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SUMMARY

Amar D. Peterman is an author, public scholar, and constructive theologian researching and writing at the intersection of faith and public life. Through his consulting firm, Scholarship for Religion and Society LLC, he has worked with leading organizations such as the Fetzer Institute, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement, Christians for Social Action, and the Aspen Institute. His first book, *Becoming Neighbors: The Common Good Made Local* was published in March 2026 with Eerdmans. You can learn more about him by visiting his website: amarpeterman.com.

NOTABLE POSITIONS

Founder, Scholarship for Religion and Society LLC	<i>2022-current</i>
Civic Strategies Specialist, Interfaith America	<i>2025-current</i>
- Assistant Director of Civic Networks	<i>2024-2025</i>
- Program Manager	<i>2022-2024</i>
Residency Fellow, <i>The Parish Collective</i>	<i>2026-current</i>
Scholars as Storytellers Fellow, The Christian Century, Narrative Project	<i>2025-2026</i>
Interfaith Leadership Fellow, Interfaith Alliance	<i>2025-2026</i>
Senior Contributor, The Fetzer Institute	<i>2025-2026</i>
Young Adult Fellow, Augsburg University	<i>2023-2025</i>
Advisor, Princeton Seminary - Department of Continuing Education	<i>2023-2024</i>
Columnist, Sojourners Magazine	<i>2021-2023</i>
Learning Community Member, Faith in/and Democracy, a national initiative of Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE).	<i>2021-2022</i>
Director, Center for Empathy in Christian Life at the Ideos Institute	<i>2020-2022</i>
Research Assistant, Asma T. Uddin, Esq.	<i>2019-2021</i>
Associate Director, Neighborly Faith	<i>2018-2020</i>



EDUCATION

PhD, University of Chicago exp. 2032

- Academic Advisor: Kevin W. Hector
- Teaching Advisor: Ryan Coyne
- Areas of Focus: Modern Christianity, Pragmatism, Constructive Theology, Ethics, Martin Heidegger, Augustine, Philosophy of Religion

Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary 2022

- GPA: 3.9 // // *Summa Cum Laude*
- Academic Advisor: Heath W. Carter
- Thesis: *Evangelicalism Reimagined: Towards a Social-Practical Definition of Evangelical Doctrine and Identity*
- Seminary Fellowship & Promise for Ministry Awards
- Emphases: American Religious History, Public Theology
- Notable Positions:
 - o Teaching Assistant, Dr. Heath W. Carter & Dr. Raimundo César Barreto, Jr.
 - o Research Assistant, Princeton Seminary's Center for Asian American Christianity
 - o Vice-President, Asian Association of Princeton Theological Seminary

B.A., Bible & Theology, Moody Bible Institute 2019

- GPA: 3.825 // *Summa Cum Laude*
- Senior Thesis: *Mariology: A Bridge Between Evangelicals and Catholics in an Age of Religious Pluralism*
- Emphases: Church History, Liberation Theologies, Post-Liberalism
- Notable Positions
 - o Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ashish Varma
 - o President, Student Theological Society

SELECT CURRENT PROJECTS

“Interfaith Dialogue and Pluralism” in the *T&T Clark Handbook of Ecumenical Theology and Practice*, edited by Daniel J. Cameron and Gregory A. Ryan.

“I Confess I Do Not Know What Time It Is’: Saint Augustine and Clock Time” in a forthcoming project tentatively titled *Augustine and Liminality*, edited by Kim Paffenroth and Kendall Brown (Bloomsbury).

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

for full list of publications, see amarpeterman.com

Book Contributions:

Amar Peterman “The Evangelical Exodus” in *Pursuing Racial Justice*, published by Christianity Today, February 2021.



“A Study in Belonging: Particularity as a Gift in Acts 17,” in [*Awake, Emerging and Connected: Theologies of Justice from the Missing Generation*](#) (SCM Press, 2024).

“Bringing Religion to the Office” in [*Theology, Religion, and The Office: Beauty in Ordinary Things*](#) (Fortress Press, 2025).

“We Gather at the Table,” co-authored with Nicholas Tangen in [*Hungry for Hope: Letters to the Church from Young Adults*](#) (Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2025).

Online Articles:

“Smile in the Mystery: Recovering Our Sense of Wonder” in [*Fathom Magazine*](#), June 4, 2020.

“What Corner? Decentering Whiteness in Evangelicalism” in [*The Anxious Bench*](#), November 15, 2020.

