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# Education

Ph.D. in Science, Philosophy, and Religion from the Division of Religious and Theological Studies, Boston University,January 2008. Dissertation: *Environmental Ethics Across Worldviews: An Assessment of Sustainable Energy Development Indexes*.

B.A., Physics, Religion, Gustavus Adolphus College,2001 Magna cum laude. Thesis: “Re-examining Metaphorical Theology in Light of Complementarity.”

# Academic Employment

**Associate professor of Environmental Ethics,** Divinity School, University of Chicago, July 2019

Core Faculty member of The Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge, Univeristy of Chicago, Autumn 2018-present.

**Affiliated faculty member of The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, 2018- present.**

**Affiliated faculty member of The Program on the Global Environment, 2017- present.**

Assistant Professor of Environmental Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago, July 2015-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of North Texas, 2014-June 2015.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of North Texas, 2008-2014.

Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology, spring 2008.

Instructor, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, fall 2006 – fall 2007.

**Teaching and Research Interests**

Religious Environmental Ethics, Social Ethics

Moral Emotions (especially guilt and shame), Sustainability, Sustainable Energy, Indicator Development, Environmental Guilt and Shame, Environmental Justice

Science and Religion, Science and Christianity

## Publications

**Peer-Reviewed Book**

Fredericks, Sarah E. *Measuring and Evaluating Sustainability: Ethics in Sustainability Indexes.* Routledge Series in Sustainable Development. New York: Earthscan from Routledge (2014).

**Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

“Wesley Wildman’s Lessons For and From Ethics.” In *Religion in Multidisciplinary Perspective: Intense Experiences of the Work of Wesley J. Wildman*.Edited by F. LeRon Shults and Robert C. Neville, Albany, NY: SUNY Press (in press).

Fredericks, Sarah E. Reacting to *Consecrating Science*: What might Amateurs Do?” *Zygon* 50, no. 2 (June 2019): 354-381.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Climate Apology and Forgiveness.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 39, no.1, (Spring/Summer 2019): 143-159.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Ritual Responses to Geoengineering.” In *Calming the Storm: Theological and Ethical Reflections on Climate Engineering*.Edited by Forrest Clingerman and Kevin J. O’Brien, 165-186. Religious Ethics and Environmental Challenges. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2016.

Fredericks, Sarah E. and Lea F. Schweitz. “Scholars, Amateurs, Artists and Partners for the Future of Religion and Science.” *Zygon* 50, no. 2 (June 2015): 418-38.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Ethics and Agenda 21.” *Ethics, Policy and the Environment* 17, no. 3 (2014): 324-338.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Online Confessions of Eco-Guilt.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 8, no 1 (2014): 64-84.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Ritual and Technology.” In *Science and Religion: One Planet, Many Possibilities*. Edited by Whitney A. Bauman and Lucas F. Johnston, 253-264. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Justice in Sustainability Indicators and Indexes.” *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology* 19, no 6 (2012): 490-499. Research for this paper was funding in part by a Research Initiation Grant (RIG) from the University of North Texas.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Monitoring Environmental Justice,” *Environmental Justice* 4, no 1 (2011): 63-69. Research for this paper was funded by a Research Initiation Grant (RIG) from the University of North Texas and a grant funded by the Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity, University of North Texas.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Lutheran Environmental Philosophy?" In *The Devil’s Whore: Reason and Philosophy in the Lutheran Tradition*. Edited by Jennifer Hockenberry, 149-155. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011.

Fredericks, Sarah E. and Kevin O'Brien. “The Importance and Limits of Taking Science Seriously.” In *Inherited Land: The Changing Grounds of Religion and Ecology*. Edited by Whitney Bauman, Kevin O’Brien, and Rick Bonhannon, 42-63. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2011.

Davidsdottir, Brynhildur, Dan Basoli, and Sarah E. Fredericks. “Measuring Sustainable Energy Development: The Development of a Three Dimensional Index.” In *Frontiers in Environmental Valuation and Policy*. Edited by J.D. Erickson and J. Gowdy, 303-30. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2007.

**Works in Progress**

*Environmental Guilt and Shame: Signals of Individual and Collective Responsibility and the Need for Ritual Responses* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

*Climate Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation*

**Academic Book Series Editor**

Fredericks, Sarah E. and Kevin J. O’Brien. *Religious Ethics and Environmental Challenges*.Lexington Press.

 Books Published:

Van Yperen, Nathaniel, *Gratitude for the Wild: Christian Ethics in the Wilderness.* Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2019.

Conradie, Ernst M. *Redeeming Sin? Social Diagnostics amid Ecological Destruction*. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2017.

