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### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Theology & Religious Studies || Director, Center for Political Theology  
Villanova University

### VISITING POSITIONS

Summer 2024 Visiting Professor, Deep Springs College  
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  
Summer 2014 & 2022 Instructor, Telluride Association Summer Program/Seminar  
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.	Rhetoric	University of California, Berkeley
2004	M.A.	Rhetoric	University of California, Berkeley
2003	B.A.	Religion	Princeton University

### WORK IN PROGRESS

*What Is Political Theology?* (solicited by Columbia University Press)  
Co-authored with theologian Luke Bretherton (Duke) and anthropologist Valentina Napolitano (Toronto), we offer an orientation to the field of political theology from three different disciplinary vantage points.

### BOOKS

*Black Dignity: The Struggle Against Domination*  
Yale University Press, 2022

*Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons*, with Joshua Dubler  
Oxford University Press, 2019

*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**

*Political Theology Reimagined: Theories, Ruptures, Itineraries*, with Alex Dubilet  
Duke University Press, Forthcoming  
*Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics*, with Andrew Prevot  
Orbis, 2017  
*Race and Secularism in America*, with Jonathon Kahn  
Columbia University Press, 2016  
*Sainthood and Race: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh*, with Molly Bassett  
Routledge, 2014  
*Race and Political Theology*  
Stanford University Press, 2012  
*Secular Faith*, 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 “Slavery and Autonomy: On Harriet Jacobs” for Oxford UP edited volume  
Under Review “Corrupt Members: Joan of Arc, Assata Shakur, and Insurgent Sanctity” with Rachel Smith, in *Saints in Divided Lands*, ed. Aaron Hollander, University of Pennsylvania Press  
Under Review “Autonomy, Domination, Abuse” in *Redeeming Autonomy*, ed. Chris Insole, Oxford University Press  
Forthcoming “Wounded or Healing? Black Feminism and Political Theology” in *Political Theology Reimagined: Theories, Ruptures, Itineraries*, ed. Alex Dubilet and Vincent Lloyd, Duke University Press  
Forthcoming “Liberation Theology as Postliberal Theology” Cascade edited volume  
Forthcoming “Nicaea, Negative Theology, Democracy” for Fordham UP edited volume  
2023 “On Domination and Abuse: Thinking with Augustine” in *Augustine and Ethics*, ed. Sean Hannan and Kim Paffenroth, Rowman & Littlefield

- 2023 “Love, Judgment, and Antisemitism: The Case of Alice Walker” in *The King Is in The Field: Essays in Modern Jewish Politics*, ed. Julie Cooper and Sam Brody, University of Pennsylvania Press
- 2023 “Race and the Philosophy of Religion” in *Philosophy of Religion after “Religion”*, ed. Michael Rodgers and Richard Amesbury, Mohr Siebeck
- 2023 “What Life Is Not: Aimé Césaire as Phenomenologist of Domination,” for “Africana Philosophy” special issue ed. Bado Ndoeye, Delia Popa, and James Vernon, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*
- 2022 “Phenomenology of Abuse: Lessons from Samuel Beckett” in *Sexual Violence in Church Contexts: New Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, ed. Mathias Wirth, De Gruyter
- 2021 “Anger: A Secularized Theological Concept” in *The Spirit of Populism: Political Theologies in Polarized Times*, edited by Ulrich Schmiedel and Joshua Ralston, Brill  
Reprint from *Political Theology* 22:7 (2021)
- 2021 “The Puritan Atheism of C. L. R. James” for *Beyond Man: Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Yountae An and Eleanor Craig, Duke University Press
- 2021 “Hegel, Blackness, Sovereignty” in *Nothing Absolute: German Idealism and the Question of Political Theology*, edited by Alex Dubilet and Kirill Chepurin, Fordham University Press
- 2021 “The Prophet Samuel R. Delany” for *Prophecy in a Secular Age*, edited by David True, Pickwick Publications
- 2020 “The Dignity of Paul Robeson” for *Christianity and Human Rights, Reconsidered*, Cambridge University Press, ed. Sarah Shortall and Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins
- 2020 “What Love Is Not: Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr.” in Negative Political Theology, special issue of *Modern Theology* edited by David Newheiser
- 2019 “The Ambivalence of Black Rage” for special issue of *Comparative Literature and Culture* on “Complicity and Dissent” edited by Nitzan Leibovic
- 2019 “Black Dignity” for special issue of *CrossCurrents* on Religion, Political Democracy, and the Specters of Race, edited by James Logan
- 2019 “‘Using the Language of Christian Love and Charity’: What Liberal Religion Offers Higher Education in Prison,” with Charles Atkins, Joshua Dubler, and Melanie Webb, in special issue of *Religions* on Carceral Intersections: Christianity and the Crisis of Mass Incarceration
- 2019 “Hope,” in *Religion, Law, U.S.A.*, edited by Joshua Dubler and Isaac Weiner, NYU Press  
Reprinted and expanded in *Racism and Resistance: Essays on Derrick Bell’s Racial Realism*, ed. Timothy Golden, SUNY Press, 2023
- 2018 “How Religious Is #BlackLivesMatter?” in *Humanism and the Challenge of Difference*, edited by Anthony Pinn, Palgrave Macmillan
- 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 “Eldridge Cleaver, George Jackson, 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

