

No. 20-3289

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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

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NICHOLAS K. MERIWETHER,  
*Plaintiff-Appellant*

v.

THE TRUSTEES OF  
SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY, *et al.*,  
*Defendants-Appellees.*

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On Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Ohio  
(Case No: 1:18-cv-00753-SJD)

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE  
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IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT**

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Amicus curiae Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D., respectfully moves for leave to file the accompanying brief under Fed. R. App. P. 29. Counsel for the plaintiff-appellant has given blanket consent to the filing of amicus briefs. But counsel for the defendants-appellees did not consent to this filing.

Amicus Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D., is a scholar who has researched and written extensively about bioethics, political philosophy, marriage, and religious liberty. He is the author of *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment* and *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom*, and he is the co-author of *What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense* and *Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination*.

Dr. Anderson submits this brief to bring to the Court's attention critical philosophical and scientific research and policy concerns that bear on the issues in this case.

For the foregoing reasons, Dr. Anderson respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and permit him leave to appear as amicus curiae and file the accompanying brief in support of Appellant.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 3, 2020

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Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7)(B), I certify that on June 3, 2020, I filed this motion electronically with the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The Court's ECF system will automatically generate and send by email a Notice of Docket Activity to all registered attorneys currently participating in this case, constituting service on those attorneys.

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