*Calming the Storm: Theological and Ethical Reflections on Climate Engineering.* Edited by Forrest Clingerman and Kevin J. O’Brien. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2016.

**Edited Volumes -- Encyclopedias**

Fogel, Dan, Sarah E. Fredericks, Lisa Harrington, Maria Pronto, Ian Spellerberg, and Patricia Wouters, eds. *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 6 Measurements, Indicators, and Research Methods of Sustainability*. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2012. This volume has been translated into and published in Chinese.

Vasey, Daniel, Shirley Thompson, Shen Lei, Sarah E. Fredericks and Karen Christensen, eds. *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 4 Natural Resources and Sustainability*. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2011. This volume has been translated into and published in Chinese.

## Encyclopedia Articles & Reference Articles

## Fredericks, Sarah E. “Religious Studies.” In *Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity*.2nd edition.Edited by Robert Frodeman, Julie Thomspon Klein, and Robert Pacheco, 385-396. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

##  This chapter is an updated version of Fredericks, Sarah E. "Religion." In *Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity*. Edited by Robert Frodeman, Julie Thompson Klein and Carl Mitcham, 160-173. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

## Fredericks, Sarah E. “Ethics in Sustainability Indexes.” In *Sustainability: Key Issues*.Edited by Eleanor Shoreman Ouimet and Helen Kopnina, 73-87. New York: Routledge, 2015.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Sustainability Indicators” in *Ethics, Science, Technology, and Engineering*.2nd Edition. Edited by Britt Holbrook and Carl Mitcham. Farmington Hills, MI: Cengage, 2014.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Environmental Justice Indicators.” In *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 6: Measurements, Indicators, and Research Methods of Sustainability*. Edited by Dan Fogel, Sarah E. Fredericks, Lisa Harrington, Maria Pronto, Ian Spellerberg, and Patricia Wouters, 117-122. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2012. This article, along with the Encyclopedia has been translated into and published in Chinese.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Challenges to Measuring Sustainability." In *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 6: Measurements, Indicators, and Research Methods of Sustainability*. Edited by Dan Fogel, Sarah E. Fredericks, Lisa Harrington, Maria Pronto, Ian Spellerberg, and Patricia Wouters, 46-52. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2012. This article, along with the Encyclopedia has been translated into and published in Chinese.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Environment and Ecology." In *The Encyclopedia of Religion and America*. Edited by Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams, 700-710. Washington, D.C.: C.Q. Press, 2010.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Agenda 21." In *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 1: Spirit of Sustainability*.Edited by Willis Jenkins and Whitney Bauman, 7-8. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2010. This article, along with the Encyclopedia has been translated into and published in Chinese.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Energy." In *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 1: Spirit of Sustainability*.Edited by Willis Jenkins and Whitney Bauman, 150-153. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2010. This article, along with the Encyclopedia has been translated into and published in Chinese.

Fredericks, Sarah E. "Millennium Development Goals." In *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Volume 1: Spirit of Sustainability*.Edited by Willis Jenkins and Whitney Bauman, 276-277. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2010. This article, along with the Encyclopedia has been translated into and published in Chinese.

**Book Reviews**

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *A Political Theology of Climate Change,* byMichael S. Northcott. *Journal of Religion* 96, no. 2 (2016): 288 – 290.

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *Placing Nature on the Borders of Religion: Philosophy and Ethics*, edited by Forrest Clingerman and Mark H. Dixon. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 2 (2012):96-98.

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *A Third Window: Natural Life beyond Newton and Darwin*, by Robert E. Ulanowicz. *The Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 4, no. 3 (2010): 231-232.

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability, and the Limits of Knowledge,* edited by Bill Vitek and Wes Jackson. *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture & Ecology* 13 (2009): 121-123.

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *The Death of Our Planet’s Species: A Challenge to Ecology and Ethics*, by Martin Gorke. *Ecological Economics* 52, no. 2 (2005): 255-256.

Fredericks, Sarah E. Review of *The Fire in the Equations: Science, Religion, and the Search for God*, by Kitty Ferguson. *Science and Theology News* 5 (February 2005): 42.

**Public Engagement Publications**

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Climate and Character.” *Issues in Science and Technology,* Spring 2018.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Studying Religion in the Era of Trump: Scholars’ Roundtable Response.” *Religion and Culture Forum*, March 16, 2017. <https://voices.uchicago.edu/> religionculture/ 2017/03/16/553/

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Historic Paris Climate Agreement Reflects Years of Advocacy by Religious People.” *Sightings*,December 17, 2016.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Is Climate Change A Religious Issue?” *What Does Religion Have to Do with Climate Change?* Consortium for the Study of Religion, Ethics, and Society, Fall 2014. http://www.indiana.edu/~csres/forum.php.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “A Postscript: Using Ethical Principles to Guide Decision-Making about Energy Use.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, November, 2009. The *JLE* is a journal aimed at bringing scholarly ethical research to undergraduate classrooms and the general public.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “Energy, Development, and Quality of Life.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, November, 2009.