Reprinted in *T & T Clark Reader in Political Theology*, ed. Anna Rowlands, Elizabeth Phillips, and Amy Daughton, Bloomsbury, 2019

- 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

#### **REVIEW ESSAYS, REFERENCE ARTICLES, AND OTHER WRITINGS**

- Forthcoming "God as Colored," in *T & T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology*, edited by Jana Bennett, Jason Fout, and Stephen Cone [2000 words]
- Forthcoming "Creation," with Heather Ohaneson, in *Oxford Handbook of Theology and Film*, edited by Gerard Loughlin, Oxford University Press [8000 words]
- 2023 "Christianity and Racial Justice," in *Oxford Handbook of Christianity and Law*, Oxford University Press, edited by Rafael Domingo Osle and John Witte, Jr. [6000 words]
- 2023 "Charisma" in *Democracies in America*, edited by Greg Laski and Bert Emerson, Oxford University Press [4000 words]
- 2023 "The Virtues in Black Theology," in *Shakespeare and the Virtues*, edited by Julia Lupton and Donovan Sherman, Cambridge University Press [5000 words]
- 2022 "Pneumatology, Restorative Justice, and Prison Abolition," with Kathryn Getek Soltis and Nathaniel Grimes, *Routledge Handbook of Christian Ethics* [7000 words]
- 2022 "Politics of Abuse, Abuse of Politics," roundtable on Forming the Political, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* [2000 words]
- 2022 "Ten Tips to De-Carcerate Your Theology, Ethics, or Religion Classroom," with Sarah Jobe, Jason Sexton, Nathaniel Grimes, Mary Beth Yount, and Kathryn Getek Soltis, Special Issue on Incarceration and Political Theology, *Political Theology* [3500 words]
- 2022 "Amazing Grace," Afterword to Ethnographies of Grace, special issue of *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* [3500 words]
- 2021 "Charisma and Discipline," discussing Bradley Onishi's *The Sacrality of the Secular*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2021 "The Normative Dimension of Postsecularism," Symposium on Rethinking Religion and Secularism in Urban Planning, *Planning Theory and Practice*
- 2020 "Masculinity, Race, Fatherhood," Special Issue on Masculinities: Theological and Religious Challenges, *Concilium*, Issue 2

