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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Villanova University

VISITING POSITIONS

Spring 2019 Alan Richardson Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion, U. of Durham

2015-2016 Kingdon Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, U. of Wisconsin

Fall 2013 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Virginia Center for the Study of Religion, U. of Virginia

2012-2013 Residential Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, Notre Dame

2010-2011 Residential Fellow, James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University

EDUCATION

2008	Ph.D.		University of California, Berkeley
2005	Exchange Scholar	Divinity School	University of Chicago
2004	M.A.		University of California, Berkeley
2003	B.A.		Princeton University

BOOKS

Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons, with Joshua Dubler
Oxford University Press, forthcoming

In Defense of Charisma
Columbia University Press, 2018

Religion of the Field Negro: On Black Secularism and Black Theology
Fordham University Press, 2017

Black Natural Law
Oxford University Press, 2016

The Problem with Grace: Reconfiguring Political Theology
Stanford University Press, 2011

Law and Transcendence: On the Unfinished Project of Gillian Rose
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009

EDITED BOOKS

Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics, co-edited with Andrew Prevot
Orbis, 2017

Race and Secularism in America, co-edited with Jonathon Kahn
Columbia University Press, 2016

Sainthood and Race: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh, co-edited with Molly Bassett
Routledge, 2014

Race and Political Theology

Stanford University Press, 2012

Secular Faith, co-edited with Elliot Ratzman

Cascade Books, 2011 (expanded from journal special issue)

EDITED JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES/SECTIONS

The Religious Ethics of Labor, co-edited with Fred Glennon

Journal of Religious Ethics 45:2, 2017

Is the Post-Colonial Post-Secular? co-edited with Ludger Viefhues-Bailey

Critical Research on Religion 3:1, April 2015

The Beauty of Charisma, co-edited with Dana Lloyd

Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal 97:3, Fall 2014

Marcuse after Secularism

Telos 165, December 2013

Secular Faith, co-edited with Elliot Ratzman

Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 92:1-2, Spring/Summer 2009

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Under Review “The Puritan Atheism of C. L. R. James” for *In the Image of Man: Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Yountae An and Eleanor Craig

Under Review “The Ambivalence of Black Rage” for special issue of *Comparative Literature and Culture* on “Complicity and Dissent” edited by Nitzan Leibovic

Under Review “Hegel, Blackness, Sovereignty” for collection *German Idealism and Political Theology*, edited by Alex Dubilet and Kirill Chepurin, Fordham University Press

Under Review “Hope,” in *Religion, Law, U.S.A.*, edited by Joshua Dubler and Isaac Weiner, NYU Press

Under Review “The Dignity of Paul Robeson” for *Christianity and Human Rights, Reconsidered*, Cambridge University Press, ed. Sarah Shortall and Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins

Under Review “Black Dignity” for special issue of *CrossCurrents*

Forthcoming “How Religious Is #BlackLivesMatter?” in *Humanism and the Challenge of Difference*, edited by Anthony Pinn, Palgrave Macmillan

Forthcoming “Race and the Philosophy of Religion” for *Philosophy of Religion after “Religion”*, edited by Michael Ch. Rodgers and Richard Amesbury, Mohr Siebeck

2018 “Black Fathers and Black Futures,” for *Between the World of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christianity*, edited by Peter Dula and David Evans, Wipf and Stock

2018 “Kierkegaard, Badiou, and Christian Hope,” in *Kierkegaard and Political Theology* edited by Roberto Sirvent and Silas Morgan, Wipf and Stock / Pickwick

2018 “‘A Moral Astigmatism’: King on Hope and Illusion” for special issue of *Telos* on Martin Luther King, Jr.

2018 “Political Theology of Abolitionism: Beyond the Death Penalty,” for special issue of *Political Theology* edited by Andrew Krinks

