

ERIC PATTERSON, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Current** *President & CEO, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (since March 4, 2024)*
- 2019-2024** *EVP and later President, Religious Freedom Institute*
- July 2012-2019** *Scholar at Large, Past Dean & Professor, School of Government, Regent University*
- Nov 2011-June 2012** *Deputy Director for International Programs, Interagency Man-Portable Air Defense System (MANPADS) Task Force, PM Bureau, U.S. Department of State (contractor status)*
- 2008-2012** *Associate Director, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs and Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University*
- 2007-2008** *White House Fellow*
- 2005-2007** *William C. Foster Fellow Visiting Scholar, U.S. Department of State*
- 2002-2007** *Assistant-Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator for Institutional Research, Vanguard University*

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Retired May 2021 *Commander, ANG Band of the Southwest (531st Air Force Band)*

Nearly twenty five years of military service, primarily providing public affairs support as an Air Force reservist band commander. Deployed to Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Afghanistan, and Kyrgyzstan in 2011 and provided hurricane relief to the Gulf Coast in 2017. Military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and others. Additionally, I served on the Chief of the National Guard's Innovation Team (2017-2020) and for a period as Chief Innovation Officer for the 136 Airlift Wing in Ft. Worth, Texas (2018).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Institute of Strategic Studies, Council on Foreign Relations (past term member), American Political Science Association, International Political Science Association, International Studies Association.

BOARDS

Member, National Guard Innovation Team (2017-2020)
Member of the Board, Institute for Religion and Democracy
Advisory Board, Regent University Constitutional Law Center
Advisory Board, High Point University Law School
Contributing Editor, *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and U.S. Foreign Policy*
Member of the international advisory board of *Politics, Religions & Ideology*
Governance & Nominating Committee, White House Fellows Alumni Association

EDUCATION

2016	Graduate, USAF Air War College (non-residence)
2008	Graduate, USAF Air Command and Staff College (non-residence)
2005	Graduate, USAF Squadron Officer School (non-residence)
2002	Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Religion and Politics
1998	Graduate, Academy of Military Science (ANG/USAFR)
1994-1995	MSc(Econ), University of Wales, Aberystwyth, U.K. Major: International Politics
1989-1994	B.A., B.Ed., Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri Majors: Biblical Studies, Music Education

SELECT HONORS

2023 Reich Distinguished Lecture in Philosophy, U.S. Air Force Academy
2022 Regent University's School of Government Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year
2019 Dr. Wolfgang Pindur Award for Distinguished Service in Academia and Practice (Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration)
2010 American Swiss Foundation Young Leader
2010 Next Generation Fellow, The American Assembly
2008 United States Air Force Fellow (as White House Fellow)
2007 Outstanding Young Alumnus, Evangel University
2007-2008 White House Fellow
2005-2007 William C. Foster Fellow, U.S. Department of State
1998 Golden Apple Teaching Award (Teacher of the Year), Fallbrook High School
1994-1995 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Likelihood of Success in Contemporary Just War Statecraft*, co-edited with Robert Joustra (forthcoming 2025).
- *Religious Freedom and Public Theology Today: Six Traditions*, co-edited volume (forthcoming, 2025).
- *Returning Military Necessity to the Just War Tradition*, co-edited with Marc LiVecche (Routledge, 2023).
- *A Basic Guide to the Just War Tradition: Christian Foundations and Cases* (Baker Academic, 2023).
- *James Turner Johnson and the Just War Tradition: Selected Essays*. Co-edited with Tim Demy and Gina Granados Palmer (Stone Tower Books, 2023).