- 2019 "Christian Responses to the Holocaust: Political Theology in Europe," for *T & T Clark Handbook of Political Theology*, edited by Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez
- 2019 "Black Natural Law" in *Research Handbook on Natural Law Theory*, edited by Jonathan Crowe and Constance Lee, Edward Elgar [7200 words]
- 2019 "Elusive Humanity," response to four essays in forum on *Black Natural Law in Politics, Religion, and Ideology*
- 2018 "Remembering James Cone," *Political Theology* 19:3
- 2018 "Constantinian Toleration," review essay discussing books by John Bowlin, Teresa Bejan, and Rainer Forst, for *Studies in Christian Ethics* [5600 words]
- 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 "What is the Political Theology Canon?" with David True, *Political Theology* 18:7
- 2016 "New Directions in Natural Law," review essay for *Journal of Law and Religion*, 31:3, 8000 words
- 2016 "Mass Incarceration is Religious (and So Is Abolition): A Provocation," with Joshua Dubler, *Abolition: A Journal of Insurgent Politics*
- 2016 "What Political Theology Could Be," with David True, *Political Theology* 17:6
- 2015 "Is Critique Theological?" discussing Judith Butler, *Parting Ways: Jewishness and the Critique of Zionism* in *Political Theology* 16:4
- 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: 2020
- 2010 "Deconstruction" and "Difference" in *Encyclopedia of Identity*, edited by Ronald L. Jackson, SAGE Publications

- 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

- 2021 Of Cathleen Kaveny, *Ethics at the Edges of Law* for *Journal of Religion*
- 2020 Of Edward Baring, *Converts to the Real: Catholicism and the Making of Continental Philosophy* for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88:4
- 2020 Of J. Lorand Matory, *The Fetish Revisited: Marx, Freud, and the Gods Black People Make*, with Andrew Prevot, for *Material Religion* 16:3
- 2019 Of Paul Griffiths, *Christian Flesh* for *Body and Religion* 3:2
- 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
- And shorter reviews in *Choice*, *Religious Studies Review*, etc.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **The Atlantic**

- “An Anti-Racist Professor Faces ‘Toxicity on the Left’” (Interview), 2/17/23

### **Australian Public Broadcasting Religion & Ethics**

- “‘What a Time to Be Alive’: The Work of Mourning and the Privilege of Black Death,” 6/15/20
- Radio Interview on “The Minefield,” “Should Prisons Be Abolished?” 1/23/19
- “The End of Punishment: Restorative Justice, Prison Abolition, and the Christian Refusal of State Violence,” with Joshua Dubler, 12/18/18

### **Berkley Forum**

- “The End of the World: Reflections from Black Activism,” 6/9/20

### **The Bias Magazine**

- “Challenging the Police: Abolition and Christian Ethics,” with Nathaniel Grimes, 7/9/20

### **Black Agenda Report**



- “Black Religion as Black Radicalism,” 8/30/17
- “Black Study, Black Reason, Black Spirit,” discussing Achille Mbembe’s *Critique of Black Reason*, 5/1/19
- Interviews about *Black Natural Law* (9/12/18), *Religion of the Field Negro* (11/14/18), and *Break Every Yoke* (5/6/20)
- Radio Interviews: “Malcolm X and Liberation Theology” (10/10/17), “Blacks Should Appeal to Higher Law” (9/24/18), criminal justice reform (2/18/19), police abolition (forthcoming)

#### Church Life Journal

- “Human Dignity is Black Dignity,” 6/16/20
- “Prisons Are a Biblical Abomination,” 2/26/19

#### Commonweal

- “How We Misremember MLK,” September 2023

#### Compact

- “A Black Professor Trapped in Anti-Racist Hell,” 2/10/23

#### Contending Modernities

- “What Kind of Tradition Is Black and Radical,” response essay to forum on my *Black Dignity*, 7/26/23
- “Cultivating the Virtue of Watching Well,” discussing Cathleen Kaveny’s *Prophecy without Contempt*, 9/2/16

#### First Things

- “Letter to a Campus Activist,” February 2017
- “Charisma to Routine,” October 2016

#### The Guardian

- “Think Prison Abolition in America Is Impossible? It Once Felt Inevitable,” with Joshua Dubler, 5/19/18

#### The Immanent Frame

- “Divine Motherhood: Introduction,” with Julianne Hammer, 5/6/19
- “Preposterous Practices,” 1/17/19
- “Divine Fatherhood: Introduction,” with Julianne Hammer, 8/28/18
- “Charisma and Seduction,” 1/5/18
- “Secularism’s Two Ends,” 11/10/17
- “Is the ‘Native’ Secular?” 6/1/17
- “Race, Secularism, and the Public Intellectual,” 11/23/16
- “What Taylor Misses,” discussing *Varieties of Secularism in a Secular Age*, 5/3/10

