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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion, May 2018

After Eden: Religion and Labor in the American West, 1868-1914

Committee: David Morgan (chair), Kate Bowler, Elizabeth Olson, Robert Orsi, Joseph Winters

Examination Fields: American Religious History, Religion in the American West, Human Geography, Material Religion and Theories of Religion

M.A. Duke University, Master of Arts in Religious Studies, Jan. 2016

Montana State University, Environmental History Program, graduate courses, 2011-2012

B.A. Whitman College, Religion Department (awarded with honors), 2010

University of Haifa, Israel. Study abroad program, 2008-2009

EMPLOYMENT

2020- Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, College of Charleston.

2018-2020 Ainsworth Visiting Scholar in American Culture, Randolph College.

Spring 2018 Instructor of Record, Duke University.

Spring 2018 Instructor of Record, Elon University.

2014-2017 Teaching Assistant and Preceptor, Duke University.

2013-2018 Editorial Assistant, *Material Religion: Journal of Art, Object, and Belief*.

2011-2013 Outreach, & Research Coordinator, Bozeman Environmental Conservation Non-Profit, Bozeman, Montana.

2008-2009 Education and Public History Intern, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

PUBLICATIONS

2022 "Contemporary Native American and Indigenous Religions: State of the Field," *Religion Compass*. (Forthcoming).

2022 "Contested Sacredness: The Struggle for Bears Ears," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (Forthcoming)

2021 "Gospel of Gold: Unearthing Religious Spaces in the American West," *Religion & American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. (Summer 2021).

- 2020 "Our Lady of the Rockies: Catholicism and Environmental Reclamation," *US Catholic Historian*, special issue "Experiences of the Sacred." Summer 2020.
- 2019 "Digital Building Blocks for Original Research," *The Journal of Interactive Technology & Pedagogy*.
- 2019 "Religion and the Formation of 18th and 19th Century American Society," *Religious Freedom Center Educational Resources*, textbook chapter for high school students.
- 2016 "Apostolic Faith Mission of Portland, Oregon," "Armstrong, Richard," "Paintings," "Textile Arts." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- 2012 Jorgensen, Brennan L., and Lawrence R. Watson. "Unintended Consequences: How Sustainability Certification and Renewable Biomass Mandates Threaten Nonindustrial Private Forests." *Forest Landowner*. Vol. 71, No. 2.
- 2011 Jorgensen, Brennan L. "The Grizzly Art of Justice." *Missoulian*, (appeared in 20 additional western newspapers). October 12, 2011.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- 2021 *No Eden: Religion and Labor in the American West*. Monograph.

REVIEWS

- 2021 Peer Review. "Shaker Dance and the Religious Production of Spectacle." *Religion Compass*.
- 2016 Review of *Mormonism and Politics*, edited by Randall Balmer and Jana Riess. *Religion in the American West Blog*, February 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Faculty Liberal Arts and Sciences Colloquium, College of Charleston.
- 2020 Writers Retreat, College of Charleston.
- 2018 Duke Teaching Award - Top 5% of Undergraduate Teaching Evaluations
- 2016-17 Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Duke University
- 2017 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
- 2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
- 2016 American Heritage Center Summer Travel Grant, University of Wyoming
- 2015 Gurney Harriss Kearns Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
- 2014 Charles Redd Center for the American West, Summer Travel Fellowship for archival work in Helena, Montana
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa Society Member

