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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 <i>Assistant Professor of Religious Studies</i> , Department of Religious Studies
2021 – 2023	University of Virginia <i>General Faculty</i> , Department of Religious Studies/Engagements Program
2017 – 2021	University of Virginia <i>Postdoctoral Research Associate</i> , Department of Religious Studies
2016 – 2021	Tutor Doctor <i>Tutor & Higher Education Consultant</i> , Charlottesville, VA
2015 – 2016	Boston College <i>Dean of Summer Session Fellow</i> , Woods College of Advancing Studies
2011 – 2013	Boston College <i>Reference & Research Assistant</i> , John J. Burns Library of Special Collections

RESEARCH

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*; [AAR's Reading Religion online](#)

Articles:

1. Will the Real Evangelicals Please Stand Up? The Emergence of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Contestations of Religious Identity in American Culture, c. 1940-1960s," *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses* forthcoming 2026.
2. "Enchanted Americana: Five Books That Have Transformed the Study of American Religions," *Religious Studies Review* 51.2 (June 2025): 249–56.
3. "Invitation to the Triune Conversation: Explorations of Prayer through the Theology of Robert Jenson" *Dialog: Journal of Theology* 52.4 (Dec 2013): 340–48.
4. "Beauty Resurgent: Possibilities and Perils for Theological Aesthetics in Art and Academy" *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good* (Jan 2010): online.
5. "Chants of Conversion: Inspiration, Individualism, and Adherence in American Evangelicalism" *Journal of Religion & Society* 11.1 (2009): 1–13.

In Progress:

1. "'Our Whole Strategy of Combat': The Bob Jones-NAE Melee Over Christian Schools and Evangelical Culture Wars," under consideration.
2. "The Dominance Gospel: Patterns of Sacralizing the Nation, Lusting for Power, and Excluding the Neighbor in Evangelical Christian Nationalism."

Reviews:

1. "The American Original—John G. Turner, *Joseph Smith: The Rise and Fall of an American Prophet* (Yale, 2025)" in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, forthcoming 2026.

2. “Ashley Purpura, *Women in the Orthodox Tradition: Feminism, Theology, and Equality* (Notre Dame, 2025)” in *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses* 55.2 (June 2026): 270–72.
3. “Daniel K. Williams, *The Search for a Rational Faith: Reason and Belief in the History of American Christianity* (Oxford, 2025)” in *Christianity Today* ([7 Jan 2026](#)).
4. “Sarah Apetrei, *The Reformation of the Heart: Gender and Radical Theology in the English Reformation* (Oxford, 2024)” in [Reading Religion](#), American Academy of Religion online (Sept 2025).
5. “Nathaniel Wiewora, *Sins of Christendom: Anti-Mormonism and the Making of Evangelicalism* (Illinois, 2024)” in *Church History* 93.4 (Dec 2024): 934–36.
6. “Aaron A. M. Ross, *The Holy Spirit and the Eagle Feather: The Struggle for Indigenous Pentecostalism in Canada* (McGill-Queen’s, 2023)” in *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses* 53.4 (Dec 2024): 626–29.
7. “Scott Mitchell, *The Making of American Buddhism* (Oxford, 2023)” in [Reading Religion](#), American Academy of Religion online (July 2024).
8. “Andrew Lynn, *Saving the Protestant Ethic: Creative Class Evangelicalism and the Crisis of Work* (Oxford, 2023)” in *Religious Studies Review* 49.3 (Sept 2023): 400.
9. “Barbara E. Mattick, *Teaching in Black and White: The Sisters of St. Joseph in the American South* (Catholic University, 2023)” in [Reading Religion](#), American Academy of Religion online (April 2023).
10. “Carl R. Weinberg, *Red Dynamite: Creationism, Culture Wars, and Anticommunism in America* (Cornell, 2021)” in *Journal of American History* 109.4 (Mar 2023): 964–65.
11. “Peter Cajka, *Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church and the Spirit of the Sixties* (Chicago, 2021)” in *Religious Studies Review* 49.1 (Mar 2023): 77–78.
12. “Arlin C. Migliazzo, *Mother of Modern Evangelicalism: The Life & Legacy of Henrietta Mears* (Eerdmans, 2020)” in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 6.2 (Sept 2021): [online](#).
13. “Peter J. Schuurman, *The Subversive Evangelical: The Ironic Charisma of an Evangelical Megachurch* (McGill-Queen’s, 2019)” in *Religious Studies Review* 47.1 (Mar 2021): 106.
14. “Dennis C. Dickerson, *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* (Cambridge, 2020)” in *Religious Studies Review* 46.4 (Dec 2020): 550–51.

TEACHING

UVA graduate courses:

American Catholic History (RELC 8713)
American Religious Historiography (RELG 8760)
Christian Nationalism (RELC 5840)
Evangelicalism (RELS 8500)
World Christianity (RELC 5080)
20th Century Christian Thought (RELS 8500)

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)
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)

Professional Development:

UVA Engagements College Fellows Curriculum Design Workshop (2021–2022)
BC Apprenticeship in College Teaching Certification & Portfolio (2014–2015)

PhD dissertation reader:

Beth McKenney, “‘Under Christ’s Control’: A Vulnerability Sexual Ethics Critique of the Evangelical Purity Movement,” University of Virginia (in progress).

