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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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#### **Professional Position**

Professor and Chair  
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#### **Personal Information**

Date of Birth: February 8, 1959  
Place of Birth: Grand Haven, Michigan  
Citizenship: USA  
Spouse: Lori A. Nelsen  
Children: Kirsten Grace (born 3/14/86); Evan Franklin (born 1/26/90);  
Derek Stephen (born 7/26/92)

#### **Academic Background**

1989 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Ph.D. in Political Science  
Attended: Aug. 1984–Nov. 1989  
Areas: Comparative Politics (Western Europe); International Relations;  
American Politics  
Minor: International Economics  
Thesis: “The State Offshore: Petroleum, Politics, and State Intervention on  
the British and Norwegian Continental Shelves”  
Advisor: Barbara Stallings

1984 University of Wisconsin–Madison, M.A. in Political Science  
Attended: Sept. 1982–May 1984

1981 Wheaton College (Illinois), B.A. in Political Science  
Attended: Sept. 1977–May 1981  
Honors: Graduated with High Honors

#### **Professional Experience**

2003- Chair, Department of Political Science, Furman University  
2002- Professor, Furman University  
1996-02 Associate Professor, Furman University  
1990-96 Assistant Professor, Furman University  
1984 Instructor, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
1982-84 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison

#### **Books**

- The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*, eds. Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander C-G. Stubb (Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner Publishers). First Edition, 1994; Second Edition, 1998; Third Edition, 2003.
- Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).
- The State Offshore: Petroleum, Politics, and State Intervention on the British and Norwegian Continental Shelves* (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1991).

### **Series General Editor**

Studies on the European Polity Series, Lynne Rienner Publishers.

### **Edited Journal**

*Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University's Religious Identity*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997).

### **Refereed Articles**

- "The Political Activity of Evangelical Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Case Study of Five Denominations," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 42(4)(December 2003): 501-514. (Co-authors: James L. Guth, Linda Beail, Greg Crow, Beverly Gaddy, Steve Montreal, James Penning and Jeff Walz).
- "Religion and Youth Support for the European Union," with James L. Guth, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 41(1)(March 2003): 89-112.
- "Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Support for the European Union," with James L. Guth and Cleveland R. Fraser, *European Union Politics*, 2(2)(Spring 2001): 191-217.
- "Exploring the Gender Gap: Women, Men, and Public Attitudes toward European Integration," with James L. Guth, *European Union Politics*, 1(3)(Fall 2000): 267-91.
- "Explaining Petroleum Policy in Britain and Norway, 1962-1990," *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 15(4)(1992): 307-28.

### **Non-Refereed Articles**

- "Is the European Union a Christian Club?," *An Uncertain Road: Muslims and the Future of Europe*, Report for the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, December 2004, <http://pewforum.org/publications/reports/MuslimsinEurope2004.pdf>.
- "Presbyterian Church in America," with Beverly A. Gaddy, in *Pulpit and Politics: Clergy in American Politics at the Advent of the Millennium* (Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press, 2004), pp. 141-152.
- "The Nordic Countries," in *Research Guide to U.S. and International Interest Groups*, ed. Clive S. Thomas (Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2004), pp. 311-314.
- "The European Economic Area," in *Encyclopedia of the European Union*, ed. Desmond Dinan (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998).
- "An Evangelical Perspective," *Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University's Religious Identity*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997): 127-159.
- "Introduction," *Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University's Religious Identity*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997): 1-7.
- "The European Community Debate in Norway: The Periphery Revolts, Again," in *Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).
- "Norway, the European Community, and the Integration Process," in *Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).

“Norway and the European Community: The Membership Debate Resurrected,” *Current Politics and Economics of Europe*, 2(½)(1992).

“Den amerikanske presidentvalgkampen,” *Hvor Hender Det?*, Nr. 21, 8 Feb. 1988.

### **Book Reviews**

“In Defense of Holy Unsameness,” a review of George Weigel, *The Cube and the Cathedral: Europe, America, and Politics Without God* in *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, 4(3)(Winter 2006), pp. 63-64.

Tom Inglis, Zdzislaw Mach, Rafa Mazanek (eds.), *Religion and Politics: East-West Contrasts from Contemporary Europe*, in *Review of Religious Research*, 43(2)(December 2001): 187-189.

Janerik Gidlund and Magnus Jerneck, *Local and Regional Governance in Europe: Evidence from Nordic Regions*, in *ECSA Review*, 14(3)(Summer 2001).