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "Rethinking Thanksgiving: The Forgotten Story of Indigenous South Carolina," College of Charleston, November.
- 2020 "Shifting Legal Boundaries and Indigenous Ecologies at Bears Ears National Monument," Native American Traditions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November.
- 2020 "The Memory of Place: Contested Claims at Bears Ears National Monument," Western History Association Annual Meeting, October.
- 2019 "Contested Sacredness: The Struggle for Bears Ears," North American Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November.
- 2019 "Religion and the Making and Remembering of Western Spaces," Western History Association Conference, October.
- 2018 "The Invention of American Nationalism in the Rocky Mountain West," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 17.
- 2017 "Industrial Capitalism: The Collision of Catholicism and Mining in Urban Montana," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 18.
- 2017 "Mapping the Native Landscape: Power and Religion in the Nineteenth-Century American West," Religion and Power Graduate Student Conference, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 24.
- 2016 "Wind River Wage Laborers: A Religious Economy of Survival in the 19th century American West," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 22.
- 2016 "From Montana to the Vatican: Religion and Labor in the Nineteenth-Century American West," Religion and Movement, University of Chicago Graduate Student Conference, April 15.
- 2016 "Our Lady of the Rockies: An Economy of Seeing and Devotion in Butte, Montana," Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion, March 5.
- 2015 "Religious Studies and The Environment: Recreating Eden in the American West," The Nature of the Humanities, Stony Brook English Graduate Student Conference, February 7.
- 2014 "Extractive Societies and Denominational Adaptation: Evangelical Revivals in Nineteenth-Century Montana," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 23.
- 2014 "Eco-*Halal*: Negotiating Religious Authority in an Environmental Age," Religion and The Natural Elements, Northwestern University Graduate Student Conference, November 1.
- 2014 "Eco-*Halal*: Negotiating Religious Authority in an Environmental Age," Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion, March 7.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2021 Native American Religions. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.

Fall 2021	Honors: Approaches to Religion. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Summer 2021	Harry Potter & Religion. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
May 2021	Introduction to World Religions. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Spring 2021	Indigenous Ecological Knowledge. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Spring 2021	Approaches to Religion. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Fall 2020	Approaches to Religion. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Fall 2020	Introduction to World Religions. College of Charleston. Assistant Professor.
Summer 2020	Harry Potter & Religion. Randolph College. Online Course. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2020	American Culture Seminar. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2020	American Voices I. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2020	American Voices II. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2020	American Images. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2019	Documenting Native Voices. Independent Study. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2019	Religion in Native North America. Religious Studies Department. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2019	Religion/Race/America. Religious Studies Department. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2019	Life More Abundant. First-Year Seminar, Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Summer 2019	Harry Potter & Religion. Randolph College. Online Course. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2019	American Culture Seminar. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2019	American Voices I. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2019	American Voices II. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2019	American Images. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2018	Common Experience: The Abundant Life. First-Year Seminar, Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Fall 2018	American Gods. Religious Studies Department. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.

Fall 2018	Religion in Native North America. Religious Studies Department. Randolph College. Visiting Assistant Professor.
Spring 2018	Harry Potter and Religion. Religious Studies Department. Duke University. Instructor of Record.
Spring 2018	Religion in a Global Context. Religious Studies Department. Elon University. Instructor of Record.
Spring 2017	Race, Cinema, and Sacred Value. Religious Studies Department. Duke University. Teaching Assistant. Instructor Joseph Winters.
Spring 2016	Sustainability: Faith, Denial, Reason. Department of Ethics. Duke University. Teaching Assistant. Instructor Dirk Philipsen.
Fall 2015	American Christianity, Duke Divinity School. Preceptor with discussion section. Instructor Lauren Winner.
Spring 2015	Introduction to Religious Studies. Religious Studies Department, Duke University. Teaching Assistant with discussion section. Instructor Shalom Goldman.
Fall 2014	American Christianity, Duke Divinity School. Preceptor with discussion section. Instructor Grant Wacker.

INVITED AND GUEST LECTURES

Sept. 2021	“Navajo Religion.” Guest Lecture, World Religions. College of Charleston.
Sept. 2021	“The Sun Dance.” Guest Lecture, Senior Seminar. College of Charleston.
May 2021	“Bears Ears and Western History.” Guest Lecture. Colby College.
Feb. 2021	“Caste and Native America.” Public Lecture. Charleston Public Library.
Dec. 2020	“Winter Holidays: From Norse to Native.” Public Lecture. Charleston Rotary.
June 2020	“Research Methods in Native American Studies.” Summer Research Program, Randolph College.
January 2020	“Contested Sacred Spaces.” Public Lecture. Religion and the Environment Series, College of Charleston.
Sept. 2018	“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Extraordinary Group.” Sociology Department, Randolph College.
Sept. 2017	“Native American Religious Traditions.” World Religions. Religious and Ethical Studies Department, Meredith College.
April 2017	“Representing Religion and Violence in Film.” Race, Cinema, and Sacred Value. Religious Studies Department, Duke University.

