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Employment

- Assistant Professor in Religion and Health | Department of Religious Studies
Georgia State University (2021-present)
- Postdoctoral Research Associate | John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
Washington University in St. Louis | 2020-2021

Education

2020 | Ph.D., Religion, Princeton University
2017 | M.A., Religion, Princeton University
2014 | M.A., Religious Studies, New York University
2007 | B.A., Religious Studies, with honors, Indiana University Bloomington

Awards, Fellowships

- Emerging Scholar | Center for Religion & the Human | Indiana University Bloomington |
2020-2022
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellow | University Center for Human Values | Princeton University |
2019-2020
- Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellow | 2019-2020
- CUSHWA Center Research Grant | University of Notre Dame | 2019-2020
- Finalist, Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship | 2019-2020
- J.D. Rockefeller, Jr. Fund Fellowship | Princeton University | 2018-2019
- Department Nominee | Princeton University Honoric Fellowship | 2018-2019
- Graduate Fellow | Center for the Study of Religion | Princeton University | 2018-2019
- Department of Religion Teaching Award | Princeton University | 2017-2018
- Graduate Fellow | Center for the Study of Religion | Princeton University | 2017-2018
- J.D. Rockefeller, Jr. Fund Fellowship | Princeton University | 2014-2015

Teaching Experience

- Disability and Memoir | Department of Religious Studies | Fall 2021 | Georgia State University
- Religion, Race, and Health in Modern America | Center on Religion and Politics | Spring
2021 | Washington University in Saint Louis
- Assistant in Instruction | Disability, Difference, and Race | Professor Laurence Ralph |
Department of Anthropology | Spring 2019 | Princeton University

- Assistant in Instruction | “*Cult*” *Controversies in America* | Professor Judith Weisenfeld | Department of Religion | Fall 2017 | Princeton University
 - Guest Lecture: “Jonestown in Context: Race, Racialization, and ‘Cult’ Controversy,” October 2017
- Assistant in Instruction | *American Scriptures* | Professor Seth Perry | Department of Religion | Spring 2015 | Princeton University
 - Guest Lecture: “‘Far-reaching beams’: The Life of the Bhagavad Gita in the United States,” April 2015

Academic Writing

- *Spiritual Rehabilitation: Cognitive Disability and the Catholic Imagination in Postwar America* (book manuscript, in progress).
- “‘The Most Probable Saints of God’: A Lourdes Shrine and the Catholic Remaking of Cognitive Disability,” in *American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of US Catholicism* (under review).
- “A Different Grammar,” Roundtable response to Rebecca Comay’s *Deadline(s)*, Center for Religion and the Human website, Indiana University.
- “Unsingular Subjects,” in Sources, *American Religion* | October 2019.
- Review | *Cultural Approaches to Studying Religion*, eds. Sarah Bloesch and Meredith Minister (Bloomsbury 2018) *Reading Religion*, March 2019.
- Review | Max Perry Mueller, *Race and the Making of the Mormon People* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017) *Journal of American Studies* (February 2020).

Select Non-Academic Publications

“Friction Among Egypt’s Christians,” *Bikya Masr*, October 16, 2010.

“Uncloaking (Queer) Art in Egypt,” *Bikya Masr*, December 25, 2009.

“Bread and Crumbs: A Review,” *Bikya Masr*, October 12, 2010.

Public Scholarship

Panelist, Religion and Mental Health in American History, National Museum of American Religion, April 20, 2021

Conference Panel Organizing and Facilitation

- *Disability and the Catholic Imagination* (Panel) | American Catholic Historical Association | February 2022
- *Children, Temporality, and Religion* (Roundtable) | Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion | Childhood Studies and Religion Unit | November 2021
- Session Chair, Childhood and Religion | Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion | Childhood Studies and Religion Unit | November 2020

- Session Chair, “Laying Claim to Space and Time,” *Space, Time and Religion*, Princeton University, February 2020.
- *Irony, Play, and the (Serious[?]) Study of Religion* (Roundtable), with Cooper Harriss and Charles McCrary | Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion | Wildcard Session | San Diego 2019
- *Making Difference: Disability and Religion in the United States* (Panel), Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion | North American Religions Unit | Boston | November 2017.

Conference Papers

- (forthcoming) “Desiring Disability: Photographic and Devotional Arts,” American Catholic Historical Association, February 2022
- (forthcoming) “Out of Time: Children, Cognitive Disability, and the Catholic Secular,” Childhood Studies and Religion Unit, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2021
- “‘Clouded by God’s Hand’: The Anthropology of Intellectual Disability in Postwar American Catholicism,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, January 2020.
- “Playing with God and a Jeep,” Wildcard Session, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2019.
- “Risking ‘Just’ Theology,” History of Christianity Unit, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2019.
- “Imag(in)ing Intellectual Disability: American Catholics and the Photography of Difference in Postwar America,” Midwest Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 2019.
- “Exceptional Relations: American Catholics and Intellectual Disability in Postwar America,” Columbia University “Religion in America” University Seminar, October 2018.
- “‘Exceptional’ Difference: Religion and Intellectual Disability in Postwar America,” Religion and the American Normal, Princeton University, February 2018.
- “Aware of Angels: Reflections on Studying Religion and Intellectual Disability,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017.
- “Care To Listen?: Reparative Readings in American Religious Studies,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017.
- “Expectations and Presence: Disability, Agency, and Relationship in Dale Evans Rogers’ *Angel Unaware*,” Absence and Presence Graduate Conference, Indiana University, April 2017.
- “What is the Christian Right?” What is...? Graduate Religion Colloquium, Princeton University, April 2017, with Eden Consenstein.

- “What is Disability Studies?” What is...? Graduate Religion Colloquium, Princeton University, April 2015.
- “When Religion Becomes Sex, When Sex Becomes Religion: Victoria Woodhull, Perfected Reproduction, and Free Love in the Late Nineteenth-Century,” Religion Interruptus Graduate Conference, Syracuse University, March 2015.
- “The Supernatural, Disability, and the Hermeneutics of Childbearing: Reading Martha Beck’s *Expecting Adam*,” Beasts, Monsters, and the Fantastic in the Religious Imagination Graduate Conference, Brown University, March 2013.

Service, Memberships

- Steering Committee Member: Childhood Studies and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion | 2019-Present
- Co-organizer: Disability Studies Working Group, Princeton University | 2015 - 2020 | Organized events include:
- Member: Gender and Sexuality Studies Graduate Student Working Group | 2015- 2020
- Conference Assistant: Race and Religion in the Americas and the Atlantic World | Princeton University | March 2017
- Volunteer Coordinator: “Eighteen Hundred and More” | African American Studies Graduate Conference | Princeton University | April 2017
- Conference Assistant: Beyond Stonewall: New Histories in Religion and Sexuality | Princeton University | March 2017
- Member: Danforth Lecture Committee | Department of Religion | 2015-2016
- Member: Graduate Student Committee | Department of Religion | 2015-2016
- Field researcher | New York University | Department of Anthropology | New York University | 2013

Additional Experience

Volunteer: AHRC | New York, NY | 2017-2020

Manager: Day Program | St. Vincent New Hope | Indianapolis, Indiana | 2007-2009