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EDUCATION

- 2010 – 2016 **Boston College**
PhD, Christian Theology; secondary field, History of Christianity
Advisors: Roberto Goizueta, Khaled Anatolios, Robert Imbelli
- 2007 – 2009 **Yale University**
MAR, History of Christianity
- 2003 – 2007 **University of Western Ontario**
BA, History (Honours)
- other studies Harvard Divinity School; Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology;
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

POSITIONS

- 2023 – current **University of Virginia**
Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, Department of Religious Studies
- 2021 – 2023 **University of Virginia**
General Faculty, Department of Religious Studies/Engagements Program
- 2017 – 2021 **University of Virginia**
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Religious Studies
- 2016 – 2021 **Tutor Doctor**, Charlottesville, VA
Tutor & Higher Education Consultant
- 2015 – 2016 **Boston College**
Dean of Summer Session Fellow, Woods College of Advancing Studies
- 2014 – 2015 **Boston College**
Teaching Fellow, Department of Theology
Apprenticeship in College Teaching (ACT) certification program
- 2011 – 2013 **Boston College**
Reference/Research Assistant, John J. Burns Library of Special Collections

2011 – 2012

Boston College

Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Khaled Anatolios
Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

1. *A. B. Simpson and the Making of Modern Evangelicalism*. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2019

peer-reviews: *Alliance World Review*
Journal of American History
Journal of Ecclesiastical History
Religious Studies Review
Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses

2. *The Freedom of God: A Study in the Pneumatology of Robert Jenson*. Lanham: Fortress Academic/Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

peer-reviews: *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*
Pneuma: Journal of Pentecostal Studies
Reviews in Religion & Theology
American Academy of Religion's "Reading Religion" online

Articles:

1. "Five Books That Have Transformed the Study of American Religions" *Religious Studies Review* 50th anniversary ed. (forthcoming 2025).
2. "Invitation to the Triune Conversation: Explorations of Prayer through the Theology of Robert Jenson" *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, 52.4 (December 2013).
3. "Beauty Resurgent: Possibilities and Perils for Theological Aesthetics in Art and Academy" *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good* (January 2010).
4. "Chants of Conversion: Inspiration, Individualism, and Adherence in American Evangelicalism" *Journal of Religion & Society*, 11.1 (2009).

Reviews:

1. "Review of Nathaniel Wiewora, *Sins of Christendom: Anti-Mormonism and the Making of Evangelicalism* (University of Illinois Press, 2024)" in *Church History* (forthcoming 2025).
2. "Review of Aaron A. M. Ross, *The Holy Spirit and the Eagle Feather: The Struggle for Indigenous*

Pentecostalism in Canada (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2023)" in *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses*, 53.4 (December 2024), [626-629](#).

3. "Review of Scott Mitchell, *The Making of American Buddhism* (Oxford University Press, 2023)" in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion online (July 2024): <https://readingreligion.org/9780197641569/>.
4. "Review of Andrew Lynn, *Saving the Protestant Ethic: Creative Class Evangelicalism and the Crisis of Work* (Oxford University Press, 2023)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 49.3 (September 2023): 400.
5. "Review of Barbara E. Mattick, *Teaching in Black and White: The Sisters of St. Joseph in the American South* (Catholic University of America Press, 2023)" in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion online (April 2023): <https://readingreligion.org/9780813236087/>.
6. "Review of Carl. R. Weinberg, *Red Dynamite: Creationism, Culture Wars, and Anticommunism in America* (Cornell University Press, 2021)" in *Journal of American History*, 109.4 (March 2023): 964-65.
7. "Review of Peter Cajka, *Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church and the Spirit of the Sixties* (University of Chicago Press, 2021)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 49.1 (March 2023): 77-78.
8. "Review of Arlin C. Migliazzo, *Mother of Modern Evangelicalism: The Life & Legacy of Henrietta Mears* (Eerdmans, 2020)" in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 6.2 (September 2021): [online](#).
9. "Review of Peter J. Schuurman, *The Subversive Evangelical: The Ironic Charisma of an Evangelical Megachurch* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2019)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 47.1 (March 2021): 106.
10. "Review of Dennis C. Dickerson, *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* (Cambridge University Press, 2020)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 46.4 (December 2020): 550-51.