Clive Archer and Ingrid Sogner, *Norway, European Integration and Atlantic Security*, in *ECSA Review*, 13(1)(Winter 2000): 12.

Review essay of Christine Ingebritsen, *The Nordic States and European Unity*; Lee Miles, *Sweden and European Integration*; and Robert Geyer, *The Uncertain Union: British and Norwegian Social Democrats in an Integrating Europe*, in *ECSA Review*, 11(3)(Fall 1998): 18-20.

### **Opinion**

“Furman controversy has deep roots” (with James L. Guth), *The Greenville News*, 4 June 2008.

“Religion in Europe: An Interview with Brent Nelson (*sic*),” (edited by Norbert Gasaj), Institute for Global Engagement, <http://www.globalengage.org/issues.asp?id=35>, September 23, 2005.

“God and the European Constitution,” *Collegenews.org* (<http://www.collegenews.org/x2387.xml>), 28 February 2003.

“Defeating terror requires victory over Islamic ideas,” *The Greenville News*, 5 November 2001.

“Old GOP ‘tribe’ can take step toward renewal by retiring flag,” *The Greenville News* (and other papers), 3 February 2000, with James L. Guth.

“An EU That Has Lost Its Way,” *Christians in Political Science Newsletter*, 8(2)(Spring 1999): 3.

“Negotiating Religion at Furman,” *The Dialectic*, 1(1)(1997): 4.

### **Forthcoming**

*Religion and the Struggle for Europe: Catholicism, Protestantism and Politics in the European Union*, co-authored with James L. Guth (Georgetown University Press).

### **Invited Lectures**

“American Evangelical Christianity and the Foreign Policy of President George W. Bush,” Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 8 April 2005.

“The European Union: Vision Theory and Practice,” a series of three lectures given at The University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, 7-9 September 1994.

“Assessing Nordic Membership in the European Union,” Finnish Ministry of Defense, 7 September 1994.

### **Professional Conference Participation**

“Explaining Europe’s Missing *Demos*: A Cultural Theory of Integration,” Biennial Meeting of Christians in Political Science, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 7-10 June 2007.

Panel Chair, “Designing Institutions: Practical and Normative Approaches,” Biennial International Conference of the European Union Studies Association, 17-19 May 2007, Montreal, Canada.

Panel Chair, “Religion, Humanitarianism and the State,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 31 August-3 September 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- “Europe as a Christian Club: Religion and the Founding of the European Community, 1950-1975, The Ideological Dimension,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 September 2005, Washington, D.C.
- Panel Chair, “Catholic and Orthodox Political Thought,” Fifth Biennial National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 16-19 June 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union: The New Member States, A Research Note,” Fifth Biennial National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 16-19 June 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union: The New Member States, A Research Note,” European Union Studies Association Ninth Biennial International Conference, 31 March-2 April 2005, Austin, Texas.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Multilateral Leadership and Global Governance: Constraining the State?” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Southern Region, 22-23 October 2004, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Panel Chair, “Christian Perspectives on Comparative Politics and International Relations,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 2004, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Reluctant Europeans: Protestantism, Nationalism and European Integration,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 2004, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Christianity and Comparative Politics,” Christian Faith and the Soul of the University, 25-27 March 2004, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- “Roman Catholicism and the Founding of Europe: How Catholics Shaped the European Communities,” with James L. Guth, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August 2003, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Religious Culture and European Integration: Theory and Hypotheses,” with James L. Guth, Christians in Political Science Fourth National Conference, June 5-7, 2003, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- “Religious Culture and European Integration: Theory and Hypotheses,” Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association, 27-29 March 2002, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Panel Chair, “The Religious Authority of the State: International Perspectives,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 29 August-1 September 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “The Political Attitudes and Activities of Presbyterian Church in America Clergy in the Election of 2000,” with Beverly G. Busch, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, 3-4 May 2002, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- “The Political Activity of Evangelical Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Case Study of Five Denominations,” with James L. Guth, Linda Beail, Greg Crow, Beverly Busch, Jeff Walz, Steve Montreal, James Penning, and Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, 3-4 May 2002, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- “Religion and Youth Support for the European Union: A Country Analysis,” with James L. Guth, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 29 August-2 September 2001, San Francisco, California.
- “Cooperative Clergy Project: The Presbyterian Church in America,” with Beverly G. Busch, Biennial Conference of Christians in Political Science, 8-9 June 2001, Point Loma, California.
- “Christianity and Public Support for the European Union: A Multivariate Analysis,” with James L. Guth and Cleveland Fraser, Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 31 May-2 June 2001, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Panel Chair, “Religion and Politics in Contemporary Europe,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 30 August-3 September 2000, Washington, D.C.
- Discussant, “Religion and Democratic Life in Cross-National Perspective,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 1999, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “The Great Divide: Catholics, Protestants and the Founding of the European Community,” presented at the New Europe at the Crossroads III, Teikyo University, Berlin, Germany, 4-8 July 1999.

