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### **EDUCATION**

- ❖ **Ph.D., 2009, University of Chicago Divinity School**, History of Christianity
- ❖ **A.M., 2002 University of Chicago Divinity School**, Religion
- ❖ **Student, 1998-1999, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, OH**, Masters of Theological Studies
- ❖ **B.A., Magna Cum Laude, 1998, Xavier University, OH**, Theology

### **DOCTORAL EXAMINATIONS**

- ❖ **History of Christianity I:** Ancient Christianity (Margaret Mitchell)
- ❖ **History of Christianity II:** Medieval and Reformation Christianity (Amy Hollywood; Susan Schreiner)
- ❖ **History of Christianity III:** Modern Christianity (W. Clark Gilpin)
- ❖ **History of Religions III:** Historiography (Bruce Lincoln)

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- ❖ **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Humanities and Philosophy at Oakton Community College, 2009-Present
- ❖ **Preceptor**, Department of Religious Studies at the University of Chicago, 2008-2009
- ❖ **Lecturer in the Humanities Core**, University of Chicago, 2008
- ❖ **Martin Marty Fellow**, University of Chicago, 2008
- ❖ **Alma Wilson Teaching Fellow**, University of Chicago, 2007
- ❖ **Adjunct Instructor**, St. Xavier University, 2004-2006
- ❖ **Humanities Writing Intern**, University of Chicago, 2003-2006, 2009

### **RECENT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- ❖ **Travel Grant, Communal Studies Collection at the David L. Rice Library, The Center for Communal Studies at the University of Southern Indiana, 2010-2011.** Awarded \$1,600 to fund archival research on the Harmony Society in New Harmony, Indiana.
- ❖ **Martin Marty Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2007-2008.** Awarded to fund a year of dissertation research. Included collaborative group work with other Fellows to critique dissertation research and writing on a weekly basis. Teaching portion of Fellowship fulfilled at Northwestern University. Led by William Schweiker.
- ❖ **Alma Wilson Teaching Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2006-2007.** Awarded to one Divinity School student per year to teach a specialized course to undergraduates in the Religious Studies Department.

- ❖ **Wabash Fellow, Chicago Forum on Pedagogy and the Study of Religion, 2006.** Awarded to select Divinity School students as a means to critically examine pedagogical issues in the study of religion with their peers. Led by Lucy Pick.

### DISSERTATION

- ❖ **Title:** Priests Under Pressure in Southern Moravia: History and Identity in Roman Catholic Polemics (1575-1615)
- ❖ **Committee:** Susan Schreiner, Advisor; W. Clark Gilpin and D. Jonathan Grieser, Readers
- ❖ **Abstract:** This project tells the story of Roman Catholic counter-reform on the Nikolsburg (Mikulov) estate in southern Moravia and in the nearby Lower Austrian town of Feldsberg (Valtice) between the years 1575 and 1615 from the perspective of two parish priests, Christoph Erhard and Christoph Andreas Fischer. Working in the aftermath of the Council of Trent, these priests sought to establish a Roman Catholic identity for their parishioners while living and working in the midst of Protestants, Anabaptists, Hussites, and Jews. Anabaptists in particular found patronage under local Moravian lords willing to tolerate them for a number of reasons, including economic utility and personal conviction. An examination of the writings of Erhard and Fischer reveals a number of issues that permeated the course of Catholic counter-reform in this area of confessional pluralism. For in the absence of support from their overlords, these priests had to rely heavily on persuasive strategies in their published polemics. They drew upon a genealogy of heresy grounded in the history of the Roman Church, sought to trouble the consciences of those lords who tolerated confessional pluralism in their domains, and promoted public Roman Catholic ritual practices, especially Eucharistic devotion through the annual Feast of Corpus Christi. Their work serves as an excellent point of departure for understanding how representatives of the Roman Church approached the problem of heresy in the Holy Roman Empire in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, especially in regions where the Church lacked the full support of local and regional secular authorities.

### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- ❖ “Double Honor: Elite Hutterite Women in the Sixteenth Century,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 79, No. 4 (December 2010): 753-782.
- ❖ “The Feast of Corpus Christi in Mikulov, Moravia: Strategies of Roman Catholic Counter-Reform (1579-86),” *Catholic Historical Review* 96, No. 4 (October 2010): 651-677.
- ❖ “‘Qui tacet consentire videtur’: Christoph Andreas Fischer’s Polemical Exchange with the Hutterite ‘King’ Klaus Braidl (1603-1604),” *Renaissance and Reformation* 32, No. 3 (July 2009): 29-50.
- ❖ “‘They are to be pitied and wept over, not envied’: Hutterite Responses to Persecution in the *Chronicle*,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 83, No. 3 (July 2009): 403-423.
- ❖ “‘Mit was für Gewissen kan man sie...?’: Conscience and Toleration in Christoph Andreas Fischer’s *Vier und funfftzig erhebliche Vrsachen*,” *Seminar: A Journal of Germanic Studies* (forthcoming).
- ❖ “‘They have crucified Christ and released Barabbas’: The Reluctant Executioner and Violence in Anabaptist Martyrologies,” *Les Cahiers Shakespeare en devenir/The Journal of Shakespearean Afterlives*, Cahiers no. 5, “La rhétorique de la violence à La Renaissance” (forthcoming).