Fredericks, Sarah E. “From the Field.” *Religion and Ecology Newsletter* 2.9, September 2008.

**Grants**

PI, Lisa Sideris; Project Coordinators: Sarah E. Fredericks, Kyle Powys Whyte, Celia Deane-Drummond. “Being Human in the Age of Humans: Perspectives from Religion and Ethics,” a project funded by the Humanities Without Walls Consortium, January 2017-December 2019. ($141,215) ($13,977 for the University of Chicago portion)

PI, 2014 UNT Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant, “Environmental Shame and Guilt,” University of North Texas, Summer 2014. ($5,000)

PI, “Redesigning a Unit of PHIL 3650: Religion and Science: Ritual and Technology around the World,” Transformative Instruction Initiative (TII) Fellowship on “Globalizing your Curriculum” Provost’s Office of UNT and the Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment and Redesign, Summer 2012. ($2,000)

PI, “Ethics in Sustainability Indexes,” Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship (submitted Summer 2011. ($5,000)

PI, “Philosophy and Monitoring Progress toward Sustainability,” Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity, University of North Texas, Summer 2010. ($6,181.11)

PI, Research Initiation Grant (RIG), “Monitoring Environmental Justice,” University of North Texas 2008-2009. ($5,000)

**Presentations**

**Refereed Presentations**

“Climate Forgiveness,” in The Promise and Perils of Peacemaking for Environmental Justice The Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit of the AAR, AAR Annual Meeting 2019, San Diego, CA, November 23-26, 2019.

“Reacting to *Consecrating Science*: What might Amateurs Do?”in Do we Need Science for Wonder and Responsibility? A *Zygon* Panel Engaging Lisa Sideris’s *Consecrating Science: Wonder, Knowledge and the Natural World* (University of California Press, 2017), The Science, Technology, and Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion, AAR Annual Meeting 2018, Denver, CO, November 17-20, 2018.

“Climate Forgiveness,” 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Portland, OR, January 4-7, 2018.

“The Importance of Theory in the Future of the Study of Religion and the Environment,” in Religion and Ecology – the Next Twenty-Five Years, the Religion and Ecology Group of the American Academy of Religion, AAR Annual Meeting 2016, San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, 2016.

"Understanding Collective Guilt and Shame about Climate Change: One Step toward Restorative Climate Justice," International Society for Environmental Ethics at the 2016 Central American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, March 2-5, 2016.

“Moral Psychological Research about Guilt and Shame: Help or Hindrance for the Development of Environmental Justice Rituals?” Religion, Science, and the Future: The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture 10th Anniversary Conference, Gainesville, FL, January 14-17, 2016.

“Climate Shame, Restorative Justice, Religious Ritual,” Religion and Ecology Group of the American Academy of Religion, AAR Annual Meeting 2015, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21-24, 2015.

“Beyond Environmental Ethics: Worldviews that Recognize Human Limits,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Southwest Division of the American Academy of Religion; Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis Section), Irving, TX March 8-10, 2013.

“Ethical and Religious Undertones of the Official Rio+20 Conference Documents,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, (Religion & Ecology Session), Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2012.

“Online Confessions of Eco-Guilt,” Fifth International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Malibu, CA, August 8-11, 2012.

“Adaptable Ethical Ideals: Learning from Pragmatism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, (Pragmatism, Sexism, and Environment Session), San Francisco, CA, November 19-22, 2011.

“Incorporating Environmental Justice into Sustainability Indicators: A Case Study of the Participation of Religious Studies Scholars in the Development of Policy Indicators,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 29-November 1, 2010.

 **“Monitoring Environmental Justice: Filling a Gap in Indicators of Sustainable Energy,”** Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, August 25-29, 2010.

“Wrestling with the Data: What ‘Religion and Science’ can offer ‘Religion and Ecology.’” Inherited Land: The Changing Grounds of Religion and Ecology Colloquium, Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 27- March 1, 2009. (invited and refereed)

“Moving Environmental Justice to the Center of Environmental Ethics: Implications for Ethicists” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL January, 2009.

“Lutheran and Pragmatic Environmental Ethics: Roads from Fear to Hope in a Religiously Diverse World.” Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Education Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL October 31, 2008.

 “Transcendence and Nature in Luther and Calvin: Developing the Possibilities.” Paper delivered at Thinking through Nature: Philosophy for an Endangered World, Eugene, OR. June 2008.

