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### **Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Chicago, 1988  
M.A. Political Science, University of Chicago, 1981  
B.A. Political Science, Claremont McKenna College, 1979

### **Dissertation**

*The Founder in Political Theory and in American Practice: The Meaning of  
George Washington.*  
(Committee: Nathan Tarcov, Joseph Cropsey, Lloyd Rudolph)

### **Administrative Positions**

*Director*, International Studies Program, Xavier University, 2014 - Present  
*Chair*, Department of Political Science, Xavier University, 2012 - 2014  
*Chair*, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Xavier University, 2003 - 2012  
*Co-Director*, International Studies Program, Xavier University, 2007- 2014  
*Director*, International Affairs Program, Xavier University, 2006 - 2007

### **Academic Position**

Xavier University, Department of Political Science & Sociology  
*Associate Professor* 1995 - Present  
  
Xavier University, Department of Political Science & Sociology  
*Assistant Professor* 1989-1995

### **Book**

Steven Frankel and John Ray, eds. (2014). *French Studies: Literature, Culture, and Politics*. Paris: Éditions Honoré Champion.

### **Book Chapter**

Ray, J. (2014). "Tocqueville on Religious Beliefs and Centralized Power" in *French Studies: Literature, Culture, and Politics*. Paris: Éditions Honoré Champion.

### **Refereed Publications**

Ray, J. (2006). Was George Washington an American Cyrus? The founder in Xenophon's "Education of Cyrus" and in "American practice." *Mediterranean Studies*, 15, 151-177.

Ray, J. (1997). George Washington's Pre-presidential Statesmanship, 1783-1789, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 27, 207-220.

Ray, J. (1992). The Education of Cyrus as Xenophon's "Statesman," *Interpretation*, 19, 225-42.

Ray, J. (1992). The Declaration of Independence in the Original Understanding of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, *Lincoln Law Review*, 20, 115-35.

### **Occasional Papers**

Ray, J. (1999). Race, American Constitutionalism, and the Ambiguities of Justice. *Occasional Papers of Xavier University*.

### **Presentations at Academic Meetings**

Ray, J. (2017) 'If I were rich': Rousseau on pleasure, wealth, and happiness." Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Conference, Dallas, TX.

Ray, J. (2016) On the Unity of the 'Great French Triumvirate'. Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Ray, J. (2012) Xenophon's Conception of Virtue in the *Education of Cyrus*. Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Ray, J. (2012) Religious Belief, the Dismissal of Philosophy, and the Possibility of Fraternity in Tocqueville's Democracy in America. Prepared for Southwestern Social Science Conference, San Diego, 2012.

Ray, J. (2011) Freedom and Religion in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*. Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference, New Haven, CT.

Ray, J. (2011) Explaining Tocqueville's Dismissal of Political Philosophy in *Democracy in America*. Paper prepared for the Conference on Jesuit Business Education, Cincinnati, OH.

Ray, J. (2010). Are there Natural Duties? The Problem of Moral Obligation in Locke's *Second Treatise*. Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference, New Brunswick, NJ.

- Ray, J. (2010). Equality, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the New Constitution: The Jurisprudence of Justice Joseph Bradley. Paper prepared for the Southwest Social Science Association Conference, Houston, TX
- Ray, J. (2009). Chief Justice Taney's Originalism and Herbert Storing's Defense of the Moral Foundations of the American Republic. Paper prepared for the Southwest Social Science Association Conference, Denver, CO.
- Ray, J. (2009). Locke, the Declaration and American Constitutionalism. Paper prepared for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Ray, J. (2008). Making Ourselves Unhappy: Rousseau's Condemnation of the Bourgeois. Paper presented at the Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference, Plymouth, MA.
- Ray, J. (2004). Reply to Robert Bellah's Educating Citizens in an Imperial Republic. Discussant at the Academic Day Program, Xavier University.
- Ray, J. (2001). That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom: Biblical Piety in the human vision of Lincoln at Gettysburg. Paper presented at the Mideast Conference of Christianity and Literature, Dayton, Ohio.
- Ray, J. (2000). Rousseau's reconciliation of goodness and self-love in Emile. Paper presented at the Mideast Conference of Christianity and Literature, Dayton, Ohio.
- Ray, J. (1999). Race, American Constitutionalism, and the Ambiguities of Justice. Paper presented to the Faculty Seminar, Xavier University.
- Ray, J. (1990). The Education of Cyrus as Xenophon's "Statesman". Paper presented to the annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists, Columbus, OH.
- Ray, J. (1990). Philosophical Foundations of the United States. Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL.

### **Service to Discipline**

Reviewer for *Review of Politics*, Catherine Zuckert, editor, 2013

Reviewer for *Journal of American Political Thought*, Michael Zuckert, editor, 2012

Reviewer for publication, David Schultz, *Ruling American Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

### **Teaching**

Xavier University courses:

Core 100, First Year Seminar: Lincoln and the Debate over Slavery

Core 100, First Year Seminar: Tocqueville on Democracy in America

Political Science 301 Political Philosophy  
Political Science 308 Rousseau's Human and Political Vision (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors*)  
Political Science 309 Montesquieu and Tocqueville (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors*)  
Political Science 323 Natural Right Debated in Public (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors*)  
Political Science 343 Governmental Powers and Democracy  
Political Science 347 Supreme Court on Civil Liberties  
Political Science 350 Political Theory and the American Regime  
Political Science 362 Tocqueville and the Democratic Public (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors*)  
Political Science 363 Lincoln and the Conditions of Freedom  
Philosophy 398 Seminar: Modern Political Philosophy (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors and Philosophy Majors*)  
Political Science 415 Paris Seminar in Political Theory (*Politics, Philosophy and the Public Honors and Philosophy Majors*)

### **University and College Service**

*Director*, International Studies Program, 2014–Present  
*Chair*, Department of Political Science, 2012-2014  
*Chair*, Department of Political Science and Sociology, 2003–2012  
*Co-Director*, International Studies Program, 2007-Present  
Schott Hall User Advisory Group, 2012  
*Director*, International Affairs Program, 2006  
Dean's Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-2007  
College of Social Sciences Advisory Committee, 2003  
College of Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, 1991-2002.  
Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee, 1994-1997  
Ethics/Religion & Society Committee, 1992-1994  
Graduate Studies Advisory Committee, 1992-1993  
Library Committee, 1990-1992  
Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities Faculty Development Planning Committee for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, 1990.

### **Department Service**

*Chair*, Department of Political Science, 2012-2014  
*Chair*, Department of Political Science and Sociology, 2003–2012  
Washington Center for Internships Liaison, 1989-Present  
Library Liaison, 2003-Present

### **Memberships**

Association of Core Texts and Courses