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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Theology, Harvard Divinity School	2018-
Assistant Professor of Theology, Harvard Divinity School	2014-18

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Study of Religion, Harvard University	May 2014
M.Div, Harvard Divinity School	June 2009
B.A., Philosophy and Religion, New College of Florida	May 2005
A.A., English, State College of Florida	May 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Calvin on the Resignification of the World: Creation, Incarnation, and the Problem of Political Theology in the 1559 Institutes (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

Edited Volumes

Historicizing Secular Studies Across the Disciplines (working title, with Justin Reynolds and Daniel Steinmetz Jenkins, forthcoming)

Articles (peer reviewed)

"Calvin, Difficult Arguments, and Affective Responses: Providence as a Case Study in Method"
Journal of Religion (in press)

"Does Calvin's Church Have a History?"
RefoRC 2016 Conference Proceedings (in press)

"Reading Tradition as Pedagogy in Calvin and Augustine"
Scottish Journal of Theology 72/1 (2019): 20-45

"Calvin and the Two Bodies of Christ: Fiction and Power in Dogmatic Theology"
Political Theology 19/5 (2018): 439-456

"Ritualized Doctrine: Protestant Ritual, Genre, and the Case of Calvin's *Institutes*"
Journal of the American Academy of Religion 85/3 (2017): 746-774

"Bonhoeffer's Lutheran Assertions: Cataphasis as Teaching Responsibility to the 'Other'"
Scottish Journal of Theology 70/4 (2017): 390-408

Other Publications

"Martin Luther, Fallible Reformer"

Interview with *The Harvard Gazette* (Oct 30, 2017)

"Ethics, Social and Political"

Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation, ed. Mark A. Lamport, George Thomas Kurian, Jeff C. Mallinson (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017)

"Everyday life, Luther's influence on"

Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation, ed. Mark A. Lamport, George Thomas Kurian, Jeff C. Mallinson (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017)

"Kant, influence of Luther on"

Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation, ed. Mark A. Lamport, George Thomas Kurian, Jeff C. Mallinson (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017)

"Secularity"

Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation, ed. Mark A. Lamport, George Thomas Kurian, Jeff C. Mallinson (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017)

"Dethroning the idols: The Logic of Calvin's Reform"

Christian Century 134/18: 30-33

"On Habit"

Harvard Divinity Bulletin (Summer/Autumn 2016, 44/3-4)

"Calvin's Economic Semiotics of Faith: A Critical Alternative to the Hegemony of 'Work?'"

Cosmologies Magazine (Winter, 2015)

"Examining Truth and Authority"

Online Companion to *Democratizing Biblical Studies* by Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Reviews

Book Review: "Reading Barth with Charity: A Hermeneutical Proposal" by George Hunsinger
The Journal of Religion (Oct. 2017)

Review essay: "Wrestling with Language: Exploring the Impact of Mormon Metaphysics on Theological Pedagogy"
Mormon Studies Review 3 (2016): 105-116

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

"'Worldview' Christianity as Reoccupied Secularism: The Modern Legacy of Reformed Reactionaries
Nineteenth Century Theology and Reformed Theology Units (co-sponsored)
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego CA (November, 2019, *ant.*)

Presenter, reflections on methods for reading early modern theology
Early Modern Studies Aperativo
Harvard University Department of History (September 20, 2018)

"Calvin's Unmarked Grave: Remembering Ground Beyond Sacred and Profane" (invited)
Iconoclasm and Public History: From Hatshepsut and the Calvinists to Robert E. Lee and ISIS
American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC (January 7, 2018)

"Reading Tradition as Pedagogy: The Case of Calvin's Election"
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston MA (November 20, 2017)

"Turning the Sign of Election"
Roundtable on Theology and Humanities
Christianity and Mass Incarceration Conference
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (October 18, 2017)

"Whose Texts? Our Texts! The Reformation and the Matter of Reading" (invited)
"'Here I Stand': An American Perspective on the Reformation" Conference
Yale University, New Haven, CT (October 12, 2017)

Panelist: The Protestant Reformation: Identity and Dialogue
Harvard Divinity School and the Center for the Study of World Religions, Cambridge, MA
(September 28, 2017)

"Interpreting the Signs of the Times: The Hinge Point of Calvinist 'Liberalism'" (invited)
Protestant Reformation Commemoration
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT (September 15, 2017)

Introduction, Marilynne Robinson Ingersoll Lecture
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (April 27, 2017)

Presentation, Marilynne Robinson Ingersoll Workshop (invited)
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (March 3, 2017)

"Joy and the 'Real' Life: Reading Providence as Affirming Practice In and Around Calvin" (invited)
Call and Responsibility Consultation, Joy and the Good Life Project
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (December 2, 2016)

"Bonhoeffer's Lutheran Assertions: Is a Cataphatic Ethic of Responsibility to the 'Other' Possible?"
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Action Unit
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (November 20, 2016)

"Periodization, Empire, and 'the Christian Worldview': Charting the Political Impact of Evangelical
Apologetic Discourse, 1968-2001"
Religion and US Empire Seminar
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (November 20, 2016)

"Does Calvin's Church Have a History?"
Panel: "Early Reformed Representations of Divinity and Reconceptions of the Church"
RefoRC Conference 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark (May 28, 2016)

"Marilynne Robinson and the Retrieval of 'John Calvin, the Thinker'" (invited)
Faith and Life Forum, Harvard University Memorial Church
Cambridge, MA (April 3, 2016)

