

# DENNIS J. WIEBOLDT III

Curriculum Vitae (Selected) – September 6, 2024

University of Notre Dame  
Law School & Department of History  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Notre Dame (2023 – 2028)

Fellowship: Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellowship

Fields: Law & Religion in U.S. History (Linda Przybyszewski), Modern American Legal History (Barry Cushman), Twentieth-Century U.S. History (Darren Dochuk)

J.D. Notre Dame Law School (2023 – 2026)

Fellowship: Edward J. Murphy Fellowship

Awards: Faculty Award for Excellence (Freedom of Religion, Legal Research & Writing II); Best Brief Award for Excellence in Persuasive Legal Writing; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner, Program on Church, State, & Society 2024 Writing Competition

M.A. History, Boston College (2021 – 2023)

Fields: United States History (Major), Religious History (Minor)

B.A. History, *with honors*, and Theology, Boston College, *summa cum laude* (2019 – 2022)

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa (Early Election), Scholar of the College, Dean's Scholar, McCarthy Prize in the Humanities (Best Undergraduate Thesis), History Czar Award (Leadership & Initiative in History Department), Cardinal O'Connell Theology Award (Best Student in Theology), Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society), Theta Alpha Kappa (Theology Honors Society), Nicholas H. Woods Award (First-Year Student Leadership)

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Making Natural Law ‘Useful in the Solution of Practical Problems’: Global Catholicism and Human Rights in *The Catholic Lawyer*, 1955-1964,” *Catholic Historical Review* (forthcoming 2025).

“Ideas With(out) Consequences?: The Natural Law Institute and the Making of Conservative Constitutionalism During the Cold War, 1947-1951,” *Law and History Review* (forthcoming 2025)

“The ‘Crusading Fanatics’ of American Law: American Jesuits and the Origins of the Neo-Scholastic Legal Revival, 1870-1960,” *Journal of Law and Religion* (forthcoming 2025).

“How ‘Religious’ is a ‘Religious Employer’?: Church History and the Future of American Religious Liberty Litigation,” *N.Y.U. Journal of Law and Liberty* (forthcoming 2024).

“Christian History Meets Constitutional History: John Courtney Murray’s Augustinian Political Theology of the American Founding,” *Horizons* 51, no. 1 (Summer 2024): 134-162.

“Civil Rights and Prophetic Indictment: A Discursive History of Jesuit Superior General Pedro Arrupe’s *On The Interracial Apostolate*,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 21, no. 2 (Winter 2024): 107-131.

“Natural Law for the Laity: A Case Study in Catholic Education on the Airwaves,” in *Theology and Media(tion): Rendering the Absent Present*, eds. Stephen Okey and Katherine Schmidt (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2024): 196-209.

“Natural Law Appeals as Method of American-Catholic Reconciliation: Catholic Legal Thought and the Red Mass in Boston, 1941-1944,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 41, no. 4 (Fall 2023): 27-52.

“The Natural Law and Interreligious Social Advocacy: The Civil Rights Movement-Era Case of William J. Kenealy, S.J.,” *American Catholic Studies* 134, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 55-80.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

“Conservative Constitutionalism Reconsidered,” reviewing *Conservative Thought and American Constitutionalism Since the New Deal*, by Johnathan O’Neill, *Journal of American Constitutional History* (forthcoming).

Review of *Judging Jewish Identity in the United States*, by Annalise E. Glauz-Todrank, *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of *The Decline of Natural Law: How American Lawyers Once Used Natural Law and Why They Stopped*, by Stuart Banner, *Essays in History* 56, no. 1 (Fall 2023): 1-2.

## **WORKSHOP PAPERS (\* RESPONDENT)**

2024 Legal and Social History Workshop, University of Cambridge

2024 Colloquium on Religion and American History, University of Notre Dame

2023 Boston-Area Legal History Colloquium, Boston College

2023 Advanced Seminar in Philosophy and Theology, Boston College

2023 Boston-Area Legal History Colloquium, Boston College \*

2022 Presenter, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Conference Workshop, Boston College

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

2024 Summer Research and Writing Grant, American Catholic Historical Association

2024 Henry J. Abraham Early Career Research Grant, Supreme Court Historical Society

2024 Littleton-Griswold Research Grant, American Historical Association

2024 Graduate Justice Fellowship Grant, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame

2023 Dorothy Mohler Research Grant, University Libraries, The Catholic University of America

2022 Research Travel Grant, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College

2022 Graduate Fellowship Grant, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College

2022 Summer Research Grant, Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Boston College

2022 Research Travel Grant, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame

2021 Civic Internship Grant, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College

2021 Advanced Study Grant, University Fellowships Committee, Boston College

2020 Student Internship Program Grant, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING GRANTS (\* COLLABORATIVE)**