#### The Los Angeles Review of Books

- “The Limits of Political Morality,” discussing Levingston, *Kennedy and King*, 2/10/19
- “Voting for Charisma,” 11/7/18

#### Marginalia Review of Books

- “No Gods, No Masters,” discussing Alexander, *Race in a Godless World*, 11/19/21

#### The Other Journal

- “Impossible Authority: On Black Fathers and Black Gods,” 10/29/18

#### The Philosopher

- “Philosophy Born of Struggle,” 111:1, 2023

#### Plough

- “A World Without Prisons?” 3/13/23
- “Do Activists Need Enemies?” 8/17/23

#### Political Theology Today

- “Hortense Spillers” Critical Theory for Political Theology 2.0, 1/11/22
- “MLK Day and the Emergence of the New ‘Sacred Politics’,” 1/16/17
- “No Justice, No Peace: Reflections on the Tragedy of Ferguson,” 8/19/14
- “What Is Islamic Political Theology?” 7/24/13
- “Voting Rights and the Spirit,” 7/1/13
- “Republicans on Diversity and Religion,” 3/22/13
- “Two Problems with ‘Together’ in Obama’s Second Inaugural Address,” 1/23/13
- “Civic Republicanism and the Practice of Faith,” 12/16/11
- “On Troy Davis: Styles of Witness,” 12/26/11
- “What Political Theology Could Have Been,” 12/10/11
- “On Libya: The Grace of Saying Nothing,” 8/31/11
- “Rioting in a Fallen World,” 8/11/11

#### Public Books

- “Don’t Save Yourself, Save the World: A Dialogue with Vincent Lloyd,” 6/23/23

#### Religion Dispatches

- “Why We Need a Public Black Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” 9/20/16

#### Sojourners

- “Black Lives Matter Must Lead to Black Lives Thriving,” May 2023
- “Vincent Lloyd on Salvation from ‘Anti-Racist Hell’” (Interview), 2/23/23
- “Restructuring a World Without Prisons,” with Joshua Dubler, October 2020

#### Syndicate

- “Superseding Common Law,” on Forsyth, *Common Law and Natural Law in America*, 3/10/21
- “The Denial of Death,” on Herdt, *Forming Humanity*, 3/3/20
- “Virtue Against Domination,” on Hauerwas, *Character of Virtue*, 9/23/19
- “Bodies and Stories,” on Bantum, *Death of Race*, 9/11/17
- “Religious Freedom Is Bad,” on Hurd, *Beyond Religious Freedom*, 11/6/16
- “Of Puzzles and Idols,” on Bretherton, *Resurrecting Democracy*, 2/3/16
- “In the Shadow of Charleston,” 7/20/15
- “The Rhetoric of the Middle,” on Hyman, *Traversing the Middle*, 9/21/14

#### Tocqueville 21

- “Black Dignity vs. Liberal Anti-Racism,” forthcoming
- “No Kings, No Masters, No Prison Guards,” 3/22/19
- “Ten Theses on Charisma,” 3/20/18

#### OTHER POPULAR MEDIA

2011 Newspaper Op-Ed: “A Deepening Crisis of Inequity,” with Gretchen Purser, *Syracuse Post-Standard*, 11/7/11

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
- 2002 Media Appearances on MSNBC, PBS, and Democracy Now discussing student activism
- 2001 Magazine Article: “Against the Workers: How IMF and World Bank Policies Undermine Labor Power and Rights,” with Robert Weissman, *The Multinational Monitor*, September  
Reprinted as “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
- 2001 Magazine Article: “Penny Pinching Retirees at GE,” *The Multinational Monitor*, July/August

