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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**, History, 2015
Examination fields: US since 1607, Late Modern Europe, Political Theory
- M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**, History, May 2010
- B.A. **University of California, Berkeley**, May 2006
Highest Distinction in General Scholarship (summa cum laude)

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, 2020-
Department of History, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Assistant Professor, 2019-2020
Department of History, Mississippi State University

Visiting Fellow, 2018-2019
Centre for the Study of the United States
& Centre for Religion and Its Contexts
University of Toronto

Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2016-2018
John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
Washington University in St. Louis

Visiting Lecturer, 2015-2016
University of California, Berkeley

MANUSCRIPT

The Global Gospel: Protestants, Human Rights, and the Fracturing of the Twentieth-Century United States, University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- In preparation “From Civil Rights to Decolonization: the World Council of Churches and the Programme to Combat Racism in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Elizabeth Foster and Udi Greenberg, eds., *Christianity and Decolonization* (University of Pennsylvania Press).
- In preparation “Christian Nationalism and Christian Globalism in the 1940s,” in John Corrigan, Melani McAlister, and Axel Schafer, eds., *Global Faith and Worldly Power: Evangelical Encounters with American Empire* (U. of North Carolina Press).
- 2021 “American Protestants and the International Origins of the 1960s Democratic Revolution,” *Diplomatic History*, forthcoming, December 2020.
- 2020 “William Ernest Hocking and the Liberal Protestant Origins of Human Rights” in *Christianity and Human Rights Reconsidered* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), 139-157.
- 2018 “For Human Rights Abroad, against Jim Crow at Home: The Political Mobilization of American Ecumenical Protestants in the Era of World War II,” *Journal of American History*, 105, no. 2 (September 2018), 267-290.
- 2018 “American Protestants and the Era of Antiracist Human Rights,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 79, no. 3 (July 2018), 427-443.
- 2018 “The Cold War Era, 1945-60,” in *Routledge History of the Twentieth-Century United States*, eds. Darren Dochuk and Jerald Podair, 2018, 48-59.
- 2018 Entries on “Federal Council of Churches” and “Commission on a Just and Durable Peace” in *Opposition to War: An Encyclopedia of the United States Peace and Antiracist Movements*, ed. Mitchell K. Hall (ABC-CLIO, Jan. 2018).
- 2017 “The Protestant Search for ‘the Universal Christian Community’ between Decolonization and Communism,” *Religions*, 8, No. 2 (2017): 17.
- 2015 “Where is America in Human Rights History,” *The Immanent Frame*, July 8, 2015
- 2012 “From Social Gospel to Civil Rights: The Council for Social Action, 1934-1957,” *Bulletin of the Congregational Library*, 9, No. 2, (Spring 2012), 8-17.

REVIEWS

- 2019 Introduction to Roundtable on Trygve Throntveit’s *Power Without Victory: Woodrow Wilson and the American Internationalist Experiment*, in Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Dec., 2019.

- 2018 Review of Eugene Ford's *Cold War Monks: Buddhism and America's Secret Strategy in Southeast Asia*, in *Journal of American History*, Dec., 2018.
- 2018 Introduction to Roundtable on Daniel Bessner's *Democracy in Exile: Hans Speier and the Rise of the Defense Intellectual*, in Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Aug. 6, 2018.
- 2018 Review of Tisa Wenger's *Religious Freedom: the Contested History of an American Ideal*, in United States Religious History blog, Feb. 26, 2018.
- 2016 Review of Anna Su's *Exporting Freedom: Religious Liberty and American Power*, in American Politics and Policy blog (LSE, US Centre), Sept. 25, 2016.
- 2016 Review of Michael G. Thompson, *For God and Globe: Christian Internationalism in the United States between the Great War and the Cold War*, in *Immanent Frame*, May 19, 2016.
- 2016 Review of *Faithful Republic: Religion and Politics in Modern America*, eds. Andrew Preston, Bruce J. Schulman, and Julian E. Zelizer, in *Journal of American History*, 102, No. 4 (March 2016), 1222-1223.
- 2016 Review of Andrew Hartman, *A War for the Soul of America: a History of the Culture Wars*, in *Politics, Religion & Ideology*, 16, No. 4 (Jan., 2016), 458-460.
- 2015 Review of Matthew Hedstrom, *The Rise of Liberal Religion: Book Culture and American Spirituality in the Twentieth Century*, in *Journal of Religious History* (Sydney, Australia), 30, No. 2, (June 2015), 329-31.
- 2014 Review of Elesha J. Coffman, *The Christian Century and the Rise of the Protestant Mainline*, in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (Cambridge, UK), 65, No. 4, (Oct., 2014), 945-46.
- 2013 Review of Mark Thomas Edwards, *The Right of the Protestant Left: God's Totalitarianism*, in Society for U.S. Intellectual History blog, March 5, 2013.
- 2012 Review of John Connelly, *From Enemy to Brother: The Revolution of Catholic Teaching on the Jews, 1933-1965*, in Society for U.S. Intellectual History blog, Sept. 28, 2012.

