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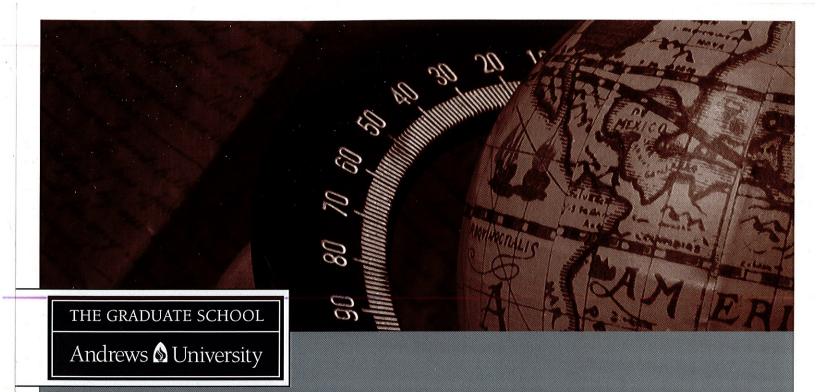
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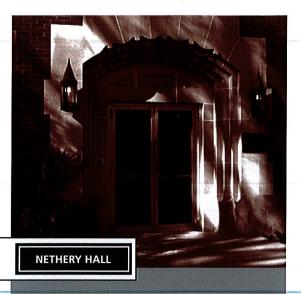
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## **CHURCH-STATE STUDIES**

Welcome to the Graduate School at Andrews University. The faculty, staff and students of the Department of History & Political Science are glad that you are interested in our program. As the professional market continues to demand higher knowledge, graduate study is progressively a wise and practical career move. Our goal is to connect you with comprehensive instruction—including attention to research, personal student-professor interaction, excellent advising and an emphasis on the spiritual dimensions of the historical and political fields—that will give you the understanding, practice and competitive edge you need to assume a leadership role in your profession.



#### **OUR PROGRAM OFFERS**

#### > LABS AND FIELD WORK

The program offers internships to students to provide practical experience in the area of student interest.

#### > CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Our campus offers unique cultural perspectives from students and teachers alike. With over one quarter of our students from overseas, you connect with a campus that ranks among the nation's top ten universities for ethnic diversity and international student population (U.S. News & World Report, 2002).

#### > SMALL CLASS SIZE

In addition to a quality educational experience, graduate classes are small enough to provide a personal learning experience. Classes are often held conference-style, which promotes involved, direct discussion between students and faculty.

### > A CHRISTIAN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Because of our varied backgrounds, low student-to-professor ratio and emphasis on Christian principles, Andrews University offers a warm, helpful and supportive atmosphere for your intellectual growth.

#### WHY CHOOSE A DEGREE IN CHURCH-STATE STUDIES

The Department of History and Political Science offers this program to help scholars, attorneys, clergy and other religious liberty advocates apply faith and ethics to relevant issues within current political realities. Recognition and understanding of these issues is of increasing importance in today's world where religion is often an element in national and international conflicts. For this reason, we prepare graduates who are able to comprehend church-state relationships from both historical and contemporary perspectives. Students examine relationships between religion and government, church-state issues, and the legal and political processes involved in church-state relations. Topics include freedom of religion, religious tolerance and the place of religion in political life. The MA program draws on both history and political science courses, and provides for electives from other disciplines. The graduate attains valuable knowledge of past and present interactions between religion and the state, which provides knowledge for addressing their relationship in the future.

#### **ABOUT OUR FACULTY**

Faculty members teaching in the program are well qualified. Our faculty have each earned advanced degrees from respected universities in the United States. A diverse group, they deliver their instruction from an insightful international perspective. While our professors are primarily committed to teaching, they are also active scholars who have special, diverse interests and experience in the topic of church-state studies.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates of the program will be qualified to advise law-makers and persons of authority in church structure on the complexities and issues involved in church-state relations, religious liberty and related subjects. Such consulting can be practiced full-time, or in conjunction with careers such as law, scholarship, clergy, and others.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Department has a limited numbers of grants available for graduate students. Please write directly to the Director for more information.

### **ADVISORS**

The Director of the program, Dr. John J. Markovic, advises all graduate students. Dr. Markovic guides the student through the program, working with each individual to be certain they are prepared to take required classes and to ensure that they meet all graduation criteria.

#### **CORE FACULTY**

#### John J. Markovic

Director of Church-State Studies, recently published "The Church, the Royal Court, and the Statutory Ostracism of the Jewish People in the Visigothic Kingdom"

#### Brian E. Strayer

Author of Huguenots and Camisards as Aliens in France, 1598-1789: The Struggle for Religious Toleration.

#### **Gary Land**

Author of Seeker After Light: A. F. Ballenger, Adventism, and American Christianity.

#### Jane Sabes

A political scientist, she has acted as chief policy advisor to state government.

#### **April Summitt**

Recently published "Cell-phones and Spears: Indigenous Cultural Transition Within The Maasi of East Africa" and is researching US-Middle East relations in the 1960's.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

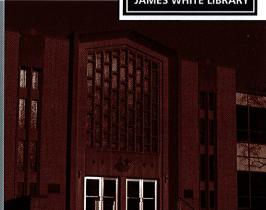
Any applicant who has completed an undergraduate degree may apply for admission to this program. Depending on academic background, students may be required to complete some prerequisite courses. Applicants must complete the graduate application and be accepted by the department and by the graduate school to be admitted to the program.

#### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

- > The degree requires 33 credits in graduate history, political science and approved elective courses normally spread over 4 semesters.
- > History offerings include courses in church-state thought, religious freedom in Europe and America, Jewish-Christian relations and religious issues in American society.
- > Political Science requirements address contemporary issues of peace, freedom and religious liberty advocacy.
- > Research courses involve the student in a methodology course and the writing and public presentation of original research. Students can pursue individual interests in the field in six elective credits.
- Choice of emphasis allows the student interested in further graduate work to write a second research paper, and the student pursuing a professional career for churches, NGO's, or government to choose an internship.

### THE JAMES WHITE LIBRARY AND OTHER RESOURCES

Andrews University is uniquely situated to provide excellent research resources. The James White Library on the campus holds a substantial collection of primary and secondary sources related to church-state issues, as well as an extensive collection of Seventh-day Adventist sources. The libraries of Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Notre Dame University, and the University of Chicago are within driving distance. Activities such as visiting lecturers, sponsored by the International Centre of Religion and Politics, located at Andrews University, are also open to students in the program.



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