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Education

Ph.D.	University of Chicago	History of Christianity	1998
M.Div.	Vanderbilt University		1993
A.B.	Harvard College	Religion	1989

Academic Honors

Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, 2004–2005
Dissertation Fellow, Pew Program in Religion and American History, 1997-98
Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1996-97
Century Fellow, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1993-96
Dissertation approved with Distinction, 1998
Qualifying Exams passed with Distinction, 1996
Harold S. Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1990-93
Elliot F. Shepard Prize in Church History, 1993
John H. Ness Prize of the UMC Commission on Archives and History, 1993
A.B. *summa cum laude*, Harvard College, 1989
Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College, 1988

Teaching Experience

Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity,
Harvard Divinity School, 2008-
Associate Professor and Department Chair, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's
University, 1998-2008
Adjunct Lecturer, Catholic Theological Union, 1997

Courses: "The Religious Left in US History," "Unitarian and Universalist Thought
in the Twentieth Century," "Being Christian in America,"
"Reformation, Modernity, and the Global Church," "The
Medieval Church," "Church History I," Theologies of Violence
and Nonviolence," "Forms of Christian Community"

Books

Prophetic Encounters: The Religious Left in American History. Boston: Beacon Press
(under contract).

The Catholic Worker after Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy in a New Generation.
Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2008.

Touching the World: Christian Communities Transforming Society. Collegeville,
Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2007.

*Identifying the Image of God: Radical Christians and Nonviolent Power in the
Antebellum United States.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

White Paper

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Articles and Book Chapters

“Christianity and Social Reform.” In *American Christianities*, ed. Catherine A. Brekus and W. Clark Gilpin. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press (under contract).

“Making Sense of Failure: From Death to Resurrection in Nineteenth-Century American Communitarianism,” *Utopian Studies* 18/2 (September 2007).

“The Family, the Gospel, and the Catholic Worker,” *Journal of Religion* 87/2 (April 2007): 153-82.

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“Honoring the Journey: The Wayward Paths of Conversion in the Catholic Worker and Camphill Movements,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74/4 (December 2006): 926-53.

“Self-Unfolding as Communitarian Vision: Brook Farm’s Challenge for Contemporary Communities,” *Communal Societies* 26/2 (2006): 1-17.

“A Most Particular Vocation,” *America* 193/16 (November 21, 2005).

“‘Doing the Work’: Can a Community Be Spiritually Diverse and Still Maintain Its Identity?” *Communities: Journal of Cooperative Living* #124 (Fall 2004): 50-54.

“Service and Social Change: Catholic Worker Perspectives on Bridging the Gap,” *Journal of Analytic Teaching*, spring 2004.

“Intentional Individuals: Growing Up in Radical Christian Communities,” *Communal Societies* 23 (2003): 129-44.

“Life as a Building: Camphill Association of North America Meets Camphill Minnesota’s New Village Center,” *Camphill Correspondence* (January/February 2003): 18-19.

“Is God Violent? Theological Options in the Antislavery Movement.” In *Must Christianity Be Violent? Reflections on History, Practice, and Theology*, ed. Kenneth R. Chase and Alan Jacobs. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Brazos Press, 2003.

“Called to the Everyday,” *Sojourners* 28 (July-August 1999): 38-40 (with Amy R. Carr).

“Tares in the Wheat: Puritan Violence and Puritan Families in the Nineteenth-Century Liberal Imagination,” *Religion and American Culture* 8 (Summer 1998): 205-36.

“A Theological Analysis of Codependency Theories,” *Journal of Pastoral Care* 51 (Fall 1997): 303-14 (with Amy R. Carr).

Reviews

Review of *America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence*, by Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Journal of Religion* 89/1 (January 2009): 97-99.

Review of *The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day*, ed. by Robert Ellsberg, *Catholic Library World*, forthcoming.

Review of *Breaking Bread: The Catholic Worker and the Origin of Catholic Radicalism in America*, 2d ed., by Mel Piehl, *Church History* 76/4 (December 2007): 867-69.

Review of *The Future of Peace and Justice in the Global Village: the Role of the World's Religions in the Twenty-First Century*, by Thomas R. McFaul, *Catholic Library World* 78/2 (December 2007): 135.

Review of *Danger on the Doorstep: Anti-Catholicism and American Print Culture in the Progressive Era*, by Justin Nordstrom, *Catholic Library World* 78/2 (December 2007): 154.

Review of *Sister Societies: Women's Antislavery Organizations in Antebellum America*, by Beth A. Salerno, *Church History* 76/2 (June 2007): 443-44.

Review of *Seeds of the Kingdom: Utopian Communities in the Americas*, by Anna L. Peterson, *Journal of Religion* 87/1 (April 2007): 295-97.

Review of *The Catholic Worker Movement: Intellectual and Spiritual Origins*, by Mark and Louise Zwick, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 162.