2023 American Society for Legal History (\$4,500)

2022 American Society for Legal History (\$2,000)

2022 Institute for the Liberal Arts, Boston College (\$2,000) \*

2022 Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, Boston College (\$2,000) \*

2022 Office of the Dean, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College (\$1,500) \*

## **PUBLISHED ACADEMIC INTERVIEWS**

“Dennis J. Wieboldt III on Natural Law and Catholic Legal Education,” Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (2023).

“The Natural Law Foundation of Interreligious Social Advocacy: A Civil Rights Movement Case Study,” Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College (2021).

## **UNIVERSITY MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Nicole Kilbourne, “Program on Church, State & Society Has Announced the Winners of Its Annual Writing Competition,” *Notre Dame Law School News*, July 24, 2024.

“ND Law and Graduate School to Host Legal History Colloquium,” *Notre Dame Law School News*, May 8, 2024.

Arienne Calingo, “ND Law Graduate Justice Fellows Lead Charge for Justice Research at the Center for Social Concerns,” *Notre Dame Law School News*, May 5, 2024.

Libbey Detcher, “The History and Tradition of the Red Mass,” *Notre Dame Law School News*, October 9, 2023.

Denise Wagner, “ND Law Names Four First-Year Law Students as 2023-24 Murphy Fellows,” *Notre Dame Law School News*, September 14, 2023.

Kathleen Sullivan, “Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center Report Shows ‘Hope and Opportunity,’” *Boston College News*, July 18, 2023.

Sean Smith, “Renewing Journalism, Restoring Democracy,” *Boston College News*, March 14, 2023.

Kathleen Sullivan, “Legal History Colloquium,” *Boston College News*, February 2, 2023.

Kathleen Sullivan, “Young People’s Voices,” *Boston College News*, May 5, 2022.

Kathleen Sullivan, “Mystērion,” *Boston College News*, October 19, 2022.

Jack Dunn, “Undergrad Organizes ‘Town Hall’ for Senate Race,” *Boston College Chronicle* 28, no. 5 (Fall 2020).

Jack Dunn, “Youth Engagement and Election 2020,” *Boston College News*, October 21, 2020.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2024 – 2025     Contributing Editor, Journal of the History of Ideas Blog  
Journal of the History of Ideas

2024 – 2025     Convener, ASLH/Notre Dame Graduate Legal History Colloquium  
American Society for Legal History

2024 – 2025     Special Issue Guest Editor, “Legal Education and the Society of Jesus”  
Jesuit Educational Quarterly

Spring 2023     Convener, Boston-Area Legal History Colloquium  
American Society for Legal History

Fall 2022       Convener, Boston College History Colloquium  
Boston College

## **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2024 – 2026     Assistant Rector, Graham Family Hall  
Office of Residential Life, University of Notre Dame

2022 – 2023     Resident Assistant, 2150 Commonwealth Ave.  
Office of Residential Life, Boston College

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2024      Crime, Heredity, and Insanity in American History  
Department of History, University of Notre Dame
- Fall 2022      Globalization I  
Department of History, Boston College

## **SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

- 2021 – 2025    Co-Director, Student Voices Project  
Center for the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Boston College
- 2020 – 2023    Member, Advisory Committee  
Center for the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Boston College
- 2020 – 2023    Tutor, English Language Learning Program  
Volunteer and Service Learning Center, Boston College
- 2020 – 2022    Chairman  
Boston Intercollegiate Government
- 2020 – 2021    Youth Catechist  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (Chestnut Hill, MA)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2022 –          Society for U.S. Intellectual History
- 2022 –          College Theology Society
- 2022 –          American Society for Legal History
- 2022 –          American Society of Church History
- 2021 –          Organization of American Historians
- 2021 –          American Catholic Historical Association
- 2021 –          American Historical Association

## **ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2023 – 2028    Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., Fellow, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame
- 2023 – 2024    Graduate Justice Fellow, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 – 2023    Research Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College
- Summer 2022   Civitas Dei Fellow, Thomistic Institute, Dominican House of Studies
- 2021 – 2022    Junior Research Fellow, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College
- 2020 – 2022    Undergraduate Fellow, The John Marshall Project, Boston College
- 2020 – 2022    Junior Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College