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## EDUCATION

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<b>The University of Chicago</b> PhD Candidate, Religion & Literature Advisor - Dean Richard Rosengarten	2018 (expected)
<b>Yale Divinity School</b> Master of Arts in Religion, <i>summa cum laude</i> Advisors - Dr. John C. Collins, Dr. Carolyn Sharp	2010
<b>Yale University</b> Bachelor of Arts, with Distinction in the Major (Film) Advisors - Murray Biggs, Toni Dorfman, Charles Musser Double Major - Film Studies & Theatre Studies	2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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American History and Culture ; American Literature ; American Religious History ;  
Identity Politics and Racial Representation Politics ; American Stereotypologies ;  
Demonology ; Ancient Christian Literature ; Gnostic Literature ; Alterity and Subjectivity ;  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy ; Slave Narratives

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Womanist Theology: New Voices The University of Chicago Divinity School	2017
<b>Instructor</b> , Arts of Ministry: Ritual/Worship Leadership, Preaching and Teaching The University of Chicago Divinity School	2016
<b>Instructor</b> , Arts of Ministry: Preaching and Worship The University of Chicago Divinity School	2015
<b>Writing Intern</b> , Humanities Core: Human Being and Citizen The University of Chicago	2011-12
<b>Writing Tutor</b> Yale Divinity School	2009-10
<b>Instructor</b> , Technical Directing African Globe Theatre, Newark, NJ	2002

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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RL Watson, "Darkness as Moral Aesthetic" Theology and Ethics Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

RL Watson, "Must Be a Wisdom . . . Don't It Hurt? The Substantiality of Haunting in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*" American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

RL Watson, "Must Good and Evil Always Be Black and White?" Black and Reformed Conference, South Holland, IL, April 2016.

RL Watson, "Etymological Woes: What Difference Does the History of a Word Like *Fair* Make?" Alternative Epistemologies Salon Series, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

RL Watson, "William Grimes' Free Narrative," Race and Religion Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 2012.

## SERMONS

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RL Watson, "Missing an Eye (on the Road to Emmaus)," St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, IL, Oct 2016.

RL Watson and Hye In Park, "Community | Isolation," Bond Chapel, Chicago, IL, May 2016.

RL Watson, "Theology for the Weak," St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, IL, Oct 2014.

RL Watson, "Risk Blindly," Bond Chapel, Chicago, IL, May 2014.

RL Watson, "America's Nemesis," Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, IL, Jan 2014.

RL Watson, "The Sign of Jonah," Rockefeller Chapel, Chicago, IL, Oct 2013.

RL Watson, "Outside the Holodeck," Bond Chapel, Chicago, IL, April 2013.

RL Watson, "Memory: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," Madison Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Paterson, NJ, Jan 2011.

RL Watson, "Images of Trouble (That Ain't Me)," Madison Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Paterson, NJ, Feb 2010.

## WEB-BASED WRITING

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agoodboat.com

## EDITING WORK

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Sievert, Fred. *God Revealed: Revisit Your Past to Enrich Your Future (Morgan James Faith)*. Morgan James Publishing, 2014. (**Editor**, 2010-13)

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Ogilvy & Mather**, New York, NY 2004-07  
Assistant Producer

**Yale Film Study Center**, New Haven, CT 2000-03

Library Assistant, Projectionist

**Yale Daily News**, New Haven, CT  
Contributing Theatre Reviewer

2002-03

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#### SERVICE

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<b>Alternative Epistemologies Workshop</b> , The University of Chicago Co-Coordinator	2014-present
<b>Divinity Students' Association</b> , The University of Chicago Secretary	2012-2013
<b>Alchemy in Color</b> , The University of Chicago Founder, Chair	2012-2016
<b>UCWeekend Planning Committee</b> , The University of Chicago Student Member	2012
<b>Yale Divinity Drama</b> , Yale Divinity School Founder, Coordinator	2008-10
<b>Yale Black Seminarians</b> , Yale Divinity School Chaplain	2008-09
<b>Worship Committee</b> , Yale Divinity School Student Member	2008-09

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#### AWARDS

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Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Dissertation Fellowship	2017
FTE Dissertation Fellowship	2016
FTE Doctoral Fellowship	2015
Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship Prize	2009
Mary Cady Tew Prize	2009
Arts Award, Yale African-American Cultural Center	2002

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#### LANGUAGES

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<b>French</b>	10+ years, passed language exam, The University of Chicago	2013
<b>German</b>	1 year, passed language exam, The University of Chicago	2013
<b>Biblical Hebrew</b>	2.5 years, coursework, Yale Divinity School	2008-10
<b>Biblical Greek</b>	1 year, coursework, Yale Divinity School	2009-10
<b>Italian</b>	2 years, coursework, Yale University	1999-01

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#### ASSOCIATIONS

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American Academy of Religion  
African American Intellectual History Society