“The Influence of Ian G. Barbour and Seyyed Hossein Nasr on Environmental Ethics.” Paper delivered at Science and Religion: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Lancaster, UK. July 2007.

**Invited Presentations**

“Rituals of Apology and Confession: Responses to Anthropogenic Environmental Disasters,” Yale ISM Symposium, Natural Catastrophe and Sacred Expression: Ancient, Modern, and Today, New Haven, CT, April 3, 2020 (event canceled due to COVID-19).

“Environmental Guilt and Shame: Ethical Insights and Questions,” Vcologies: Disciplinary Approaches to Environmental Knowledge, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, September 6, 2019.

“Gender Based Environmental Shame: A Problem for Everyone,” Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL, March 13, 2019.

Plenary Speaker, “Thinking at the Margins of Sustainability in Religious Ethics: Indicators, Emotions, Rituals,” *Fourth Annual Presidential Conference* on the *Integrity of Creation*: The Global Sustainability Challenge, Duquense University, Pittsburgh, PA, September 25-26, 2018.

“Environmental Guilt and Shame,” International Symposium of Religion and Nature, Chan Buddhist Temple of Changshu, Co-Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy at Soochow University, Changshu City, China, May 5-6, 2018. (Via Skype)

 “The Ethics of Monitoring Justice, Sustainability, and Climate Change,” *Climate Change and the Limits of the Numerical,* The Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, June 28, 2017.

 “The Contributions of Emotions to Environmental Ethics,” Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, September 13, 2016.

“Religious Responses to Environmental Shame,” Japanese Association for Religious Studies, Tokyo, Japan September 11, 2016.

Panelist, “Environmental Ethics and Religion for the International Year of Global Understanding,” Japanese Association for Religious Studies, Tokyo, Japan September 10, 2016.

“Geoengineering Ethics,” Science Colloquium, Francis Marion University, Florence, SC, April 14, 2016.

“Recognizing and Responding to Environmental Guilt and Shame: Religious Studies Contributions to the Environmental Humanities,” Midwest Faculty Seminar on the Environmental Humanities, Franke Institute for the Humanities, Franke University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 9, 2016.

“The Internet as Space of Confession of and Forgiveness for Climate Sin,” Consortium for the Study of Religion, Ethics and Society and the Poynter Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, IL, April 24, 2015.

 “Ethical and Social Priorities in Sustainability Indexes,” International Long-Term Ecological Research All-Scientists Meeting of the Americas, Valdivia, Chile, December 1-3, 2014.

“The Future of Religion and Science,” The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) 2014 Conference: What is the Future of Science and Religion in a Globalizing World? Star Island, NH August 2-9, 2014.

“Communally Guilty: Climate Change,” Center for Energy and Environmental Research in the Human Sciences’ Third Annual “Cultures of Energy” Research Symposium, Rice University. Houston, TX, April 24-26, 2014.

“Communal Environmental Guilt,” North Texas Philosophical Association, Denton, TX, April 3-5, 2014.

 “Environmental Guilt,” George Hall Lecture, Gustavus Adolphus College. St. Peter, MN. May 21, 2013.

“Environmental Pragmatism and Religious Environmental Ethics: Bridging the Gap,” North Texas Philosophical Association. Denton, TX. April 12-14, 2012.

“The Status of Nature in Recent Protestant Christian Thought,” Religion and Ecology Workshop, Denton, TX. March, 2008.

**Academic Presentations (minor)**

“The Ethics of Inducing and Responding to Guilt and Shame about Climate Change,” The Environment, Energy, and the Anthropocene Reading Group, University of Chicago, February 21, 2018.

 "Experiencing and Inducing Environmental Guilt and Shame: Challenges for the Religions," Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, November 14, 2016.

“Ritual Responses to Geoengineering,” Theology and Ethics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 20, 2016.

“Climate Shame and Guilt,” SEEDS UNT, Denton, TX, April 20, 2015.

“Environmental Guilt,” Dallas Philosophers Forum, September 23, 2014.

“Conceptualizing the Challenges of Environmental Guilt through Interdisciplinary Notions of Guilt and Shame,” Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies Colloquium, University of North Texas, November 8, 2013.

“The Promise and Perils of Quantification,” Math Department Colloquium, University of North

Texas. April 5, 2013.

 “Mathematical Objects: *Really* Existing, Useful Fictions, or Something in Between?” Math Department Colloquium, University of North Texas. March 9, 2012.

