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Born, 23 April 1971, Los Angeles, United States

Married, 29 May 1999, to Alberto Vespaziani; 2 daughters, born 10/2004 and 4/2007

Attorney, licensed in the state of New York

Citizenship, U.S. and Italian

John Cabot University, Rome

- *Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law* 1999 -
- *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs* 2010 -
- *Learning Disabilities Coordinator* 2016 -
- *Legal Counsel for U.S. Affairs* 2017 -
- *Advisory Committee, Guarini Institute of Public Affairs* 2009 - 2018
- *Chair, Department of Political and Social Sciences* 2010-2012, 2018-2019
- *Coordinator, Summer International Communications Institute* 2010-2013

I teach in the areas of Public International Law, Religion and Law, Comparative Constitutional/Human Rights Law, Political Theory, American Government and Business Ethics. I am also Faculty Advisor to the John Cabot Model United Nations Society and the Interfaith Initiative, and coordinate our collaboration with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

Centro Studi sulla Libertà di religione credo e coscienza, Rome 2018 –
Scientific advisor analyzing Italian legislative proposals in the area of religious freedom, and Italian practice in light of European human rights norms.

Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome 2009 - 2011
I co-taught a course on the UN and Regional International Organizations.

Active Citizenship Network/Cittadinanzattiva, Rome 2002 - 2004
Project Manager for the Active Citizenship Network, a public interest organization coordinating European civic groups. I ran a project, sponsored by the European Commission and World Bank, researching the relationship between civil society organizations and public institutions in 50 countries in Europe and Latin America.

Italian Constitutional Court, Rome 2000 - 2002
Law clerk in the Department of Comparative Constitutional Law of the Italian Constitutional Court. Researched foreign norms relevant to constitutional cases before the Italian court, in areas such as parliamentary privilege, international prisoner transfer, and immigration law; reported on the decisions of the principal courts in the English-speaking world; project on devolution in the U.K. for the Anglo-Italian Judicial Conference; major research projects on federalism in the U.S. and Canada and the Israeli Supreme Court.

Unit for the Simplification of the Laws and Regulations, Rome 2001
Research and translation for administrative agency responsible for Italy's compliance with Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development standards.

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York and Los Angeles 1997
Associate attorney in Project, Leasing and Transportation Finance.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 1996 - 1997
Teaching fellow for Prof. Michael Sandel's undergraduate moral reasoning course, "Justice." Led undergraduate discussions on eternal and contemporary moral dilemmas.

Cambridge-Somerville Legal Services, Cambridge, Mass. 1996 - 1997
Handled asylum claims of Caribbean, Latin American and African clients.

American Civil Liberties Union, Los Angeles 1996
Internship training in civil rights litigation, financed by Harvard public interest grant.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Juris Doctor, *cum laude* 1995-1998

University of California, Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts, *with high distinction* 1989-1993
Political science major, philosophy minor, and many courses in international economic development. Elected to *Phi Beta Kappa* honorary society.

London School of Economics 1991-1992
General Course in Political Theory and Philosophy

Hague Academy of International Law 2003
Summer Session on Public International Law, funded by John Cabot University.

PUBLICATIONS

- [*Fede, dubbio e libertà: i diritti religiosi dei non credenti*](#), in *Movimenti di Potenziale Umano: vie e percorsi di sviluppo personale nella società secolarizzata*, Centro Studi sulla Libertà di Religione Credo e Coscienza (eds.), 2018.
- P. Harris and A. Vespaziani, [*La costituzione degli Stati Uniti*](#), encyclopedia entry in *Treccani – Diritto on line*, Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, 2018.
- [*Civil Disobedience to International Law: National Fundamental Rights Resistance and the Power of International Constitutionalism*](#), *Revista Brasileira de Estudos Politicos*, Belo Horizonte, n. 116, pp. 443-466, Jan./Jun. 2018.
- [*Confessioni religiose*](#), encyclopedia entry in *Treccani – Diritto on line*, Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, 2017.
- [*The Humanitarian God in the Human Rights Marketplace*](#), *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*, Volume 7, Number 2, pp. 325-341, Summer 2016, (Review).
- [*Secularism and Post-Secularism in the United States and Europe*](#), in *Plurilogue: Politics and Philosophy Reviews*, 2016 (Review).
- [*John Courtney Murray and the Americanization of Religious Liberty at the Second Vatican Council*](#), *Nomos*, Volume 3, 2015.
- P. Harris and A. Vespaziani, *Foreign Flavours in the American Legislative Sausage?*, chapter in book [*Comparative Law in Legislative Drafting*](#), Nicola Lupo and Lucia Scaffardi (eds.), Eleven International Publishing, 2014.

