

Ronald Reed Garet

Carolyn Craig Franklin Professor of Law and Religion
University of Southern California

Education

- 1969-1973 Harvard College. Social Studies
B.A. 1973 magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- 1973-1978 Yale University. Department of Religious Studies
M.A. and M. Phil., 1976; Ph.D., 1981
- 1978-1981 University of Southern California. Law School, J.D., 1981

Teaching positions

- 1974-1977 Yale University
Teaching Assistant and Lecturer (Religious Studies)
Acting Instructor (Religious Studies and Sociology)
Lecturer in Religion (Divinity School)
- 1978-present University of Southern California
1978-1981 Fellow of Religion in Law, Law School
1978-1981 Instructor in Religion, School of Religion
1981-1983 Assistant Professor of Law and Religion
1983-1986 Associate Professor of Law and Religion
1986-1994 Professor of Law and Religion
1994- Carolyn Craig Franklin Professor of Law and Religion

Recognitions

- 1987, 2006, 2009 Student Bar Association teaching awards
2005 Latter Day Saints teaching award
2010 William A. Rutter distinguished teaching award
2008 Academic Senate faculty recognition award for university service

Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy

Courses taught (* = co-taught; ** = cross-listed in Law and Religion)

Undergraduate

Values and Scarcity*
Sociology of Religion
Political Ethics
Concepts in American Law

Divinity School

Eschatology and the Ethics of Scarcity*

Graduate seminars

Theories of Rights and Justice**
Hermeneutics
The Rights of Groups**

Law School

Criminal Law
Constitutional Law I
Constitutional Law II (First Amendment)
Law, Language, and Ethics (Law, Language and Values)
The Rights of Groups**
Theories of Rights and Justice**
Religion and the State*
Topics in Constitutional Law and Religious Ethics (Law Informed by Faith)

Paper presentations

- 1982 “Communality and Existence,” University of Southern California Law School faculty workshop.
- 1982 “Arthur: The Myth of Kingship,” seminar series in Normative Socio-Cultural Analysis, University of Southern California.
- 1983 “Reparations: How Groups are Harmed,” Jurisprudence section of the Association of American Law Schools, Cincinnati.
- 1984 “Comparative Normative Hermeneutics: Scripture, Literature, Constitution,” U.S.C. Law Review Symposium on Interpretation, and faculty workshops at the U.S.C. Law School and School of Religion.
- 1986 “Human Nature as Self-transformability,” Columbia Law School Legal Theory Workshop, New York.
- 1987 “The Critique of Human Nature,” Princeton Politics Department’s Legal Theory Workshop. Princeton, New Jersey. (Earlier draft presented 1986, University of Southern California Law School faculty workshop.)

- 1987 “Meaning and Ending,” Oxford/University of Southern California summer Jurisprudence seminar, Oxford, England.
- 1992 “Dancing to Music: An Interpretation of Mutuality,” Constitutional Law section of the Association of American Law Schools, San Antonio; University of California at Los Angeles Law School faculty workshop.
- 1992 “The Resolution of Independence,” University of Houston Law Center faculty workshop, Houston.
- 1994 “Gnostic Due Process,” Conference on The Sacred Body in Law and Literature, Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities, New Haven.
- 1994 “Deposing Finnis,” Symposium on Natural Law and the Constitution, Interdisciplinary Law Journal, University of Southern California.
- 1995 “The Natural Kindness of Persons,” faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 1998 “‘Overwhelmingly Instructed by a Glance’: Oral Torah and Judicial Character,” faculty workshop, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, University of Judaism, Los Angeles.
- 1999 “Judges as Prophets: A Coverian Interpretation,” Symposium on Judicial Independence and Accountability, University of Southern California Law School; and Indiana University Law School, Bloomington.
- 2001 “‘Our Ancient Faith’: A Translation of the Declaration of Independence,” Center for Law, History and Culture workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2003 “Mouth to Mouth, Person to Person,” faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2004 “The Last Full Measure of Devotion: Sacrifice and Textual Authority,” Symposium on Text, Tradition and Reason in Comparative Perspective, Cardozo Law School, New York.
- 2008 “The Ten Commandments and the Fourteenth Amendment,” Symposium on The Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Intellectual Discourse, Cardozo Law School, New York.
- 2009 “With Radiant Countenance: Creation, Redemption, and Revelation,” A.A.L.S. panel on Law and Religion, San Diego.