**Conferences Organized**

With Sarah Hammerschlag, Angie Heo, and Rachel Carbonera, “Religion, Gender and Sexuality Roundtable,” University of Chicago Divinity School, March 7, 2018. Cosponsored by the Brauer Seminar of the University of Chicago Divinity School, the Joyce Z. and Jacob Greenbery Center for Jewish Studies, the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, the Franke Institute for the Humanities, and the France Chicago Center.

“Being Human in an Age of Humans,” University of Chicago Divinity School, October 15-17, 2017, a part of “Being Human in the Age of Humans: Perspectives from Religion and Ethics,” a project funded by the Humanities Without Walls Consortium.

**Teaching**

# Graduate Courses Taught

UChicago 32800 Religion, Ethics, and the Sciences

UChicago 32700 Religion, Society and Culture

UChicago RETH 47750 Virtue Ethics

UChicago RETH 57715 Brauer Seminar: Gender and Sexuality in the Study of Religion (with Profs. Heo and Hammerschlag)

UChicago RETH 51802 Climate Change Ethics

# UChicago RETH 46502 Comparative Religious Environmental Ethics

# UChicago RETH 30702 Introduction to Environmental Ethics (fall 2015, spring 2018)

UChicago RETH 34205 The Place of Science in Religious Environmental Ethics

UChicago RETH 42604 Collective Guilt, Shame and Responsibility

UChicago RETH 50900 Collective Agency and Responsibility

UChicago RETH 51204 Sustainability

# UNT PHIL 6550 Topics in Environmental Philosophy: Sustainability (fall 2013)

# UNT PHIL 5600 Philosophy of Religion (fall 2010)

UNT PHIL 5960 Philosophical Cosmologies (spring 2010)

UNT PHIL 6550 Science & Religion (under course 5960 in spring 2009, spring 2012)

**Undergraduate**

UChicago RLST/ENST 25703 Climate Ethics

UChicago RLST/ENST 23505 Environmental Ethics

UChicago RLST/ENST 23506 Being Human in the Anthropocene

UNT PHIL 2400 Religion & American Society (fall 2008, fall 2009, fall 2011, fall 2012, fall 2013, fall 2014)

UNT PHIL 2600 Ethics & Science (spring 2009, spring 2011)

UNT PHIL 3330 Modern Philosophy (spring 2014)

UNT PHIL 3500 Christianity & Philosophy (spring 2011, spring 2012, spring 2013, fall 2014)

UNT PHIL 3650 Religion and Science (spring 2010 under course number 4960, spring 2013)

UNT PHIL 3600 Philosophy of Religion (fall 2009, fall 2010, fall 2011, fall 2012)

Georgia Institute of Technology: PST 4112 Philosophy of Asian Thought (spring 2008)

Georgia Institute of Technology: PST 3109 Ethics and the Technical Professions (spring 2008)

Boston University: WR150: The Environment: Why People Care (spring 2007)

Boston University: WR100: The Environment: Why People Care (fall 2006 and fall 2007)

**Special Problems**

UNT PHIL 5960 Special Problems – Sustainability and the Built Environment, Lauren Helixon (spring 2015)

UNT PHIL 5960 Special Problems – Modern Philosophy, Rachel Weaver (spring 2014)

UNT PHIL 5960 Special Problems – Ecovillages and Sustainability Indicators, Brooke Jones (spring 2013)

UNT PHIL 5960 Special Problems – Bergson, Seth Thompson (fall 2011)

UNT PHIL 5960 Special Problems – Energy, Alexandria Poole (summer 2009)

**Pedagogical Training & Presentations**

Workshop Leader, “Using the News to Teach Religion,” Arts of Teaching Series, University of Chicago Divinity School, April 4, 2018.

Panellist, “Craft of Teaching Workshop: Building a Career in Constructive Studies,” *Traditions of Swift Hall: Constructive Studies in the Academic Study of Religion,* University of Chicago Divinity School, May 24-26, 2017.

Panellist, “Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-academic Careers: What’s A Faculty Member to Do?” Applied Religious Studies Working Group of the American Academy of Religion, AAR Annual Meeting 2016, San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, 2016.

Panellist, “[**Introducing Religion II: The Second Annual Craft of Teaching Colloquium**](https://divinity.uchicago.edu/50616-introducing-religion-ii-second-annual-craft-teaching-colloquium)**,**” University of Chicago Divinity School, May 6, 2016.

Departmental Representative at the Teaching Religion in Public Universities Workshop at the “Religious Studies 50 Years After Schempp: History, Institutions, Theory Conference,” Indiana University September 27-29, 2013.

**Doctoral Exams, Advising, and Committees**

At the University of Chicago

Advisor, Kristi Del Vechhio, Religious Ethics, Divinity School (2018-present)

Advisor, Kat Myers, Religious Ethics, Divinity School (2018-present)

Advisor, Colin Weaver, Religious Ethics, Divinity School (2017-present)

Committee Member for Caroline Anglim, PhD Candidate, Religious Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago (Fall 2019-present).

