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Personal

Home: 1917 N. Palm Way, Upland, CA 91784
Education: Boston College, 1966-70, B.S. Physics, magna cum laude
Univ. of Chicago: History of Science, 1971-72
Political Science, 1972-77
M.A., June 1974; Ph.D., June 1978

Academic Positions

Alice Tweed Tuohy Professor of Government and Ethics, Claremont McKenna College (at CMC since July 1990)
Acting Director, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, January - December, 2003 and July 1997 - June 1998
Associate Director, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, since July 1995
Adjunct Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University (part-time, August 1988 - June 1989)
Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science and the College, University of Chicago (part-time, September 1983 - June 1984)
Assistant Professor, Catholic University of America, Department of Politics, 1979-81
Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, 1977-79
Lecturer, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, Summer 1976
Lecturer, Loyola University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, Autumn 1974

Fellowships and Awards

Boston College Presidential Scholarship, 1966-70
Fishbein Fellowship in History of Science, University of Chicago, 1971-72
University of Chicago Fellowships, 1972-74
Earhart Foundation Fellowships, 1973-74 and 1976-77
Claremont McKenna College Presidential Award of Merit, May 2000

Government Positions

Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Justice (September 1988 - July 1990)
Deputy Director for Data Analysis, Bureau of Justice Statistics (January 1985 - September 1988)
Director of Planning, Training, and Management, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Ill. (June 1981 - December 1984)

Other Professional Experience

White Burkett Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia:

Assistant to the Director, Program on the Presidency, June - September 1977

Acting Director, Program on the Presidency, September 1977 - June 1978

Research Assistant and Co-principal Investigator, NEH funded study on "Rhetoric and Presidential Leadership" June 1978 - December 1979

Director, Catholic University's Congressional Studies Program, January 1980 - June 1981

Member, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Blue Ribbon Panel on Police Hiring and Promotion, 1990-1993

Academic Review Board, Criminal Justice Legal Foundation

Editorial Board, *Citizen and Statesman*

Publications

"The Presidency," in *Founding Principles of American Government*, ed. George and Scarlett Graham (Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 1977)

"Deliberative Democracy: The Majority Principle in Republican Government," in *How Democratic is the Constitution?*, ed. Robert Goldwin and William Shambra (American Enterprise Institute, 1981)

The Presidency in the Constitutional Order, edited with Jeffrey Tulis (Louisiana State University Press, 1981)

"The Constitution, Politics, and the Presidency," with Jeffrey Tulis in *The Presidency in the Constitutional Order*

"The Rise of the Rhetorical Presidency," with James Ceaser, Glen Thurow, and Jeffrey Tulis, *Presidential Studies Quarterly* Vol. XI, No. 2 (spring 1981). Reprinted in Thomas Cronin, ed., *Rethinking the Presidency* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1982); Mary Pollingue, *Readings in American Government*, (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt, 1983, 1991, 1994); Theodore Windt, ed., *Essays in Presidential Rhetoric* (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt, 1983, 1986); and Harry A. Bailey, Jr. and Jay M. Shafritz, eds., *The American Presidency: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* (Chicago: Dorsey press, 1988).

"Is Congress a Deliberative Body?" in *The United States Congress: Proceedings of the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Symposium*, Boston College (1982)

Book review essay of *Bureaucrats, Policy Analysts, Statesmen: Who Leads?* ed., Robert Goldwin, published in *Interpretation*, Vol. XI, Issue 1 (January 1983)

American Government: Origins, Institutions, and Public Policy, with James W. Ceaser, Laurence J. O'Toole, and Glen Thurow (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1984); Second Edition (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 1992)

“Congress and Separation of Powers,” January 1986, for newspaper syndication through Public Research Syndicated, Claremont, Calif.

“The Presidency, Congress, and Public Opinion” and “Lawmaking in Congress” in *The New Federalist Papers*, ed. J. Jackson Barlow et. al. (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, Public Research Syndicated, 1988)

“Founding Republics: The Near Failure of State Governments During the Critical Period,” *Tocqueville Review* IX (1987/88), delivered at the French-American Bicentennial Conference, Charlottesville, Va., May 1987; reprinted as “La difficile Fondation des Republiques durant la ‘periode critique,’ 1776-1787” in *Le Discours sur les Revolutions* (Paris: Economica, 1991). A slightly different version was published as “The Legislative Power: Structure and Limits” in *Our Peculiar Security* (Savage, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 1993).

“Denigrating the Deliberative Republic: The Impact of the 22nd Amendment on Presidential Leadership” in *Restoring the Presidency: Reconsidering the Twenty-Second Amendment* (Washington, D.C.: The National Legal Center for the Public Interest, 1990)

“Ten Myths About Crime and Justice” (with Anne Nutter Bessette), The Claremont Institute, March 16, 1992

“Guarding the Constitution from Legislative Tyranny,” in *Is the Supreme Court the Guardian of the Constitution?* (Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute, 1993).

