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Education

PhD, Philosophy of Religions, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019

—Dissertation: “Communication Ethics in Social Conflict: Nonviolent and Christian Perspectives”

—Comprehensive Exams: Modern Philosophy of Religions, Anglo-American Philosophy of Religions, Hermeneutics and Religious Reflection, Theological Ethics

M.A., Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2015

M.T.S., Duke Divinity School, 2012, *Magna cum Laude*

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2009, with Highest Honors, with Distinction

—Triple major in Religious Studies, Political Science, and Communication Studies

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Pragmatism without the –Isms,” in *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 40.2 (Fall 2019)

“Won’t Get Fooled Again: Wittgensteinian Philosophy and the Rhetoric of Empiricism,” in *Sophia* (June, 2019)

“The Gospel and the Prosperity Gospel: Joel Osteen’s *Your Best Life Now* Reconsidered” in *Theology* 121.1 (January, 2018)

Book Chapters

“Lifting Rocks: Camus, Sainthood, and the Anti-heroic in *The Last Jedi*” in *Theology and the Star Wars Universe*, ed. Benjamin Espinoza (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020)

“I Wanted to Do Something Outrageous’: On the Limits of Parody in *True Lies*,” co-written with Naaman Wood, in *A Critical Companion to James Cameron*, eds. Adam Barkman and Antonio Sanna (Lexington, 2018)

“Abraham Joshua Heschel,” “George Lindbeck,” “Mohandas Gandhi,” “Peace,” “Reconciliation,” “Rhetoric,” in *The Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Charles Taliaferro and Elsa Marty (Bloomsbury, 2018)

“Nicholas of Cusa,” in *Words and Witnesses: Communication Studies in Christian Thought from Athanasius to Desmond Tutu* eds. Robert H. Woods and Naaman Wood (Hendrickson, 2018)

“Stanley Hauerwas,” in *An Encyclopedia of Communication Ethics: Goods in Contention*, eds. Ronald Arnett, Annette M. Holba, and Susan Mancino (Peter Lang, 2018)

Teaching

“Religion and the Nobel Peace Prize,” undergraduate course, University of Chicago, fall 2019

“Human Being and Citizen,” undergraduate course, University of Chicago, fall 2019

“*Star Wars* and Religion,” undergraduate course, University of Chicago, spring 2019

“Reasons of the Heart: Philosophy, Rhetoric, and the Passions,” undergraduate course, Chicago Academic Achievement Program, University of Chicago, summer 2018

“Introduction to Theology,” undergraduate course, Dominican University, fall 2016

Invited Lectures and Campus Lectures

“Unrest: The Implacability of Cornel West” at the University of Chicago, panel discussion with Dr. Cornel West (February 2018)

“Self-Betraying Education: Freire and Kierkegaard on Telling It Slant” at the University of Illinois Philosophy of Education Workshop (January 2016)

Conference Papers

“Beyond Either/Or: Cornel West’s Kierkegaardian Style” at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, 2018)

“The Psychology of Reconciliation: Internal Conflicts and Conflict Resolution” at the John D. Stratton Conference on Nonviolence in Theory and Practice (Ashland, Ohio, 2018)

“Un-American Activities: McCarthyism, Nazism, and Islamophobia” at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Boston, 2017)

“Trust, *Ubuntu*, and a Sustainable Peace” at the Enhancing Life Project Capstone Conference (Chicago, 2017)

“Rewording the Gospel: The Tradition of Rhetorical Theology” at the Constructive Studies Conference at the University of Chicago Divinity School (Chicago, 2017)

“Self-Betraying Education: Friere and Kierkegaard on Telling It Slant” at the Society for the Philosophical Study of Education Annual Conference (Chicago, 2016)

“Unsettling Theology: Desmond Tutu’s Case for Incompleteness” at the McCormick Ethics Colloquium at Loyola University (Chicago, 2016)

Pedagogy Training

Chicago Center for Teaching Certificate (2019)

Mental Health First Aid Certificate Program (2018)

Wabash Center Teaching Seminars (2016-2017)

Certificate in the Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, University of Chicago (2015)

Awards and Honors

Susan Colver-Rosenberger Educational Prize (2019), University of Chicago

Divinity School Prize for Excellence in Teaching (2018), University of Chicago Divinity School

William Rainey Harper Dissertation-Year Fellowship (2018-2019), University of Chicago

Participant, Religion and its Publics Emerging Scholars Workshop, University of Virginia (2018)

Alma Wilson Teaching Lectureship, University of Chicago Divinity School (2018)

Grad Global Impact Internship, University of Chicago Graduate Division (2018)

Featured in *The Mennonite* magazine “20 under 40” (2016)

Participant, Lumen Christi Summer Seminar on John Henry Newman, Oxford University (2014)

Ray C. Petry Scholarship (full tuition) from Duke Divinity School (2009)

Phi Beta Kappa (2009)

Bernard Boyd Memorial Fellowship for Excellence in Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2009)

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References

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