- 2018 “The Affect of God’s Law,” for *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass*, edited by Neil Roberts, University Press of Kentucky
- 2018 “Law All the Way Down: Robert Cover and Gillian Rose as Jewish Philosophers” in *Misrecognitions: Gillian Rose and the Task of Political Theology*, edited by Josh Davis, Cascade
- 2017 “The Negative Political Theology of James Baldwin,” for *A Political Companion to James Baldwin*, edited by Susan McWilliams, University Press of Kentucky
- 2017 “George Jackson, Eldridge Cleaver, and the Ethics of Love,” in *Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics*, edited by Vincent Lloyd and Andrew Prevot, Orbis
- 2017 “Afro-Pessimism and Christian Hope,” in *Grace, Governance, and Globalization*, edited by Lieven Boeve, Martin Poulson, and Stephan van Erp, Bloomsbury
- 2016 “Post-Racial, Post-Apocalyptic Love: Octavia Butler as Political Theologian” for special issue of *Political Theology* edited by Devin Singh, 17:5
- 2016 “Achille Mbembe as Black Theologian” for special issue of *Modern Believing: The Journal of Theological Liberalism* 57:3
- 2016 “For What Are Whites to Hope?” for a special issue of *Political Theology* 17:2 on The Secularization of Hope, edited by David Newheiser
- 2015 “Theology and Real Politics: On Huey P. Newton,” for *Renegotiating Power, Theology, and Politics*, edited by Rick Elgendy and Joshua Daniel, Palgrave
- 2015 “Gillian Rose, Race, and Identity” in special issue of *Telos* on Gillian Rose, edited by Andrew Brower Latz and Marcus Pound, 173
- 2015 “From the Theopaternal to the Theopolitical: On Barack Obama,” for *Common Goods: Ecology, Economy, and Political Theology*, edited by Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Elias Ortega-Aponte, and Catherine Keller, Fordham University Press
- 2014 “Of Fathers and Sons, Prophets and Messiahs,” *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* 16:3-4.
- 2014 “Organizing Race: Taking Race Seriously in Faith-Based Community Organizing,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 42:4
- 2014 “The Post-Racial Saint? From Barack Obama to Paul of Tarsus,” for *Sainthood and Race*, edited by Vincent Lloyd and Molly Bassett, Routledge
- 2013 “Marcuse the Lover,” special issue on Marcuse After Secularism, *Telos* 165
- 2013 “Love, Justice, and Natural Law: Martin Luther King, Jr., and Human Rights,” in *Human Rights from a Third World Perspective*, edited by Jose-Manuel Barreto, Cambridge Scholars Press
- 2012 “Gillian Rose: Making Kierkegaard Difficult Again” in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Philosophy: Anglophone World*, edited by Jon Stewart, Ashgate Publishing
- 2011 “Black Secularism and Black Theology,” *Theology Today* 68:1
- 2011 “Paradox and Tradition in Black Theology,” *Black Theology: An International Journal* 9:3
- 2011 “Liturgy in the Broadest Sense,” *New Blackfriars* 92:1037
- 2010 “How Democracy Hurts,” Democracy, Secularism, and Pluralism, special issue of *The Good Society* 19:2, edited by Ian Ward

- 2009 “Complex Space or Broken Middle? Milbank, Rose, and the Sharia Controversy,” *Theology and Democratic Futures*, special issue of *Political Theology* 10:2, edited by Corey D. B. Walker
- 2009 “Michel Houellebecq and the Theological Virtues,” *Literature and Theology* 23:1
- 2008 “Law, Grace, and Race: The Political Theology of *Manderlay*,” *Theory & Event* 11:3
- 2008 “The Secular Faith of Gillian Rose,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 36:4
- 2008 “On Gillian Rose and Love,” *Telos* 143
- 2007 “On the Use of Gillian Rose,” *The Heythrop Journal* 48:5
- 2003 “Steve Biko and the Subversion of Race,” *Philosophia Africana* 6:2
- 2002 “How International Monetary Fund and World Bank Policies Undermine Labor Power and Rights,” with Robert Weissman, *IJHS* 32:3
Reprinted in *Readings in Globalization: Key Concepts and Major Debates*, edited by George Ritzer and Zeynep Atalay, Blackwell, 2010

REVIEW ESSAYS, REFERENCE ARTICLES, AND OTHER WRITINGS

- Forthcoming “Christian Responses to the Holocaust: Political Theology in Europe,” for *T & T Clark Companion to Political Theology*, edited by Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez
- Forthcoming “Black Natural Law” in *Research Handbook of Natural Law*, edited by Jonathan Crowe and Constance Lee, Edward Elgar, 7200 words
- 2018 “Constantinian Toleration,” review essay discussing books by John Bowlin, Theresa Bejan, and Rainer Forst, for *Studies in Christian Ethics*
- 2018 “Elusive Humanity,” response to four essays in forum on *Black Natural Law in Politics, Religion, and Ideology*
- 2018 “Black Study, Black Reason, Black Spirit,” discussing Achille Mbembe, *Critique of Black Reason* for Syndicate
- 2018 “Impossible Authority: On Black Fathers and Black Gods,” *The Other Journal*
- 2017 “What is Caribbean Freedom?” Discussing Neil Roberts, *Freedom as Marronage* and Gary Wilder, *Freedom Time in Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* 19:3
- 2017 “Bodies and Stories,” discussing Brian Bantum, *The Death of Race* for Syndicate Theology
- 2017 “Is the ‘Native’ Secular?” introductory essay for forum on indigeneity and secularity in *The Immanent Frame*
- 2016 “New Directions in Natural Law,” review essay for *Journal of Law and Religion*, 31:3, 8000 words
- 2016 “Religious Freedom is Bad,” discussing Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion* for Syndicate Theology
- 2016 “Mass Incarceration is Religious (and So Is Abolition): A Provocation,” with Joshua Dubler, *Abolition: A Journal of Insurgent Politics*
- 2016 “Of Puzzles and Idols,” discussing Luke Bretherton’s *Resurrecting Democracy: Faith, Citizenship, and the Politics of a Common Life* in *Syndicate*
- 2015 “Is Critique Theological?” discussing Judith Butler, *Parting Ways: Jewishness and the Critique of Zionism* in *Political Theology* 16:4

- 2014 “The Rhetoric of the Middle,” discussing Gavin Hyman, *Traversing the Middle: Ethics, Politics, Religion in Syndicate* (September/October)
- 2014 “Christianity,” in *The Fin de Siècle World*, edited by Michael Saler, Routledge [7500 words]
- 2014 “Thick or Thin? Liberal Protestant Public Theology,” review essay for *Journal of Religious Ethics* 42:2 [9000 words]
- 2013 “A Critical Introduction to [Agamben’s] *The Kingdom and the Glory*,” *Political Theology* 14:1
- 2013 “Race and Religion,” for special, inaugural issue on critical approaches to the study of religion in *Critical Research on Religion* 1:1
- 2012 “The Rhetoric of Political Theology,” discussing Paul W. Kahn, *Political Theology: Four New Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty* in *Political Theology* 13:6
- 2011 “Violence: Religious, Theological, Ontological,” discussing William Cavanaugh, *The Myth of Religious Violence* in *Theory, Culture and Society* 28:5
- 2010 “Political Theology of the Ordinary,” discussing Bonnie Honig, *Emergency Politics*, in *Political Theology* 11:4
- 2010 “Rhetoric, Class, and Christ,” review article discussing Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank, *The Monstrosity of Christ*, in *Qui Parle* 19:1
- 2010 “Cornel West” in *The Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, edited by Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain, Routledge
- 2010 “Deconstruction” and “Difference” in *Encyclopedia of Identity*, edited by Ronald L. Jackson, SAGE Publications
- 2010 “What Taylor Misses,” discussing *Varieties of Secularism in a Secular Age*, The Immanent Frame (posted May 3)
- 2009 “The Politics of Tonto,” discussing William Connolly, *Capitalism and Christianity* and Romand Coles and Stanley Hauerwas, *Christianity, Democracy, and the Radical Ordinary* in *New Formations* 66
- 2008 “Interview with Gillian Rose,” Edited and with introductory essay by Vincent Lloyd, *Theory, Culture, and Society* 25:7-8
- 2007 “Resisting Sophistry,” discussing Talal Asad, *On Suicide Bombing* and Jacqueline Rose, *The Last Resistance* in *New Formations* 63

BOOK REVIEWS

- In Preparation Of Noreen Khawaja, *Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre* for *Journal of Religion, Politics, and Ideology*
- 2018 Of M. Cooper Harris, *Ralph Ellison’s Invisible Theology* for *Religion & Literature* 50:2
- 2017 Of Giorgio Agamben, *The Uses of Bodies* for *Body and Religion* 1:2
- 2017 Of Heidi Hoechst, *Life in and against the Odds: Debts of Freedom and the Speculative Roots of US Culture* for *Journal of American History* 104:1
- 2017 Of Akinwumi Ogundiran and Paula Saunders (eds.), *Materialities of Ritual in the Black Atlantic* in *Material Religion* 13:1

- 2016 Of Peter O'Brien, *The Muslim Question in Europe: Political Controversies and Public Philosophies* in *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*
- 2016 Of Santiago Slobodsky, *Decolonial Judaism: Triumphal Failures of Barbaric Thinking* in *Political Theology* 17:4
- 2015 Of Ted Smith, *Weird John Brown: Divine Violence and the Limits of Ethics* in *Modern Theology* 31:4
- 2015 Of Elisabeth R. Anker, *Orgies of Feeling: Melodrama and the Politics of Freedom* in *American Studies* 54:4
- 2015 Of Clayton Crockett, *Radical Political Theology: Religion and Politics After Liberalism* in *Journal of Religion*
- 2015 Of Hussein Ali Agrama, *Questioning Secularism: Islam, Sovereignty, and the Rule of Law in Modern Egypt* in *Political Theology*
- 2014 Of Mark Lewis Taylor, *The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World* in *Journal of Religion* 94:1
- 2014 Of Thomas A. Lewis, *Religion, Modernity, and Politics in Hegel* in *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 34:1
- 2013 Of Christopher Z. Hobson, *The Mount of Vision: African American Prophetic Tradition, 1800-1950* in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 82:4
- 2013 Of John Lardas Modern, *Secularism in Antebellum America* in *Political Theology* 14:4
- 2011 Of Andrew Shanks, *Against Innocence: Gillian Rose's Reception and Gift of Faith* in *Ars Disputandi* 11
- 2011 Of Keith Robinson (ed.), *Deleuze, Whitehead, Bergson: Rhizomatic Connections* in *The Heythrop Journal* 52:1
- 2010 Of Seán Hand, *Emmanuel Levinas* in *South Atlantic Review* 75:1
- 2010 Of Joel D. S. Rasmussen, *Between Irony and Witness: Kierkegaard's Poetics of Faith, Hope, and Love* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2010 Of Mary Bryden, *Gilles Deleuze: Travels in Literature* and Ronald Bogue, *Deleuze's Way: Essays in Transverse Ethics and Aesthetics* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2010 Of Peter Hallward, *Out of This World: Deleuze and the Philosophy of Creation* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2009 Of Emmanuel Levinas, *Beyond the Verse: Talmudic Readings and Lectures* and Idem, *In the Time of the Nations* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:6
- 2009 Of Jean-Marc Narbonne, *Levinas and the Greek Heritage* and Wayne J. Hankey, *One Hundred Years of Neoplatonism in France: A Brief Philosophical History* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:6
- 2009 Of David Kyuman Kim, *Melancholic Freedom: Agency and the Spirit of Politics* in *Political Theology* 10:1
- 2009 Of Jean-Luc Marion, *The Erotic Phenomenon* in *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 40:1
- 2009 Of James L. Cox, *A Guide to the Phenomenology of Religion* and Peter M. Candler, Jr. and Conor Cunningham (eds.), *Transcendence and Phenomenology* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:3