Panel Chair, "Roundtable: Samuel Huntington's *The Clash of Civilizations*," Second National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 17-20 June 1999, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Explaining the Gender Gap: Women, Economic Vulnerability, and Public Attitudes toward the European Integration," with Cleveland R. Fraser, James L. Guth, and Jodie Tillman, presented at the European Community Studies Association Sixth Biennial International Conference, 2-5 June 1999, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"The Great Divide: Catholics, Protestants and the Founding of the European Community," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 4-7 September 1998, Boston Marriot Coply Square, Boston, Massachusetts.

Panel Chair, "New Horizons for Christian Political Science," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 4-7 September 1998, Boston Maraud Cooley Square, Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant, "Globalization, Europeanization, and Scandinavian Social Democracy," Eighty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, 30 April-2 May 1998, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

"The Gender Gap in Public Attitudes Toward European Integration," with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August 1997, Omni Shoreham/Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

"Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Attitudes Toward the European Union," with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the First National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 20-22 June 1997, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

"Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Attitudes Toward the European Union," with Cleveland R. Fraser and James L. Guth, presented at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 29 May-1 June 1997, Madison Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Discussant, "Public Support for European Integration," Fifth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 29 May-1 June 1997, Madison Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

"Religion and Public Attitudes Toward European Integration," with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28 August-1 September 1996, San Francisco Hilton and Towers, San Francisco, California.

"Explaining Opposition to Regional Integration in North America and Europe (Revised)," with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Fourth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 11 May 1995, Hawthorne Suites Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina.

"Explaining Opposition to Regional Integration in North America and Europe," with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 September 1994, The New York Hilton, New York, New York.

"The European Union Debate in Norway: A New Look at an Old Struggle," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, 28 April-1 May 1994, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

Discussant, "Contemporary Problems in Comparative Politics: Implications for the US," South Carolina Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 26 February 1994, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

"Domestic Responses to Integration: A Research Agenda," presented at the Third Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 28 May 1993, Washington, D.C.

"The Norwegian Debate Over Europe: The Periphery Revolts . . . Again," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 9-11, 1992, Chicago.

Conference Chair, Seminar on Norway and the European Community, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, November 14, 1991.

"Norway and the European Community: On the Outside Moving In?" presented at the 1991 Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, May 22-24, in Washington, D.C.

“The State Offshore: State Intervention in the British and Norwegian Petroleum Industries, 1962-1990,” presented at the 1990 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, November 8-10, in Atlanta.

Panel Chair and Discussant, “International and Domestic Constraints on Reagan Security Policy,” 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, in San Francisco.

### **Academic Honors and Awards**

- 1998    Awarded Summer Research Stipend, Furman University
- 1992    Awarded a Knight Mini-Sabbatical for Fall Term 1992 from Furman University
- 1987    Awarded a Fulbright Grant for study in Oslo, Norway
- 1986    Awarded a Travel Grant by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Information Service in the United States for travel to Norway

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to World Politics  
Politics of Europe  
Politics of the European Union  
International Political Economy  
Political Parties  
Public Policy in Industrialized Democracies  
Integration and Europeanization in the Baltic Region  
Senior Seminar: Capitalism and Democracy  
Senior Honors Essay  
Study Abroad Program in Britain and the European Union  
Washington Internship Program

### **Professional Offices Held**

President, Public Opinion and Participation Special Interest Section, European Union Studies Association, 2007-present  
President Elect, Public Opinion and Participation Special Interest Section, European Union Studies Association, 2005-2007  
President, Christians in Political Science, 2004-06  
Vice-President (President Elect), Christians in Political Science, 2002-2004  
Executive Committee Officer, American Political Science Association Section on Religion and Politics, 2001-2003  
Newsletter Editor, Christians in Political Science, 1994-98

### **Professional Memberships**

The American Political Science Association  
European Union Studies Association  
The American-Scandinavian Foundation  
Christians in Political Science  
Pi Sigma Alpha