“Resolving the Evangelical Paradox” in Georgetown University’s [*The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, & World Affairs*](#) forum on The Future of U.S. Evangelical Christianity, April 26, 2021.

“Faith & Democracy Require Empathy & Translation” in [*Office of Citizen*](#), a publication of Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE), December 14, 2021.

“What my LGBTQ Siblings Taught Me About Christian Theology” in [*Sojourners*](#), June 14, 2022

“Adoption is Sacramental” in [*Sojourners*](#), May 11, 2023.

“At What Cost? When Unity Isn’t Worth It: A Counter-Imagination of Unity in Difference” in [*The Center for Asian American Christianity*](#), February 9, 2023.

“Planting Gardens of Belonging” for the [*Fetzer Institute*](#), October 20, 2023. Republished in [*Church Anew*](#), November 7, 2023.

“Anglican Mariology” in the *Seasonal Journal* published by Grace & St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Spring 2024.

“How Christians Can Counter Christian Nationalism” in [*Sojourners Magazine*](#) (September/October 2024).

“Beyond Disillusionment: Redefining Leadership in Today’s World,” in [*The Interfaith Observer*](#), May 2, 2024.

“The Scars of Action and Inaction,” in [*Christians for Social Action*](#), December 13, 2024.

“Should Christians Be in Control?” in *Sojourners Magazine* (June 2025).

“Is the Epstein Controversy an Apocalyptic Moment for the MAGA Movement?” in [*Sojourners*](#), September 2, 2025.



“The Common Good is Something We Practice Face to Face,” in [The Christian Century](#) (March 2026)

“The (Im)Possibility of Neighbor Love in the World of Pluribus,” in *Sightings* (The Martin Marty Center), March 26, 2026.

Book Reviews:

Anthea Butler, *White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America*, in [The Christian Century](#).

Dante Stewart, *Shoutin’ in the Fire: An American Epistle*, in [The Christian Century](#).

James K.A. Smith, *How to Inhabit Time: Understanding the Past, Facing the Future, Living Faithfully Now*, published in [The Christian Century](#)

B. Hunter Farrell, *Freeing Congregational Mission, A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*, in the [International Bulletin of Mission Research](#), v.46.i.2

Kevin W. Hector, *Christianity as a Way of Life: A Systematic Theology*, in [The Christian Century](#).

Patricia Ventura and Edward K. Chan, *White Power and American Neoliberal Culture* in [The Christian Century](#).

Rachel Wagner, *Cowboy Apocalypse: Religion and the Myth of the Vigilante Messiah* in [The Christian Century](#)

Jared Stacy, *Reality in Ruins: How Conspiracy theory Became an American Evangelical Crisis* in *The Christian Century*.

Brad Oneshi, *American Caesar: How Theocrats and Tech Lords Are Turning America Into a Monarchy* forthcoming in *The Christian Century*

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

<i>Ecumenical Ecclesiology</i> . TH 3340 – Systematic Theology II, Moody Bible Institute	April 2019
<i>Typologies of Interfaith Education in Seminaries and Divinity Schools</i> , presented by the Martin Marty Center at the University of Chicago.	Jan. 2021
<i>Christianity & Christian Nationalism</i> , Jubilee Conference	Feb. 2022
<i>Religious Freedom Reframed: Centering the Voices of Young People</i> , First Amendment Voice	Feb. 2022
<i>Enfleshing Witness: Homegoing</i> , Church Anew	Oct. 2022
<i>A Theology of Belonging</i> , THRS–3050 Interfaith Leadership, St. Norbert College.	April 2023
<i>Living Neighborly in a Chaotic World</i> , Princeton Theological Seminary (<i>Koinonia Forum</i>)	March 2023



<i>A Lived Theology of Belonging</i> , University of Edinburgh (<i>New Theologies of Justice</i>)	August 2023
<i>My Name is a Reminder</i> , TeamUp (Catholic Charities, the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity)	May 2023
<i>What Should We Say to Gen-Z?</i> , Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement	May 2024
<i>Moral Imagination: Cultivating the Holy 'Ought'</i> , Kairos Collective	March 2025
<i>Building Power for the People and Places We Love</i> , Interfaith America	August 2025
<i>The Practices of Neighbor Love</i> , Christian Peacebuilding Network	March 2026
<i>The Radical Work of Hosting A Potluck</i> , The Parish Collective	May 2026
<i>G.O.O.D. (Get Off Our Donkey)</i> , Christ Presbyterian Church (Fairfield, CT)	June 2026