TEACHING

UVA graduate courses:

American Religious Historiography (RELG 8760)
Christian Nationalism (RELC 5840)
World Christianity (RELC 5080)

UVA undergrad courses:

American Catholic History (RELC 2401)
Eastern Orthodoxy (RELC 3043)
Ethical Engagements: The Good Life Online? (EGMT 1540)
Evangelicalism (RELC 3115)
Global Christianity (RELC 2245)

Holy Spirit in Christian Tradition (RELC 3559)
Questions in the Study of Religion (RELG 1000)
Religious Americana (RELG 4500)
Religious Bioethics (RELG 2650)
20th Century Catholic Thought (RELC 3559)

Boston College courses:

Introduction to Christian Theology I & II
Person & Social Responsibility I & II (T.A. for M. Shawn Copeland)
Religious Quest: Christianity and Islam I & II (T.A. for Natana J. DeLong-Bas)

Student Advising (Graduate):

1. Reader: Stephen Betts, PhD dissertation committee, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (projected Spring 2025).
2. Reader: Alexandra Daley, “Modern & Contemporary Christian Thought,” PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (December 2024).
3. Reader: C.J. McCrary, “Classics in Protestant Theology,” PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (May 2024).
4. Reader: Victoria Slabinski, “Contemporary Christian Theology: Eschatology, History, Hope & Liberation,” PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (April 2024).
5. Reader: Sally Duncan, “A Matrix of Tensions: CCM Magazine and the Creation of Evangelical Culture Warriors during the 1990s,” MA Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2023).
6. Reader: Vivienne Reed, “The House that Jerry Built: An Analysis of the Rhetorical Conceptualization of Jerry Falwell’s Religious Identity in the Political Sphere,” MA Thesis, Religion, Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia (July 2021).
7. Reader: Caroline Dibble, “The Hermeneutics of Democratic Protest: James Cone and Black Liberation Theology,” MA Thesis, Religion, Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia (April 2021).
8. Reader: Mariel Cooksey, “The Alt-Right and Christianity,” MA Thesis, Religion, Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia (December 2020).

Student Advising (Undergraduate):

1. Director: Lauren Metters, “Mary, the Jewish Mother: A Post-Holocaust Catholic Mariology” (*tentatively*), BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (projected Spring 2025).
2. Director: Riley Fay, “Pure Nation: 1990s Evangelical Purity Culture, Nationalism, & the

Reclamation of Cultural Hegemony,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Political and Social Thought Program (PST), University of Virginia (projected Spring 2025).

3. Reader: Susanna Kharatyan, “The Survival & Thriving of the Armenian Orthodox Faith and Church under Soviet Communism” (*tentative*), BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (projected Spring 2025).
4. Reader: Wade Carter, “Psychobiology, the Anxious Age, & Christian Spirituality,” BA Echols Interdisciplinary Major Thesis (Biology/Psychology/Religious Studies), University of Virginia (projected Spring 2025).
5. Director: Jonathan Rivers, “Is Christian Visualization Vestigial without Veneration?: Unveiling the Role of Imagery in American Low Church Protestantism,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).
6. Reader: Rebecca Popp, “Making Deniers of All Nations: The Evangelical Framing of Climate Change,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).
7. Reader: Harrison Stewart, “Mass Media: The Impact of Liturgical Music and Hymnal Texts on Catholic Identities,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Media Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).
8. Faculty Mentor: James de Marcellus, “Veil of the Temple: A History of the Black Catholic Community in Charlottesville” Independent Student Research Project/Coursework Extension (April 2023): <https://veilofthetemple.wordpress.com/>.
9. Reader: William Treene, “Evangelicalism and Vaccine Resistance: How History and Theology May Play a Unique Role,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2022).

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Focus:

1. “Strange Brew: The Intermixture Between Canadian and American Evangelicalisms” American Studies Association, Annual Conference (*under consideration*), possible November 2025.
2. “Evangelicalism, Nationalism, & Religious Politics” UVA Sacred & Profane Undergraduate Society (Charlottesville, VA), October 2024.
3. “Matthias Joseph Scheeben on the Holy Spirit” (seminar style discussion) Tantor Ecumenical Institute, Encounters in Systematic Theology Conference, University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), June 2024.
4. “Can We Still Change Our Minds? Polarization, Persuasion, Persons, & the Pursuit of Truth” UVA Echols Scholars (Charlottesville, VA), November 2023.