- April 2017 “Environmental Ethics.” Philosophy. Religious and Ethical Studies Department, Meredith College.
- October 2016 “Manifest Destiny: Religion in the American West.” American Christianity. Duke Divinity School.
- April 2015 “Women in Islam.” Introduction to Religious Studies. Religious Studies Department, Duke University.
- February 2015 “Religious Responses to the Environmental Crisis.” Sustainability: Faith, Denial, Reason. Ethics Department, Duke University.
- February 2015 “Gilgamesh in Context: Mesopotamian Religion and Culture.” Introduction to Religious Studies. Religious Studies Department, Duke University.

PEDAGOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

- 2021 Sustainability Literacy Faculty Workshop Series, College of Charleston.
- 2021 “Dark Green Feminism: Teaching the Connections Between Climate Change, Toxic Masculinity, and Anti-Blackness,” Teaching to Engage Activism series, College of Charleston.
- 2021 Lead for the Planet Reading Group, Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program teaching series, College of Charleston.
- 2021 Advising 101, College of Charleston.
- 2021 Online Education Readiness Course, full, College of Charleston.
- 2020 Digital Education Readiness Course, express, College of Charleston.
- 2020 #Quaranteaching, College of Charleston.
- 2020 Student in Distress Training, Randolph College
- 2019 Safe Space Training, Randolph College
- 2019 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Classroom Workshop, Randolph College
- 2018 Advising Matters, Weekly Brown Bag Series, Randolph College
- 2018 Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University
- Completion of multi-year pedagogical training program through the Duke Graduate School, with an emphasis on fundamentals of college teaching, diverse learners, instructional technology, and systematic assessment of student learning outcomes
- 2016-17 Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Duke University
- Competitive fellowship dedicated to preparing doctoral students for positions in teaching, research, and service through teaching workshops, site visits at partner campuses, and an intensive mentorship program at Meredith College, a small liberal art’s college in Raleigh, NC

SERVICE TO FIELD

2021	Organizer, “Rethinking Thanksgiving: The Forgotten Story of Indigenous South Carolina,” College of Charleston.
2021	Major and Minor Fair representative, College of Charleston.
2021	New Student Convocation discussion facilitator, College of Charleston.
2021-	Coordinator, Humanities and Social Sciences Pre-Tenure Writing Colloquium, College of Charleston.
2021-	Phi Beta Kappa Application Committee, College of Charleston.
2021-	General Education Assessment Committee, College of Charleston.
2021-	Graduate Education Committee, College of Charleston.
2020-	Graduate School Advisor. Department of Religious Studies, College of Charleston.
2020-	Co-Chair, Religion in the American West, unofficial AAR working group.
2020-2021	Paper Workshop Coordinator. Department of Religious Studies, College of Charleston.
2019-2020	Campus Events Committee Member, Randolph College.
2018-2020	Steering Committee Member, Religion in the American West Unit, American Academy of Religion.
2018-2020	Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee, Randolph College, Delta of Virginia Chapter.
2018-2020	Pre-Major Advisor, Randolph College.
2018	Search Committee Junior Faculty Representative, Department of History, Randolph College.
2016-2018	Mentor, Department of Religious Studies, Duke University.
2015-2017	Teaching & Learning Coordinator, Duke University.
2015-2017	Student Representative, Graduate Program in Religion Executive Committee, Duke University.

LANGUAGES

French (professional working proficiency) | Spanish (moderate)
Czech (moderate) | German (reading) | Hebrew (moderate)

AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion | Western History Association | Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF INTEREST

Religion in the Americas
Lived Religion

Native American Studies
Human Geography

Religion and the Environment
Religion in the American West