- 2010 “To Secure the Blessings,” Cardozo Law School Conference on Political Theology, and faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2012 “The Face with a Thousand Heroes,” Conference on Revelation and Interpretation: Legal Interpretation of Religious Texts, Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization, NYU Law School
- 2013 “Extraordinarily Called upon by the Blessings Which We Have Received,” Conference on Religious Legal Theory, Touro Law Center
- 2013 “To Secure the Blessings,” Annual Law and Religion Roundtable, Stanford Law School

Other presentations

- 1978 Participant, Conference on Group Rights and Preferential Hiring, University of California at San Diego.
- 1980 Participant, Seminar on Humanities and the Professions; National Endowment for the Humanities faculty seminar, University of Southern California.
- 1981 Participant, Seminar on Justice and Society, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Aspen, Colorado.
- 1983 Participant, Dialogue on the Moralist as Expert Witness, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara.
- 1986 Comment on Robert Cover’s paper, “Bringing the Messiah through Law: A Case Study,” annual meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, New Orleans.
- 1988 Comment on Frederick Schauer’s paper, “Judging in a Corner of the Law,” U.S.C. Law Review Symposium on Judicial Accountability.
- 1989 “Chariots of Fire,” orientation speech to entering law students, U.S.C. Law School.
- 1990 Comment on Joseph Raz’s paper, “Freedom of Expression,” Oxford/University of Southern California summer Jurisprudence seminar, Oxford, England.
- 1991 Two lectures on natural and constitutional law, Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel.
- 1992 “Teaching Jurisprudence to First-Year Law Students,” Association of American Law Schools, Mini-workshop on Jurisprudence Throughout the Curriculum, San Antonio.

- 1993 Speech to International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Houston.
- 1996 “Pat Buchanan and the Good Samaritan,” presentation to Graduate Christian Fellowship, University of Southern California.
- 1997 “Mouth-to-mouth Revelation,” presentation to Graduate Christian Fellowship, University of Southern California.
- 1997 “A National Day of Atonement,” sermon delivered at Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles.
- 1999 “The Biblical Tradition and the Constitutional Tradition,” W. Todd Jr. American Inn of Court, San Diego.
- 2003 Comment on Elizabeth DePalma Digeser’s paper, “*Ius Publicum* and the Great Persecution,” Conference on Public Dimensions of Private Religiosity: Religion and *Ius Publicum*, Center for Law, History, and Culture, University of Southern California.
- 2004 “Three Concepts of Church Autonomy,” Comment on papers by Marci Hamilton and Brett Scharffs, Symposium on Church Autonomy, Brigham Young University Law School.
- 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009 “The Head and the Heart,” orientation speech to new faculty, University of Southern California.
- 2004 “Giving and Receiving,” President’s Leadership Retreat, University of Southern California.
- 2004 Keynote speech (on ethics and integrity), Office of Student Affairs retreat, University of Southern California.
- 2005 “Until Your Hair Has Been Loved Off: Or, How Teachers Become Real,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California.
- 2005 “Redemption Songs,” Constitution Day address, University of Southern California.
- 2005, 2007 Keynote speech, Office of Admissions retreat, University of Southern California.
- 2006 Keynote speech (with Jody Armour), Martin Luther King Day observance, University of Southern California.
- 2007 “Home is Where the Heart Is,” keynote speech, USC Law Preview Day.

- 2007 “Race, Rap & Redemption” (with Jody Armour), Visions & Voices event, University of Southern California; and critical issues event for USC College freshmen.
- 2007 “The Ethics of Listening,” USC Chief Development Officers.
- 2009 Comment on Jody Armour, “Nigga Theory in the Substantive Criminal Law,” faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2009 Comment on Catharine Wells, “Langdell and the Invention of Legal Doctrine,” faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2011 “Here I am,” Levan Center series on the authentic self, University of Southern California.
- 2012 Comment on Kim Buchanan, “Engendering Rape,” faculty workshop, University of Southern California Law School.
- 2013 “Sadness and the Criminal Law,” House of Armour.
- 2013 “Until Your Hair Has Been Loved Off,” USC Office of Student Affairs Conference.
- 2014 “My Ancient Faith,” Jack Provonsha Memorial Lecture, Loma Linda University.

Supported by funding

- 1968-1970 Student Research Associate, Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology, summer research projects on air pollution, funded by the National Science Foundation.
- 1986 Research on eschatology and human temporality, funded by the University of Southern California Faculty Research and Innovation Fund.
- 2006 “Race, Rap, and Redemption” (Provost’s Arts and Humanities Initiative) – co-proponent with Jody Armour and Garrett Thompson.