5. "Encounter and Exchange: A. B. Simpson's 1893 Missionary Tour Around the World & His Emerging Missiology in Gilded Age Context" Alliance World Fellowship, International Theological Symposium (Toulouse, France), June 2023.
6. "Interpreting Religious Conversion: Identities, Embodiments, Ruptures, and Continuities" w Prof. Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), April 2023.
7. "Overview of Orthodox Christianity and Its Relationship to the Holy Land" Jerusalem RELG 2820 course w Prof. Jessica Andruss, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), October 2021.
8. "Evangelicalism, Modern and Counter-Modern: The Case of A. B. Simpson," Ambrose University (Calgary, AB), November 2020.
9. "Interview w Melani McAlister on *The Kingdom of God Has No Borders: A Global History of American Evangelicalism*" Religion & Its Publics Podcast, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), January 2019: <https://soundcloud.com/user-458357165/the-square-dr-melani-mcalister>.
10. "Does God like Gold?: Christian Theologies of Money & Property," University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), February 2016.
11. "Catholics as Immigrants: The American Historical Context," St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), January 2014.
12. "Response to Frederick Lawrence on Bernard Lonergan's Search for a Hermeneutics of Authenticity," Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), October 2013.
13. "Antagonists, Curiosities, Cobelligerents, and Friends: The Relationship Between Catholicism & Evangelicalism in American History," Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), April 2013.
14. "Response to Stephen Brown on John Duns Scotus, the High Medieval Scholastics, and the Nature of Theology," Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), December 2012.
15. "Together Every Nation: A Pneumatological Interpretation of *Mestizaje* for the Global Church" Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), October 2011.
16. "The Chatty God: Robert Jenson, A Theology of Prayer, Apophatic-Kataphatic Balance, and the Range of Christian Thought," Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), March 2011.

Public Focus:

1. "Hope-filled Political Discipleship in Acrimonious Times," Fanning the Flame Conference, Baptist General Association of Virginia (Zoom Event), August 2024.

2. “Hopeful Discipleship in Divisive Political Times,” Baptist General Association of Virginia Local Pastors Event (Charlottesville, VA), March 2024.
3. “What is—Is There—and How is a Christian Academic?” UVA Graduate Christian Fellowship (Charlottesville, VA), February 2024.
4. “The Church in Christian Tradition & Christian Life,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), September 2018.
5. “The Holy Spirit in Christian Tradition & Christian Life,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), October 2017.
6. “What is the Bible and Where Does it Come From?,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), September 2017.
7. “Social Media, Digital Technology, & Christian Theology,” Church of the Redeemer (Manchester, NH), March 2015.

Interviews w Journalists:

1. Interview w Jennifer Law, Baptist General Assembly of Virginia marketing & communications (Henrico, VA) on [Churches & Political Division](#), August 2024.
2. Interview w Randy Salzman (Charlottesville, VA) for research on religious nones, dechurching, generational transitions, and the politicization of American Christianity, March 2024.
3. Interview w Jim Spencer, editor of *Daily Progress* (Charlottesville, VA), for research on Southern Baptist Convention & religious views of gender, November 2022.

Digital Exhibits in collaboration w Burns Library (2011-13):

1. “Working for the Jesuits: Thomas Merton’s Connection with Boston College”
2. “An Elegant Mind: The Frederick Copleston, SJ, Papers at Burns Library”
3. “Encounters of the Humanities Series: Robert Frost & Francis W. Sweeney, SJ”
4. “A Quirky Humanities Series Fellowship: Susan Sontag & Francis W. Sweeney, SJ”
5. “Early Travel Writing: Researching a Literary Biography of Eleanor Early”
6. “Honoring the Humanities: Francis W. Sweeney, SJ, and the History of the Humanities Series at Boston College”
7. “A Tribute to Theologian Frans Jozef van Beeck, SJ”
8. “Travels in the General Collection: American Travel Writing on the Canadian Experience”

AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2025 UVA Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Academic Research Advisor Grant
- 2024 UVA Dean's Office Faculty Summer Research Grant
- 2023 UVA Seven Society Monticello Dinner Series Honoree for Contribution to Students
- 2023 UVA College Council Faculty-Student Interactions Grant (x2)
- 2016 BC Dean of Summer Session Teaching & Research Fellowship
- 2015 BC Donald J. White Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching
- 2014 Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship
- 2013 BC Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Junior Scholars Research Grant
- 2012 Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation PhD Student Research Grant (x2)
- 2009 Yale Divinity School graduation *magna cum laude*
- 2007 Yale Rev. Harry B. Adams Academic Scholarship (x2 years)
- 2007 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2007 International Scholarship Foundation Award for Graduate Study
- 2007 North American Conference on British Studies Student Essay Contest Winner
- 2003 Governor General of Canada's Medal for Academic Excellence

RESEARCH/READING LANGUAGES

Biblical Aramaic, Biblical Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, French, Spanish

REFERENCES

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