Ethan Shearer, “I Have Overcome the World: Sanctification at the End of the World,” University of Virginia (in progress).

Alexandra Daley, “The Spirit of the Suffering God: A Feminist Defense of Divine Passibility,” University of Virginia (in progress).

Stephen Betts, “Black (and) Bloom: Manichaean Aesthetics and the American Religious Imagination,” University of Virginia (July 2025).

PhD comp exam reader:

Rebekah Schultz, “Modern to Contemporary Christian Thought Survey” (in progress).

Rebekah Schultz, “Ancient to Medieval Christian Thought Survey” (in progress).

Alexandra Daley, “Suffering, Divine Impassibility & the Contemporary Doctrine of God” (Mar 2025).

Alexandra Daley, “Modern to Contemporary Christian Thought Survey” (Dec 2024).

C.J. McCrary, “Classics in Protestant Theology” (May 2024).

Victoria Slabinski, “Contemporary Christian Theology: Eschatology, History, Hope & Liberation” (April 2024).

MA thesis reader:

BrieAnna Frank, “Religion and Visual Media in the Contemporary United States,” Religious Studies (April 2026).

Sally Duncan, “A Matrix of Tensions: CCM Magazine and the Creation of Evangelical Culture Warriors during the 1990s,” Religious Studies (April 2023).

Vivienne Reed, “The House that Jerry Built: An Analysis of the Rhetorical Conceptualization of Jerry Falwell’s Religious Identity in the Political Sphere,” Religion, Politics & Conflict (July 2021).

Caroline Dibble, “The Hermeneutics of Democratic Protest: James Cone and Black Liberation Theology,” Religion, Politics & Conflict (April 2021).

Marief Cooksey, “The Alt-Right and American Christianity,” Religion, Politics & Conflict (Dec 2020).

BA distinguished majors director:

Lauren Metters, “The Jewishness of Mary: A Post-Vatican II Mariology and Jewish-Catholic Reconciliation,” Religious Studies (May 2025).

Riley Fay, “Making America Pure Again: Sex, Citizenship, & Moral Panics in Evangelical Purity Culture,” Political & Social Thought Program (PST) (April 2025).

Jonathan Rivers, “Is Christian Visualization Vestigial without Veneration?: Unveiling the Role of Imagery in American Low Church Protestantism,” Religious Studies (April 2024).

BA thesis/research project reader:

Caroline Brewer, “The Religious Right and its Misinterpretation of the AIDS Epidemic,” USOAR Research Project (April 2026).

Susanna Kharatyan, “Negotiating Faith and Resilience in the Godless State: The Survival of the Armenian Church under the Soviet Regime,” Religious Studies (April 2025).

Luke Jackson Benfer, “The Archives of J. Graham Machen and the Patterns of Conservative Thought,” USOAR Research project (April 2025).

Rebecca Popp, “Making Deniers of All Nations: The Evangelical Framing of Climate Change,” Religious Studies (April 2024).

Harrison Stewart, “Mass Media: The Impact of Liturgical Music and Hymnal Texts on Catholic Identities,” Media Studies (April 2024).

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/>.

William Treene, “Evangelicalism and Vaccine Resistance: How History and Theology May Play a Unique Role,” Religious Studies (April 2022).

COMMUNICATIONS

Academic Presentations:

“Evangelicalism, Deep Stories, and Christian Nationalism” Center for the Study of Religion & Public Life, St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), Sept 2026.

“Response to Bart Ehrman’s, *Love Thy Stranger: How the Teachings of Jesus Transformed the Moral Conscience of the West* (Simon & Schuster, 2026),” Virginia Festival of the Book (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2026.

“Moderator for Christian Studies & Apocrypha Panel,” UVA Interdisciplinary Religious Studies Association Undergraduate Research Conference (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2026.

“Moravians as (Proto)Evangelicals? A Conversation with Kelly Kaelin’s, *Women, Race, and the Moravian Church in the Early Modern Atlantic World: Convert, Migrant, Missionary*” UVA Advising Fellows book panel (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2025.

“Our Current Crisis—Intro & Framing to Mike Bird’s *The Christian Case for Democracy*” UVA Forum on Religion & Democracy (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2025.

“Get Enchanted: Trends in American Religions Research,” UVA Office of Citizen Scholar Development Research Showcase (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2025.

“Evangelicalism, Nationalism, and Religious Politics,” UVA Sacred & Profane Undergraduate Society (Charlottesville, VA), Oct 2024.

“Matthias Joseph Scheeben on the Holy Spirit,” Academic Roundtable for Tantur Ecumenical Institute, University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), June 2024.

“Can We Still Change Our Minds? Polarization, Persuasion, Persons, & the Pursuit of Truth,” UVA Echols Scholars (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2023.

“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.

“Interpreting Religious Conversion: Identities, Embodiments, Ruptures, and Continuities” discussion with Prof. Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), April 2023.