- 2009 Of Christian Emden, *Friedrich Nietzsche and the Politics of History* and Robin Small, *Nietzsche and Rée: A Star Friendship in The Heythrop Journal* 50:2
- 2008 Of Adam Webb, *Beyond the Global Culture War in Political Theology* 9:2
- 2008 Of Jonathan Lear, *Radical Hope: Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation in Political Theology* 9:2
- 2007 Of Alain Badiou, *Being and Event in Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 3:2

POPULAR MEDIA

- 2018 Newspaper Op-Ed, “Think Prison Abolition in America Is Impossible? It Once Felt Inevitable,” with Joshua Dubler, *The Guardian*, 5/19/18
- 2016- Essays in *First Things*, Religion Dispatches, Black Agenda Report
- 2015- Various Posts at Syndicate Theology, an online review of religious thought and politics
- 2011- Various Posts at Political Theology Today, Blog of *Political Theology*
- 2011 Newspaper Op-Ed: “A Deepening Crisis of Inequity,” with Gretchen Purser, *Syracuse Post-Standard*, 11/7/11
- 2011 Newspaper Op-Ed: “Campus Should Rally...,” *Syracuse University Daily Orange*, 9/29/11
- 2011 Magazine Article: “Strike Beats Back Pension Cuts at NY Nuclear Plants,” with Howie Hawkins, *Labor Notes*, 8/5/11
- 2011 Newspaper Op-Ed, “HOPE Reduction Creates New Losers,” with Devin Fergus, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 3/11/11
- 2010- Various Posts at The Immanent Frame
- 2002 Media Appearances on MSNBC, PBS, and Democracy Now discussing student activism
- 2001 Magazine Article: “Penny Pinching Retirees at GE,” *The Multinational Monitor*, July/August 2001

KEYNOTES AND NAMED LECTURESHIPS

- 2019 Jellema Lectures, Calvin College
- 2018 “Black Dignity,” keynote at University of Notre Dame + University of Chicago theology graduate student conference
- 2017 “Simone Weil on Epistemic Privilege,” keynote at American Weil Society Colloquy
- 2017 “Racial Justice, Theologically,” The Santa Clara Lecture, Santa Clara University
- 2016 “Ethics of Love: What We Can Learn From Our Incarcerated Brothers and Sisters,” Villanova University Ethics Program Annual Lecture
- 2014 “Killing God the (Black) Father,” Keynote Address at “Philosophical Atheism and Communities of Faith” Conference, Morgan State University

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Invited lecture, with Joshua Dubler, Vassar College
- 2019 Invited lecture, Haverford College
- 2018 “God the Black Father,” Martin Marty Center conference, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2018 Invited lecture, The Ohio State University

- 2018 “Samuel Beckett and Black Studies,” Invited lecture, James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University
- 2018 Invited talk, Villanova Ethics Program, ethics for lunch series
- 2018 “Hegel, Sovereignty, Blackness,” Invited lecture at conference on sovereignty, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich
- 2018 “Afro-Pessimism and Anti-Semitism” at conference on “Fractured paradigms: Rethinking the Study of American Jews,” National Museum of American Jewish History
- 2018 “Foucault the Theologian,” Invited lecture at Freiburg Institute for Advanced Study
- 2018 “Black Dignity: Paul Robeson, Christianity, and International Law,” invited presentation, Race, Rights, and Religion conference, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 “Dignity and Racial Justice,” Villanova University, Office of Mission and Ministry, invited public lecture
- 2018 “Simone Weil and Epistemic Justice,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Theology Club invited lecture
- 2018 “Black Dignity: On Paul Robeson and International Law,” invited lecture, Buffett Research Group in Global Politics and Religion, Northwestern University
- 2018 “Religion and Mass Incarceration,” invited college-wide presentation and workshop at Greenville University
- 2017 “Does Hope Combat Marginalization?” invited seminar, with Linn Tonstad and David Newheiser, Australia Catholic University
- 2017 “Theorizing War as Social Criticism: Then and Now,” conference on Walzer’s *Just and Unjust Wars*, West Point Military Academy
- 2017 “Samuel Delany as Prophetic Critic,” Prophetic Politics workshop, Center for Jewish History, New York and Lehigh University
- 2017 “Political Theology of Mass Incarceration,” invited presentation, Haverford / Bryn Mawr / Swarthmore political theory workshop
- 2017 “What Love Is Not: Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Theological Ethicists of Philadelphia workshop
- 2017 “What Love Is Not: Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr.,” conference on negative political theology organized by David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Rome
- 2017 “Hope Against Domination,” paper presented at workshop on hope at Australian Catholic University’s Rome Center
- 2017 “Religious Responses to Mass Incarceration,” Invited Lecture, joint meeting of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians and the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Albuquerque
- 2017 “Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons,” Invited lecture at The Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges Collaborative Workshop, Bryn Mawr, “Engaging College Communities in and Beyond Prison Education,” with Joshua Dubler
- 2017 “Natural Law in America,” Invited symposium talk at University of Rochester
- 2017 “Hope, Race, and Disability,” Invited lecture at Cornell University, Nature and Norms of Hope conference
- 2017 “Protestant Responses to Mass Incarceration,” Princeton Theological Seminary Ethics Workshop
- 2017 “Principled Post-Secularism: Left-Right Convergences,” invited presentation at conference “What Comes After the Critique of Secularism?”, University of California, Berkeley