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Communitarians,” “Utopianism,” and “The Amish” for the ABC-CLIO *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, ed. Philip DiMare (**forthcoming**).
- ❖ “Antitäuferische Streitschriften” and “Widerrufe” for the *Mennonitisches Lexikon* (Band V, Teil 2), Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein, ed. Hans-Jürgen Goertz (**forthcoming**).
- ❖ “Essential Truths,” *Milestone Documents of World Religions: Exploring Traditions of Faith through Primary Sources, Vol. 3 (1604-2002)*, ed. David M. Fahey. Dallas: Schlager Group, Inc., 2011, 1252-1263.
- ❖ “An Anabaptist’s Tale: Christoph Erhard and the Recantation of the Ex-Hutterite Hans Jedelshausen,” in *Grenzen des Täufern / Boundaries of Anabaptism*, edited by Anselm Schubert, Astrid von Schlachta, and Michael Driedger, Schriften des Vereins für Reformationsgeschichte, Vol. 209 (Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, July 2009).
- ❖ “Lightning Strikes and Divine Disfavor,” *Sightings*, July 1, 2010.
- ❖ “Barack Obama, Notre Dame, and the Question of Roman Catholic Identity,” *Sightings*, May 21, 2009.
- ❖ “Polemics in Cyberspace” *Sightings*, April 10, 2008.
- ❖ “The Anabaptist Colloquium” *Sightings*, April 22, 2004. Reprinted in the *Mennonite Brethren Herald*, Vol. 43, No. 9, July 2, 2004.

### BOOK REVIEWS

- ❖ *Mennonites in Early Modern Poland and Prussia* by Peter J. Klassen, in *Journal of Religion* 90: 78-79, January 2010.
- ❖ *The Danzig Mennonite Church: Its Origin and History from 1569-1919* by H.G. Mannhardt, H-Net Book Review, March 2008.
- ❖ “Just as in the Time of the Apostles”: *Uses of History in the Radical Reformation* by Geoffrey Dipple, in *Journal of Religion* 88:104–106, January 2008.

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ “Pigeons and Bats, Scissors and Shoes: Symbols in the Woodcut from Christoph Andreas Fischer’s *The Hutterite Anabaptist Pigeon Coop* (1607),” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal, October 14, 2010.
- ❖ “Habaner Ceramics as an Anabaptist Art Form, 1580-1740,” The Art of Religion Graduate Symposium at Indiana University, Bloomington, March 6, 2009.
- ❖ “Oh the baptizers, the baptizers!”: Anabaptist Absonderung, Martyrdom, and the Deaths of the Persecutors,” First Annual Theological Student Conference at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Chicago, April 2008.
- ❖ “Damask, Cordovan, and Swansdown: Hutterite Dress and the Transgression of Gütergemeinschaft in the Late Sixteenth Century,” Renaissance Society of America, Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2008.

- ❖ “Mass Conversions or ‘Going Native?’: The Missionary Strategies of St. Francis Xavier in India, Indonesia, and Japan (1542-1551),” American Academy of Religion, National Annual Meeting, November 2007.
- ❖ “What Would King David Do?: Christoph Erhard's Sermon on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Nikolsburg, Moravia (1585),” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2007.
- ❖ “An Anabaptist's Tale: The Case of the Ex-Hutterite Hans Jedelshauer,” Grenzen des Taufertums: Forschungsperspektiven in der Internationalen Taufertumsforschung,” August 2006, Alte Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen.
- ❖ “Negotiating Cultures in Colonial Peru: The Power of Cati Quillay in the *Haurochiri Manuscript*,” American Academy of Religion, National Annual Meeting, November 2003.
- ❖ “Peter Riedemann and the Discourse of Creedal Orthodoxy in His *Account*: Gütergemeinschaft and the Trinity,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2003.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- ❖ **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Humanities and Philosophy at Oakton Community College, Fall 2009-Present. Recently taught **PHL 205, “World Religions,”** an introductory course on classical and contemporary theories of religion, the major eastern and western religious traditions, indigenous traditions, and New Religious Movements. Have taught **HUM 120, “Western Culture and the Humanities: Beginnings to the Middle Ages.”** This introductory course involved close readings of classic texts in the history of the West, appreciation and analysis of art and architecture from the Bronze Age through the Late Middle Ages, weekly reading quizzes, discussion questions, three papers, and a final project.
- ❖ **Preceptor**, Department of Religious Studies at the University of Chicago, Fall 2008-Winter 2009. Taught **RLST 29801/29901, “B.A. Paper Seminar.”** Designed and led this two-quarter seminar for eight Religious Studies students in the production of their final BA papers (required length: 30-50 pages). Organized the students in groups to facilitate peer-review and thesis-driven research. Edited and commented on the content and form of numerous student drafts.
- ❖ **Adjunct Instructor**, Dominican University, Spring, 2009. Taught **RLST 29801/29901, “History of Christianity from the Reformation to the Present.”** Examined the history of Christianity with special attention to the Catholic context, particularly the Vatican councils, but also engaged other traditions and issues, including the “pietisms” of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the influence of Enlightenment thought in the American context, slave religion, the rise of Biblical criticism, Fundamentalism, ecumenism, and our current theological diversity.
- ❖ **Lecturer in the Humanities Core**, University of Chicago, Fall 2008. Taught **HUMA 12300 04, “Human Being and Citizen.”** Taught this section of the HBC Core sequence, a discussion-based seminar class for first-year students. Class texts were Homer’s *Iliad*, *Genesis*, and Augustine’s *Confessions*. Evaluated students on the basis of discussion and three papers. Worked closely with the Writing Intern to teach writing skills.
- ❖ **Martin Marty Fellow**, University of Chicago, 2008. As part of fellowship, taught **HIST 393/395-34, “Nachfolge Christi and the True Church of God: The Radical Reformation of the Sixteenth Century,”** at Northwestern University in Spring 2008.
- ❖ **Alma Wilson Teaching Fellow**, University of Chicago, Spring 2007. Taught **RLST 22601/ HIST 22503, “The Radical Reformation of the Sixteenth Century,”** for the Religious Studies Department. Designed syllabus, held weekly lecture and discussion sections, and utilized an online classroom management tool (Chalk). Course engaged in close readings of important texts from the Radical Reformation and discussion of theological, political, economic, and social

