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**Academic Appointments**

July 2015 – Present

**Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Sociology of Religion,**  
University of Chicago, Divinity School and the College, Chicago,  
USA

Affiliated Faculty: Anthropology; Center for East Asian  
Studies; Center for Middle Eastern Studies; Center for the  
Study of Race, Politics and Culture; Center for the Study of  
Gender and Sexuality (Board Member, 2020-21).

**Research Fellow**

Fall 2012 – Spring 2015

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic  
Diversity, Göttingen, Germany

**Postdoctoral Fellow**

Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Emory University, The Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Atlanta,  
USA

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

Fall 2008 – Spring 2011

Barnard College, Department of Anthropology, New York City,  
USA

**Education**

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley CA  
Department of Anthropology, 2008

M.A. University of California, Berkeley CA  
Department of Anthropology, 2004

A.B. Harvard University, Cambridge MA  
Department of Anthropology, 2001

## **Publications**

### **Monograph**

2018. *The Political Lives of Saints: Christian-Muslim Mediation in Egypt*. Oakland: University of California Press.

Reviews (15): [Current Anthropology](#); [Social Anthropology](#); [Journal for the American Academy of Religion](#); [American Ethnologist](#); [Ethnos](#); [Material Religion](#); [Political Theology](#); [Anthropologica](#); [Middle East Journal](#); [The Muslim World](#); [International Orthodox Theological Association](#); [Reading Religion](#); [Middle East Studies Pedagogy Initiative](#); [Digest of Middle East Studies](#); [Al Modon](#).

Interviews (6): [LSE Religion and Global Society](#) ; [CaMP Anthropology](#) ; [Jadaliyya NEWTON](#); [Coptic Canadian History Project](#); [AnthroCyBib](#) ; [Contending Modernities](#)

### **Co-edited Issues**

2020. Co-editor (with Jeanne Kormina). Unfinished Conversations: A Tribute to Sonja Luehrmann (1975–2019). *History and Anthropology* 31(2).

2019. Co-editor (with Jeanne Kormina). Religion and Borders in (Post-) Cold War Peripheries. Special Issue of *The Journal of Religion* 99(1).

### **Articles in Journals (Peer-Reviewed)**

2019a. Saba Mahmood on Concepts and their Unequal Careers. Special Issue for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

2019b. Religion as a Cultural System. Special Forum on "The Religious Situation 1968." *Religion and American Culture* 29:1

2019c. Co-authored with Jeanne Kormina. Introduction: Religion and Borders in (Post-) Cold War Peripheries. In *The Journal of Religion* 99(1).

2015 Relic Technics and the Extensible Memory of Coptic Orthodoxy. In *Material Religion* 11(1).

2014a Faces of Authoritarian Mystification. In 'Matter of Contention', Special Issue for *Material Religion* 10(4).

2013a The Virgin Between Christianity and Islam: Sainthood, Media and Modernity in Egypt. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81(4).

2013b "Money and Chandeliers": Mass Circuits of Pilgrimage to Coptic Egypt. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81(3).

2013c The Bodily Threat of Miracles: Security, Sacramentality and the Egyptian Politics of Public Order. In *American Ethnologist* 40(1).

2012a Three Classroom Readings of 'Ethnographic Practice' in Religious Studies. In *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 12(2).

2012b The Virgin Made Visible: Intercessory Images of Church Territory in Egypt. In *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 54(2).

#### **Articles in Edited Volumes (Peer-Reviewed)**

2020 Sectarianism and Terrorism: The Libya Beheadings and ISIS Violence Against Egypt's Copts. In *Middle East Christianity: Local Practices, World Societal Entanglements*, eds. Stephan Stetter and Mitra Moussa Nabou. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

2017a Examining the Role of Media in Coptic Studies. In *Copts in Context: Negotiating Identity, Tradition and Modernity*, ed. Nelly van Doorn Harder. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press.

2017b Imagining Holy Personhood: Anthropological Thresholds of the Icon. In *Praying with the Senses: Transformative Practices in Eastern Orthodoxy*, ed. Sonja Luerhmann. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

2014b Racialized Crossings: Coptic Orthodoxy and Global Christianities. In *Sainthood and Race: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh*, eds. Vincent Lloyd and Molly Bassett. New York: Routledge Press.

2014c The Divine Touchability of Dreams. In *Sensational Religion: Sensory Cultures in Material Practice*, ed. Sally Promey. New Haven: Yale University Press.

