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EDUCATION:

PhD, Department of History, University of Virginia, 2007

Dissertation: *Came To Believe: American Faith In an Age of Psychology*
Nominee, Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, Society of American Historians

MA, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, 2000

MA, Department of English, University of Virginia, 1995

BA, Department of English, University of Maryland, College Park, 1992

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Associate Faculty Director, Open Academy Kravis Lab for Civic Leadership, CMC, 2026-

Senior Lecturer of Government, Claremont McKenna College, 2020-present

Associate Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2010- present

Lecturer, California State University, San Bernardino, 2016-2020

Adjunct Professor, Claremont Graduate University, 2013-2015

Visiting Assistant Professor, Claremont McKenna College, 2012-2014

Fellow, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2005-2006

Fellow, Center for Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, 2005-2006

AWARDS AND SERVICE:

Member, Alliance for Civics in the Academy, Hoover Institution, 2025-

Faculty Advisory Committee, Hillel of the Claremont Colleges, 2015-

Nominee, Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, Society of American Historians, 2007

Mary McEwen Schimke Award, Wellesley University, 2005-2006

Graduate School of Arts and Science Dissertation Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2004-2005

Nominee, Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching, University of Virginia, 2002

BOOKS:

The Republican Civil War: What Liz Cheney's Wyoming Tells Us About A Divided American Right (Oxford University Press, 2026), with Jon Shields.

Trump's Democrats (Brookings Institution Press, 2020), with Jon Shields.

Reviewed or featured in *America Magazine*, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *Cranston Herald*, *First Things*, *New York Times*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Politico*, *Providence Journal*, *Revista de Libros*, *Society*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Monthly*.

American Protestantism in the Age of Psychology (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Reviewed in *Journal of American History*; *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*; *Church History*; *CHOICE*; and *Religion Compass*.

ARTICLES:

"How Professors Teach Contentious Issues," *Theory and Society* (forthcoming), with Jon Shields and Yuval Avnur.

"Closed Classrooms," *National Affairs* Number 66 (Winter 2026), with Jon Shields.

Based on an earlier working paper with Yuval Avnur and Jon Shields. Research featured in the *New York Times*, *The Hill*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Jewish Journal*, *Real Clear Politics*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The College Fix*, *The Daily Dish*, *Education Next*, *Jewish Post & News*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"Trump: New Populist or Old Democrat?," *Critical Review* 31(3-4) 2020: 405-419, with Jon Shields, DOI: 10.1080/08913811.2019.1713628

"How Catholics and Jews Remade American Politics—and Why We Slight Their Contributions," with Jon A. Shields, *Journal of Church and State* 60(4) 2018: 614-635, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcs/csx081>.

"'Be the Love of God Rather than Talk About It': Pastors Study Psychology," *History of Psychology* 15(2) 2012: 145-160.

OPINION, ESSAYS, AND REVIEWS:

"Professors Need to Diversify What They Teach," *Persuasion*, 16 October 2025, with Yuval Avnur and Jon Shields. (Reprinted: "Want to See Campus Bias? Open the Syllabus," *Free Press*, 3 November 2025.)

“Republicans in Wyoming See Clearly What's Happening,” *The New York Times*, 7 September 2023, with Jon Shields.

“Liz Cheney and the Twilight of the Old Republican Elite,” *The New York Times*, 17 August 2022, with Jon Shields.

“Those Obama-Trump Counties,” *The Bulwark*, 7 November 2020, with Jon Shields.

“Why Trump Made Gains Among Minority Men Against Biden,” *Fortune*, 6 November 2020, with Jon Shields.

“Biden Should Adopt Identity Politics of Place,” *Real Clear Policy*, 16 October 2020, with Jon Shields.

“The Other Democratic Party,” *The Bulwark*, 4 October 2020, with Jon Shields.

“Those Biden Gaffes? Some Key Voters Actually Like Them,” *New York Times*, 16 September 2020, with Jon Shields.

Review of *Quit Like A Woman*, by Holly Whitaker, *Society* 57(3): 346-348.

Review of *Happier? The History of a Cultural Movement that Aspired to Transform America*, by Daniel Horowitz, *American Historical Review* 123 (5) December 2018: 1683–1684.