#### **KEYNOTES AND NAMED LECTURESHIPS**

- 2024 Ian Barbour Lecture, Carleton College
- 2024 Keynote at ASPECT graduate conference, Virginia Tech
- 2024 Elton Lecture, George Washington University
- 2024 Plenary Panelist at Society of Christian Ethics annual meeting
- 2023 Drumwright Lecture, Baylor University
- 2023 Gates Lecture, Grinnell College
- 2023 Keynote at “This Nation Under God?” conference, United Lutheran Seminary
- 2023 Keynote lecture, Koinonia Graduate Student Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2022 “Understanding Abuse: Lessons from the Enslaved,” Howard Thurman Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Emory
- 2022 “Responding to Abuse: Lessons from the Enslaved,” Visiting Scholar in Catholic Thought Lecture, Benedictine University
- 2022 “The Scholar, the Activist, and the Scholar-Activist,” keynote address at European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies, Bonn [virtualized]
- 2022 “Are We All Slaves? Weil, Homer, and Black Thought,” keynote address at annual American Weil Society conference, University of Notre Dame
- 2021 Plenary Panelist at Society of Christian Ethics annual meeting (virtualized)
- 2019 Keynote at Society of Christian Philosophers conference, Hope College (September)
- 2019 “Anger: A Secularized Theological Concept,” Keynote at The Spirit of Populism: Political Theologies in Polarized Times, University of Edinburgh
- 2019 “An Error Theory of Christian Ethics” and “Virtue Against Domination,” 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 LECTURES**

- 2024 Invited Presentation, [Anti-]Colonialism and Its Afterlives Conference, New School for Social Research
- 2024 Invited Lecture, Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Florida International University
- 2024 Invited Lecture, New York Law School
- 2023 “Black Dignity,” Moral Theology Colloquium, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2023 “A General Theory of Abuse,” Department of Philosophy, Emory University
- 2023 “Black Dignity,” Department of Philosophy, virtual, University of Fort Hare (South Africa)
- 2023 “Black Dignity,” Protestant Theological University (Netherlands)
- 2023 “Wounded or Healing? Black Feminism and Political Theology,” Race-Religion Research Network, Radboud University (Netherlands)
- 2022 “Slavery as Abuse: On Harriet Jacobs,” Invited presentation, Democratic Faith, Brown University Department of Political Science conference
- 2022 “Theology and Politics,” Invited panelist, Generous Orthodoxy: Hans Frei and the Future of Theology, Yale Divinity School
- 2022 Invited panelist, “The Nones: Individual Belief and Religious Institutions in a Post-Secular Age,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2022 Invited presenter, “Slavery and Autonomy: On Harriet Jacobs,” Australian Catholic University Rome Campus Seminar, Redeeming Autonomy conference
- 2022 Invited lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of the Andes, Colombia
- 2022 “Nicaea, Democracy, and Negative Theology,” Invited lecture, conference at Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University
- 2022 “Revisiting the ‘Abuse Excuse’ in the Age of Black Lives Matter,” Invited lecture at University of Southern California Law School
- 2021 “Black Dignity: The Moral Philosophy of #BlackLivesMatter,” Department of Philosophy, University of the Andes, Colombia
- 2021 “The Significance of MLK’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail Today,” with David Novak, Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, St Leo University
- 2021 “Houellebecq, Bataille, and Racial Monstrosity,” Invited lecture at Houellebecq in Focus conference, Villanova University
- 2021 Invited lecture and workshop, Virginia Tech
- 2020 “Domination, Abuse, Destruction: An Alternative Vocabulary for Political Theology,” Invited lecture, Research Unit in Contemporary Political Theory, Goldsmiths, University of London
- 2020 “The Political Theology of Aimé Césaire,” Invited lecture, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Chester
- 2020 “The Grammar of Black Philosophy,” Invited presentation, Ethics Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Yale
- 2020 “Performance and Black Political Theology,” invited presentation, Theology, Performance, and Politics research network (Germany-based)
- 2020 “Abolition, Black Religions, and US Empire,” invited presentation, with Joshua Dubler and Sylvester Johnson, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Program, Yale University
- 2020 “Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons,” Invited lecture at Columbia University, Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life (with Joshua Dubler and two respondents), September