Respondent, Barbara Holdrege, "Engaging the Divine Presence in Hindu Devotional Traditions"
Center for the Study of World Religions Spring 2016 Workshop: Sacramental Presences: Christian,
Hindu, Buddhist, and Daoist Perspectives
Cambridge, MA (March 4, 2016)

"Calvin's Economic Semiotics of Faith: A Critical Alternative to the Hegemony of 'Work?'"
Ways of Knowing Conference, Harvard Divinity School
Cambridge, MA (October 23, 2015)

Panelist, CSWR Fall Panel on Races and Religion: "How does what we know globally affect how we
think locally here in the USA, where we live and teach?" (invited)
Center for the Study of World Religions
Cambridge, MA (September 17, 2015)

Keynote address: "The Reformation Today?" (invited)
Lutherans in Diaspora Conference
Cambridge, MA (April 17, 2015)

“Providence, Signification, and Calvin’s Project of Reform”

Calvin Studies Colloquium, Current and Recent Dissertation Research
Grand Rapids, MI (April 10, 2015)

Panelist, “A Celebration of *The Humble Sublime*.”

Center for the Study of World Religions
Cambridge, MA (May 2014)

“‘The frame of the universe should be the school of piety’: The Role of Providence in Calvin’s Project of Reform” (invited candidate lecture)

Harvard Divinity School
Cambridge, MA (Feb. 2014)

“Rethinking Protestant Ritual by Rethinking Genre in Calvin’s *Institutes*”

Ways of Knowing Conference
Cambridge, MA (Oct. 2013)

TEACHING

Courses taught at Harvard Divinity School:

Sovereignty, Providence, and History: Seminar (Fall 2018)
Introduction to Ministry Studies (Fall 2018)
The Existence of God: Arguments and Refusals (Spring 2018)
Providence and Progress: Seminar (Spring 2016)
The Fragmentation and Future of Protestantism (Spring 2016)
Life Before Death: God, the World’s Order, and Suffering (Fall 2015)
After Luther: Faith, the Will, the Law, and the Question of Goodness (Fall 2015; Spring 2018)
Calvin, Schleiermacher, Barth, Cone: Seminar (Spring 2015; Fall 2017)
Theology and the Origins of Modernity: Seminar (Spring 2015)
The Theological Underpinnings of the Religious Right: Seminar (Fall 2014)
The Protestant Reformations (Fall 2014; Fall 2017)

Reading and Research Sponsor:

“Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Reformed Accounts of the Eucharist” (Fall 2018)

“Depictions of Ideal Christian Life in Twentieth Century US” (Fall 2018)

“Reformed Theology, Negativity, and Queer Theory” (Fall 2015)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Harvard Committee on the Study of Religion Doctoral Advising

Primary advisor: 1x

Dissertation Committee: 3x

General Examiner: 7x

Second-year Reviewer: 6x

Membership

Calvin Studies Society (2014-)

American Academy of Religion (2009-)

American Academy of Religion, New Scholarship in Political Theology Working
Group (Baltimore, Nov. 2013)

University Leadership

Co-organizer, “Historicizing Secular Studies Across the Disciplines” (with Justin Reynolds and Daniel
Steinmetz-Jenkins, Harvard Divinity School and Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2019, *ant.*)

Co-organizer, “Christianity and Mass Incarceration” Conference; co-sponsored by Charles Hamilton
Houston Institute at Harvard Law School, Religion and the Practice of Peace, Harvard Prison
Education Project
(with Matthew Potts, Harvard Divinity School, 2017)

Co-organizer, The Protestant Reformation: Identity and Dialogue Panel (with David Hall, Harvard Divinity
School, 2017)

Co-leader, Marilynne Robinson workshop for anticipated Ingersoll Lecture (Harvard Divinity School, 2017)

Co-organizer and co-leader, Reading Group on John Calvin
Center for the Study of World Religions (Cambridge, MA, 2014)

Co-organizer, “Theological Times: A Gathering for Doctoral Students of Theology in the New England
Area,” (Boston, February 2011)

Co-organizer, Harvard Theology Salon Graduate Student Gathering, HDS (Cambridge, MA, 2009-2013)

Service to Profession

Peer Reviewer, *Modern Theology* (2019-)

Peer Reviewer, *Studies in Religion* (2016-)

Peer Reviewer, *Church History and Religious Culture* (2015-)

Peer Reviewer, *Harvard Theological Review* (2014-)

Committee Work

Committee on the Study of Religion (2019-20)

Faculty Council (2017-18)

MDiv Curriculum Committee (Spring 2018, 2018-19)

Center for the Study of World Religions Advisory Committee (2015-16)

MTS Curriculum Committee (2014-15, 2015-16)

University Committee: Rights and Responsibilities (2015-16)

African American Religion Faculty Search Committee (2015-16)

Library Advisory Committee (2015-16)

Admissions Committee, Harvard Divinity School (2014-15; 2017-18)

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of German, French, Spanish, Latin, Ancient Greek

Speaking proficiency in Spanish

AWARDS AND HONORS

Received

Luce Foundation Project Grant for “Historicizing Secular Studies Across the Disciplines” (2019-20)

Faculty Project Grant for Conference on Christianity, Race, and Mass Incarceration (2017)

Denie S. Weil Teaching Fellowship in Religious Ethics at Harvard University (Fall 2013)

Bok Center Award for Excellence in Teaching (Spring 2012)