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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Assistant Professor of American Religions**, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL (2021- )

**Faculty Fellow**, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2020-2021)

**Lecturer,** Department of History, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2018-2020)

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2017-2018)

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, History, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, September 2017

* Dissertation: “Garden of the Gods: Colorado Springs and the Fate of the Culture Wars,” supervised by Kevin M. Kruse

**M.A.**, History,Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, September 2012

**B.A.,** History and Political Science (Highest Honors), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, May 2010

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Books***

*Evangelical Capital: The Spiritual Economy of Colorado Springs* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, manuscript in progress, expected completion date April 2024)

***Articles***

“The Rise and Fall of ‘No Special Rights,’” *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 122 no. 1 (Spring 2021): 6-37 [Finalist for the 2022 Joel Palmer Award, given to the best article published in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* in the previous year]

“Cold Hard Facts: Paul Cameron and the Politics of Evangelical Expertise” [In progress]

“Choosing My Religion: The Uneasy Union of Rational Choice Theory and Religious Studies” [In progress]

***Chapters***

“Bad Faith: Fraud and Religious Freedom in the ‘Mighty I AM’ Case,” in *The Changing Terrain of Religious Freedom*, ed. Jeff Green and Heather Sharkey (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2022)

***Articles, Essays, and Op-Eds***

“The Long Road to Iowa,” *Sightings*, January 17, 2024

“Selling the Gospel of Positive Thinking,” *Sightings*, October 5, 2023

“Don’t You Know There’s A War On?” *Sightings*, September 17, 2021

“The Promise and Peril of the Catholic Church,” *Washington Post*, January 2, 2020

“How Colorado Did a 180 on Gay Rights,” *Washington Post*, December 17, 2018

Quoted by: *The New York Times; The Washington Post; Christianity Today; Religion News Service; The Tennessean*

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Book reviewer for *Reviews in American History*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Church History*, *History of Religions*, *Journal of Religion*, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, *Christian Century*

Article referee for *Modern American History, Journal of Religion*

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Anthony C. Yu Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School

Phil Zwickler Memorial Research Grant, Human Sexuality Collection, Cornell University, 2018

Donald J. Sterling, Jr., Senior Research Fellowship in Pacific Northwest History, Oregon Historical Society, 2017

Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 2014

Summer Research Grant, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, 2014

Summer Research Grant, Centre for History and Economics, Harvard University, 2014

Graduate Student Research Award, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2014

Research Travel Grant, Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, 2013

Summer Research Grant, Department of History, Princeton University, 2011

Frank Ryan Prize for Best Senior Honors Thesis in History, University of North Carolina, 2010

Boyatt Award in History, University of North Carolina, 2010

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

**CONFERENCES**

“Not By Multivitamins Alone: The Evangelical Romance with Nutritional Supplements,” American Society of Church History Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 7, 2024

“Mail-Order Mendicants: Religious Authenticity in an Age of Mass Fundraising,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2023

“Shlock Ministers and Mail-Order Mendicants: The Crusade to Regulate Religious Fundraising,” American Political History Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, June 11, 2022

“The Wages of Sin: Financial Fraud and the Creation of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, January 4, 2020

“James Dobson as Social Critic,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, New York City, NY, November 9, 2019

“Doctoring the Culture Wars: Medical Knowledge and the Crusade Against Gay Rights,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2018

“No Taxation with Salvation: Defining Religion and Taxing Churches in Colorado,” Policy History Conference, Tempe, AZ, May 16, 2018

“Making Jesus Springs: Colorado Springs and the New Geography of Evangelicalism,” Business History Conference, Denver, CO, April 1, 2017

“Upward Christian Soldiers: The Evangelization of the United States Air Force Academy,” Western History Association Conference, Portland, OR, October 23, 2015

“Making Jesus Springs: Capitalism and Culture War in Colorado Springs,” Cornell Conference on Histories of American Capitalism, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, November 7, 2014