- 2020 "Black Dignity and Augustinian Political Theology," Invited lecture, McCullen Center for Law, Religion, and Public Life, Villanova, September
- 2020 "Religion and Prison Abolition," Invited lecture at Pomona College, February
- 2020 "Black Dignity," Invited workshop at UC Irvine, Departments of African American Studies and English, February
- 2019 Invited lecture at University of Chicago, December
- 2019 "Restorative Justice and Prison Abolition," Invited lecture at Southern Method University with two respondents, October
- 2019 Invited lecture on natural law, Baylor, October
- 2019 Invited lecture, conference on church sex abuse, Bern
- 2019 "Anger: A Secularized Theological Concept," Invited workshop presentation, Duke, November 1-2
- 2019 "Black Dignity: The Political Theology of #BlackLivesMatter," Invited lecture, Arizona State, Oct 3
- 2019 "Radical Charisma: Abolitionist Activism in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and Today," Invited lecture, Wilson College, Sept 23
- 2019: Summer lectures in UK / Europe, including in: Chichester, Leuven, Canterbury, Kent, Edinburgh, Durham, Dublin, Cork, Manchester, Navarra, Lancaster
- 2019 "What Life Is Not: Philosophical Method in Aimé Césaire," Invited workshop paper, International Academy of Bioethical Inquiry, Maynooth, Ireland
- 2019 "Alice Walker as Jewish Writer," invited lecture, Yale Judaic Studies
- 2019 "Alice Walker as Jewish Writer," invited workshop paper, Cornell Jewish Studies
- 2019 "Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons," with Joshua Dubler, Vassar College
- 2019 "The Racist Origins of Christian Education," invited lecture, Haverford College
- 2019 "In Defense of Charisma," Center for the Study of Religion, The Ohio State University
- 2019 "Black Dignity," invited lecture, Society of Fellows, University of Missouri
- 2019 "Natural Law in Black America," Catholic Studies Program, Saint Louis University
- 2018 "God the Black Father," Martin Marty Center conference, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2018 "Black Natural Law," Invited colloquium presentation, Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, Saint Louis University
- 2018 "Samuel Beckett and Black Studies," Invited lecture, James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University
- 2018 "Christian Mercy and Prison Abolition," with Katie Grimes and Kathryn Getek Soltis, Center for Peace and Justice Education, Villanova University
- 2018 "The Political Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.," at Black public theology conference, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2018 "The Political Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.," at Loeb Institute conference, George Washington University
- 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 (Tri-Co) 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*

## 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 –*

- Moral Philosophy and Christian Ethics (graduate seminar)
- Resistant Bodies: Race, Gender, Sexuality (with Delia Popa, undergraduate)
- Constructs of Blackness (undergraduate)
- Foundations of Christian Ethics (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 –*

- Ethics of Hope (graduate; Fall 2023)
- Ethics and Critique (graduate; Spring/Summer 2023)
- American Religions (graduate; Spring 2022)
- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (graduate; Spring 2022)
- 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 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)

**ADVISING**

PhD Advisor for eight students in Theology and Religious Studies, Villanova (in progress)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Global Interdisciplinary Studies (2023-2024)

PhD Advisor, “God of Our Weary Years: A Black First Theology of the Holy Spirit,” Villanova (currently postdoc at United Lutheran Seminar)

External Member of Dissertation Committees at Yale (Religious Studies), Vanderbilt (Divinity School), KU-Leuven (Theology), Ohio State (Comparative Studies), Temple (History), Emory (Religion), Northwestern (Religious Studies), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam / Institute for Christian Studies (Theology), Fuller Theological Seminary

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: Religion, Anthropology, and Philosophy Departments

## **UNIVERSITY / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### To the Field

Reviewer, Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship Program

Reviewer, Institute for Citizens and Scholars Mellon Mays Dissertation Fellowship

Reviewer, National Research Foundation, South Africa

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

Reviewer, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany

Reviewer, Institute for Research in the Humanities, Bucharest

Reviewer, Research Council of KU Leuven

Steering Committee, Theology & Continental Philosophy Unit, American Academy of Religion (2016-2019)

Steering Committee, Political Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion (2017-2020)

Co-Founder and Co-Convener, Christianity and Prison Abolition Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics (2020-)

