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Education

University of Chicago Divinity School

Ph.D., Anthropology and Sociology of Religion,
August 2010

Qualifying Examinations:

Classic Theory in Anthropology and Sociology of
Religion

Contemporary Theory in Anthropology and
Sociology of Religion

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)

M.A., June 2002

DePaul University

B.A., Religious Studies and English (with highest honors,
Outstanding Graduate in Religious Studies), June 2000

**Teaching
Positions**

Postdoctoral Associate, University of Pittsburgh
Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2011-present
Religion and Law in America (Fall 2011)
Religious Communities in America (Spring 2011)

Instructor, DePaul University Department of Religious
Studies, Winter 2008/09-Autumn 2010/2011
The American Religious Experience (Winter 2009,
Spring 2009, Autumn 2009, Winter 2010)
Religion in Society: Christianity in Twentieth
Century America (Spring 2010, Autumn 2010)
Religious Worlds in Comparative Perspective (Autumn
2010)

Instructor, St. Xavier University Department of Religious
Studies, Autumn 2010
Religion and Law

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago (The College)
Religion and American Social Reform (Spring 2008)
Readings in World Literature (Fall 2006, Winter 2007)

Related Positions

Managing Editor, *Sightings* (an electronic journal treating religion and public life), Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2007-2010

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

Publications

“Both Gift and Grace: The Rhetoric of Marginality in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement,” *The Journal of Political Theology*, forthcoming.

“Berrigan, Daniel and Philip,” “Day, Dorothy,” “Free Exercise Clause,” “Oklahoma City Bombing,” and “Polygamy” in *The ABC-CLIO Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, ed. Philip DiMare. ABC-CLIO, forthcoming (2013).

Online Publications:

“Blood and Hammers: Elderly Anti-Nuclear Activists Sentenced to Jail,” *Religion Dispatches*, April 7, 2011.

“Coding Character: Religious Assemblies and Zoning Laws,” *Sightings*, April 15, 2010.

“The Limits of Marginality: Violence and Nonviolence in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement,” *The Religion and Culture Web Forum*, December 2009.

Invited response to Mateo Taussig-Rubbo’s “Sacred Property: Searching for Value in the 9/11 Rubble,” *The Religion and Culture Web Forum*, June 2009.

Invited response to Clark Gilpin’s “Secularism: Religious, Irreligious, Areligious,” *The Religion and Culture Web Forum*, March 2007.

“Religion and Redemption in *Black Snake Moan*,” *Sightings*, March 29, 2007.

Book Reviews:

Religious Intolerance in America: A Documentary History, ed. John Corrigan and Lynn S. Neal, *The Southern Humanities Review*, forthcoming.

The New Metaphysicals: Spirituality and the American Religious Imagination, by Courtney Bender, *The Journal of Religion*, forthcoming (April 2011).

**Publications
(cont.)**

Book Reviews (cont.):

Johnny Cash and the Great American Contradiction: Christianity and the Battle for the Soul of a Nation, by Rodney Clapp, *The Southern Humanities Review*, Fall 2010.

Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement, by Sharon Erickson Nepstad, *The Journal of Religion*, October 2009.

The Catholic Worker after Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy for a New Generation, by Dan McKanan, *The Journal of Religion*, July 2009.

Presentations

“An Identity Project in Flux: Rhetorical Negotiation of Gentile Involvement in the Jewish Agrarian Movement,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Study of Judaism Section).
San Francisco, CA
November 2011

“‘Objection Your Honor – She’s Talking About God!’: Martyrdom and the Courts in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion, Law, and Culture Group).
Atlanta, GA
November 2010

“Transferring Reality: Violence and Nonviolence in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Religion, Social Conflict, and Peace Group).
Montreal, QC
November 2009

“On Two Altars: Sacrifice and Countersacrifice in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement,” Guest Lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
Chicago, IL
April 2009

“The Strategic Construction of Levity in the Plowshares Movement,” American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting (Religion and American Culture Group).
Chicago, IL
April 2009

“‘Nothing that would distinguish them as Jews’: Transformations of Religion and the Body in American Jewish Agricultural Utopias,” Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting.
Durham, NC
February 2009

- Presentations (cont.)**
- “‘Blood of Jesus, blood of redemption?’: Religious Talk in the Trials of Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Activists,” American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting (Religion and American Culture Group).
Lake Forest, IL April 2008
- “‘Here, there and everywhere’: The Reconfiguration of *Home* in the Early Catholic Worker Movement,” Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting.
Knoxville, TN February 2008
- “‘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.
Toronto, ON October 2007
- “‘Blood was already there’: Peace that Ruptures and Blood that Heals in the Plowshares Movement,” Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium.
Tallahassee, FL March 2007
- Honors and Awards**
- University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2011-2012
- Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2009-2010
- University of Chicago Divinity School Summer Research Award, 2008
- Leo Sandon Award for Best Paper, Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium, 2007
- Jerald Brauer Seminar Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School (seminar topic: Religion and Violence in America), 2006
- Service**
- Founding Member, University of Pittsburgh Early Career Development Workshop Series, 2011-present
- Founding Member, University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Graduate Mentorship Program, 2011-present
- Faculty Judge, University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Expo, March 24, 2001.
- Member, Advisory Board, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 2007-2010

Affiliations American Academy of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Languages French, German, Latin (reading)
Spanish, Italian (basic speaking, reading)

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