- [*Laws, Outlaws, and Terrorists: Lessons from the War on Terrorism*](#), in *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, Volume 19, Issue 5, 2014, (Review).
- [*The Headscarf Controversy*](#), in *Plurilogue: Politics and Philosophy Reviews*, 2013 (Review).
- [*The Politics of Judicial Public Reason: Secular Interests and Religious Rights*](#), *Philosophia*, Volume 40, Issue 2, June 2012.
- [*Il dilemma religioso nella società plurale*](#), *Reset*, 116, Novembre/Dicembre 2009
- P. Harris and P. Pasquino (eds.), [*The Concept of Authority*](#), Fondazione Adriano Olivetti, 2007.
- [*I limiti del paradigma giuridico nei racconti di Melville: Bartleby lo scrivano e Billy Budd*](#), *Ritorno al Diritto*, 4/2006.
- P. Harris and P. Pasquino (eds.) [*The Future of Israel*](#), Fondazione Adriano Olivetti, 2005.
- P. Harris, G. Moro and C. Roffiaen, [*Participation in policy making: criteria for the involvement of civic NGOs*](#), Active Citizenship Network, 2004.
- [*I limiti dell'immunità del Capo dello Stato da responsabilità civili negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 10/2002.
- [*La condizione giuridica dei "figli incestuosi" in alcuni paesi di common law: Stati Uniti, Regno Unito e Irlanda*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 10/2002.
- [*La normativa e la giurisprudenza sulla terapia elettroconvulsivante e sugli interventi di psicoturgia in Gran Bretagna e negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 5/2002.
- [*Il regime del servizio pubblico per la radiodiffusione e la teletrasmissione in Gran Bretagna, Canada e Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 5/2002.
- [*La disciplina della parità di accesso ai mezzi radiotelevisivi durante le campagne elettorali negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 1/2002
- [*La scelta dei giudici della Corte suprema e delle corti inferiori negli ordinamenti federali degli Stati Uniti e del Canada*](#), [*La scelta dei giudici delle corti costituzionali e delle corti o tribunali con funzione di giustizia costituzionale negli ordinamenti federali o regionali*](#), Corte costituzionale, 1/2002.
- [*Il trattamento dei dati sensibili nel Regno Unito, in Irlanda, in Danimarca, in Svezia e nei Paesi Bassi*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 11/2001.
- [*Interpretazioni della libertà religiosa negli Stati uniti pluralisti*](#), *Nomos*, 2/2001.
- [*Ricerca relativa alla disciplina delle intercettazione di conversazioni o comunicazioni e delle riprese visive o videoregistrazione negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 10/2001.
- P. Bianchi and P. Harris, [*Ricerca relativa al caso Baraldini nell'ordinamento statunitense*](#), *Ricerca principale – Caso Baraldini*, Corte costituzionale, 3/2001.
- [*Il trattenimento degli stranieri in relazione all'espulsione e all'accompagnamento coatto alla frontiera e le possibilità di ricorso giurisdizionale negli Stati Uniti e nel Regno Unito*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 2/2001.
- [*Il diritto dei detenuti alle ferie nel Regno Unito e negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 5/2000
- [*Il contenzioso degli atti preparatori alle elezioni politiche negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato sul contenzioso delle elezioni*, Corte costituzionale, 5/2000.
- [*Ricerca relativa alla perquisizione personale dei detenuti negli Stati Uniti*](#), *Ricerca di diritto comparato*, Corte costituzionale, 4/2000.
- T. Groppi and P. Harris (eds.), [*La Corte suprema di Israele: la legittimazione della giustizia costituzionale in una democrazia*](#), Corte costituzionale, 2000.