Publications

- “Moral Claims, Human Rights, and Population Policies”
Theological Studies, vol. 35, no. 1, March 1974; pp. 83-113.
(One of five co-authors)

- “Communality and Existence: The Rights of Groups”
56 Southern California Law Review 1001-1075 (July, 1983).
- “Arthur: The Myth of Kingship”
(1) U.S.C. Cites, Fall/Winter 1982-1983, pp. 36-43.
(2) Royal Anthropological Institute News, No. 57 (August, 1983) pp. 5-8.
- “The Bone House” (poetry)
The Southern California Anthology, vol. 1, no. 1 (1983), p. 39.
- Book Review, J.E. Hare and Carey B. Joynt, Ethics and International Affairs
474 The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 179
(July, 1984).
- “Comparative Normative Hermeneutics: Scripture, Literature, Constitution”
58 Southern California Law Review 35-134 (January, 1985).
- “The Red Bird”
58 Southern California Law Review 237-250 (January, 1985).
- “Meaning and Ending”
96 Yale Law Journal 1801-1824 (July, 1987).
- “Natural Law and Creation Stories”
J. Roland Pennock and John W. Chapman, ed. Religion, Morality, and the Law: Nomos XXX (New York: New York University Press, 1988), pp. 218-262.
- “Chariots of Fire”
U.S.C. Law, Winter 1990, pp. 16-20.
- “Self-Transformability”
65 Southern California Law Review 121-203 (November, 1991).
- “Creation and Commitment: Lincoln, Thomas, and the Declaration of Independence”
(1) 65 Southern California Law Review 1477-1496 (March, 1992).
(2) U.S.C. Law, Spring 1992.
- “Dancing to Music: An Interpretation of Mutuality”
80 Kentucky Law Journal 893-952 (July, 1992).
- “The Resolution of Independence”
29 Houston Law Review 867-882 (Winter, 1992).
- “Gnostic Due Process”
7 Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities 97-138 (Winter, 1995).

“Deposing Finnis”

4 Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal 605-652 (1995).

Tribute to Jerry Wiley

70 Southern California Law Review 1623-1625 (1997).

“Law, Language and Ethics: A Special Liturgy”

U.S.C. Law, Spring 1998, pp. 20-25.

“Judges as Prophets: A Coverian Interpretation”

72 Southern California Law Review 385-423 (1999).

“Proclaim Liberty”

74 Southern California Law Review 145-168 (2000).

“Our Ancient Faith’: A Translation of the Declaration of Independence”

SSRN working paper (2001). (Revised as “We Wove our Truths Together,” 2003-2004.)

“Honoring an Inheritance” (editorial on Newdow v. U.S. Congress)

U.S.C. Law, Fall 2002, p. 52.

“Three Concepts of Church Autonomy”

2004 Brigham Young University Law Review 1349-1374 (2004).

“The Last Full Measure of Devotion: Sacrifice and Textual Authority”

28 Cardozo Law Review 277-299 (2006).

“Mouth to Mouth, Person to Person”

Maura A. Ryan and Brian F. Linnane, S.J., eds. A Just and True Love: Feminism at the Frontiers of Theological Ethics; Essays in Honor of Margaret A. Farley, (University of Notre Dame Press, 2007).

“The Ten Commandments and the Fourteenth Amendment”

Hebraic Political Studies, Vol. 4, No. 4 (Fall 2009), pp. 399–416.

“With Radiant Countenance: Creation, Redemption, and Revelation”

2009 Michigan State L. Rev. 289-306 (2009).

“Sadness and the Criminal Law,” posted to the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender website,

<http://harvardjlg.com/still-unmasking-the-self-legal-education-and-the-experience-of-the-other/>

“Extraordinarily Called upon by the Blessings Which We Have Received,” 30 Touro L.

Rev. 27-34 (2014).

Unpublished course materials

Cases and Materials on the Rights of Groups

1979, revised 1982-1991.

Theories of Rights and Justice

1984, revised 1988.

Creativity and Commitment: An Introduction to Law

1993, revised 2007. (Some of these materials are included in the “Law, Language and Values” course materials edited by Garet, Klerman, Keating and Rich. Some are included in the “Law 300: Concepts in American Law” course materials.)

University service

2002-2003 Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Religious Life

2003-2005 Member, University Strategic Planning Committee (co-chair, External Relations subcommittee; co-chair, Service Learning subcommittee)

2004-2005 Member, Provost Search Advisory Committee

2004-2005 President of the Faculty (Academic Senate)

2005-2006 Member, Academic Integrity Roundtable

2005-2011 Member, University Committee on Academic Review (UCAR), 2005-2009; chair, Internal Review Committee, UCAR review of the Thornton School of Music, 2005-6); internal member, Review Committee, UCAR review of the Sol Price School of Public Policy, 2011

2005-2006 Faculty observer, Trustees’ Academic Affairs Committee

2005-2007 Member, Arts and Humanities Initiative Committee

2007-2008 Faculty observer, Trustees’ Student Affairs Committee

2007-2008 Chair, Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

2007-2008 Member, Mentor Forum

2007-2008 Member Work and Family Life Committee

2009- Member, U.S.C. Phi Kappa Phi executive board; 2013-2014, Chapter President

Law School Service

Member and Chair, Administration and Finance Committee; member and Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee; member and Chair, Academic Affairs Committee; member and Chair, Retreat Committee; faculty advisor to the Public Interest Law Foundation; member and Chair, tenure and promotion committees.