2013d Saints, Media and Minority Cultures: On Coptic Cults of Egyptian Revolution from Alexandria to Maspero. In *Politics of Worship in the Contemporary Middle East: Sainthood in Fragile States*, eds. Andreas Bandak and Mikkel Bille. Leiden: Brill Press.

#### **Online Blog Posts**

2017 Invited Contribution, "Worlding with the Rosetta Stone" – a discussion of M. Allan's book *In the Shadow of World Literature*. Appears on symposium for the Social Science Research Council website "The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere."

2016 Invited Contribution, "Secularity and Thinking about the Hermeneutics of Theological Controversy" – a discussion of S. Mahmood's book *Religious Difference in a Secular Age*. Appears on symposium for "Syndicate Theology."

2013 Invited Contribution, "Icons and Iconoclasm: Praying With and Against Images." Appears on the Social Science Research Council website "The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere."

## Reviews

2019. Review of M. Scheer et al, *Secular Bodies, Affects and Emotions: European Configurations*, *Material Religion* 16(2).

2019. Comment on “Medium Theory: Or The War of the Worlds at Regular Intervals” by Maria Jose de Abreu, *Current Anthropology* 60(4).

2018. Review of F. Armanios, *Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt*. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 50(4).

2018 Review of A. Dalachanis, *The Greek Exodus from Egypt*. *History: Reviews of New Books* 46(4).

2016 Review of S. Elsässer, *The Coptic Question in the Mubarak Era*. *The Journal of Religion* 96(3).

2016 Review of A. Rugh, *Christians in Egypt, Strategies and Survival*. *The Middle East Journal* 70(3).

## Awards and Honors

Connaught Global Challenge Fellow University of Toronto	2019-2022
Visiting Faculty, St. Ignatius University Centre, Antwerp	2019-2023
POSCO Fellowship, East-West Center University of Hawaii	2021
Anthony Yu Junior Faculty Fellowship	2019-2021
AAS NEAC Research Travel Grant Award	2019
NYUAD Global Asia Research Cluster	2019
SIFK (U Chicago) Seed Grant	2018
Korea Foundation Field Research Fellowship	2018
Academy of Korea Studies Fellowship	2018
Chicago Center in Hong Kong Workshop Grant	2018
Chicago Center of International Social Science Research Award	2018
Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture	2018
Franke Institute for the Humanities (U Chicago) Grant	2017
France Center (U Chicago) Grant	2017
Summer Faculty, Yonsei University International Summer School	2016
Social Science Research Council Grant	2012-2014
Max Planck Institute for History of Science Fellowship	(availed '12)
Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Postdoctoral Fellowship	2011-2012
Barnard College Faculty Research Grant	2009
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2006-8 (availed '08-9)
Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship	2005
Mellon Research Grant, Center for Middle East Studies Berkeley	2004
Berkeley Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of California Berkeley	2004-6
Mellon Humanities Fellowship, Andrew Mellon Foundation	2003

### **Conferences and Workshops**

"Populism and Theopolitical Charisma." (Rescheduled for May 2021). Connaught Global Challenge Grant. University of Chicago Divinity School. Organizers: Simon Coleman, Angie Heo, Valentina Napolitano.

"Socialist Aspirations." January 2019. Martin Marty Center Grant. University of Chicago Divinity School. Organizers: Angie Heo and Vincent Lloyd.

"Transnational Lives of Religion in Asia." May 2018. University of Chicago Center of Hong Kong Workshop Grant. The Chinese University in Hong Kong. Organizers: Angie Heo and Weishan Huang.

"Bordering Religions in (Post-) Cold War Worlds." June 2016. Wenner-Gren Workshop Grant. Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg Russia. Organizers: Angie Heo and Jeanne Kormina.

### **Research Working Groups**

"Sensory Spirituality." July 2013, July 2014. Social Science Research Council "New Directions in the Study of Prayer" Initiative. Cluj, Romania and Thessaloniki, Greece. Organizer: Sonja Luehrmann.

"Urban Aspirations in Seoul." December 2012, June 2013. Academy of Korean Studies Five-Year Project. Bangkok, Thailand and Seoul, South Korea. Organizers: Peter van der Veer and Jin-heon Jung.

"The Study of Religion." July 2011. National Endowment of Humanities Summer Seminar. University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA. Organizers: Charles Mathewes and Kurtis Schaeffer.

"The Vision Thing." July 2007, July 2008, July 2010. National Humanities Center Summer Institute, Stanford University and Collegium Budapest, Central European University. Organizers: Bill Christian and Gábor Klaniczay.