Committee Member for John Shiangho, PhD Candidate, Religious Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago (Fall 2019-present).

Committee Member for Sara-Jo Swiateck, PhD Candidate, Religious Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago (fall 2018-present).

Committee Member for David Barr, PhD Candidate, Religious Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago (spring 2016-summer 2019).

Examiner for

Kristi Del Vechhio, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) and REIV: Religious Ethics and the Sciences (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2021)

Kat Myers, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) and REIV: Religious Ethics and the Sciences (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2021)

Erin Simmonds, RE V: Religion, Society, and Culture (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2024)

Derek Buyan, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) (Spring 2020)

Blaize Gervais, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) (Spring 2020)Colin Weaver, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) and REIV: Religious Ethics and the Sciences (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2020)

Nick Buck, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) (Spring 2020)

Foster Pickney, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) (Spring 2020)

Caroline Anglim, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) and REIV: Religious Ethics and the Sciences (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2019)

John Sianghio, RE III: Religion and the Political Order (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2019)

Miriam Attia, RE II: Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics (with Prof. Schweiker) and RE V: Religion, Society, and Culture (with Prof. Miller) (Spring 2019)

Sara-Jo Swiatek, Moral Problems: Science, Information, and Ethics (winter 2018).

At the University of North Texas

Advisor for Sarah Conrad, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT, “Restorative Environmental Justice” (Advisor summer 2014- January 2015; Committee Member spring 2011- summer 2014).

Advisor for Bidisha Mallik (formerly Kumar), Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT, “The Contributions of Mira Behn and Sarala Behn to Social and Economic Transformation in Uttarakhand, India” Defended November 5, 2014 (Advisor fall 2012- Defence; Committee Member since fall 2010).

Advisor for Chris Cone, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT, “Redacted Dominionism: An Evangelical and Environmentally Sympathetic Reading of the Early Genesis Narrative,” Defended June 23, 2011.

Committee Member for Seth Thompson, Philosophy and Religion Studies “Duration’s Role in Defining Art: A Bergsonian Definition of Art” UNT (Advisor fall 2011-spring 2015) (Committee Member summer 2015 – April 6, 2018 defense).

Committee Member for Lauren Helixon, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (Advisor fall 2014-summer 2015) (Committee Member spring 2013-fall 2014; summer 2015-Present).

Co-Advisor for Alexandria Poole, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (spring 2014-summer 2015, stepped down when left UNT).

McNair Mentor for Justin Williams, PhD Student Philosophy & Religion Studies, UNT (fall 2014-spring 2015)

Committee Member for Norah Wood, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (spring 2013- winter 2015).

Committee Member for Kelli Barr, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (spring 2014-summer 2015).

Committee Member for Giovani Frigo, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (spring 2014-present).

Committee Member for Shane Epting, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (september 2013- spring 2015).

Committee Member for Emmanuella Opuku, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (October 2014-spring 2015).

University Reader for H. Lee Cowan, History, UNT, “Givoanni Battiata de Luca: Nepotism and de Luca’s Efforts to Prohibit the Practice” Defended June 2012.

**Masters Advising, Exams, Committees**

At the University of Chicago

Advisor for Rosie Duivenbode, MA student (fall 2019-present).

Advisor for Bonnie Scott, MDiv student (fall 2019-present).

Advisor for Sarah Denne, MA student (fall 2018-present).

Advisor for Sarah Zuniga, MDiv (fall 2018-winter 2020).

Senior Ministry Thesis Advisor for Kaleb Nyquist, MDiv (summer 2018- graduation spring 2019).

Advisor for Amelia Parker, MA student (fall 2017-spring 2019).

Advisor for Kate Stel, MDiv (fall 2016-present); Senior Ministry Thesis advisor (graduation spring 2019).

Advisor for Peter Capofreddi, MA student (fall 2016-winter 2018).

Advisor for Annemarie Kalson, Senior Ministry Thesis, (fall 2016-graduation 2017).

Advisor for Will Geller-Kunert, Senior Ministry Thesis, (spring 2016-graduation 2017).

Sam Dunne, AMRS exam (winter 2016)

At The University of North Texas

Committee Member for Jeff Gessas, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT (spring 2014-summer 2015).

Committee Member for Kayla “Brooke” Jones, Anthropology, UNT, “Sustainability Assessment for Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage,” defended August 6, 2014.

Advisor for Nick Sarratt, Philosophy and Religion Studies, UNT, “Wittgenstein and Ecolinguistics,” defended October 23, 2012.

