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Education

University of Chicago Divinity School

PhD candidate, Anthropology and Sociology of Religions
Qualifying Examinations (November 2008):

Classic Theory in Anthropology and Sociology of Religions

Contemporary Theory in Anthropology and Sociology of
Religions

Ideologies and Utopias

History of Christianity, 1600-present

*Dissertation: Performing Marginality: Identity and Efficacy in
the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement*
(Martin Riesebrodt, advisor; W. Clark Gilpin
and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, readers)

University of Chicago Divinity School

M.A., Divinity, June 2002

DePaul University

B.A. with highest honors, Religious Studies and English,
June 2000

Teaching Experience

Instructor

The American Religious Experience, DePaul University
Winter 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Winter 2010

Religion in Society: Christianity in Twentieth-Century
America, DePaul University
Spring 2010

Teaching Assistant

Religion and American Social Reform, University of Chicago
(College), Professor Clark Gilpin
Spring 2007

Readings in World Literature, University of Chicago (College),
Professor Jessie Cheney
Autumn 2007, Winter 2007

Professional Experience

Managing Editor

Sightings, The Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago
Divinity School
2007-present

Student Editorial Assistant

Manuscript Editing, Books Division, University of Chicago
Press
2005- 2007

Research Assistant for Professor Joseph Prabhu (2006) and Professor Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (2009)

- Presentations**
- “Transferring Reality”: Violence and Nonviolence in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement**
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
November 2009 Montreal, QC
- On Two Altars: Sacrifice and Countersacrifice in the Plowshares Movement**
Guest Lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
April 2009 Chicago, IL
- Plowshares and Play: The Strategic Construction of Levity in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement**
Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
April 2009 Chicago, IL
- “Nothing that would distinguish them as Jews”:
Transformations of Religion and the Body in the Jewish Agricultural Utopias of late-nineteenth-century America**
Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting
February 2009 Durham, NC
- “Blood of Jesus, blood of redemption?”: Religious Talk in the Trials of Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Activists**
Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
April 2008 Lake Forest, IL
- “Here, there and everywhere”: The Reconfiguration of *Home* in the Early Catholic Worker Movement**
Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting
February 2008 Knoxville, TN
- “We in the underground are trying to do something different”: Prison as Utopia in the Plowshares Movement**
Annual Meeting for the Society of Utopian Studies
October 2007 Toronto, Ontario
- “Blood was already there”: Peace that Ruptures and Blood that Heals in the Plowshares Movement**
Religion, Violence, and Healing: Florida State University
Graduate Student Symposium
March 2007 Tallahassee, FL

- Publications**
- The Journal of Religion*, forthcoming
Book review of Sharon Nepstad’s *Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*
- The Journal of Religion*, July 2009
Book review of Dan McKanan’s *The Catholic Worker after Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy for a New Generation*
- The Religion and Culture Web Forum*, June 2009
Invited response to Mateo Taussig-Rubbo’s “Sacred Property: Searching for Value in the 9/11 Rubble”

**Publications
(cont.)**

The Religion and Culture Web Forum, March 2007
Invited response to Clark Gilpin's "Secularism: Religious,
Irreligious, Areligious"

Sightings, March 29, 2007
"Religion and Redemption in *Black Snake Moan*"

**Honors and
Awards**

Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of
Chicago Divinity School
2009-2010

Leo Sandon Award for Best Paper, Florida State University
Graduate Student Symposium
March 2007

Jerald Brauer Seminar Fellowship, University of Chicago
Divinity School, "Religion and Violence in America"
Spring 2006

DePaul University Outstanding Graduate in Religious Studies
June 2000

St. Vincent DePaul Award for Excellence in Leadership
June 2000

Memberships

Advisory Board, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study
of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School
American Academy of Religion
Southern Humanities Council
Society for Utopian Studies

Languages

French, German, Latin: reading, writing
Spanish, Italian: speaking, reading, writing

References

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