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**EDUCATION**

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- 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**

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- 2023 – current      **University of Virginia**  
*Assistant Professor of Religious 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**  
*Tutor & Higher Education Consultant*, Charlottesville, VA
- 2015 – 2016      **Boston College**  
*Dean of Summer Session Fellow*, Woods College of Advancing Studies
- 2011 – 2013      **Boston College**  
*Reference/Research Assistant*, John J. Burns Library of Special Collections

**RESEARCH**

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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\*](#)

#### In Progress:

1. *Consuming Fire: A History of Evangelical America*. Archival research and several chapters in draft stage.

#### Articles:

1. "Enchanted Americana: Five Books That Have Transformed the Study of American Religions," *Religious Studies Review* 51.2 (June 2025): 249–56.
2. "Invitation to the Triune Conversation: Explorations of Prayer through the Theology of Robert Jenson" *Dialog: Journal of Theology* 52.4 (Dec 2013): 340–48.
3. "Beauty Resurgent: Possibilities and Perils for Theological Aesthetics in Art and Academy" *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good* (Jan 2010): online.
4. "Chants of Conversion: Inspiration, Individualism, and Adherence in American Evangelicalism" *Journal of Religion & Society* 11.1 (2009): 1–13.

#### 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. 1940-1960s.

#### Reviews:

1. "The American Original—John G. Turner, *Joseph Smith: The Rise and Fall of an American Prophet* (Yale, 2025)" in *Dialog: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, forthcoming 2026.
2. "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](#)).
3. “Ashley Purpura, *Women in the Orthodox Tradition: Feminism, Theology, and Equality* (Notre Dame, 2025)” in *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses* (Jan 2026): [doi](#).
  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

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### UVA graduate courses:

American Catholic History (RELC 8713)  
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)  
20<sup>th</sup> 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:

Engagement College Fellows Curriculum Design Workshop (2021–2023)  
Apprenticeship in College Teaching Certification & Portfolio (2014–2015)

PhD dissertation committees:

1. Beth McKenney, “A Normative Sexual Ethics Critique of the Evangelical Purity Movement,” University of Virginia (in progress).
2. Ethan Shearer, “I Have Overcome the World: Sanctification at the End of the World,” University of Virginia (in progress).
3. Alexandra Daley, “The Spirit of the Suffering God: A Feminist Defense of Divine Passibility,” University of Virginia (in progress).
4. Stephen Betts, “Black and Bloom: Manichaean Aesthetics and the American Religious Imagination,” University of Virginia (July 2025).

PhD comp exam committees:

1. Alexandra Daley, “Suffering, Divine Impassibility & the Contemporary Doctrine of God,” University of Virginia (Mar 2025).
2. Alexandra Daley, “Modern to Contemporary Christian Thought,” University of Virginia (Dec 2024).

3. C.J. McCrary, “Classics in Protestant Theology,” University of Virginia (May 2024).
4. Victoria Slabinski, “Contemporary Christian Theology: Eschatology, History, Hope & Liberation,” University of Virginia (April 2024).

MA thesis committees:

1. BrieAnna Frank, University of Virginia (in progress).
2. Sally Duncan, “A Matrix of Tensions: CCM Magazine and the Creation of Evangelical Culture Warriors during the 1990s,” University of Virginia (April 2023).
3. Vivienne Reed, “The House that Jerry Built: An Analysis of the Rhetorical Conceptualization of Jerry Falwell’s Religious Identity in the Political Sphere,” University of Virginia (July 2021).
4. Caroline Dibble, “The Hermeneutics of Democratic Protest: James Cone and Black Liberation Theology,” University of Virginia (April 2021).
5. Mariel Cooksey, “The Alt-Right and American Christianity,” University of Virginia (Dec 2020).

BA distinguished majors thesis director:

1. Lauren Metters, “The Jewishness of Mary: A Post-Vatican II Mariology and Jewish-Catholic Reconciliation,” Religious Studies, University of Virginia (May 2025).
2. Riley Fay, “Making America Pure Again: Sex, Citizenship, & Moral Panics in Evangelical Purity Culture,” Political & Social Thought Program (PST), University of Virginia (April 2025).
3. Jonathan Rivers, “Is Christian Visualization Vestigial without Veneration?: Unveiling the Role of Imagery in American Low Church Protestantism,” Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).