Review of *Christianity in the United States: A Historical Survey and Interpretation*, by David W. Wills, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 164.

Review of *George G. Higgins and the Quest for Worker Justice: The Evolution of Catholic Social Thought in America*, by John J. O'Brien, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 175.

Review of *A Harsh and Dreadful Love: Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement*, by William D. Miller, 2d ed., *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 174-75.

Review of *The Gospel of Faith and Justice*, by Antonio González, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 140.

Review of *Primary Source Readings in Catholic Church History*, ed. by Robert Feduccia, Jr., with Nick Wagner, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 163.

Review of *Living the Catholic Social Tradition: Cases and Commentary*, edited by Kathleen Maas Weigert and Alexia K. Kelley, *Catholic Library World*.

Review of *Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them*, by Robert A. Orsi, *Catholic Library World* 76/2 (December 2005): 144.

Review of *In the Trenches with Jesus and Marx: Harry F. Ward and the Struggle for Social Justice*, by David Nelson Duke, *Communal Societies*.

Review of *A Priceless View: My Spiritual Homecoming*, by Deirdre Cornell, *Communal Societies* 25 (2005): 202-205.

Review of *Catholics in America: A History*, by Patrick W. Carey, *Catholic Library World* 75/4 (June 2005): 310-11.

Review of *American & Catholic: A Popular History of Catholicism in the United States*, by Clyde F. Crews, revised edition, *Catholic Library World* 75/4 (June 2005): 311.

Review of *Works of Mercy*, by Fritz Eichenberg, *Catholic Library World* 75 (March 2005): 227.

Review of *Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land: A History of Church and State in America*, by Edwin S. Gaustad, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 146.

Review of *Political Visions & Illusions: A Survey & Christian Critique of Contemporary Ideologies*, by David T. Koyzis, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 153.

Review of *Justice & Peace: A Christian Primer*, by J. Milburn Thompson, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 140.

Review of "Fire from the Midst of You": *A Religious Life of John Brown*, by Louis A. DeCaro, Jr., *Christian Century* (May 31, 2003): 29-31.

Review of *Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement: Centenary Essays*, edited by William Thorn, Phillip Runkel, and Susan Mountin, *Church History* 72 (March 2003): 226-27.

Review of *Down, Up, and Over: Slave Religion and Black Theology*, by Dwight N. Hopkins, *Church History* 71 (September 2002): 676.

Review of *While God is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers*, by Steven E. Woodworth, *Journal of Religion* (July 2002).

Review of *Peace is the Way: Writings on Nonviolence from the Fellowship of Reconciliation*, edited by Walter Wink, *Sojourners* (January-February 2001).

Review of *Nonviolence for the Third Millennium*, edited by Simon Harak, S.J., *Sojourners* (November-December 2000).

Review of *Religion and the American Civil War*, edited by Randall M. Miller, Harry S. Stout, and Charles Reagan Wilson, *Journal of Religion* 80 (April 2000): 331-32.

Review of *Taking Heaven By Storm: Methodism and the Rise of Popular Christianity in America*, by John H. Wigger, *Journal of Religion* 79 (July 1999): 477-78.

Review of *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass, *Sojourners* 27 (November-December 1998): 53-56.

Review of *Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, *Sojourners* 27 (March-April 1998): 54-56.

Presentations

“Unless a Seed Falls: Cultivating Liberal Institutions,” Inaugural Lecture for Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Chair, Harvard Divinity School, May 2009.

“Unitarian and Universalist History in the United States: A Syllabus Presentation,” Theological Education for Life Abundant Conference, Vanderbilt Divinity School, February 2009.

“The Sacred Fire of Social Justice,” Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Convocation, January 2009.

“Sacred Struggle: The Living Legacy of Unitarian and Universalist Social Justice,” Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, November 2008.

Panelist and Organizer, “Religious Liberalism, Politics, and Empire: Resistance and Complicity,” Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion, American Academy of Religion, November 2008.

“Unitarians, Universalists, and the Social Gospel,” Collegium, October 2008.

“Transforming Christianity: Ecumenism and Supersessionism in the Fourierist Movement,” Communal Studies Association, October 2008.

Panelist, “Panel on Catholic Worker History,” Catholic Worker National Gathering, July 2008.

“Esoteric Christian Impulses in Community Building,” Steiner Books Spiritual Research Seminar,” March 2008.

“Faith in the Phalanx: Esotericism, Socialism, and the American Fourierist Movement,” American Academy of Religion, November 2007.

“Prophetic Religion in America: Tracing the Liberal Contribution,” Collegium, November 2007.

“Should Religious Liberals Talk About God?” Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, April 2007.

“Controversial Conversations: Should Men Try to Win the Debate?” with Matthew Byrne, American Men’s Studies Association, April 2007.

“Talking About Sex at a Catholic College,” with Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, Lewis and Clark Gender Studies Symposium, March 2007.