- 2017 “Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons,” Invited lecture at Hope International University
- 2017 “Racial Justice, Theologically,” Invited lecture at Catholic University of America, also special seminar on *Black Natural Law*
- 2017 “Malcolm X and Black Lives Matter: Intersections of Religion and Politics,” Invited lecture at Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, Villanova University
- 2017 “Abolitionism Today: On Natural Law and Racial Justice,” Invited lecture, Jesuit School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union
- 2016 “Exile, Diaspora, Fugitivity,” invited presentation at “Beyond Borders” conference, University of Pennsylvania’s Katz Center
- 2016 “Prison Abolition and the American Radical Tradition,” Haverford College, with Joshua Dubler
- 2016 “Black Futures and Black Fathers,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio
- 2016 “Charisma as a Democratic Virtue,” Invited Lecture, Brown University
- 2016 “How Religious is Black Lives Matter?” Invited lecture, Institute of Humanist Studies, Rice University [via Skype]
- 2016 “Does #BlackLivesMatter Need Religion?” Invited lecture, Hofstra University
- 2016 “Eldridge Cleaver, George Jackson, and the Ethics of Love,” Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics symposium, Boston College
- 2016 “Black Natural Law,” Invited talk at Boston College Boisi Center
- 2016 “The Political Theology of Mass Incarceration,” Invited Lecture, Religious Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2016 “Black Theology, Black Labor, Black Marxism,” Invited Lecture, The Story of Work: Spirituality, Politics, and Labor, Pacific School of Religion
- 2016 Panelist at American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division Book Discussions of recent work by Mayra Rivera and Janet Jakobsen
- 2016 “Abolitionist Political Theology,” Western Political Science Association annual conference, San Diego
- 2016 “Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Protestant Natural Law,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Conference, Toronto
- 2015 “Anti-Blackness as Radical Evil,” Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Atlanta
- 2015 Respondent, “The Future of Debt: Theology, Economy, and the Political,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 2015 “Beyond Pragmatic Politics: African American Science Fiction as Political Theology” and “Love in the End Times: On Samuel Delany and #blacklivesmatter,” Invited Lectures, Wilson College
- 2015 “Charisma as a Democratic Virtue: From Moses to Black Lives Matter,” Invited Lecture, Georgetown University, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs
- 2015 “Incarcerated Writers and the Justice of Incarceration,” Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin
- 2015 “Kierkegaard, Badiou, and Christian Hope,” American Philosophical Association – Pacific, Vancouver
- 2015 “The Dignity of Paul Robeson: Black Performance, Black Critique, and International Law,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Washington, D.C.

- 2015 “The Political Theology of Mass Incarceration,” Invited Lecture, Le Moyne College
- 2014 Panelist, “Destabilized Racial Identities and Social Activism,” American Academy of Religion Conference, San Diego
- 2014 “Afro-Pessimism and Christian Hope,” Invited Lecture at Grace, Governance, and Globalization: Theology and Public Life, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
- 2014 “Post-Racial, Post-Apocalyptic Love: On Octavia Butler’s Parables of Neoliberalism,” Invited Presentation at Love in a Time of Capital: Relationality and Commodification as Subjects of Religion, Yale University
- 2013 “Postmodernism, Jewishness, and the Critique of Zionism,” Panelist, Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
- 2013 “‘Not Hopeless But Unhopeful’: Du Bois the Messianic Pragmatist,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore
- 2013 “Break Every Yoke: Religion, Power, and the Ends of Mass Incarceration,” Panelist, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore
- 2013 “God the Black Father,” University of Virginia Religious Studies Department
- 2013 “Neoliberalism, Political Theology, Mass Incarceration,” Religion, Abolition, Mass Incarceration Conference, Cornell University
- 2013 “The Birth of the Black Church,” Collegium for African American Research Conference, Atlanta
- 2013 “Secularism, Multiculturalism, and the Castration of Black Politics,” Invited Lecture, Center for Africana Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- 2013 “From the Theopaternal to the Theopolitical: On Barack Obama,” Presentation at Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University
- 2013 “Race, Political Theology, and Black Religion,” Invited Lecture at Williams College Africana Studies Department
- 2012-2013 “Black Natural Law,” Four Presentations at Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Colloquium
- 2012 “Black Natural Law,” Presentation at Moral Theology Colloquium, University of Notre Dame
- 2012 Respondent to panel on Lloyd, *The Problem with Grace*, American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago
- 2012 Panelist, “Race Matters in Political Theology,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago
- 2012 “Theology and Real Politics: On Huey P. Newton,” invited presentation at Before Authority conference, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2011 “Civic Republicanism and the Virtue of Faith,” at Panel on Democracy and Faith at the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco
- 2011 “Solidarity and Communion: Marcuse and the Political Theology of Desire,” Critical Refusals Conference, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 “On Idolatry and Ideology: Reading Weil with Althusser,” American Weil Society Colloquy, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
- 2011 “Martin Luther King, Jr., and Natural Law,” James Weldon Johnson Institute Colloquium Series, Emory University