SELECT RESEARCH & CONSULTATION

- Inclusive America Project**, The Aspen Institute 2020
- “The Politics of Vulnerability and the Threat to Religion and Religious Freedom”
 - This project gathered Evangelical Christians and Muslims to determine the parameters of co-existence through pluralistic frameworks. Additional researchers included: Asma Uddin, Dalia Mogahed, Dr. Matthew Kaemingk, Omar Suleiman, Dr. Andrew Lewis, Jihad Turk, and Justin Giboney.
- Build It Back Better**, NationSwell and the Einhorn Collaborative 2020
- This working group explores how we can invest in young people and the role they play in strengthening social cohesion in a time of heightened disruption.
- Anti-Racism Formational Team**, Princeton Theological Seminary 2021-2022
- The Antiracism Formational Team (AFT) is an internal team composed of students, staff, faculty, and members of the Board of Trustees endorsed by PTS leadership to build upon the Design Principles established by the Antiracism Task Force and the implementation framework cultivated by the Antiracism Implementation Team.
- Faith in/and Democracy**, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement 2021-2023
- Through the *Faith In/And Democracy*, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE) administers a funding and learning initiative to invest in and promote engagement at the intersection of faith and democracy. This project is an effort to explore the ways faith and faith communities can support democracy and civic life.



Exploring AAPI Experiences of Religious Identity and Diversity, 2022-2023
The Asian American Foundation, Public Religion and Research Institute

- This project aims to cultivate deeper understanding of Asian American and Pacific Islanders' historic and present-day contributions to religious diversity in the United States. [Read the report here.](#)

Spiritual Motherhood in the Sacred Sector, The Fetzer Institute 2022-current

- This project will challenge established preconceptions of movement-building focused solely on archetypal masculine-oriented, visibly quantifiable metrics of success, such as scaling for external size and scope, arguing that the underground connections sustained by spiritual mothers in the sacred sector are just as important as the visible, growing fruits of a movement.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Islamic Relief (USA) Silver Anniversary Award [Neighborly Faith] 2019

- Awarded to launch a Fellows program for undergraduates addressing Islamophobia on campus (\$35,000)

Building Grant, Interfaith Youth Core [Neighborly Faith] 2019

- Awarded to launch a first-of-its kind network of Christian-Muslim dialogue advocates on US and Canadian campuses (\$35,000)

Seminary Fellowship Award, Princeton Theological Seminary 2019-2022

- *Full Tuition + \$1,000/semester stipend*

Promise for Ministry Award, Princeton Theological Seminary 2019-2022

- *\$3,000/semester stipend*

Interfaith Leadership Grant, Interfaith Youth Core x4 2019-2021

- Awarded twice to conduct research the modern relationship between Evangelical Christians and Muslims in the United States.

Racial Equity and Interfaith Cooperation Award, Interfaith Youth Core x2 2020-2022

- Awarded for developing an anti-racist curriculum unique to multi-ethnic churches in America.

Living Stones Foundation Grant [Ideos Institute] May 2021

- Awarded to fund annual operational expenses for the Ideos Center for Empathy in Christian and Public Life from 2021-2022. This was the largest initial grant awarded by the Living Stones Foundation in their 20+ year history. (\$60,000)

Healing and Belonging Grant, The Asian American Foundation & Interfaith America Nov. 2021

- Awarded to launch an Asian American initiative on the campus of Princeton Seminary raising awareness around anti-AAPI hate.



PODCASTS

Host, Editor, and Producer, The Neighborly Faith Podcast	2018-2020
Senior Audio Producer, The Distillery , Princeton Theological Seminary	2019-2021
Host, Editor, and Producer The Empathy Table , Ideos Institute	2020-2022
Host, Editor, and Producer, This Common Life Podcast	2022-current

COMMUNITY AND MINISTRY SERVICE

Leadership & Just Action Teams, Kairos Collective	2025-current
Seminary Fellow, Manna Christian Fellowship at Princeton University	2021-2022
Discipleship Team, Jacob's Well NJ	2020-2021
Church Leader and Organizer, <i>LYDLA</i> Home Association (Chicago, IL)	2016-2019
Volunteer Group Leader, Inner City Impact – Logan Square (Chicago, IL)	2015-2016

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