- concerns of the various Anabaptist and Spiritualist movements and figures. Ended course by looking at representations of the Radical Reformation in literature.
- ❖ **Instructor**, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Spring 2006. Taught **HIST 302-A "Church History II: 1550 - Present,"** for Kurt K. Hendel during a sabbatical. Examined the history of Christianity with special attention to the Lutheran context, but also engaged other traditions and issues, including the "pietisms" of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the influence of Enlightenment thought in the American religious context, slave religion, the rise of Biblical criticism, Fundamentalism, ecumenism, and our current theological diversity.
  - ❖ **Adjunct Instructor**, St. Xavier University, 2004-2006. Taught **RELST 279-01/HIST 207-01, "Renaissance and Reformation."** This course examined the major events, figures, and issues of these two intimately related movements of reform in fifteenth and sixteenth-century Western Europe. Lectured, led discussion sections, and evaluated students' papers and tests. Used various teaching tools, including PowerPoint, group work, music, art, and staged debates.
  - ❖ **College Core Tutor**, University of Chicago, Spring 2007. Tutored walk-in students in the basic and more advanced features of writing. Helped students from a number of academic disciplines with respect to the content and argumentative form of their research papers.
  - ❖ **Humanities Writing Intern**, University of Chicago Humanities Core, 2003-2006, 2009. Acted as TA for first-year students and assisted in all phases of writing. Held writing seminars on various aspects of scholarly writing, including: Introductions and Conclusions, Warrants and Arguments, Revising Your Work.

#### **ACADEMIC SERVICE AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

- ❖ Organizing Committee, A-MSN joint conference with the Institute of Mennonite Studies on the *Confession of Faith in Mennonite Perspective*, June 2006.
- ❖ Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network (A-MSN) Steering Committee, 2003-2006.
- ❖ Organizing Committee, "Negotiated Aesthetics: Art, Work, and Identity in the Long Fifteenth Century," May 2003.
- ❖ Translated "Anabaptistes" for the Encyclopedia of Diderot and D'Alembert Project at the University of Michigan (French to English, approximately 1800 words).

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Historical Association  
Sixteenth Century Studies Conference  
Renaissance Society of America

#### **LANGUAGES**

German (speaking and reading), Spanish, Latin, Greek, French (reading)

**REFERENCES**

**Susan Schreiner**, Professor of the History of Christianity and Theology in the Divinity School, University of Chicago (773-702-8243, [sschrein@uchicago.edu](mailto:sschrein@uchicago.edu))

**W. Clark Gilpin**, Margaret E. Burton Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Christianity and Theology in the Divinity School, University of Chicago (773-702-8231, [w-gilpin@uchicago.edu](mailto:w-gilpin@uchicago.edu))

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**William Schweiker**, Director of the Martin Marty Center and Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor of Theological Ethics in the Divinity School (773-702-8246, [w-schweiker@uchicago.edu](mailto:w-schweiker@uchicago.edu))

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**Lucy Pick**, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Senior Lecturer in the History of Christianity in the Divinity School, University of Chicago (773-702-8278, [lucypick@uchicago.edu](mailto:lucypick@uchicago.edu))

**Margaret Mitchell**, Dean and Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature in the Divinity School, University of Chicago (773-702-8236, [mmm17@uchicago.edu](mailto:mmm17@uchicago.edu))