- 2011 “What is Black Political Theology?” Northwestern University Department of African American Studies
- 2011 “Paradox and Tradition in Black Theology,” Theological Studies Colloquium, Emory University
- 2010 “The Affect of God’s Law: On Frederick Douglass,” Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Reed College, Portland
- 2009 “Beyond Love and Justice: Natural Law in King’s Beloved Community,” American Academy of Religion, Montreal
- 2009 “The Body’s Grace and the Natural Law: On Rowan Williams and Simone Weil,” Religion, Love, and Sexuality Workshop, Georgia State University
- 2009 “From Frederick Douglass to Clarence Thomas: God’s Law in African American Political Thought,” Georgia State University Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series
- 2009 “Black Natural Law: Reason, Affect, and Nature in Douglass and King,” Critical Legal Conference, University of Leicester
- 2009 “The Theological Turn in Modernity Studies,” Sacred Modernities conference, Oxford Brookes University
- 2009 “The Secular Faith of Gillian Rose,” Invited presentation to Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Workshop, Florida State University
- 2008 “How Do Liturgy and Ritual Differ? From Critical Mass to the Roman Rite,” Georgia State University Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series
- 2008 “Politics of the Middle: John Milbank, Gillian Rose, and the Sharia Controversy,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago
- 2007 “What is Prophecy? Cornel West and the Philosophy of Public Theology,” College Theology Society Annual Conference, Philosophy of Religion Section, University of Dayton
- 2005 “Two Paradigms for Post-Secular Politics: Neotraditionalism, Pragmatic and Theological,” Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity?, Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College
- 2003-5 *Presentations at various graduate student conferences at NYU, Princeton, and Berkeley in comparative literature and political theory*

PANELS AND COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

Divine Paternity

Summer 2018. Online symposium hosted at The Immanent Frame with seven contributors, organized with Juliane Hammer

Political Theology Network Inaugural Conference

Spring 2018. National conference held at Emory with six keynotes and many presenters

Dignity from the Margins

Fall 2017. Conference with nine invited speakers at Villanova University

Indigeneity and Secularity

Spring 2017. Online symposium hosted at The Immanent Frame with ten contributors, organized with Mayanthi Fernando

Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics

Fall 2016. Workshop planned in conjunction with Boston College, with Andrew Prevot
Race, Property, Debt

Spring 2016. Organizing conference with twelve guest speakers at University of
Wisconsin, with Amaryah Armstrong

The Secular Criticism of Michel Houellebecq
Fall 2015. Curated six short essays discussing Houellebecq as a critical theorist, for the
journal *Telos*'s online presence

Teaching Religious Studies Inside Prison
Summer 2015. Co-organized one-day workshop bringing a dozen prison educators to
Montreal with follow-up meetings

Religion and Labor: Moral Vision from/for the Grassroots
Spring 2015. Co-coordinator of conference sponsored by Syracuse Labor Studies
Program, in conjunction with Le Moyne College

Religion and Mass Incarceration Workshop
Fall 2014. Co-organized workshop for graduate students from around the US writing
dissertations about issues relating to religion and mass incarceration.

Blood and Soil / Race and Land
Spring 2014. Invited to organize and chair panel at Society for Novel Studies Annual
Conference, Salt Lake City

Political Theology Pedagogy
Spring 2014. Coordinated virtual forum on teaching political theology courses with 8
contributors from political science, anthropology, theology, and religious studies.

Religion, Abolition, Mass Incarceration
Fall 2013. Co-organized with colleagues from Cornell and Rochester, bringing together a
dozen speakers from the US and UK as well as community activists

Is the Post-Colonial Post-Secular?
Fall 2013. Symposium at Syracuse University and Le Moyne College with six invited
speakers and open call for papers. Organized with Owais Khan and Ludger Viefhues-
Bailey

The Beauty of Charisma
Spring 2013. Workshop with 8 interdisciplinary visitors, co-sponsored with
Syracuse College of Law and College of Visual and Performing Arts

Black Religion, Black Critique
Spring 2013, Panel at Collegium of African American Research Conference. Organized
with Shana Redmond

Theology and Black Politics
Spring 2013. Symposium at Notre Dame

The Challenge of Gillian Rose: Law, Ethics, Politics
Fall 2012. Panel at Association for Jewish Studies Conference. Also respondent.
Organized with Elliot Ratzman

Race and Secularism in America
Fall 2012. Workshop with 14 participants from around the US, co-sponsored by Syracuse
University and Vassar College. Organized with Jonathon Kahn.

Religious Studies as Engaged Methodology

Fall 2012. Panel at Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life conference.
Organized with Philip Arnold

The Racial Saint: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh

Fall 2011. Two part symposium at Syracuse University Department of Religion.
Organized with Molly Bassett

Democracy and Faith

Fall 2011. Panel at American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Organized with
Melvin Rogers

Liberation: The Political and the Theological

Fall 2011. Panel at Critical Refusals conference, University of Pennsylvania

Political Theology, Jewish and Democratic.

Fall 2010. Panel at American Academy of Religion annual meeting discussing Bonnie
Honig's *Emergency Politics*. Organized with Gregory Kaplan.

Religion, Love, and Sexuality.

Fall 2009. Workshop at Georgia State University with four works-in-progress and six
respondents, with a number of out-of-town visitors.