INVITED TALKS

“Religion, Race, and the Politics of Human Rights in the Twentieth-Century U.S.,” Centre for U.S. Studies, University of Toronto, April 3, 2019.

“For Human Rights, Against Jim Crow: Religious Internationalism Comes Home During World War II,” New York University, March 4, 2019.

“Global Gospel, American Politics: How Globalization Polarized Religion and Divided America,” Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, University of Toronto, February 13, 2018.

“Global Gospel, American Politics: How Globalization Polarized Religion and Divided America,” Department of American Studies, St. Louis University, March 31, 2017.

OTHER WRITINGS AND TALKS

“Imagining a ‘Judeo-Christian’ Nation,” *Religion and Politics*, September 2, 2020.

“Demystifying the Academic Article,” *Canopy Forum* (Emory University), Dec. 17, 2019.

“Revisiting the Legacy of Howard Thurman, the Mystic of the Civil Rights Movement,” *Religion and Politics*, February 12, 2019.

“The Parliament of the World’s Religions Is the Closest Thing We Have to an International Interfaith Movement,” *Religion and Politics*, December 10, 2018.

“Russia’s Journey from Orthodoxy to Atheism, and Back Again,” *Religion and Politics*, October 16, 2018.

“Evangelicals bring the votes, Catholics bring the brains,” *Aeon*, October 9, 2018.

“The Christian Nationalism of Donald Trump,” *Religion and Politics*, July 17, 2018.

Discussion of religious liberty on *Common Threads* (distributed via NPR), July 9, 2018.

“What Does Religious Liberty Mean to the Unaffiliated?” *The Humanist*, June 8, 2018.

“What’s Behind America’s Promotion of Religious Liberty Abroad?” *The Conversation*, February 1, 2018.

“Reinhold Niebuhr, Washington’s Favorite Theologian,” *Religion and Politics*, April 25, 2017.

“The Conservative Tradition of Welcoming Refugees,” *Religion and Politics*, March 14, 2017. Reprinted in *Christian Ethics Today*, vol. 104 (Spring 2017), 16.

“The Strange Career of Judeo-Christianity,” *Aeon*, March 2016.

“What Can Be Done about Segregation in Churches?” *Religion and Politics*, April 7, 2015.

“How FDR Redefined Charity in 1933,” *The Christian Century*, April 1, 2015.

“The Protestant Mainline Goes to Washington,” *Religion and Politics*, November 19, 2014.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Religion, Public Opinion, and American Foreign Policy in the 1940s,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (cancelled).

- 2020 Roundtable Participant, “Defining American Religion in a Global Age,” Organization of American Historians (cancelled).
- 2020 “The Programme to Combat Racism and the Transformation of Global Christianity,” American Society of Church History.
- 2019 “Religion, Democratic Practice, and Church-State Relations in the 1940s United States,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History.
- 2019 Respondent, “The Rise and Fall of Secularism,” Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.
- 2018 Invited Panelist, “Global Faith and Worldly Power: Evangelical Encounters with American Empire,” Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 2018 Respondent, “Religious Groups and the Evolution of Refugee Policy in the U.S. and Canada, 1945-1980,” Toronto Political Development Workshop, University of Toronto.
- 2018 Invited workshop participant, “Religion and the Cold War,” Wesleyan University.
- 2018 Invited Reviewer, Manuscript Review for Daniel Hummel’s *A Covenant of the Mind: Evangelicals, Israel, and the Construction of a Special Relationship*, John L. Loeb, Jr. Institute for Religious Freedom, George Washington University.
- 2018 “Toward Human Rights: The World Order Movement, 1942-1946,” Danforth Center on Religion and Politics colloquium (Washington University in St. Louis).
- 2018 “Foreign Missions, Domestic Consequences,” roundtable participant, American Society for Church History (Washington, D.C.).
- 2017 “The Religious Roots of the 1970s Human Rights Revival,” Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, Berkeley, CA.
- 2017 “Foreign Encounters and the Remaking of U.S. Democracy,” workshop convened in preparation for special issue of *Diplomatic History*, Dartmouth University.
- 2017 “American Protestants and the International Origins of the 1960s Democratic Revolution,” Department of History Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2017 “Pragmatism and the Origins of Human Rights: The Case of William Ernest Hocking,” American Historical Association (Denver, CO).