- *Moral Order and Power Politics*. Co-edited with Robert Joustra (Wipf & Stock, 2022).
- *Just War and Christian Tradition: Christian Denominations and the Ethics of Security and Peace*. Co-Edited with J. Daryl Charles (University of Notre Dame Press, 2022).
- *Responsibility and Restraint: The Legacy of James Turner Johnson*. Co-Edited with Marc LiVecche (Stone Tower Books, 2020).
- *Just American Wars: Military Ethics in US History* (Routledge, 2019).
- *Philosophers and War: An Introduction*. Co-edited with Tim Demy (Stone Tower Books, 2017; 2nd edition 2021).
- *The Reagan Manifesto: "A Time for Choosing and its Influence."* Co-edited with Jeffry Morrison (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016)
- *Ashgate Companion on Military Ethics*. Co-edited with James Turner Johnson (Ashgate, 2015).
- *Military Chaplains in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Beyond* (sole editor, Rowman & Littlefield, 2014).
- *Ethics Beyond War's End* (sole editor, Georgetown University Press, 2012).
- *Ending Wars Well: Just War Theory in Post-Conflict* (Yale University Press, 2012).
- *Politics in a Religious World: Building a Religiously Informed US Foreign Policy* (Continuum, 2011).
- *Debating the War of Ideas*. Co-edited with LtCol John Gallagher (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009).
- *Christianity and Power Politics Today: Christian Realism and Contemporary Political Dilemmas* (sole editor, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2008).
- *Just War Thinking: Morality & Pragmatism in the Struggle Against 21st Century Conflicts* (Lexington Books, 2007).
- *Latin America's New-Reformation: Religion's Influence on Politics* (Routledge, 2005).
- *The Christian Realists: Reassessing the Contribution of Niebuhr and His Contemporaries* (sole editor, University Press of America, 2004).

Select Journal Articles/Chapters (not including chapters in my edited volumes)

- "Reinhold Niebuhr" in Brunstetter and O'Driscoll, eds., *Just War Thinkers Revisited: Heretics, Humanists and Radicals* (New York and London: Routledge, 2025).
- "U.S. Global Democracy Promotion: Change, Challenges and Continuity," *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue* vol. 36, no. 1 (2024).
- "Christian Realism in the New American Century: Three Generations of Niebuhrian Realism," *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue* vol. 35, no. 1 (2023).
- "Military Necessity and the Bombardment of Vera Cruz" in Stanar and Tonn, eds. *The Ethics of Urban Warfare* (Brill, 2023).
- "The Afghanistan War and Jus Post Bellum: A Look at 3 Milestones for Peace & Security" in *Washington University Review of Philosophy* (July 2022).
- "Christian Just War Thinking" in Paul Copan, ed. *War, Peace, and Violence: Four Views* (Colorado Springs, CO: InterVarsity Press, 2022).
- "Rendering Treatment, Refusing Transformation: Preserving Medical Conscience Rights" in *Public Discourse* (May 27, 2021).
- "Obama's Sustainable Democracy Promotion: Assessing Seven Years of Policy Performance" in *International Politics* (Winter 2019). With Malcolm Fitschen.
- "Moral Victory and the Just War Tradition" in *Moral Victories: Ethics, Exit Strategies, and the Ending of Wars*, edited by Cian O'Driscoll and Andrew Hom (Oxford University Press, 2017).
- "Just War and Terrorism" in *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and U.S. Foreign Policy*, vol. 1, no. 4 (Summer 2016).
- "The Enduring Value of Christian Realism" in *Philosophia Reformata* vol. 10 (2015).
- "Beyond the Pulpit: A Case Study of Ministry in a UN Peacekeeping Mission" in *Chaplains Corps Journal* (2015).
- "First Steps Toward a Pentecostal Political Theology: Augustine and the Latin American

Context” in *Renewal across the Americas*, Néstor Medina and Sammy Alfaro, eds. (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming 2015).