Religion, Ethics, and Politics.

Spring 2009. Twelve week visiting speaker series at Georgia State University with
graduate student respondents.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2011-2016 Assistant Professor of Religion, Syracuse University

2008-2011 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Georgia State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecture courses and seminars –

- Ethics of Marginalization: Levinas/Glissant (graduate seminar)
- Faith, Reason, and Culture (undergraduate)
- Racism and Christian Ethics (graduate seminar)
- Theories and Methods of the Study of Religion (graduate seminar)
- Postcolonial Religion (graduate seminar)
- Race and the Limits of Law in America (co-taught undergraduate level seminar)
- Political Theology (graduate seminar)
- Theology and Liberation (graduate seminar)
- Religion and Community (undergraduate)
- Race and Political Theology (graduate seminar)
- Religion, Culture, and Critique (with Isaac Weiner, graduate)
- Evil and God (graduate/undergraduate)
- Modern Christian Thought (undergraduate)
- Love: Religious and Philosophical Perspectives (freshman honors seminar)
- Religion, Race, Nation (graduate/undergraduate)
- Religion, Ethics, Politics (graduate seminar)
- Phenomenology of Religion (graduate/undergraduate)

- Introduction to the Study of Religion (undergraduate)
- Christianity and Democracy (graduate/undergraduate)

Independent study and directed reading courses –

- Theories of the Body and Medieval Case Studies (graduate, with Rachel Smith; Spring 2018)
- Religion and Secularism in American Culture (graduate; Spring 2015)
- The Postcolonial and the Postsecular (graduate, Fall 2013)
- Religion, Race, and Sexuality (graduate; Spring 2012)
- Theology and Liberation (with Molly Bassett, graduate; Spring 2011)
- Great Works in Philosophy of Religion (graduate; Fall 2010)
- Defining Orthodoxy: Catholic and Eastern Perspectives (undergraduate; Fall 2010)
- Recent French Philosophy (undergraduate; Summer 2010)
- Race and Religion in South Africa (undergraduate; Summer 2010)
- Religion, Race, and American Popular Culture (graduate; Summer 2010)
- Black Political Theology (graduate; Spring 2010)
- Religion and Homosexuality (graduate; Fall 2009)
- Foucault (graduate and undergraduate; Summer 2009)
- Aquinas, Natural Law, and Ethics (with Prof. Timothy Renick, graduate; Spring 2009)

As graduate student –

- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (section leader, UC-Berkeley)
- The Craft of Writing (co-instructor, UC-Berkeley)
- Introduction to Ethics (adjunct lecturer, Indiana University - South Bend)

Guest lectures –

- “Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons” (in graduate theology class)
- “Black Natural Law” (in graduate theology class)
- “Politics, Economics, and Theology” (in introductory theology undergraduate class)
- “Religion and Racial Justice” (in introductory theology undergraduate class)
- “Obama the Post-Racial Saint” (in undergraduate class on religion and experience)
- “What Is Black Political Theology?” (in graduate seminar on political theology)
- “Science and Religion” (in undergraduate course on stem cells and society)
- “Gillian Rose’s *Love’s Work*” (in graduate seminar on selfhood)
- “African American Religion” (in survey course on religious diversity)
- “Postcolonial Theology” (in graduate seminar on postcolonial theory)
- “Žižek and Religion” (in graduate seminar on literary theory)
- “Introduction to Christianity” (for interfaith training session)

ADVISING

External Member of Dissertation Committees at Vanderbilt (Divinity School), Ohio State (Comparative Studies), Temple (History)

MA Thesis Director, “Neopaganism, Religious Pluralism, and the Law” Syracuse Religion Department (2015)

MA Thesis Director, “Creating the ‘HIStory’ of Michael Jackson: Monstrosity, Sainthood, and Celebrity” GSU Religious Studies Department (2011; with Molly Bassett)

MA Thesis Director, “Virtuous Sport: The Cultivation of Virtue via Sporting Rituals” GSU Religious Studies Department (2011; with Isaac Weiner)

MA Thesis Director, “Can We Be Forgiven? On ‘Impossible’ and ‘Communal’ Forgiveness in Contemporary Philosophy and Theology,” GSU Religious Studies Department (2010)

MA Thesis/Exam Committee Member, GSU Religious Studies, Philosophy, English, and History Departments; Syracuse Pan-African Studies

Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations Directed at Syracuse: Malcolm X, Emmanuel Levinas, Edward Said, Postcolonial Religion

Dissertation Committees at Syracuse: Anthropology Department, Philosophy Department

UNIVERSITY / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To the Field

Reviewer, Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Reviewer, National Research Foundation, South Africa

Reviewer, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research – Council for the Humanities

Reviewer, Institute for Research in the Humanities, Bucharest

Steering Committee, Theology & Continental Philosophy Unit, American Academy of Religion (2016-)

Steering Committee, Political Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion (2017-2022)

Mentor, American Academy of Religion Race and Ethnic Minorities committee (2016-)

MMFPN [Minority] Mentoring Program, Mentor (2014-)

Senior Fellow, Religion and Its Publics Project, University of Virginia (2016-)

Member, American Academy of Religion Publications Committee (2017-2021)

