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Jennifer L. Culbert is an associate professor and the graduate director of political science at Johns Hopkins University, where she teaches political theory and legal philosophy. She is the author of *Dead Certainty: The Death Penalty and the Problem of Judgment* (Stanford University Press, 2008). Examining both philosophical and the practical aspects, the book focuses on United States Supreme Court opinions that authorize and regulate the practice of sentencing people to death. Unlike other books that discuss capital punishment, it does not argue for or against the death penalty. Culbert is also the co-editor of *States of Violence: War, Punishment, and Letting Die* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). Her work is of interest to scholars of political theory, jurisprudence, law and society, rhetoric, continental philosophy, and ethics. As the Siemens Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin, Culbert will work on her next book, tentatively entitled *The Jurisprudence of Hannah Arendt*.

Jennifer Culbert holds degrees from the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, the London School of Economics, and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley. She was an assistant professor at Arizona State University and Amherst College before she came to the Johns Hopkins University in 2001.

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