- “Drones and Just War Theory.” Short essay for e-IR online forum. With Rushad Thomas.
- “The Declaration of the United Colonies: America’s First Just War Statement” to be published in a special edition of *Journal of Military Ethics* (2015). With Nathan Gill.
- “Just War Theory: Christian Thinking on Justice and Security” in David Gushee, ed., *Evangelical Peacebuilding* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013).
- “The Transfer/Surplus Paradox: The Case of Bandaria” in *DISAM Journal of International Security Cooperation Management* (Summer, 2012).
- “What They Say and Do: Religious Freedom as a National Security Lens” in *Review of Faith and International Affairs* vol. 11, no. 1 (Spring 2013).
- “Supranational Authority and the Use of Force,” *Survival* vol. 53, no. 6 (2011). With Ilan Cooper.
- “Religion in the Military: Promising Themes, Future Approaches” in Ron Hassner, ed., *Religion in the Military* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- “Understanding the Nexus of Religion, Conflict and Peace” in Pauletta Otis and Dennis Hoover, eds., *Handbook of Religion and Security* (London: Routledge, 2012).
- “Obama and Sustainable Democracy Promotion” in *International Studies Perspectives* vol. 13, no. 1 (Winter 2011-2012).
- “Increasing the effectiveness of religious freedom advocacy: a perspective from the U.S.,” *International Journal of Religious Freedom*, vol. 3, no. 2 (2011).
- “Sustainable Democracy Promotion: What Obama Could Learn from Bush,” *Democracy and Society*, vol. 8, no. 1 (January 2011).
- “Shared Goals, Shared Language: Just War, Humanitarians, and the Military,” *Journal of Human Security* (Fall 2010).
- “South Sudan Independence: International Contingency Planning and Just War Theory” in *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (Fall 2010). With John Lango.
- “Bury the Bloody Hatchet: Secularism, Islam, and Reconciliation in Afghanistan” in *Journal of Interreligious Dialogue* (Fall 2010).
- “Ethics and US AF-PAK Policy: Order, Justice, and Conciliation” in *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (Spring 2010).
- “Why Kosovo Doesn’t Matter-And How it Should,” in *International Politics* (January 2010). With Roger C. Mason.
- “The Freedom Agenda as Foreign Policy: Lessons for the New Administration,” in *Foreign Policy Journal* (May 2009). With Jonathan Amaral.
- “Liberalism’s Religion Problem: The Promise of Realism in a Religious World” in Jodok Troy, ed., *Religion in the Realist Tradition of International Relations* (Routledge Series on Religion and Politics, 2011).
- “Just War Theory and Explosive Remnants of War,” in *Journal of Mine Action and ERA*, vol. 13, no 1 (Spring 2009).
- “Presidential Leadership and Democracy Promotion,” in *Public Integrity* (Summer 2009). With Jonathan Amaral.
- “Outlaws and Barbarians: The Bush Administration’s Revolution in Sovereignty” in *Journal of Diplomacy and International Affairs* (Spring 2006). With Kendra Puryear.
- “Jus Post Bellum: Order, Justice, and Reconciliation,” chapter in *Rethinking the Just War Tradition*, John W. Lango, et al. (SUNY Press, 2006).
- “Targeted Killing after September 11” in *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* (Winter, 2005). With Teresa Casale.
- “Rewinding Rwanda: What If? (A Counterfactual Approach)” in *Journal of Political Science*, vol. 33 (2005).
- “Different Religions, Different Politics: Religion and Politics in Brazil and Chile” in *Latin American Politics and Society*, vol. 47, no. 1 (Spring, 2005).
- “Just War in the 21st Century: Reconceptualizing Just War Theory after September 11” in *International Politics*, vol. 42 (Spring 2005).

- “Faith in a Changing Mexico” in *Delaware Review of Latin American Studies*, vol. 4, no. 1 (Winter, 2004).
- “Religion and Political Attitudes in Chile and Argentina” in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, vol. 43, no. 3 (September, 2004).
- “When is Strategic Bombing Effective? Domestic Legitimacy and Aerial Denial” in *Security Studies*, vol. 11, no. 4 (Summer 2002). With co-authors.
- “The Invasion of Sects: Protestantism and Political Participation in Brazil” in *Ethnos Brasil: Cultura e Sociedade*, vol. 1, no. 1 (Winter, 2001).
- “Religious Change and Politics in Chile and Brazil” in *Nordic Journal of Latin American Studies (Iberoamericana)*, vol. 31, no. 1 (Fall, 2001).

Non-Academic Publications

My analysis has appeared at the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Orange County Register*, *WORLD Opinions*, *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and American Foreign Policy*, C-SPAN, and elsewhere.