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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, **Rutgers University**, Department of Religion, 2016 – present
Assistant Professor, **Rutgers University**, Department of Religion, 2010 – 2016
Adjunct Faculty Member, **Florida State University**, Department of Religion, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
Adjunct Faculty Member, **Florida A&M University**, Department of Visual Arts, Humanities, and Theatre, Fall 2006 – Spring 2010
Graduate Student Instructor, **Florida State University**, Department of Religion, Spring 2004 – Fall 2008

EDUCATION

Ph.D., December 2008, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Areas of Concentration: American Religious History, the Pentecostal-Charismatic Tradition, Religion and Modernization, Religion and Healing, Islam

Dissertation: “The Transformation of Pentecostal Healing, 1906-2006”

Committee: Amanda Porterfield, John Corrigan, Frederick Davis, Grant Wacker (Duke Divinity School)

M.A., August 2002, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Areas of Concentration: History of Christianity, Eighteenth-Century Evangelicalism, Pentecostalism

B.A., December 1998, Interdisciplinary Studies, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Areas of Concentration: History, English, Communication

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Books:

Spirit Cure: A History of Pentecostal Healing (Oxford University Press, 2013). Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, *Church History and Religious Culture*, *Choice*, *Pneuma*, *Religious Studies Review*, and *Theology*.

Politics of the Spirit: Pentecostals, Israel, and the Shaping of American Evangelicalism (under contract with Oxford University Press).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“Pentecostals, Israel, and the Transnational Politics of Dominion,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* (accepted for publication, pending revisions).

“Global Conservative Christianity at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century,” in *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity: Movements, Institutions & Allegiance*, edited by Stephen J. Hunt (Brill, Forthcoming 2016), 101-122.

“The Pentecostalization of Christian Zionism,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 84, no. 1 (March 2015): 159-194.

“Religion in the Practice of Daily Life in North America after 1492,” in *Religion in the Practice of Daily Life*, edited by Richard D. Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo (Praeger, 2010), 427-49.

“Modernity Baptized in the Spirit: Early Pentecostal Rhetoric in America,” in *Agency in the Margins: Stories of Outsider Rhetoric*, edited by Anne Stockdell-Giesler (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2010), 241-60.

Book Review Essays and Reviews:

Reviews published in the *Journal of Religion* (forthcoming), *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, *Christian Century*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *SEVEN: An Anglo-American Literary Review*, and the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*.

Encyclopedia Articles:

Encyclopedia articles published in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the U.S.* (forthcoming), *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775*, *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, *Encyclopedia of the Cold War*, and *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*.

Presentations, Invited Lectures and Panels

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| September 2016 | “Pentecostals, Israel, and the Shaping of the Charismatic Imagination,” Charismatic Renewal in Historical Perspective, c.1950 –2000, Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, UK |
| 11 June 2016 | “Pentecostalism, Jews and the Politics of Reconciliation,” 9th GloPent Conference, Uppsala University, Sweden |
| 7 May 2016 | Book Review Panel on Heather Vacek’s <i>Madness: American Protestant Responses to Mental Illness</i> , Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA |
| 17 December 2014 | “Religion and Medicine in the Contemporary U.S.,” sponsored by the Christian Medical Association, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ |
| 25 July 2014 | “‘Our Francis, Too’: Evangelical Responses to Pope Francis and <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i> ,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Values in Higher Education, St. Paul, MN |

- 25 November 2013 “Christian Zionism and Identity Formation among Evangelicals in the Twentieth-Century U.S.,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 3 April 2013 “From the Margins to the Mainstream: Pentecostal Healing in the Twentieth-Century U.S.,” Rutgers Religion Department Faculty Colloquium, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2 December 2012 “Pentecostal Prophecy and Healing in the Aftermath of World War II,” Religion and World War II Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 24 October 2012 Panel participant, “Religion and the 2012 Election: What's Up?,” sponsored by the Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers, and Rutgers Protestant Campus Ministries, New Brunswick, NJ
- 17 October 2012 “God & Politics: Christian Zionism in the 20th Century United States,” part of a 2012-2013 series of public forums sponsored by the Rutgers Religion Department, New Brunswick, NJ
- 9 July 2011 “The Transformation of Healing in the United States since 1960,” at the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States Annual Meeting, hosted by the Rothermere American Institute and St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford, UK
- 22 April 2011 “Classic Ambivalence: Psychology and Psychotherapy in Evangelical Fiction,” Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 19 March 2011 “Healing and the ‘Off-Modern’ in American Religion,” presented at the German Historical Institute conference on “Secularization and the Transformation of Religion: The U.S. and Germany after 1945,” Washington, D.C.
- 20 February 2011 “Life After Grad School: Post-Grad Prospects—A Roundtable Discussion with Recent Florida State University Graduates,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL
- 31 October 2010 “Religion in the Practice of Daily Life in North America after 1492,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA
- 21 February 2009 Respondent for panel on “New Movements in American Religion,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL
- 21 February 2009 “Publish, Don’t Perish: Professional Pointers from a Panel of Professors,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL

- 9 March 2008 “‘Natural Healing’ in the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 12 April 2007 “Jews and Muslims in American Evangelical Prophecy,” Middle East Center Lecture Series, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 17 March 2007 “The Business of Pentecostal Healing,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN
- 21 November 2006 “Medicine and Psychology in Pentecostal Healing: The Impact of Modernization on Pentecostalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.
- 13 October 2006 “Technology in Early Pentecostal Testimonies,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Las Vegas, NV
- 11 March 2006 “Modernity Baptized in the Spirit: Early Pentecostal Rhetoric in America,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 12 March 2005 “Psychology and Medicine in Pentecostal Healing Practices,” 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 March 2004 “Early Pentecostals and the Pragmatism of William James,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL

Interviews

- 13 August 2013 Interview conducted with Joshua Dubler related to his book, *Down in the Chapel: Religious Life in an American Prison* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013). Published by *Marginalia: A Review of Books in History, Theology and Religion*, a *Los Angeles Review of Books* channel
- 24 June 2013 Interview related to *Spirit Cure: A History of Pentecostal Healing*. Published by *Marginalia: A Review of Books in History, Theology and Religion*, a *Los Angeles Review of Books* channel
- 2 April 2013 Interview related to *Spirit Cure: A History of Pentecostal Healing*. Published by *Journal of Southern Religion*

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Evangelicalism in the U.S.
 Religion in American History
 Religion and Globalization
 Religious Healing in the U.S.

Religions of the Western World
From Nuns to Nones: Religion and American Politics (Byrne Seminar,
Fall 2014, co-taught with Andrew Murphy, Political Science)
Insiders and Outsiders: Religious and Political Identity in the United States (Byrne Seminar,
Fall 2012, co-taught with Andrew Murphy, Political Science)
Illness and Healing: Spiritual Approaches vs. Western Medicine (Byrne Seminar,
Spring 2012)
Seminar on Religious Fundamentalisms and Modernisms (proposal approved December
2014; to be taught at a future date)

Graduate Courses Taught

Religious Pluralism in America
Religious Healing in the U.S.
U.S. Evangelicalism in a Global Age

Doctoral Supervisory Committee

Marcus Woods, "Saved and Sanctified: Spaces of Black Youth in a Pentecostal Storefront
Church," *Childhood Studies*, Rutgers-Camden (Spring 2015)

Master's Thesis Supervisor

Daniyah Hannini, "The 'Spiritualization' of Islam in America: A Study of Highly
Individualistic Forms of Islamic Practice in the U.S." (2014-15)

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Nuriye Aksoy, "Meeting the Challenges of Modernity as Experienced by Said
Nursi, Muhammad Iqbal, and Muhammad Abduh" (2014-15)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor

Alison Lewandoski, "Mormon Plural Marriage and its Resulting Controversy: An Avenue for
Female Empowerment" (2012-13)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member

Eleanor Morse, "A Deterrent of Love: Paul Ramsey's Nuclear Ethics" (2012-13)

SERVICE

Reviewer for Refereed Presses and Journals

Fordham University Press (2016)
Oxford University Press (2014)
Routledge (2012)
Journal of Southern Religion (2012)

Rutgers University

- Spring 2016 - present Director of Graduate Studies, Religion Department
- Fall 2015 Search Committee Member, Western Christian Thought Position, Religion Department
- Summer 2014 – 2015 Acting Undergraduate Director, Religion Department
- Spring 2014 – present Religion Department Curriculum Committee Member
- Fall 2012-Spring 2013 Co-Coordinator, public forums on Religious Pluralism and Religious Freedom, sponsored by the Religion Department
- February 22, 2013 Moderator, “Religion and Politics,” part of a 2012-2013 series of public forums on Religious Pluralism and Religious Freedom, sponsored by the Religion Department
- Spring 2013/2012 Rutgers Day Coordinator, Religion Department
- 1 March 2012 Moderator, “Islamic Contemplative Traditions,” part of a 2011-2012 series of public forums sponsored by the Rutgers Religion Department, New Brunswick, NJ
- Fall 2011 Search Committee Member, Comparative Monotheisms Position, Religion Department
- 6 April 2011 Moderator, “Religion and Violence: The American Scene,” part of a 2010-2011 series of public forums sponsored by the Rutgers Religion Department and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, New Brunswick, NJ
- Spring 2011 Search Committee Member, ACLS New Faculty Fellows, Religion Department

Editorial Positions

- 2014 – 2015 Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States* (Rowman & Littlefield, anticipated 2016).
- Sept. 2012 – present Modern Christianity Subject Editor, *Marginalia: A Review of Books in History, Theology and Religion*, a *Los Angeles Review of Books* channel (<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/>)

Service to Professional Organizations and Associations

- Jun. 2006 – present Listserv Editor, H-Pentecostalism (associated with H-net: Humanities and

Social Sciences Online, <http://h-net.org>)

Fall 2005 – Spring 2007 Coordinator, American Religious History Colloquium (Florida State University)

Professional Employment

Jan. 2006 – Jan. 2007, Summer 2008 Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*

Oct. 2006 – April 2007 Copyeditor, *Religion and Politics in France and the United States*, edited by Alec G. Hargreaves, John Kelsay, and Sumner B. Twiss (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007).

Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001 Assistant to the Editors, *SEVEN: An Anglo-American Literary Review*

GRANTS & AWARDS

Pneuma Book Award Finalist, for *Spirit Cure: A History of Pentecostal Healing* (2015)
Funding for research assistant through the Aresty Research Assistant Program (2013-14)
Mary Jo Small Fellowship, Society for Values in Higher Education (2013)
Funding for research assistant through the Byrne Summer Research Program (2012, 2013)
Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Alternate Finalist (2009-10)
Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Fellowship (2007-8)
Florida State University Department of Religion Presentation Grant (2006)
Florida State University Dissertation Research Grant (2006)
Florida State University Congress of Graduate Students Presentation/Travel Grants (2003-8)
Society for the History of Technology Presentation Travel Grant (2006)
Wheaton Grant (2000-2001)
Wheaton President's Award (1996-98)
Virginia Wesleyan Presidential Scholarship (1995-96)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Church History
American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi