

# *J. Mark Alcorn*

## **Education**

Master of Arts, History, St. Cloud (Minn) State University.

Thesis Title: *Justices Disappointing Presidents: An Analysis of Five Twentieth Century Supreme Court Appointments.*

Bachelor of Science, Social Studies Education, Minnesota State-Mankato.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/History, Cedarville (OH) University.

## **Employment**

2005-present, Adjunct Instructor of History, St. Cloud (Minn) State University

Courses taught:

- Democratic Citizenship
- US History to 1865
- US History since 1865
- Race in America

1986-present. Government, History, and Economics Instructor, Holdingford (Minn) High School.

Courses taught:

- “College” American Government
- “College” Macroeconomics
- Advanced Placement United State Government & Politics
- Advanced Placement Macroeconomics
- American National Government
- United States History
- Economics

2003-present, Adjunct Instructor of Political Science, Fond du Lac Community and Tribal College. Cloquet, Minnesota.

2008-present, Mentor for College in the Schools Program, Fond du Lac Community and Tribal College. Cloquet, Minnesota.

2002-present. Faculty Consultant, College Board; Reader, AP United States Government & Politics.

## **Publications**

### **Book Chapters**

“John Quincy Adams.” *Chronology of the U.S. Presidency*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2012.

### **Encyclopedia Essays**

Alcorn, J. Mark. “Constitutional Convention.” *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, Volume 2. Mike Morrison, Editor. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2009.

Alcorn, J. Mark. “Articles of Confederation.” *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, Volume 1. Andrew Robertson, Editor. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2009.

Alcorn, J. Mark. “Civil Rights Act of 1964,” “Constitutional Convention,” “Brown v Board of Education.” *Encyclopedia of the United States Constitution*. David Schultz, Editor. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2007.

Alcorn, J. Mark and Hana M. Ryman. "Religious Holidays," "Discrimination by religious organizations," "Quakers," "Columbine High School," "Jones v. City of Opelika," "Released time," "Flag Desecration," "Prayer at Public School Events," "Separation of Church and State," "Pledge of Allegiance." *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*. David L. Hudson, David A. Schultz, John R. Vile, Editors. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2007.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "The Stone Court," "Lee v Weisman." *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties, 4 vols.*, ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Gibbons v Ogden," "John Marshall," "John Quincy Adams." In *An Encyclopedia of the New American Nation*. Paul Finkelman, Editor-In-Chief. Charles Scribner's Sons, 2005.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Presidential Election of 1920," "Presidential Election of 1928," "Disfranchisement," "Suffrage, Non-Landowners." In *An Encyclopedia of American Parties and Elections*. Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst, Editors. Facts on File, Inc, 2005.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Harlan Fiske Stone," "Morrison Remick Waite." In *An Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties and Rights*. John Sheb II and Otis Stephens, Editors. Greenwood Press, 2004.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Buckley v Valeo," "Federal Aid to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act," "F. Lee Bailey," "Goldberg v Kelly," "Johnson v Louisiana," "Morrison Remick Waite," "NEA v Finley." In *Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America*. David Schultz and John R. Vile, Editors. M.E. Sharpe, Inc, 2004.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Joseph Martin," "Robert M. La Follette Sr.," "Teapot Dome Scandal." In *An Encyclopedia of the U.S. Congress*. Robert Dewhirst, Editor. Facts on File, Inc, 2004.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Brandeis Brief," "Cantwell v Connecticut," "Cross Burning," "Flag Salute," "Harlan Fiske Stone," "Lynch v Donnelly," "Prayer in School," "U.S. v Carolene Products," "William O. Douglas." In *An Encyclopedia of the U.S. Supreme Court*. David Schultz, Editor. Facts on File, Inc, 2004.

Alcorn, J. Mark. "Compromise of 1877," "John Marshall Harlan." In *An Encyclopedia of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. John Buenker and Joseph Buenker, Editors. Facts on File, Inc, 2004.

### **Book Reviews**

Alcorn, J. Mark, 2003. "Book Review: *Where the Evidence Leads: An Autobiography (By Dick Thornburgh)*." *Law and Politics Book Review*. Vol. 13 No. 12 (December 2003).

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

"James Wilson and British Legislative Authority." Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley History Conference, March, 2012.

"James Wilson's Political Theory in Practice." Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas. April, 2011

"James Wilson and Royal Authority." Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Francisco, April, 2010.

"James Wilson's Considerations on the Nature and Extent of the Authority of the British Parliament." Consortium of the Revolutionary Era. Charleston, S.C., February, 2010.

“Maybe Gordon Wood Had It Wrong: James Wilson had the vision of the future, not the Antifederalists.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Vancouver, British Columbia. March, 2009.

“The Political Philosophy of James Wilson: How it shaped his vision for the constitution.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, La. January, 2009.

“James Wilson: Constitutional Visionary.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, Calif. March, 2008.”

“The Court-Packing Plan and the Institutional Development of the U.S. Supreme Court” Annual Northern Great Plain History Conference, Duluth, Minn. October, 2007.

“The Court-Packing Plan and the Institutional Development of the U.S. Supreme Court.” Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association. Portsmouth, N.H., May 5-6, 2006.

“The Nineteenth Century Supreme Court and American Political Development.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 16-18, 2006.

“The Institutional Development of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Supreme Court.” Annual Northern Great Plain History Conference, Eau Claire, WI, September 29-October 1, 2005.

“The Institutional Development of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Supreme Court.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2005.

“Issues Affecting the Minnesota Constitutional Convention.” Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2-5, 2005

### **Conferences/Seminars Attended through Grants**

“Interpreting the Constitution.” Stanford University with Jack Rakove and Larry Kramer. Funded by the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, 2005.

“Congress in the Classroom.” Funded by Dirksen Congressional Center; Pekin, IL. Summer, 2004

“The Great Depression and World War II.” Stanford University with David M. Kennedy. Funded by the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, 2003.

“Summer Institute for Teachers.” Carleton College, Northfield, MN. Funded by the Minnesota Department of Education, 2001.

“Summer Institute for Teachers.” Carleton College, Northfield, MN. Funded by the Minnesota Department of Education, 1997.

“The American Legislative Process.” Valley Forge, PA. Funded by the Freedom Foundation, 1995.

“Summer Institute for Teachers.” Carleton College, Northfield, MN. Funded by the Minnesota Department of Education, 1995.

### **Professional Service**

Faculty Consultant/Reader. College Board for Advanced Placement Test for United States Government and Politics, 2002-present.

Social Studies Department Chair, Holdingford (Minn) H.S. 1992-present.

Staff Development Chair, Holdingford Public Schools, 1993-1995.

**Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association

Member of following sections:

-Law and Courts

-Politics and History

-Presidential Research Group,

-Legislative Studies

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Society

American Society for Legal History

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Supreme Court Historical Society