

Rory M. Johnson

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in Anthropology Sociology of Religion, December 2010

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

M.A., Sociology Psychology of Religion, 1999

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

B.A. Philosophy, 1996

Dissertation:

Precious Memories: The Acculturation of Memory in African American Religion.

Dissertation committee: Martin Riesebrodt (adviser), Omar McRoberts, Travis Jackson

Qualifying Exams:

Anthropology Sociology of Religion/ Classical Theories

Anthropology Sociology of Religion/ History of the African American Church

History of Religions/ Mythology

History of Religions/ Critical Theories

HONORS AND AWARDS

Harper Dissertation Fellowship 2006

Martin Marty Dissertation Fellowship 2005

University of Chicago Trustee Fellowship 1999 – 2003

Illinois Consortium for Equal Opportunity Program Fellowship 1998

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Book Review. "Timothy Rommen, *Mek Some Noise: Gospel Music and the Ethics of Style in Trinidad.*" *The Journal of Religion* 88, no. 4 (2008): 554-55.

Panelist: Through a Glass Darkly: The Church and Popular Culture in the Media Age. Chicago, IL May 15 -17, 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

University of Chicago, Divinity School, 2006

Designed and taught a course entitled , *Acculturation and the African American Church*. Held full responsibility for instruction and grading.

Teaching assistant

University of Chicago, Divinity School, 2005

Introduction to Religion and the Human Sciences – lead discussion sections, lectured, reviewed papers.

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Instructor

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 1999 – 2000

Academic and Professional Writing – conducted seminars, reviewed papers, edited, revised assignments.

TEACHING INTEREST

History of Gospel Music

Afro Atlantic Religions

Mythology

Media and Religion

Ritual Theory

New Religious Movements

Critical Theory of Religion

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHING

Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, IL 1999 – 2001

Freshman Biology – taught as a full time basis substitute, prepared and ran labs, lectured, administered exams, issued grades, held parent teacher conferences.

Pope Elementary, Chicago, IL 1997 - 1999

8th grade mathematics – taught as a full time basis substitute, lectured, administered tests, graded papers and exams, held parent teacher conferences.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

KLEO Center Advisory Board 2007 – 2010

A not for profit community organization that provides educational and developmental opportunities for a risk youth.

University of Chicago Divinity School Board of Trustees (student trustee) 2004

Divinity School University of Chicago Faculty search committee 2003

Northeastern Illinois University Center for Inner City Studies Working group on the digital divide.
1999 – 2001

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Sociological Association

American Anthropological Association

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Languages and Certifications

Reading Knowledge: Spanish, French, German, Italian

Illinois Teaching Certification: Elementary Education Basic Skills; High School Biology