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EMPLOYMENT

- 2024-present** Associate Professor of Early Modern Religious and Intellectual History, University of Chicago, full member of both the Divinity School and (from July 2025) the History Faculty.
- 2019-2024** Associate Professor of Early Modern Christianities, University of Oxford; Fellow and Tutor at Keble College.
- 2017-2019** Title A Research Fellow (JRF) in Intellectual History at Trinity College, University of Cambridge.

EDUCATION

- 2014-2017** University of Oxford: Doctor of Philosophy.
 Supervisors: Peter McCullough and Joanna Weinberg.
 Examiners: Anthony Grafton and Kathryn Murphy.
- 2013-2014** University of Oxford: MSt in English Literature, 1550-1700, Distinction.
- 2009-2012** University of Oxford: BA in English Literature and Language, First Class.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2024 *Lay Learning and the Bible in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic World*. Oxford University Press.
 Winner of the 2025 Roland H. Bainton Religion and Theology Book Prize from the Sixteenth Century Society.
 Longlisted for the 2025 REFRC Book Prize.
 Filmed Youtube (Dean's Forum Series) Discussion of the book with Professor Anand Venkatkrishnan available [here](#).
 'New Books Network' podcast episode on the book available [here](#).
- 2022 Co-editor with Piet van Boxel and Joanna Weinberg. *The Mishnaic Moment: Jewish Law among Jews and Christians in Early Modern Europe*. Oxford University Press: Oxford-Warburg Studies.
- 2021 *Biblical Scholarship in an Age of Controversy: The Polemical World of Hugh Broughton (1549-1612)*. Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2026. “‘A principio fuit canonicus’”: The Controversy over 1 Enoch in Seventeenth-Century Europe.’ *Harvard Theological Review*, Volume 119, Issue 1 (Winter 2026).
- 2025 ‘Written in the Stars? Alphabets and Angels in Early Modern Europe.’ Forthcoming, *The Journal of the History of Ideas*, Volume 86, Issue 3, pp. 473-506.
- 2023 ‘Gospel Harmonies and the Genres of Biblical Scholarship in Early Modern Europe.’ *Renaissance Quarterly*, Volume 76, Issue 3, pp. 1027-67.
- 2023 ‘John Lightfoot (1602-1675), the Westminster Assembly, and the *Horae Hebraicae et Talmudicae*’, *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, Volume 53, Issue 1, pp. 87-116.
- 2022 ‘Christianity as Jewish Allegory? Guiliemus Surenhusius, Rabbinic Hermeneutics and the Reformed Study of the New Testament in the Early Eighteenth Century.’
In *The Mishnaic Moment: Jewish Law among Jews and Christians in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Piet van Boxel, Kirsten Macfarlane and Joanna Weinberg, pp. 378-400. Oxford University Press: Oxford-Warburg Studies.
- 2022 Co-authored with Piet van Boxel and Joanna Weinberg. ‘The Mishnah between Jews and Christians in Early Modern Europe.’
In *The Mishnaic Moment: Jewish Law among Jews and Christians in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Piet van Boxel, Kirsten Macfarlane and Joanna Weinberg, pp. 3-43. Oxford University Press: Oxford-Warburg Studies.
- 2021 ‘Why did Henry Dunster Reject Infant Baptism? Circumcision and the Covenant of Grace in the Seventeenth-Century Transatlantic Reformed Community,’ *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, Volume 72, Issue 2, pp. 323-51.
- 2020 ‘Hugh Broughton and the King James Bible, Revisited’, *Reformation*, Volume 25, Issue 1, pp. 92-108.
- 2018 ‘The Biblical Genealogies of the King James Bible (1611): Their Purpose, Sources and Significance’, *The Library*, 7th series, Volume 19, Issue 2, pp. 131-158. *Editor’s Choice* article.
- 2017 ‘Translating the ‘Hebraeo-Hellenic Apostles’: Hugh Broughton and the Scholarly Context of the English New Testament’, *Review of English Studies*, Volume 68, Issue 286, pp. 689–707.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

American Hebraism 1640-1800 (third monograph project, under advance contract with Harvard University Press).

AWARDS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2025** Roland H. Bainton Religion and Theology Book Prize from the Sixteenth Century Society, for *Lay Learning and the Bible*.
- 2025** James N. Green Fellowship in the History of the Book in America, awarded by the Library Company of Philadelphia.
- 2024** Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
- LUCK Fellowship in the History of Knowledge, awarded by Lund University.
- LECTIO-@AULAM Fellowship, awarded by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven for research on the early modern reception of 1 Enoch.
- 2020-2021** Won funding with Scott Mandelbrote (Cambridge, History) and Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (Oxford, Hebrew and Jewish Studies), for an Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP-funded Collaborative Doctoral Award to support a co-supervised DPhil studentship at Oxford (total value of funding c. £90,000) from 2021-2024.
- 2019** Recipient of the inaugural Lisa Jardine Fellowship, co-sponsored by the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences; the Scaliger Institute of Leiden University; the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National Library of the Netherlands in The Hague; and The British Embassy in The Hague.
- Polonsky Visiting Fellowship at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies.
- 2018** Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, awarded by the Massachusetts Historical Society.
- Katharine F. Pantzer Jr. Fellowship in Descriptive Bibliography, awarded by the Houghton Library, Harvard University.
- 2015-2016** Senior Scholarship, from Lincoln College, Oxford.
- 2014-2017** AHRC-Polonsky Studentship.
- 2014** Charles Oldham Shakespeare Prize, from Oxford University.
- Graduate Prize, from Lincoln College, Oxford.
- 2013-2014** AHRC Award.
- 2011-2012** L. H. Martin Prize, from Lincoln College, Oxford.
- Lord Crewe Scholarship, from Lincoln College, Oxford.
- 2010-2011** Old Members' Exhibition, from Lincoln College, Oxford.
- 2010** College Prize for Preliminary Examinations, from Lincoln College, Oxford.