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

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

Political Theology Network Mentoring Program, Mentor (2020-)

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

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

Staff Director, Political Theology Network (2021-)

### Villanova University

Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics Program Advisory Committee (2023-)

College Third Year Review Committee (2021-)

College Foundation Courses Committee (2020-)

Africana Studies Program Director (2019-2022)  
 University Board of Trustees Investment Committee, Faculty Representative (2020-2022)  
 University Board of Trustees Stewardship Committee, Faculty Representative (2017-2019)  
 University Accreditation Subcommittee Co-chair (2019-2020)  
 University Interfaith Campus Council (2017-2018)  
 Ethics Program Diversity Committee (2016-)  
 Center for Peace and Justice Education Faculty Affiliate (2016-)  
 Center for Peace and Justice Education MLK Lecture Committee (2023-)  
 Honors Program, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Advisory Committee (2023-)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Diversity Committee, Co-chair (2017-2022)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Evaluation Committee (2017-2018)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Christian Ethics Field Coordinator (Spring 2017; 2023-4)  
 Philosophy Dep't Theology and Philosophy Fellowship Admissions Committee (Spring 2017)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Doctoral Admissions Committee (Spring 2017)  
 University Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application Review Team Member (2017; 2018)  
 Ethics Program Steering Committee (2016-2017)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Undergraduate Assessment Coordinator (2016-2018)  
 Theology and Religious Studies Department Search Committee (2016; 2021; 2022)  
 Christian Ethics Journal Club, Founder and Convenor (2019-2021)  
 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, Member (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**

- Enlightened World Foundation (\$200,000) (2024-2026), with Michael Moreland
- Villanova VERITAS internal summer research grant (\$10,000) (2021)
- American Academy of Religion Collaborative International Research Grant, with Majid Daneshgar (\$2964) (2021)
- Henry Luce Foundation grant for Villanova Political Theology Project / Political Theology Network (\$350,000) (2019-2023)
- Villanova University Summer Research Grant, \$10,000 (2019)
- Villanova UNITAS internal summer research grant, with Delia Popa (~\$10,000) (2018)
- Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers (\$40,000) (2018-2019)
- Henry Luce Foundation grant for Villanova Political Theology Project / Political Theology Network (\$200,000) (2017-2019)
- Villanova VERITAS internal summer research grant (\$10,000) (2017)
- Villanova Match Research Program (\$1000) (2017, 2020)
- 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)
- 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)

## REFEREING AND EDITORIAL WORK

### Journals:

*Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Journal of Religious Ethics; Studies in Christian Ethics; Literature and Theology; Political Theory; Polity; Comparative Political Theory; Critical Philosophy of Race; 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; Journal of Africana Religions; Louvain Studies; Svensk Teologisk Tidskrift (Swedish Theological Quarterly); American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*

### Presses:

Cambridge UP; Oxford UP; Yale UP; Columbia UP; Stanford UP; Duke UP; U Pennsylvania Press; Indiana UP; Routledge; Ashgate; Palgrave Macmillan; Penn State UP; Fordham UP; Baylor UP; SUNY Press; De Gruyter; Bloomsbury; Rowman & Littlefield; UP of Kentucky; Lexington; U Georgia Press; Radboud UP

### Editorial Positions:

Co-Editor, then Editorial Collective Member, *Political Theology*, 2012-

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

Co-Editor, Transforming Political Theologies book series, Routledge, 2020-

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

Editorial Board Member, *Modern Theology*, 2023-

Editorial Board Member, *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 2023-2025

Editorial Board Member, *Literature and Theology*, 2023-

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

Editorial Board Member, *Reading Religion*, 2018-2020

Editorial Board Member, The Immanent Frame, 2016-2020

Editorial Board Member, Political and Public Theologies book series, Brill, 2020-

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

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

Advisory Board, Institute for Christian Socialism, 2021-

Advisory Board, *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*, 2021-  
Advisory Board, *Syndicate Theology*, 2016-  
International Advisory Board, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 2022-  
Board of Editorial Consultants, *Theological Studies*, 2023-