The Mild Voice of Reason: Deliberative Democracy and American National Government (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994). Excerpts reprinted in *Debating Democracy: A Reader in American Politics*, ed. Bruce Miroff, Raymond Seidelman, and Todd Swanstrom.

“Deliberation in American Lawmaking,” *Philosophy & Public Policy* Vol. 14, No. 1/2 (Winter/Spring 1994), pp. 18-23.

“Executive Power and the American Founding” (with Gary J. Schmitt) in *Separation of Powers and Good Government* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1994).

“The Case for Incarceration” in *Enhancing Capacities and Confronting Controversies in Criminal Justice*, Bureau of Justice Statistics (August 1994), pp. 84-90.

Editor, *Toward a More Perfect Union: The Writings of Herbert J. Storing* (Washington, DC: American Enterprise Institute, 1995). Author of “Introduction”

“Crime, Justice, and Punishment,” *Jobs & Capital* Vol. IV, Winter 1995, pp. 18-22.

Consulting editor, *Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics Series* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1995), 5 vols. Author of “Congress of the United States”

Review of *The Moral Foundations of United States Constitutional Democracy*, James H. Rutherford in *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 15, No. 2 (Summer 1995)

Consulting editor, *American Justice* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1996), 3 vols. Author of “William Blackstone,” “Burglary,” “Criminal Justice System,” “Justice,” “Lincoln-Douglas Debates,” “Ex Parte Milligan,” and “National Labor Relations Act”

Review of *Time, Politics, and Policies: A Legislative Year*, Burdett Loomis and *Politics for People: Finding a Responsible Public Voice*, David Mathews in *The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol. 545 (May 1996)

“Remarks on Murder, the Death Penalty, and Time in Prison,” Panel on “Reflections on a Quarter-Century of Constitutional Regulation of Capital Punishment,” Death Penalty Symposium, John Marshall Law School, October 17, 1996, published in *The John Marshall Law Review*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Winter 1997).

Review essay on *Democracy and Disagreement* by Amy Gutmann and Dennis Thompson, *The Good Society: A PEGS Journal* Vol. 7, No. 2 (Spring 1997).

“In Pursuit of Criminal Justice,” *The Public Interest*, No. 129 (Fall 1997). Reprinted in *Current*, No. 399 (January 1998).

Consulting editor, *Encyclopedia of American Government* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1998), 4 vols.

“What Does ‘High Crimes and Misdemeanors’ Mean?,” with Gary J. Schmitt, *A Report from The Henry Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the Modern World*, December 15, 1998.

“Introduction” and “Herbert J. Storing on the Problem of Democracy” in “A Symposium on Herbert J. Storing,” *The Political Science Reviewer*, XXIX, 2000.

“A Plea for Pandering,” review of Lawrence Jacobs and Robert Shapiro, *Politicians Don’t Pander: Political Manipulation and the Loss of Democratic Responsiveness* in *Claremont Review of Books*, Volume 1, No. 2 (Winter 2001).

Review of George McJimsey, *The Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt* in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (Winter 2001).

“Accountability, Political” and “Deliberation, Political Aspects” in *The International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Pergamon Press, 2001), Volume I, 38-41; II, 3377-80.

“Shameless Injustice,” review of Austin Sarat, *When the State Kills: Capital Punishment and the American Condition* in *Claremont Review of Books*, Volume III, No. 1 (Winter 2002).

“Disarming America,” review of John R. Lott, Jr., *The Bias Against Guns: Why Almost Everything You’ve Heard About Gun Control Is Wrong* in *Claremont Review of Books*, Volume III, No. 4 (Fall 2003).

Review of Adam Simon, *The Winning Message: Candidate Behavior, Campaign Discourse, and Democracy* in *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume I, No. 3 (September 2003), 610.

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“Revising Three-Strikes would only weaken message to felons,” with Jennifer E. Walsh, *Pasadena Star News*, October 28, 2004, and *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, October 28, 2004.

“Is God in the Details?” *Claremont Review of Books*, Volume V, No. 1 (Winter 2004) – review essay on four books on “Intelligent Design”: Stephen M. Barr, *Modern Physics and Ancient Faith* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press); William A. Dembski, *The Design Revolution: Answering the Toughest Questions about Intelligent Design* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press); Larry Witham, *By Design: Science and the Search for God* (San Francisco: Encounter Books); Thomas Woodward, *Doubts about Darwin: A History of Intelligent Design* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books).

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“Herbert J. Storing” in *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia* (Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2006)

Referee

American Political Science Review

American Politics Research

Cambridge University Press

Canadian Journal of Political Science

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Perspectives on Politics

Princeton University Press

Pennsylvania State University Press

Policy Studies Journal

Polity: Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association

Studies in American Political Development

University of Chicago Press