“Making Jesus Springs: Colorado Springs and the New Geography of Evangelicalism,” Urban History Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 6, 2014

“Freedom for Whom? Robert LeFevre, the Freedom School, and the Birth of Modern Libertarianism,” Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium, Colorado Springs, CO, June 7, 2014

“God and Man at NASA: Religion and the State in the Space Age,” Boston University Graduate Student Political History Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, March 22-23, 2013

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Invited Talk, “Evangelical Capital: The Spiritual Economy of the United States,” Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies, University of Haifa, May 16, 2023

Invited Panel, “Religion and the 2020 Election,” Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago, October 19, 2020.

Invited Manuscript Review, “Garden of the Gods: Colorado Springs and American Evangelicalism,” Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, May 7, 2018

Invited Panel, “The Rights of Religious Minorities Against Popular Majorities,” Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, May 4, 2018

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2021-

* HMRT20201: The Global Politics of Religious Freedom (Spring 2023)
* RLST25377: #Blessed: The Prosperity Gospel, The Bible, and Economic Ethics (Winter 2023) [Co-taught with Erin Galgay Walsh]
* RLST29000: The American Culture Wars (Fall 2021, Winter 2024)
* RAME31410: American Religion since 1865 (Fall 2021)
* RAME35700: The Christian Right (Winter 2022)
* RAME40200: Religion and American Capitalism (Winter 2022, Fall 2023)
* RAME41315: Narratives of American Religious History (Autumn 2023) [Co-taught with Curtis Evans]
* RAME41440: Fundamentalism (Autumn 2022)
* SOSC17200: Religion: Cosmos, Conscience, and Community (Winter 2023)

Lecturer, Princeton University Department of History, 2018-2020

* HIS400: The Cold War (Fall 2018) [Instructor]
* HIS479: Society, Politics, and Ideas in 1980s America (Spring 2019) [Instructor]
* HIS270: Asian American History (Fall 2019) [Assistant Instructor]
* HIS295: Technology and History in the United States (Spring 2020) [Assistant Instructor]
* HIS361: United States History since 1974 (Spring 2020) [Assistant Instructor]
* HIS376: The American Civil War and Reconstruction (Fall 2019) [Assistant Instructor]
* Advised seven senior theses and eighteen junior research papers

Instructor, University of Pennsylvania Department of History, 2017-2018

* HIS231: The American Culture Wars: Society, Morality, and Politics (Spring 2018)
* Andrea Mitchell Center Undergraduate Research Seminar (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

Assistant Instructor, Princeton University Department of History, 2012-2017

* HIS361: United States History Since 1974 (Fall 2012, Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
* HIS383: United States History, 1920-1974 (Fall 2014, Fall 2016)
* HIS384: Gender and Sexuality in Modern America (Spring 2016)
* Served as head assistant instructor for HIS361 and HIS383, which involved handling all logistical matters for lecture courses with two hundred students

Writing Center Fellow, Princeton Writing Program, 2012-2013, 2014-2015

**DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED**

***Adviser***

Hannah Ozmun, untitled project on evangelicalism and capitalism

Maggie Goldberger, untitled project on suburban religion

***Committee Member***

Joel Brown, “Preparing the Way: African American Women and Social Christianity in Turn-of- the-Century Chicago” [Curtis Evans, adviser]

Rachel Carbonara, “Energy Healing in the United States” [Alireza Doostdar, adviser]

Erin Simmonds, “‘With sorrow… we dissent’: Abortion, Religious Freedom, and the Implicit Protestant Establishment in a Post-*Dobbs* World” [Curtis Evans, adviser]

Sam Gee, “Horace Bushnell and the Organic Critique of Individualism in 19th-Century America” [Joel Isaac, adviser]

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion; American Historical Association; Organization of American Historians; Society for U.S. Intellectual History; American Society of Church History; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

**REFERENCES**

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