Committee Member for Michelle Robinson-Loose, Anthropology, UNT, “Determining Environmental Values – Christianity’s Influence on Value Orientation in Western PA Coal Country,” defended May 10, 2012.

**Undergraduate Advising & Special Projects**

At the University of Chicago

BA Thesis Reader for Sophia Wagner, “Quantifying Environmental Impact in Bank Lending: Municipal Demand, Policy Landscape, and Feasible Implementation,” 2017-2018.

BA Thesis Adviser for Laura Turner, “A Critical Comparison of Eco-Socialism and Green Capitalism,” Environmental Studies, 2017-2018.

BA Thesis Adviser for Jared Simon, “At Home in the Anthropocene,” Environmental Studies, 2015-2016.

At the University of North Texas

Honors Thesis Committee Member, John Betten, UNT, “When Animals Became Meat: The Human Diet in Genesis 1-9,” fall 2014.

Honors Contract Supervisor for Philosophy of Religion, Dan Coleman, UNT, spring 2014.

Honors Contract Supervisor for Philosophy of Religion, Luke Heister, UNT, fall 2010.

Mentor, Cody Debaun, philosophy participant in a collaborative research project with Dr. Matt Traum, of Mechanical & Energy Engineering, UNT. Dr. Traum’s students and myself on a liquid nitrogen vehicle grant to be submitted to the 8th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet.

Co-Advisor with Ricardo Rozzi and Christopher Anderson for Sarah Ferguson, “The Story of their World: Myths and Environmental Ethics in the Yaghan Culture,” Scholar's Day Project 2010 at UNT.

**Service**

**Divinity School Service**

Liaison to the PATHS program of UChicago Grad (summer 2019-present)

Placement Committee (chair) (winter 2019-present)

Committee on Degrees (chair) (fall 2018-present); Committee on Degrees Post Candidacy Milestones Committee (chair) (fall 2019-spring 2020)

Craft of Teaching Committee (fall 2018-present)

PhD Working Group (fall 2018-spring 2019)

Director of Doctoral Studies (fall 2018-present)

Wilson Fellows Selection Committee (autumn 2019)

Ethics Club Advisor (fall 2018- spring 2020)

Ethics Area Chair (fall 2017-present)

Academic Policy Committee (2017-present)

Student Disciplinary Committee (fall 2017, summer 2018)

Undergraduate Studies (fall 2016- spring 2018)

Committee on Admissions and Aid for Master’s students (2016)

**University Service (UChicago)**

Program on the Global Environment Advisory Committee (autumn 2018-present)

PGE Student Advisory and Research Council (2018- )

Faculty Advisor to the Environmental Humanities Workshop / Study Group (fall 2018- spring 2020)

**Departmental Service – Philosophy and Religion (UNT)**

Teaching Assistant & Teaching Fellow Supervisor (2014-2015)

Curriculum Committee (2013-2014, 2014-2015)

Appeals Committee (2011-2012)

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015)

Speaker’s Committee (2008-2009, chair 2009-2010, 2010-2011)

Search Committee for a new Chair (2009-2010)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2008-2009, 2009-2010)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)

**College & University Service (UNT)**

Small Group Leader, Writing Mentoring Group 2014-2015

Search Committee for Ecological or Environmental Geographer in the Geography Department (2011-2012)

Search Committee for Ecosystem Services Position in the Chile Cluster (2010-2011)

**Service to the Profession**

Initial reader of journal articles submitted to the *Journal of Religion,* and the *Journal of Religious Ethics*

Steering Committee Member (fall 2013-spring 2015, December 2017-November 2019) Co-Chair (spring 2015- December 2017), for the American Academy of Religion’s Science, Technology, and Religion Group.

Editorial Board Member, *Environmental Ethics,* (2017-present).

Senior Associate Editor for the Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (2016-present) (Assistant Editor 2011 - 2016).

Co-Chair of the Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis Section of the Southwest Region of the American Academy of Religion for the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (March 2013-summer 2015).

Peer Reviewer for articles considered by a variety of journals including *Environmental Ethics; Journal of Religious Ethics; Conservation Biology; Public Understanding of Science; Environmental Values; Journal of Environmental Management; The Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture; The Journal of Religious Ethics; The Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology, KNOW, Environmental Justice; Journal of Social Philosophy;* and *Zygon*.

Peer Reviewer for books considered by Oxford University Press, MIT Press, Routledge, and Lexington Books.

Panellist, “Mock Grant Review Panel,” National Endowment for the Humanities Regional Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, February 21, 2012.

Reviewer, South Africa’s National Research Foundation (NRF) (summer 2012).

Co-chair with Whitney Bauman of the “Religion and Technology” track for the Society of Philosophy and Technology Conference, (May 26-29, 2011).

Reviewer for Enduring Questions Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities (November, 2009).

## Membership in Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion (2002-present)

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (2006, 2008-present)

Society of Christian Ethics (2007-2009, 2017-present)

The Society for the Social Studies of Science (2010)

International Association for Environmental Philosophy (2008)

**Academic and Community Outreach**

## Commencement Speaker, University of Chicago Divinity School, June 12, 2019.

## Presenter, “Environmental Guilt and Shame: Religious Challenges and Opportunities,” UChicago Alumni, University of Chicago, April 28, 2018.

## Respondent, “Shifting Sands,” One Earth Film Festival, February 16, 2018.

Presenter, “Environmental Guilt and Shame: A Case Study in Religion and Science,” Chicago Commons Pastors, University of Chicago, January 22, 2018.

Presenter, “Experiencing and Inducing Environmental Guilt and Shame: Challenges for Religions,” Visiting Committee, University of Chicago Divinity School, May 2, 2017.

Conversation about Environmental Justice with NRG Energy, January 2016.

Guest Lecture, “Religious Perspectives on Climate Change” in Dr. Alexandra Ponette-Gonzalez’s Geography 1710, Intro to Earth Science, University of North Texas. November 8, 2012

Panelist, “Ethics of Academia and Research” for the McNair Scholars, University of North Texas, June 27, 2014.

Panelist, “Ethics of Academia and Research” for the McNair Scholars, University of North Texas, June 28, 2013.

Poster Presentation, “Technology and Religious Ritual: A Hypothesis-Based, Collaborative Research Project,” 2013 University Forum on Teaching & Learning: Engaging Learners – Supporting Student Success. University of North Texas, April 12, 2013.

Presenter, “Publishing Books,” Professional Development Seminar of the Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies, University of North Texas, April 10, 2013.

Presenter, “Measuring and Evaluating Sustainability,” Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies Colloquium, Graduate Student Recruitment Event, University of North Texas, March 1, 2013.

Guest Lecture, “Agenda 21, Rio+20, and Global Ethics,” in Dr. Alexandra Ponette-Gonzalez’s GEOG 5960, University of North Texas. November 8, 2012.

Guest Lecture, “Sustainable Energy Ethics,” in Dr. Adam Briggle’s 6760 Topics in Environmental Philosophy: Energy, University of North Texas, September 19, 2012.

Panelist, “Ethics of Academia and Research” for the McNair Scholars, University of North Texas, June 22, 2012.

Guest Lecture, “The *Euthyphro* and Religious Ethics,” in Ethical Theory and Contemporary Moral Issues, University of North Texas, February 10, 2012.

Team Leader, Green Team, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Denton TX, 2009-2011.

Panellist, “Women in Philosophy,” Philosophy and Religion Studies Colloquium, University of North Texas, April 29, 2011.

Advisor, Denton Faith Communities Caring for Creation, 2009-2010 (a local interfaith environmental group).

Steering Committee Member, ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science, and Technology, 2004-2010 (national organization).

Guest Lecture, “Medieval Islamic Science and Philosophy,” Dr. Rob Figueroa’s Ethics in Science, Teach North Texas Version, Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

Discussion Leader, “Religion and Science,” Mozart Hall Program Series, October 19, 2010.

Discussion Leader, “A Three Weeks Series on Religion and Science: Religion and Science, Creation and Evolution, and Religion and Environment,” UNT and TWU Lutheran Campus Ministry, February, 2010.

Panellist, “Religion and the Environment,” TAMS, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, September 3, 2009.

Discussion Leader, One Book One Community discussions of *Big Coal,* University of North Texas, Denton, TX, fall 2009.

Presenter, “Energy Ethics” at University Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA, January 2007.

Co-presenter with Gail Bucher, “Global Warming: Why should Lutherans Care?” ELCA’s Global Mission Event. Amherst, MA July, 2006.

Co-organizer with Gail Bucher, “Sunday Scientists Symposium III: Caring for Creation: Advocating for Truth in Science and Religion,” University Lutheran Church Cambridge, MA, sponsored by the University Lutheran Church Campus Ministry and the ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science, and Technology, September 30, 2006.

Steering Committee Member, Lutheran Earthkeeping Network of the Synods, 2006 (national organization).

Presenter, “A Brief History of Science and Religion” at Sunday Scientists Symposium, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

Panellist, “The Future of Environmentalism,” Discussion sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Student Pugwash. Cambridge, MA. May, 2004.

Workshop Leader, “Ethics of Energy Production and Consumption,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology Independent Activities Period Workshop, January, 2004.