INVITED TALKS and PRESENTATIONS

- *Machiavelli and the political art of deception*, Conference/performance of Machiavelli's Mandragola at the Festival della politica, Rocca Sinibalda, 5 August 2019.
- *Populist Challenges to American Democracy from the Founding to Today*, Unimol Summer School of Political Science on Populism, Sovereignty and Global Challenges, Agnone, 26 July 2019.
- *Understanding the "Fear" Animating American Populism Today*, panel on Governing the Fear of Migrants in Italy, Europe and beyond, organized by Centro Studi Emigrazione Roma, 9 May 2019.
- *Religions in Trump's America*, panel at the conference of Mondoreligioni, Rome, 5 April 2019.
- *The Right to Believe or Not Believe*, panel on Religious Pluralism: a global challenge? at the conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna, 5 March 2019
- Panelist in conference on Midterm Elections: Towards 2020, Center for American Studies, Rome, 29 November 2018.
- *Fede, dubbio e libertà: i diritti religiosi dei non credenti*, MOVIMENTI DEL POTENZIALE UMANO: Vie e percorsi di sviluppo personale nella società secolarizzata Convegno del Centro Studi sulla Libertà di Religione Credo e Coscienza (LIREC), Università Pontificia Salesiana, 9 November 2018.
- *Legal limits of artistic expression: blasphemy and hate speech*, panelist at the First Brazilian Conference on Law & Art, João Pessoa, Paraíba, 18 May 2018.
- *Il nuovo corso della Presidenza USA e l'evoluzione dei rapporti con l'UE*, panelist at 4th Conference on How Can We Govern Europe?, Rome, 6 December 2017.
- *La nuova visione degli USA in Medio Oriente*, Università Europea di Roma, [Workshop on La Geo-economia iraniana nel nuovo contesto geopolitico globale](#), 2 May 2017.
- *Dove va la democrazia americana?*, Law Faculty, University of Molise, 15 December 2016.
- *Migration and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome, 13 July 2016; 13 July 2017; 12 July 2018; 18 July 2019.
- *Civil Disobedience to International Law: National Fundamental Rights Resistance and the Power of International Constitutionalism*, paper given at the 3rd National Conference of the Brazilian Branch of the International Law Association/II Seminar of the Chair Jean Monnet Program, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, March 2016.
- *The Volatile Right to Religious Liberty in the American Constitutional System*, Seminar on Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Justice: Italy and the U.S., University of Urbino, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, 11 December 2015.
- *Religious Liberty: Individual Right or Group Right?*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome, 8 July 2015.
- *La politica israeliana di cittadinanza, e l'inclusione degli omosessuali nel ricongiungimento familiare*, Beth Hillel Roma Conference on Judaism and Homosexuality, 17 January 2015.
- *American influences on Religious Liberty at Vatican II*, University of Rome "La Sapienza," [Conference on Paul VI, Vatican II and the Third Democratic Wave](#), Rome, 15 October 2014.
- *Interfaith Dialogue*, [Italian Islamic Religious Community Conference at the Italian Senate](#), Rome, 15 September 2014.

- *Stigma and violence based on gender identity and sexual orientation; Gender Identity, sexual orientation and religion*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome, 15-16 July 2014.
- [*Privacy, Dignity and Speech: Protecting Freedom in the Digital Age*](#), Cornell University Institute for Internet Culture, Policy, and Law annual conference, September 18, 2013.
- *Women's (Human) Rights: the Universal Framework*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome, 15 July 2013.
- *Can Freedom of Speech and Religious Liberty lead to a Clash of Cultures?*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome, 27 July 2012.
- [*Dai Tea Parties alle primarie: dove va la destra americana?*](#), Reset Conference on the Tea Party at Centro Studi Americani, Rome, 13 March 2012.
- [*Which Way Ahead for the GOP? A Roundtable Discussion on the Republican Primary Elections*](#), Guarini Institute for Public Affairs, 26 March 2012.
- *Freedom of Religious Expression in Democratic Societies: Regulation of Religious Dress*, JCU International Communications Institute Forum on Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Religion, 27 July 2011.
- *Is there a Human Right to Free Speech? Political speech, hate speech, blasphemy, copyright and defamation; Yahoo v. Licra - Hate speech, USA v. France; Wikileaks; Danish Cartoons*, United Nations International Crime Research Institute Summer School on Fundamental Rights, Rome 2010, 2011
- *Teaching religion in American public schools*, Reset Roundtable at the Center for American Studies in Rome, 12 October 2009
- *Religion in American public schools*, Seminar in Comparative Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Rome La Sapienza, June 2009
- *Will the U.S. Ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?*, UNICEF Rome Course on Development Education, University of Rome La Sapienza University, 6 May 2009
- Panelist, Guarini Institute for Public Affairs, *After the Italian Legislative Elections and the Pennsylvania Primaries*, April 23, 2008.
- *The American Presidential Elections*, University of Molise, 6 April 2008.
- *International Law and the "Right" of Humanitarian Intervention*, Diplomatic Institute of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 16 March 2006 and 14 March 2007.
- *International Law in National Courts*, University of Molise, 18 December 2006.
- Guest, "Stealth", *CIA-gate*, Sky TV-24, 5 November 2005.
- *I racconti di Melville tra natura e civilizzazione: Bartleby lo scrivano e Billy Budd*, Seminar of Law and Literature, Istituto Luigi Sturzo, 27 September 2005
- *Report on Participation in policy making: criteria for the selection of civic NGOs*, at international conference at the European Economic and Social Council, Brussels, 2004.
- *Law and the Literature of Herman Melville*, University of Rome, La Sapienza, 2004 and 2005
- *La cittadinanza nella democrazia americana*, Euro-American Colloquium on Citizenship, Campidoglio, Rome, 5 June 2003.
- *The Role of the Constitutional Court in Italian Judicial Review*, Italian Constitutional Court, Rome, 2000, 2001, 2002
- *Religious Liberty in the United States*, University of Rome "La Sapienza," 2000.

LANGUAGES

English, Italian, German (Goethe-Institut Mittelstufe II Certificate), French, Spanish.