Villanova University

University Board of Trustees Stewardship Committee, Faculty Representative (2017-2018)

University Interfaith Campus Council (2017-2018)

Theology and Religious Studies Department Evaluation Committee (2017-2018)

Theology and Religious Studies Dep’t Christian Ethics Sub-field Coordinator (Spring 2017)

Philosophy Dep’t Theology and Philosophy Fellowship Admissions Committee (Spring 2017)

Theology and Religious Studies Department Doctoral Admissions Committee (Spring 2017)

Theology and Religious Studies Department Diversity Committee, Chair (2017-2018)

University Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application Review Team Member (2017; 2018)

Ethics Program Diversity Committee (2016-2017)

Ethics Program Steering Committee (2016-2017)

Theology and Religious Studies Department Undergraduate Assessment Coordinator (2016-)

Theology and Religious Studies Department Search Committee (2016)

Critical Race Theory Working Group Facilitator (2016-2018)

Syracuse University

College of Arts and Sciences Academic Committee (2014-2015)
College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Student Standards (2014-2015)
Faculty Affiliate, Women's and Gender Studies (2014-2016)
Black Political Thought Working Group, Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator (2014-2015)
Religion Department Future Professoriate Program Director (2014-2015)
College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Advisor (2014-2015)
Campus Green Party Faculty Advisor (2012-2013)
Humanities Center Faculty Advisory Committee (2012)
La Casita Cultural Center Faculty Council (2012)
Religion Department Graduate (2011-2012; 2014-2015)
Religion Department Graduate Admissions Committee (2011-2012)
McNair Program Workshop Leader (2011; 2012)
First Year Forum Leader (2011)
Labor Studies Working Group (2011-2016)

Georgia State University

McNair Program Faculty Mentor (2010)
Ethics Center Faculty Affiliate (2009-2011)
African American Studies Department Affiliate (2009-2011)
Religious Studies Department Executive Committee (2009-2010)
Religious Studies Department Director of Graduate Studies (2008-2010)
Religious Studies Department Curriculum Committee (2008-2010)
Religious Studies Department Search Committees (2008; 2009; 2010)
Progressive Student Alliance Faculty Advisor (2011)

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND VISITING POSITIONS

- Villanova UNITAS internal summer research grant (\$10,000) (2018)
- Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers (\$40,000) (2018-2019)
- Henry Luce Foundation grant for Villanova Political Theology Project (\$200,000) (2017-2019)
- Villanova VERITAS internal summer research grant (\$10,000) (2017)
- Villanova Match Research Program (\$1000) (2017)
- Templeton Foundation Moral Exemplars Project Sub-grant (\$70,000) (2016-2017)
- Adjunct Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies Jewish Political Thought Project, University of Pennsylvania (2016-2017)
- Australian Catholic University Research Grant, with David Newheiser and Linn Tonstad (50,000 AUD) (2016-2017)
- Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers (\$25,000), with Joshua Dubler (2016)
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Small Project Grant (\$2500) (2015-2016)

- American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Grant (\$140,000), with Joshua Dubler (2015-2016)
- American Academy of Religion Regional Development Grant (\$4000), with Joshua Dubler (2014-2015)
- Instructor, Telluride Association Summer Program, Cornell University (Summer 2014)
- Central New York Humanities Corridor Working Group Grant (\$27,500), via Mellon Foundation, with colleagues from Cornell and Rochester (2012-2014; 2016)
- Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship (\$30,000) (2012-2013)
- National Center for Institutional Diversity Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation (2012)
- Imagining America Course Development Grant (\$2000) (Spring 2012)
- American Academy of Religion Individual Research Grant (\$2400) (2011-2012)
- Democratizing Knowledge Work/Study Group Grant (\$200), with Denise Nepveux, Syracuse University (2011-2012)
- Research Initiation Grant (\$10,000), Georgia State University (2009-2010)
- Visiting Research Associate, University of Warwick (Summer 2008)
- SSRC-Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Grant (\$2000) (2007-2008)
- University of California Regents Fellowship (2003-2005)
- Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship (2001-2003)

REFEREEING AND EDITORIAL WORK

Journals:

Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Journal of Religious Ethics; Literature and Theology; Telos; Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature; Political Theology; Modern Theology; Theory, Culture, & Society; Toronto Journal of Theology; International Journal of Philosophical Studies; Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal; Religion and Literature; Critical Research on Religion; Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society; Journal of Religious History; Theological Studies

Presses:

Cambridge UP; Columbia UP; Routledge; Ashgate; Palgrave Macmillan; Penn State UP; Fordham UP; Baylor UP; De Gruyter; Bloomsbury; Rowman and Littlefield; U P of Kentucky; Lexington

Editorial Positions:

Co-Editor, *Political Theology*, 2012-

Editor, Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion book series, Oxford University Press / American Academy of Religion, 2017-2021

Associate Editor, *Brill Research Perspectives in Theology*, 2015-

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Research on Religion*, 2012-

Editorial Board Member, *Reading Religion*, 2018-

Editorial Advisory Board, *Critical Times: Interventions in Global Critical Theory*, 2017-

Advisory Board, *Syndicate Theology*, 2016-

Editorial Board Member, *The Immanent Frame*, 2016-

Editorial Review Board, Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion book series, Rowman & Littlefield, 2015-