“Evangelicalism, Modern and Counter-Modern: The Case of A. B. Simpson,” Ambrose University (Calgary, AB), Zoom event, Nov 2020.

“Catholics as Immigrants: The American Historical Context,” St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), Jan 2014.

“Response to Frederick Lawrence on Bernard Lonergan’s Search for a Hermeneutics of Authenticity,” Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), Oct 2013.

“Antagonists, Curiosities, Cobelligerents, and Friends: The Relationship Between Catholicism & Evangelicalism in American History,” Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), April 2013.

“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), Dec 2012.

“Together Every Nation: A Pneumatological Interpretation of *Mestizaje* for the Global Church” Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), Oct 2011.

“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), Mar 2011.

Academic Events (Co)Organized/Grants Secured:

Book Talk: Candace Lukasik, Mississippi State University, “*Martyrs and Migrants: Coptic Christians and the Persecution Politics of U.S Empire* (NYU, 2025)” with UVA Department of History and Forum on Religion & Democracy, Feb 2026.

Conversation with Author: Christina Littlefield, Pepperdine University, *Christian America & The Kingdom of God: White Christian Nationalism from the Puritans through January 6th* (Illinois, 2025)” with UVA Forum on Religion & Democracy, Feb 2026.

Lecture: Mike Bird, Ridley College (Australia), “The Christian Case for Liberal Democracy” with UVA Forum on Religion & Democracy, Nov 2025.

Roundtable: Juandiego Wade & Brian Pinkston, Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Charlottesville, w Nichole Flores, “Local Politics, Grassroots Democracy, and the Common Good” with UVA Center for Politics and Forum on Religion & Democracy, April 2025.

Lecture: Ramon Luzarraga, St. Martin’s University, “Off That One Long Beach: Caribbean Theology as Sui Generis Political Theology” with UVA Catholic Studies, Jan 2024.

Public Media:

Journalism interview with Jennifer Law, Baptist General Assembly of Virginia marketing & communications on “[Churches & Political Division](#),” Aug 2024.

Journalism interview w Jim Spencer, editor of *Daily Progress* (Charlottesville, VA), for research on Southern Baptist Convention & religious views of gender, Nov 2022.

“Interview with Melani McAlister on *The Kingdom of God Has No Borders: A Global History of American Evangelicalism*” [Religion & Its Publics Podcast](#), Jan 2019.

Public-Facing Talks:

“Understanding Christian Nationalism,” Trinity Episcopal Church (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2026.

“Grappling with Christian Nationalism and some Pastoral Responses,” Shenandoah Region of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia (Harrisonburg, VA), Jan 2026.

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

“Hopeful Discipleship in Divisive Political Times,” Baptist General Association of Virginia Local Pastors Event (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2024.

“What is—Is There—and How is a Christian Academic?” UVA Graduate Christian Fellowship (Charlottesville, VA), Feb 2024.

“The Church in Christian Tradition and Christian Life,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Sept 2018.

“The Holy Spirit in Christian Tradition & Christian Life,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Oct 2017.

“What is the Bible and Where Does it Come From?” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Sept 2017.

“Social Media, Digital Technology, and Christian Theology,” Church of the Redeemer (Manchester, NH), Mar 2015.

Digital Exhibits w Burns Library (2011-13):

“Working for the Jesuits: Thomas Merton’s Connection with Boston College”

“An Elegant Mind: The Frederick Copleston, SJ, Papers at Burns Library”

“Encounters of the Humanities Series: Robert Frost & Francis W. Sweeney, SJ”

“A Quirky Humanities Series Fellowship: Susan Sontag & Francis W. Sweeney, SJ”

“Early Travel Writing: Researching a Literary Biography of Eleanor Early”

“Honoring the Humanities: Francis W. Sweeney, SJ, and the History of the Humanities Series at Boston College”

“A Tribute to Theologian Frans Jozef van Beeck, SJ”

“Travels in the General Collection: American Travel Writing on the Canadian Experience”

AWARDS/GRANTS

UVA Forum on Religion & Democracy grant funding for Christian Nationalism Workshop

- 2026 – Present

UVA Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Academic Research Advisor Grant (x3)

- 2024 – Present

UVA Dean’s Office Faculty Summer Research Grant

- 2024

UVA Seven Society Monticello Dinner Series Honoree for Contribution to Students

- 2023

UVA College Council Faculty-Student Interactions Grant (x2)

- 2022 – 2023

BC Dean of Summer Session Teaching & Research Fellowship

- 2015 – 2016

BC Donald J. White Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching

- 2015

Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship

- 2014 – 2015

BC Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Junior Scholars Research Grant

- 2013

Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation PhD Student Research Grant (x2)

- 2012 – 2013

Yale Divinity School graduation *magna cum laude*

- 2009

Yale Rev. Harry B. Adams Academic Scholarship

- 2007 – 2009

International Scholarship Foundation Award for Graduate Study

- 2007

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

- 2007

North American Conference on British Studies Student Essay Contest Winner

- 2007

Governor General of Canada's Medal for Academic Excellence

- 2003

RESEARCH/READING LANGUAGES

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