- 2016 “Protestant Political Mobilization in the Great Depression and the Making of American Liberalism,” Danforth Center on Religion and Politics colloquium (Washington University in St. Louis).
- 2016 “Christian Internationalism and the Ambiguities of Anticommunism,” presented at the Society for US Intellectual History (Stanford University).
- 2016 “Gerhard Elston, Amnesty International, and the Religious Roots of the 1970s Human Rights Revival,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (San Diego, CA).
- 2016 “What’s in a Name? Debating Keywords in the Study of American Protestantism,” roundtable participant, American Society for Church History (Atlanta).
- 2015 “The New Deal and Grassroots Democracy,” Organization of American Historians (St. Louis).
- 2014 “Pluralism Without Uncertainty: William Ernest Hocking and American Liberalism,” U.S. Intellectual History Conference (Indianapolis, IN).
- 2014 “Ecumenical Protestants and FDR: Reconsidering the Ambiguities of Influence,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (Lexington, KY).
- 2014 “Ecumenical Protestants, the Laity, and the Fate of the New Deal,” “Beyond Culture Wars” conference, Danforth Center for Religion and Politics (Washington University, St. Louis).
- 2014 “The Federal Council of Churches, the World Order Movement, and Antiracist Activism, 1946-1954,” American Historical Association (Washington, D.C.).
- 2013 “The Politicization of Protestantism in the WWII Era: Catholics, Evangelicals, and the Protestant Establishment,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History (UC Irvine).
- 2013 “Ecumenical Protestants, the Laity, and the Fate of the New Deal,” Bay Area Consortium for the History of Ideas in America (Stanford, CA).
- 2013 “The Emergence of a Global Anti-Racist Vision: Protestant Morality and Race in the 1940s,” Canadian Historical Association (Victoria, BC).
- 2013 “Color and Conscience: The Transformation of Protestant Attitudes Toward Race in the WWII Era,” Organization of American Historians (San Francisco).
- 2013 “China, American Foreign Policy, and the Role of Religion, 1931-1958,” Berkeley International and Global History Conference (UC Berkeley).
- 2013 “The New Deal’s Legacy and the Fate of Ecumenism,” Graduate Student Symposium (Florida State University).

- 2012 “The Ecumenical Churches and Social Thought in the Era of WWII: Beyond Realism and Pacifism,” Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program (UC Berkeley).
- 2011 “Varieties of Conservative Thought, 1945 to the Present,” guest lecture for David A. Hollinger’s Modern U.S. Intellectual History.
- 2011 “The Politics of Forgetting: Interracial Churches and the Dialogue on Race,” Collective Memory Conference (San Francisco State University).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate:

- 2020 **U.S. and the World**
Graduate Seminar, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2019 **U.S. Religious History**
Graduate Seminar, Mississippi State University

Undergraduate:

- 2020 **History of Human Rights and Humanitarianism**
Senior Seminar, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2020 **History of Human Rights and Humanitarianism**
Upper Division Lecture, Mississippi State University
- 2020 **U.S. History since 1877**
Lower Division Lecture, Mississippi State University
- 2019 **History of Religion in America**
Upper Division Lecture, Mississippi State University
- 2019 **Introduction to World Religions**
Lower Division Lecture, Ryerson University
- 2018 **Religion and Politics** (co-taught with Leigh Schmidt)
Lower Division Lecture, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2017 **U.S. Foreign Affairs Since 1920** (co-taught with Elizabeth Borgwardt)
Upper Division Lecture, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2016 **Thesis Writing Seminar in Global Twentieth-Century Intellectual History**
Senior Seminar, UC Berkeley
- 2016 **U.S. History since 1945**
Upper Division Lecture, UC Berkeley

Received the American Cultures Engaged Scholarship (ACES) Fellowship for Public History components of this course.

- 2015 **Twentieth-Century U.S. Intellectual History**
Senior Seminar, UC Berkeley
- 2015 **U.S. History 1900-1945**
Upper Division Lecture, UC Berkeley
- 2015 **U.S. History since 1865**
Lower Division Lecture, UC Berkeley
- 2014 **Religion and Power in Modern American History**
Freshman Writing Seminar, UC Berkeley
Received University-wide Outstanding Teaching Award
- 2011 **U.S. History since 1865** (co-taught with Natalie Mendoza)
Lower Division Lecture, Patten University, San Quentin Campus
Volunteer Instructor for the Prison University Project

HONORS AND GRANTS

- 2020 John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress (deferred until 2021-22)
- 2019 American Society for Church History Research Fellowship
- 2017 Subvention Grant, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
- 2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellowship, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
- 2016 Chancellor's Public Scholar, UC Berkeley, (Public and Digital Pedagogy Grant, University-Wide)
- 2015 President's Travel Fund for Emerging Historians, Organization of American Historians
- 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
- 2013-2015 Resident Fellow, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, UC Berkeley
- 2013 History Department Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2012-2013 Summer Research Grants, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Research Fellowship, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia

2012 Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2011-2012 Research Fellowships, Congregational Library, Boston
2008 History Department Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley