought* (forthcoming).

"A Limited Defense of Factory Farming: The Ethics and Politics of Consuming Intensively-Raised Animals." *The Independent Review* (forthcoming).

“Limited Self-Ownership: The Failure of Argumentation Ethics.” *The Journal of Libertarian Studies* (forthcoming, November 2021).

“Against Every General Principle: Prudence in the Constitutional Statesmanship of James Madison.” *American Political Thought* 10, no. 3 (Summer 2021): 363-89.

“The Phenomenological Moral Argument: A New Formulation of a Classic Theistic Defense.” *Philosophia Christi* 21, no. 1 (Summer 2019): 137-53.

Book Reviews

“Review of Christendom and the Nations.” *Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics* 9 (2021): BR11-14.

“Review of Called to Freedom: Why You Can Be Christian and Libertarian.” *Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics* 8 (2020): BR21-24.

Working Papers

“The Superiority of Republics: The Roots of James Madison’s Republicanism.”

“Reasonable Accommodation: James Madison, *Employment Division v. Smith*, and Religious Free Exercise.”

“Restoring the Aesthetic Argument: A Phenomenological Approach.” (under review)

Popular Publications

“How Cowardice and Class Privilege Shift Support for Coronavirus Shutdowns.” *The Federalist*. 23 April 2020.

“Is Social Distancing Saving Lives or Ruining Them?” *The Federalist*. 23 March 2020.

“Yes, Tariffs Make Stuff More Expensive, But Sometimes It’s Worth It.” *The Federalist*. 19 June 2019.

“The Strange Case of William Shakespeare and Donald Trump.” *The Public Discourse*. 12 July 2018.

“Ignoring The Courts May Be Tempting, But It’s Unconstitutional And Dangerous.” *The Federalist*. 7 March 2018.

“No, Christians Don’t Want To Discriminate Against Gay People.” *The Federalist*. 7 December 2017.

“Defending the Accuracy of Scripture, One Coincidence at a Time.” *Christianity Today*. 10 August 2017.

“Memo to Gallup: No Christian Has Ever Taken The Entire Bible Literally.” *The Federalist*. 10 July 2017.

“Critics And Audiences Have It All Wrong. Guy Ritchie’s ‘King Arthur’ Is A Truly Great Film.” *The Federalist*. 23 May 2017.

“No, The American Founders Were Not Libertarians.” *The Federalist*. 2 May 2017.

“How The Electoral College Saves Us From The Mob Rule of Democracy.” *The Federalist*. 30 December 2016.

“The GOP Needs to Elect Trump, Then Impeach Him.” *The Federalist*. 25 October 2016.

“The Heresy of Conscience.” *Patheos*. 6 October 2016.

Conference Presentations

“Reasonable Accommodation: James Madison, *Employment Division v. Smith*, and Religious Free Exercise.” NPSA, Philadelphia Pennsylvania 11-13 November 2021.

“Against Every General Principle: Prudence in the Constitutional Thought of James Madison.” Shawnee Trail Regional Conference, Baylor Texas, 3 April 2020. (paper accepted / conference cancelled)

“Let Us Make Incision: Shakespeare and Race in Merchant of Venice.” Association for Core Texts and Courses, Birmingham Alabama, 16-19 April 2020. (paper accepted / conference cancelled)

“Make High Majesty Look Like Itself: Shakespeare’s Politics and Richard II,” NPSA, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 9 November 2019.

“For Love and Country: Marriage as Critique in Shakespeare’s English History Tetralogies.” Association for Core Texts and Courses, Santa Fe New Mexico, 11 April 2019.

“Reason and the Divine Will: The Foundations of John Locke’s Natural Law,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, Framingham Massachusetts, 21 April 2018.

“John Witherspoon’s Critique of Eudaemonism,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, Dallas Texas, 21 April 2017.

Other Presentations

“Dread Prince: Shakespeare’s Politics and Henry V,” Baylor University Honors College, 5 April 2021.

“Basic Political Theology,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 18 October 2020.

“The Logic of the Social Contract: Authority in the Constitutional Thought of James Madison,” Hillsdale College, 16 October 2020.

“Jefferson Versus Hamilton,” Baylor University Interdisciplinary Core Program, 5 February 2020.

“The Mirror of All Christian Kings: Shakespeare’s Politics and Henry V,” Baylor University Honors College, 27 January 2020.

“Biblical Worldview and Politics,” Interview with The SpoonFed Soul, 28 September 2019.

“What is Supersessionism?,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 28 October 2018.

“Mormonism and the Jehovah’s Witnesses,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 29 April 2018.

“Orthodoxy,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 15 April 2018.

“Is Roman Catholicism Rational?,” With Joshua Brown, College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 19 November 2017.

“Apologetics: A Crash Course,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, 12 November 2017.

“Commonly Misused Bible Verses,” College Baptist Church, College Sunday School, c. 16 April 2016.

Research / Teaching Interests

American Constitutional Law, Development, and Interpretation
American Political Thought (especially James Madison / American Founding)
American Governmental Institutions (especially the Judiciary)
Contemporary Right- and Left-Wing Thought (including Race and Gender Politics)
Shakespeare's Political Thought
Political Theory
Political Theology
Natural Theology

Teaching Experience

PSC 2302 / 1387: American Constitutional Development, Taught at Baylor University, Fall 2019-Present (both online and in person)

PSC 1305: American National Government, Taught at Baylor University, Fall 2019 / Spring 2020

PHL 236: Ethics, Taught at Jackson College, Spring 2019.

Teaching Apprenticeship, Hillsdale College, 2017

Church History, Taught to high school level homeschooled students, 2015

American Politics, Taught to high school level homeschooled students, c. 2012

Professional Experience

Assistant to the Graduate Dean, Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship, Hillsdale College, August 2017-July 2019

Front Desk Clerk, Best Western Plus Bayshore Inn, Eureka CA, May 2010-June 2015

Assistant Editor, Humboldt Economic Index, Humboldt State University, April 2011-March 2012

Honors Program Intern, College of the Redwoods, 2009

Honors Student Advisory Board, College of the Redwoods, 2007-2009

Languages (Reading Competency)

Latin
Greek
French
Spanish

References

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