Review of *Rethinking Therapeutic Culture* ed. by Timothy Aubry and Trysh Travis, *Society* 53(1): 107-9.

“The Cultural Contours of Parenthood: A Bibliographic Review,” *Hedgehog Review* 15(3) 2013: 54-61.

Review of *Adult Supervision Required* by Markella B. Rutherford, *Hedgehog Review* 15(3) 2013.

Review of *Scripting Addiction: The Politics of Therapeutic Talk and American Sobriety* by E. Summerson Carr, *Society* 49(1) 2012: 101-103.

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, and INTERVIEWS (selected):

“Closed Classrooms: An Analysis of College Syllabi on Contentious Issues,” [webinar], Brandeis University President's Initiative on Antisemitism, 4 December 2025.

“Liberalism Beyond Elites,” [panel presentation] Liberalism for the 21st Century Conference, Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Modern Authoritarianism (ISMA), 14-15 August 2025, Washington, DC.

“These Scholarly Topics Are Hotly Debated. So Why Don’t Syllabi Reflect That?” [interview by Emma Pettit with Jon A. Shields and Yuval Avnur] *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 22 July 2025.

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“Workshop on the Conservative Intellectual Tradition for University Faculty,” participant, American Enterprise Institute, May 18-23, 2025.

“Tech Summit Panel,” presentation on AI and Writing Assignments, Committee on Writing, Claremont McKenna College, 4 April 2025.

“The Gender Gap and the 2024 Elections,” lecture, The CARE Center, Claremont McKenna College, 30 October 2024.

Interview, *Two Worlds, One Country*, podcast of the Rural-Urban Bridge Initiative, 19 April 2024.

“The Anglo Roots of American Liberty,” conference participant, sponsored by Salvatori Center, London, May 20-25, 2024.

Interviewed by Ian Masters, *Background Briefing*, radio show, 6 December 2023.

“The Republican Civil War: What Liz Cheney’s Wyoming Tells Us about the Past, Present, and Future of the Republican Party,” lecture with Jon Shields, Claremont McKenna College’s Athenaeum, 25 October 2022.

Interview, *Day 6*, CBC Radio, 20 August 2022.

Interview, *Outside Source TV*, BBC World News, 17 August 2022.

Interviewed by Ian Masters, *Background Briefing*, radio show, 17 August 2022.

Organizer, “Developing Children: The Achievements and Limitations of Moral Psychology,” Workshop at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 24-25 September 2021. Charlottesville, Virginia.

“Trump’s Democrats in Rural Kentucky.” Presentation to the Rural-Urban Bridge Initiative. 4 August 2021. Zoom.

“Trump’s Democrats.” Presentation to the Swing Voter Project by Engagious. 30 October 2020. Zoom.

Larry Rifkin’s *America Trends* [podcast]. Interview. Episode 445. <https://www.rifkinradio.com>

“Understanding Trump’s Democrats.” Conference presentation at Democratic Discontent: How Populism and Nationalism are Reshaping Politics in Europe and America, The Dreier Roundtable at Claremont McKenna College, 12-15 June 2017, Ste. Paul de Vence, France.

“Episcopal Clergy in an Age of Psychology.” Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, Claremont School of Theology, California, 21 June 2014.

Panel Chair, “The American West: Myth, Imagination, and Memory,” Claremont Graduate University, 6 April 2013.

“American Protestantism in an Age of Psychology.” Presentation at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, Charlottesville, Virginia, October 2011.

“Learning to Be the Love of God: Pastors Learn Psychology.” Paper presented at The Therapeutic Origins of Politics, Public Policy, and Citizenship in the Post-1945 United States, University of Oregon, May 2009.

“Alcoholics Anonymous: Spiritual Therapy as Civil Society after World War II.” Paper presented at Spring, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2006.

CLASSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to American Politics

Distrust and Democracy

American Jews and Liberal Democracy

Cold War America, 1945-1991

United States History 1917-1945

American Populism

Evolution of American Democracy, 1783-1840

United States History, 1865-present

American Civilization

Early American Biography: George Washington

American Political History

The Family in the Modern West

The American Family and Politics Across the Twentieth Century