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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 Christian 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 , Charlottesville, VA <i>Tutor & Higher Education Consultant</i>
2015 – 2016	Boston College <i>Dean of Summer Session Fellow</i> , Woods College of Advancing Studies
2014 – 2015	Boston College <i>Teaching Fellow</i> , Department of Theology Apprenticeship in College Teaching (ACT) certification program
2011 – 2013	Boston College <i>Reference/Research Assistant</i> , John J. Burns Library of Special Collections
2011 – 2012	Boston College

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. "Enchanted Americana: Five Books That Have Transformed the Study of American Religions," *Religious Studies Review*, 50th anniversary essays series, 51.2 (June 2025).
2. "Invitation to the Triune Conversation: Explorations of Prayer through the Theology of Robert Jenson," *Dialog: Journal of Theology*, 52.4 (December 2013): 340-48.
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).

In Progress:

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. 1940-1960

Reviews:

1. "Review of 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,

forthcoming 2025.

2. "Review of Ashley Purpura, *Women in the Orthodox Tradition: Feminism, Theology, and Equality* (Notre Dame, 2025)" in *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses*, submitted for review, 2025.
3. "Review of Nathaniel Wiewora, *Sins of Christendom: Anti-Mormonism and the Making of Evangelicalism* (Illinois, 2024)" in *Church History*, 94.2 (June 2025): <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640725000988>.
4. "Review of 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 (December 2024), [626-629](#).
5. "Review of Scott Mitchell, *The Making of American Buddhism* (Oxford, 2023)" in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion online (July 2024): <https://readingreligion.org/9780197641569/>.
6. "Review of Andrew Lynn, *Saving the Protestant Ethic: Creative Class Evangelicalism and the Crisis of Work* (Oxford, 2023)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 49.3 (September 2023): 400.
7. "Review of 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): <https://readingreligion.org/9780813236087/>.
8. "Review of Carl. R. Weinberg, *Red Dynamite: Creationism, Culture Wars, and Anticommunism in America* (Cornell, 2021)" in *Journal of American History*, 109.4 (March 2023): 964-65.
9. "Review of Peter Cajka, *Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church and the Spirit of the Sixties* (Chicago, 2021)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 49.1 (March 2023): 77-78.
10. "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](#).
11. "Review of Peter J. Schuurman, *The Subversive Evangelical: The Ironic Charisma of an Evangelical Megachurch* (McGill-Queen's, 2019)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 47.1 (March 2021): 106.
12. "Review of Dennis C. Dickerson, *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* (Cambridge, 2020)" in *Religious Studies Review*, 46.4 (December 2020): 550-51.

TEACHING

UVA graduate courses:

American Religious Historiography (RELG 8760)
Christian Nationalism (RELC 5840)
Evangelicalism (RELS 8500)
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)
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 Mentoring (Graduate):

1. Reader: Stephen Betts, "Black and Bloom: Manichaean Aesthetics and the American Religious Imagination," PhD dissertation, University of Virginia (July 2025).
2. Reader: Alexandra Daley, "Suffering, Divine Impassibility & the Contemporary Doctrine of God," PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (March 2025).
3. Reader: Alexandra Daley, "Modern to Contemporary Christian Thought," PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (December 2024).
4. Reader: C.J. McCrary, "Classics in Protestant Theology," PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (May 2024).
5. Reader: Victoria Slabinski, "Contemporary Christian Theology: Eschatology, History, Hope & Liberation," PhD comprehensive exams, University of Virginia (April 2024).
6. 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).
7. 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).
8. Reader: Caroline Dibble, "The Hermeneutics of Democratic Protest: James Cone and Black Liberation Theology," MA Thesis, Religion, Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia (April 2021).
9. Reader: Mariel Cooksey, "The Alt-Right and American Christianity," MA Thesis, Religion,

Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia (December 2020).

Student Mentoring (Undergraduate):

1. Director: Lauren Metters, “The Jewishness of Mary: A Post-Vatican II Mariology and Jewish-Catholic Reconciliation,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (May 2025).
2. Director: Riley Fay, “Making America Pure Again: Sex, Citizenship, & Moral Panics in Evangelical Purity Culture,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Political & Social Thought Program (PST), University of Virginia (April 2025).
3. Reader: Susanna Kharatyan, “Negotiating Faith and Resilience in the Godless State: The Survival of the Armenian Church under the Soviet Regime,” BA Distinguished Majors Thesis, Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2025).
4. Director: Luke Jackson Benfer, “Traversing the History of the Evangelical Movement,” Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Academic Research project, University of Virginia (April 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. “Evangelicalism, Nationalism, & Religious Politics” UVA Sacred & Profane Undergraduate Society (Charlottesville, VA), October 2024.
2. “Matthias Joseph Scheeben on the Holy Spirit” (seminar style discussion) Tantur Ecumenical

Institute, Encounters in Systematic Theology Conference, University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), June 2024.

3. "Can We Still Change Our Minds? Polarization, Persuasion, Persons, & the Pursuit of Truth" UVA Echols Scholars (Charlottesville, VA), November 2023.
4. "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.
5. "Interpreting Religious Conversion: Identities, Embodiments, Ruptures, and Continuities" w Prof. Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), April 2023.
6. "Overview of Orthodox Christianity & Its Relationship to the Holy Land" Jerusalem RELG 2820 course w Prof. Jessica Andruss, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), October 2021.
7. "Evangelicalism, Modern and Counter-Modern: The Case of A. B. Simpson," Ambrose University (Calgary, AB), November 2020.
8. "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>.
9. "Does God like Gold?: Christian Theologies of Money & Property," University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), February 2016.
10. "Catholics as Immigrants: The American Historical Context," St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), January 2014.
11. "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.
12. "Antagonists, Curiosities, Cobelligerents, and Friends: The Relationship Between Catholicism & Evangelicalism in American History," Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), April 2013.
13. "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.
14. "Together Every Nation: A Pneumatological Interpretation of *Mestizaje* for the Global Church" Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), October 2011.
15. "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 Creeds: Their Origins and Meaning for Today,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), March 2018.
6. “The Holy Spirit in Christian Tradition & Christian Life,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), October 2017.
7. “What is the Bible and Where Does it Come From?,” All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), September 2017.
8. “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 (x2)
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 Research 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 <i>magna cum laude</i>
2007	Yale Rev. Harry B. Adams Academic Scholarship (x2 years)
2007	International Scholarship Foundation Award for Graduate Study
2007	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
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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