BA thesis/research project committees:

1. Susanna Kharatyan, “Negotiating Faith and Resilience in the Godless State: The Survival of the Armenian Church under the Soviet Regime,” Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2025).
2. Luke Jackson Benfer, “Traversing the History of the American Evangelical Movement,” USOAR Research project, University of Virginia (April 2025).
3. Rebecca Popp, “Making Deniers of All Nations: The Evangelical Framing of Climate Change,” Religious Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).
4. Harrison Stewart, “Mass Media: The Impact of Liturgical Music and Hymnal Texts on Catholic Identities,” Media Studies, University of Virginia (April 2024).
5. 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/>.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

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### Academic Lectures & Talks:

1. “Evangelicalism, Deep Stories, and Christian Nationalism” Center for the Study of Religion & Public Life, St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), commitment for Sept 2026.
2. “Get Enchanted: Trends in American Religions Research,” UVA Office of Citizen Scholar Development Research Showcase (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2025.
3. “Evangelicalism, Nationalism, and Religious Politics,” UVA Sacred & Profane Undergraduate Society (Charlottesville, VA), Oct 2024.
4. “Can We Still Change Our Minds? Polarization, Persuasion, Persons, & the Pursuit of Truth,” UVA Echols Scholars (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 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. “Evangelicalism, Modern and Counter-Modern: The Case of A. B. Simpson,” Ambrose University (Calgary, AB), Zoom event, Nov 2020.
7. “Catholics as Immigrants: The American Historical Context,” St. Anselm College (Manchester, NH), Jan 2014.
8. “Antagonists, Curiosities, Cobelligerents, and Friends: The Relationship Between Catholicism & Evangelicalism in American History,” Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), April 2013.
9. “Together Every Nation: A Pneumatological Interpretation of *Mestizaje* for the Global Church” Boston College Colloquium in Systematic Theology (Chestnut Hill, MA), Oct 2011.
10. “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 Panels/Roundtables:

1. “Moderator for American Religions Panel,” UVA Interdisciplinary Religious Studies Association Undergraduate Research Conference (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2026.

2. “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.
3. “Matthias Joseph Scheeben on the Holy Spirit,” Tantor Ecumenical Institute, University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), June 2024.
4. “Interpreting Religious Conversion: Identities, Embodiments, Ruptures, and Continuities” collaboration with Prof. Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), April 2023.

Responses to other Scholars:

1. “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.
2. “Our Current Crisis—Intro & Framing to Mike Bird” UVA Forum on Religion & Democracy (Charlottesville, VA), Nov 2025.
3. “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.
4. “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.

Academic Events (Co)Organized/Grants Secured:

1. Book Talk: Candace Lukasik, Mississippi State University, *Martyrs and Migrants: Coptic Christians and the Persecution Politics of U.S Empire* (NYU, 2025)” with Middle Eastern South Asian Languages & Cultures, Department of History, and Forum on Religion & Democracy, pending for Feb 2026.
2. Conversation with Author: Christina Littlefield, Pepperdine University—*Christian America & The Kingdom of God: White Christian Nationalism from the Puritans through January 6<sup>th</sup>* (Illinois, 2025)” with Forum on Religion & Democracy, Feb 2026.
3. Lecture: Mike Bird, Ridley College (Australia), “The Christian Case for Liberal Democracy” with Forum on Religion & Democracy, Nov 2025.
4. Roundtable: Juandiego Wade & Brian Pinkston, Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Charlottesville, “Local Politics, Grassroots Democracy, and the Common Good” with the Center for Politics and Forum on Religion & Democracy, April 2025.
5. Lecture: Ramon Luzarraga, St. Martin’s University, “Off That One Long Beach: Caribbean Theology as Sui Generis Political Theology” with Catholic Studies and Forum on Religion &

Democracy, Jan 2024.

Public Media:

1. Journalism interview with Jennifer Law, Baptist General Assembly of Virginia marketing & communications on "[Churches & Political Division](#)," Aug 2024.
2. Journalism Interview w Jim Spencer, editor of *Daily Progress* (Charlottesville, VA), for research on Southern Baptist Convention & religious views of gender, Nov 2022.
3. "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:

1. "Countering Christian Nationalism and some Pastoral Responses," Shenandoah Region of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia (Harrisonburg, VA), Jan 2026.
2. "Hope-filled Political Discipleship in Acrimonious Times," Fanning the Flame Conference, Baptist General Association of Virginia (Zoom Event), Aug 2024.
3. "Hopeful Discipleship in Divisive Political Times," Baptist General Association of Virginia Local Pastors Event (Charlottesville, VA), Mar 2024.
4. "What is—Is There—and How is a Christian Academic?" UVA Graduate Christian Fellowship (Charlottesville, VA), Feb 2024.
5. "The Church in Christian Tradition and Christian Life," All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Sept 2018.
6. "The Holy Spirit in Christian Tradition & Christian Life," All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Oct 2017.
7. "What is the Bible and Where Does it Come From?" All Souls Church (Charlottesville, VA), Sept 2017.
8. "Social Media, Digital Technology, and Christian Theology," Church of the Redeemer (Manchester, NH), Mar 2015.

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**

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| 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**

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