SELECT INVITED PAPERS

I have been invited to present papers, lectures, and talks to a range of institutions and groups including: Brown University (2025); Scripps College, Claremont (2025); Princeton's Committee for the Study of Books and Media (2024); Lund University's Centre for the History of Knowledge (2024); Indiana University Bloomington's Center for Religion and the Human (2024); The Society for Reformation Studies annual conference (2024, keynote); Union Theological Seminary (2023, plenary); the University of Chicago Divinity School (2023); The Oriel Centre for the Study of the Bible (2023); Britain in Revolution Seminar (2021); Religion in the British Isles 1400-1700 Seminar (2021); Oxford New Testament Seminar (2021); Duke- Leverhulme-UEA Joint Workshop (2021); Washington University in St. Louis (2021, online due to coronavirus) the Institute of Historical Research at Senate House (2017, 2021); the Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies (2019); the OCHJS David Patterson Public Lecture series (2019); the All Souls Seminar in Early Modern Intellectual History (2019); the Early Modern World Seminar at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (2018); the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston (2018); and the Herzog August Bibliothek (2017).

SELECT ORGANISED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- 2023** Co-organiser of 'Materiality and Hermeneutics across Scriptural Traditions' with Prof Hindy Najman and Dr César Merchán-Hamann.
- 2019-2022** Co-convenor of the 'Religion in the British Isles 1400-1700' seminar, with Judith Maltby, Sarah Mortimer, Grant Tapsell, and Diarmaid MacCulloch.
- 2020** Co-organiser of 'New Work in Early Modern Intellectual History' (virtual conference, 20th and 24th July) with Felix Waldmann.
- 2018-2019** Co-convenor of the 'Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History' (Early-Career strand) with Felix Waldmann and Banu Turnaoglu.
- Co-founder and co-convenor of 'The Cambridge Seminar in Early Modern Scholarship and Religion' with Theodor Dunkelgrün and Timothy Twining.
Funding: Trinity College and the History Faculty, Cambridge.

TEACHING

University of Chicago (2024-present)

Courses offered (starred = graduate):

- 'Themes in the European Reformation(s)'
- 'Religion, Resistance, and Rebellion in Early Modern Britain'
- 'The Reformation in Britain, 1450-1660'*
- 'History of Christian Thought III (1300-1650)''*
- 'Theology, Society, and Culture in Early Modern Europe''*
- 'Christianity and Judaism in Early Modern Europe''*
- 'America's 'Enlightenment Puritan'? Readings in Cotton Mather (1663-1728)''*

Graduate Supervision:

Doctoral

Names and titles of doctoral students supervised and doctoral examinations/assessments conducted available on request.

Masters

Names and titles available on request.

University of Oxford (2019-2024)

Undergraduate (Lectures, classes and tutorials):

‘Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648’ ; ‘Luther’; ‘Calvin’; ‘The Figure of Jesus through the Centuries.’ Supervisor for BA theses in early modern Christianity. Names and titles available on request.

Graduate Teaching (Classes, seminars and workshops):

‘Nature and Practice of Ecclesiastical History’, MSt/MPhil in Theology. Supervisor for MSt and MPhil theses in early modern Christianity. Names and titles available on request.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Current Service:

2025-present Academic Policy Committee, The University of Chicago Divinity School.
Careers Committee, The University of Chicago Divinity School.
Faculty co-sponsor of ‘Workshop on the Early Modern World.’

2024-present Member of the Faculty Board for the Nicholson Center for British Studies, University of Chicago.
PhD Admissions Committee, The University of Chicago Divinity School.

2019-present Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *Lias*, a peer-reviewed journal published by Peeters.

Peer-reviewer for *Lias*, *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library*, *Notes & Queries*, the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Renaissance & Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme*, *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Studia Islamica*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Religions*, *The Historical Journal*, *William & Mary Quarterly*, *Journal of the Bible and its Reception*, as well as for postdoctoral fellowship applications to the European Science Foundation and the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), a Belgian public research council, and for monographs submitted to Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and Oxford University Press.

Past Service:

2022-2024 Council member of the Church of England Record Society.
Member of Faculty Research Committee, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford.

2021-2024 Member of the Steering Committee for Oxford’s Centre for Early Modern Studies.
Course Coordinator for the Ecclesiastical History Strand of the MSt/MPhil in Theology.
Member of Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford.

	Subject Coordinator for Ecclesiastical History in the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford.
2021-2023	Board of Examiners for the Final Honours School in Philosophy and Theology, University of Oxford.
2020-2024	Board of Examiners for the Final Honours School in Theology and Religion, and the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, University of Oxford.
	Member of Academic Committee, Keble College, Oxford.
2019-2024	Member of Governing Body and Trustee of Keble College. Co-Director of Studies for Theology Undergraduates at Keble College. College Advisor for graduate students in Theology at Keble College.
2020-2021	Co-convenor of Ecclesiastical History Workshop for the MSt/MPhil Theology (Ecclesiastical History).