



Belmont Abbey College Executive Director Co-Authors Booklet on Federal Administrative Reform

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Belmont, N.C. (December 23, 2024) – Belmont Abbey College's Executive Director of the Belmont House in Washington, D.C., Emmett McGroarty, has co-authored a new booklet titled *Restoring the Republic: A Blueprint for Constitutional Administration*. The publication, created in collaboration with Charles Keckler, JD, PhD, and Adam Millsap, PhD, is released through the Pioneer Institute.

The booklet addresses the pressing need for a renewed understanding of constitutional governance in the United States. It aims to provide a comprehensive framework outlining detailed, actionable reforms aimed at realigning federal government agencies with the Constitution.

Emmett McGroarty is a graduate of Georgetown University and the Fordham University School of Law. He joined the Belmont House in April 2023 from the Catholic University of America's Institute for Human Ecology, where he served as a faculty fellow and director of the program on the Constitution and Catholic Social Doctrine. McGroarty expressed his enthusiasm for this project, stating, "We must improve administrative processes by grounding them in the principles of American constitutional government. This booklet offers a blueprint to restore that connection, ensuring accountability, transparency, and respect for individual rights." His involvement highlights Belmont Abbey College's commitment to engaging with critical issues that shape society today.

The collaboration with Keckler and Millsap brings together expertise in law, public policy, and economics. Together, the authors explore actionable reforms aimed at realigning federal government agencies with the Constitution. Their recommendations seek to enhance responsiveness, restore accountability to citizens, and reinforce structural safeguards to protect individual liberty. Belmont Abbey College is committed to advancing our government while upholding the principles of the Constitution, seeking a path forward that respects both constitutional integrity and moral responsibility. The college continues to support initiatives that foster civic engagement and informed discourse, making this booklet a natural extension of Belmont Abbey's strategic goal to return faithful voices to the public square, much like Emmett has done through his contributions.

Phil Brach, Vice President of Public Relations at Belmont Abbey College, also shared his thoughts: "This booklet serves as a vital resource for those seeking to navigate the complexities of constitutional governance in today's climate. At the Belmont House, we aim to foster thoughtful leadership in politics, grounded in faith. It's exciting to see our staff invest in such an important work."

"Pioneer deeply appreciates the work of this exemplary group of scholars, who spent more than a year analyzing and meticulously detailing ways to reform the federal Leviathan," said Jim Stergios, the executive director of Pioneer Institute, a non-partisan think tank that works in states across the country. "The Institute's efforts supporting state policy innovation often requires months or years disentangling unnecessary federal strings and mandates. Our country has a lot of problems to solve. We need the federal government to be more accountable and the states empowered to modernize government practices for the 21st century."

Belmont Abbey College continues to be a leader in fostering discussions on vital societal issues. The college invites the community to explore the insights presented in *Restoring the Republic* and to participate in ongoing conversations about the role of constitutional values in shaping a just and effective government. For more

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information about *Restoring the Republic: A Blueprint for Constitutional Administration*, please visit the Pioneer Institute's [website](#).