“Roman Catholics and Unitarian Universalists: Looking for Common Ground,” Willmar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, January 2007.

“Controversial Conversations on a Catholic Campus: A Report on Research,” with Kari-Shane Davis, American Academy of Religion, November 2006.

“What’s Controversial on Your Campus,” Roundtable Discussion with Dani Delwiche, Rachel Enge, Madeline Neenan, and Jenny Miller, National Association of Women in Catholic Higher Education, June 2006.

Panelist, "Lessons Learned from the U.S./Iraq Conflicts, 1989 to the Present," American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

"Can There Be a Radical Liberalism? Nineteenth-Century Resources for Contemporary Theological Liberalism," American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

"Roman Catholics and Unitarian Universalists: Looking for Common Ground," Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, October 2005.

"Festivals of the Year and Liturgical Civil Disobedience: Contrasting Celebrations at Camphill and the Catholic Worker," Communal Studies Association, September 2005.

"Inventing the Catholic Worker Family," Upper Midwest Regional American Academy of Religion, April 2005.

"A Primer on Protestantism," Immaculate Conception Church, Rice, Minnesota, January 2005.

"Being Spiritual But Not Religious in Community: A Camphill Case Study," American Academy of Religion, November 2004.

"Journeys Along the Communal Network," Communal Studies Association, October 2004.

"Self-Unfolding as Communitarian Vision: Brook Farm's Challenge for Contemporary Communities," International Communal Studies Association, June 2004.

"Household Spirituality," Saint Paul Benedictine Center Series on "Spirituality in a Marketplace Culture," March 2004.

Master of Ceremonies, "Interfaith Sacred Texts and Communities Series: Jews—Dialogues—Beliefs," sponsored by Understanding the Need for Interfaith/Intercultural Togetherness and Education, Saint Cloud, Minnesota, February-March 2004.

Panelist, "The Evangelical Awakening," Twin Cities Public Television, November 2003.

"Theology and Practice of Nonviolence: Nurture, Identification, and Dialogue," Ministry Roundtable, Saint John's School of Theology Lifelong Learning Program, June 2003.

"Service and Social Change: Catholic Worker Perspectives on Bridging the Gap," Viterbo College Ethics Across the Disciplines Conference, April 2003.

"Christian Nonviolence," panel on "The Ethics of War in the Christian and Muslim Traditions," College of Saint Benedict, April 2003.

Panelist in "Enhancing Diversity," Learning Enhancement Service Teaching Seminar Series, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, April 2003.

Master of Ceremonies, "Interfaith Sacred Texts and Communities Series: Muslims—Dialogues—Beliefs," sponsored by Understanding the Need for Interfaith/Intercultural Togetherness and Education, Saint Cloud, Minnesota, March-April 2003.

"Unitarian and Universalist Peacemakers: Past and Future," Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, March 2003.

Panelist in Peace Studies Forum on the War in Iraq, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, March 2003.

"Spirituality of Peacemaking: Nurture, Identification, Dialogue," Presentation Sisters Peace Studies Series, Fargo, North Dakota, January 2003.

"Can a Community be Christian if Not All of Its Members Are?" Viterbo College Ethics Across the Disciplines Conference, April 2002.

"Bridges or Fences: At the Boundaries of Radical Christian Communities," Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2002.

"A Whirlwind Tour of Christian Community Movements," Community of Saint Martin, February 2002.

"Spiritual Disciplines in American Culture," Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2001.

"Intentional Individuals: Children in Radical Christian Communities," American Academy of Religion, November 2000.

"Families and the Resurrection of Radical Christian Communities," Communal Studies Association, September 2000.

"The Life Cycle of Intentional Communities," Reimagining Community Retreat, September 2000.

"Unless a Seed Falls: The Fruits of Short-Lived Christian Communities," Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2000.

"Is God Violent? A Dilemma for the Nineteenth-Century Antislavery Movement," Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College, conference on "Christianity and Violence: Beyond Complicity," March 2000.

"The Birth of Language and the Language of Birth: Frederick Douglass's Struggle Against Violence," American Academy of Religion, November 1999.

"Christ's Second Coming to American Culture: The Invention of Liberal Christology in Popular Novels," Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 1999.

"Related to the Enemy: Enemy Images in Fugitive Slave Narratives," American Academy of Religion, November 1997.

"Tares in the Wheat: Violent Puritans in the Nineteenth-Century Liberal Imagination," American Society of Church History, April 1997.

"'A Sleeping Volcano': Violent Retribution in Antebellum Fiction," Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, March 1995.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion, American Society of Church History, Communal Studies Association, Collegium, Unitarian Universalist Historical Society

Board Member, Unitarian Universalist Historical Society, 2009-

Vice President, Collegium, 2008-

Program Chair, Collegium, 2007-2008

President, Upper Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, 2005-2007

Steering Committee Member, Men's Studies in Religion, American Academy of Religion

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