### **Invited Lectures**

"Fake Churches and False Unity: The Anthropology of Conversion in the Divided Koreas." Inaugural Luehrmann Memorial Lecture Presented in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Simon Fraser University, March 2021.

\* My lectures scheduled for April and May 2020 at the following universities were cancelled due to covid regulations: University of Toronto (Anthropology), Stanford University (Anthropology), UC Berkeley (Anthropology), and UC Santa Cruz (Anthropology), Fordham University (Orthodox Christian Studies Center).

“Anticommunist Supplements: Christianity and Politics in South Korea.” Presented in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University Doha, Qatar, March 2020.

“Redemption at the Edge: Pilgrimage and Holy Land in Egypt.” Presented in The Pilgrimage Forum at the University of Toronto Department of Religion, January 2020.

"Copts and Christian-Muslim Mediation: The Social Life of Theology in Egypt." Presented in the Anthropology Colloquium at the University of Michigan, October 2019.

"Doing Fieldwork in Revolutionary Times." Presented at the Emory Forum for the Ethnographic Study of Religion, October 2019.

"Copts and Christian-Muslim Mediation: National Unity and Sectarian Exclusion in Egypt." Presented in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, October 2019.

"Copts and Christian-Muslim Mediation: The Social Life of Theology in Egypt." Presented as the Annual Davis Lecture in Christianity at Ohio State University, September 2019.

"Missionary Espionage: Making Knowledge About North Korea." Presented at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, June 2019.

"The Political Lives of Saints: Christian-Muslim Mediation in Egypt." Presented at the University of Edinburgh, June 2019.

"Missionary Espionage: Making Knowledge About North Korea." Presented at the Stevanovich Institute for the Formation of Knowledge, University of Chicago, May 2019.

"Remembering Martyrs in Egypt." Presented at Carleton University, April 2019.

"Yemeni Refugees in Korea." Presented at New York University Abu Dhabi, March 2019.

"In Search of Human Rights." Presented at the Academy of Korean Studies, December 2018.

"The Political Lives of Saints: Christian-Muslim Mediation in Egypt." Presented at the University of Helsinki, March 2018.

"The Political Lives of Saints: Christian-Muslim Mediation in Egypt." Presented at the London School of Economics, February 2018.

"Images of Christian-Muslim Coexistence in Egypt." Presented at the University of Antwerp, November 2017.

"Transpacific Dividends: Evangelical Anticommunism in the U.S. and Korea." Presented at the Annual Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium, George Washington University in D.C., November 2016.

"In the Shadows of Terrorism: The Libya Martyrs of 2015 and the Regional Politics of Coptic

Christianity." Presented at Christians and Christian Churches in the Changing Middle East, German Bishops' Conference in Rome, February 2016.

"Visual Mediations of Muslim-Christian Relations: Image, Body and Territory in Urban Cairo." Presented at Zentrum Moderner Orient in Berlin, June 2015.

"The Divine Image and its Political Materialities: Contested Presence and Power in Coptic Egypt." Presented at University of Tübingen, May 2015.

"Dividends of American Missionary Capitalism in Korea." Presented at the Korea Institute at Harvard University, April 2015.

"Religion, Economy and Society in Contemporary Korea." Presented at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 2015.

"Church-Images and the Making of Sectarian Enmity in Egypt." Presented at Utrecht University, The Netherlands, June 2014.

"Globalizing Appearances: Modern Christianities and their Mediations." Presented at The University of Chicago Divinity School, March 2014.

"Lay Populism and the Copts in Egypt." Presented at Luce Foundation Capstone Meeting on 'Religious Freedom', Northwestern University, October 2013.

"Phantasms of Flight: Borderlands Across Rome / Cairo / Jerusalem." Presented at Department of Latin-American Studies, University of Toronto, September 2013.

"The Question of Minorities." Presented at Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, The University of Chicago, May 2013.

"In Light of Mass Apparitions: National and Sectarian Imagination in Egypt." Presented at Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, April 2013.

"Relics, Visuality, and Remembering Death in Post-Revolution Egypt." Presented at Department of Anthropology, Emory University, April 2012.

"Dreams, Media, and the Politics of Public Religion." Presented at Department of Religion, Yale University, February 2012.

### **Professional Associations**

Society for the Anthropology of Religion

American Academy of Religion

American Anthropological Association

Association for Asian Studies

Middle East Studies Association